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Inveresk goes green for open day

The University of Tasmania and the Launceston City Council have joined forces to show off some of Tasmania's most environmentally friendly initiatives at the Inveresk Precinct this Friday, September 23.

The Sustainable Inveresk Open Day will provide useful information to residents and businesses and is completely free to the public.

There will be free site tours, an energy efficiency workshop, talks and an art exhibition.

UTAS sustainability manager Corey Peterson said ABC Television *Catalyst* presenter Tanya Ha and eco-innovator Professor Chris Ryan would also be on site to present short talks.

Mr Peterson said the Inveresk Precinct was fast being transformed into a "centre for sustainability", with energy and water efficiency measures being implemented in different buildings on the site.

The work completed so far at the UTAS School of Architecture and Design, and the Launceston City Council-managed Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery and Aurora Stadium involves innovative design solutions and the installation of efficient lighting, hot water, space heating, smart building management systems, water harvesting and metering.

Mr Peterson said the measures had been very successful in reducing water and energy consumption.

"The Sustainable Inveresk Open Day is a great opportunity for the community to come along and get the inside story on the various designs and works in the QVMAG, Aurora Stadium, and the UTAS buildings that have improved their sustainability performance, especially with respect to energy and water efficiency," Mr Peterson said.

"Other than the physical works, the collaborative approach between the various partners in the Green Precinct project is a prime aspect of what makes this effort stand out as an example of sustainability in practice and is what attracted significant Federal Government funding in the first place.

"In addition to the site visits, there is a workshop especially for businesses to help them emulate some of the successes of the Inveresk Green Precinct

project as well as a number of free public lectures to inform, inspire, and generally encourage people to realise the benefits of environmental sustainable design and practices.”

Highlights from the day include:

- 12.30pm to 1.30pm: Presentation on energy efficiency and the homes of the future.
- 2pm to 5pm: Energy efficiency workshop with Goanna Energy.
- 2pm, 3pm and 4pm: Guided tours of the Inveresk Precinct.
- 5:30 pm: Announcement of the winners of the green precinct art prize and exhibition of entries
- 6.30pm: Talks by Tanya Ha and Professor Chris Ryan.

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