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IMAS open to the public for Australian Antarctic Festival 2018

Visitors will be able to get a close-up view of Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS)'s world-class Antarctic and Southern Ocean research during public open days as part of this year's Australian Antarctic Festival.

The IMAS waterfront building in Castray Esplanade will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm on both Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August.

Displays will include a new \$6 million Automated Underwater Vehicle (AUV), local marine life to see and touch, virtual reality headsets showing Tasmanian underwater ecosystems, marine mammal skulls, a microscope display and research by [IMOS](#) and [ACE CRC](#).

There will also be a special series of talks, films and music, starting at 11am each day, called [Understanding Antarctica through the arts](#).

Interim IMAS Executive Director Professor Chris Carter said the Antarctic Festival open days would provide a fascinating glimpse of the marine and Antarctic research being undertaken by world-leading scientists based in Tasmania.

"Tasmania is home to a unique array of Southern Ocean and Antarctic research institutions and a world-leading group of marine and polar scientists," he said.

"During the Antarctic Festival visitors will be able to see firsthand fascinating research being carried out by scientists from both IMAS and our research collaborators at ACE CRC, the Antarctic Gateway Partnership, IMOS, CSIRO and the Australian Antarctic Division."

[Click here to find out more.](#)

The University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay and Hobart city campuses and the Medical Science Precinct will also be open on Sunday.

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