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## Hobart now an "extraordinary" research hub, says IMAS director

An "extraordinary confluence" of marine and Antarctic research entities now called Hobart home, the Executive Director of the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) said today at the opening of the inaugural IMAS Research Showc-oear.

restaurant chain Darden – but there is also a healthy distribution across other marine research areas, including salmon, abalone and other species."

More than 35 IMAS scientists – about half the research staff – are giving short talks during the Research Showcase. The second-day (**Wednesday 17 July**) will focus on ocean and Antarctic governance; marine and Antarctic ecosystems; ocean processes and climate change.

Tonight (**Tuesday 16 July**) IMAS and the Royal Society of Tasmania will present a free public lecture on *Food from the sea: the changing marine environment*, starting at 7.30 in the Stanley Burbury Lecture Thea