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# Media Release

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## Saturday Science at Salamanca: free public talks to highlight plastic pollution

Coinciding with Saturday's Salamanca market, a series of free public talks about plastic pollution in the world's oceans will begin this weekend at the IMAS building opposite Salamanca Place.

The talks will be provided each Saturday as part of the new exhibition *Vanishing Point Unseen*, which highlights the impact of microplastic pollution on the world's oceans.

The exhibition is the result of a collaboration between scientists and artists and features works in a range of media, including painting, photography, jewellery, woodwork, printmaking and sculpture.

The first talk this weekend ( ) by CSIRO researcher Dr Denise Hardesty, is "*Our coast, our plastic, our problem, our solutions*".

Dr. Hardesty is a research scientist with CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere who leads a portfolio of marine debris projects that have helped achieve

The team behind *Vanishing Point Unseen* includes scientists Dr Heidi Auman, Dr Frederique Olivier and Associate Professor Patti Virtue, and artists Sophie Carnell, Di Masters, Toby Muir Wilson, Peter Walsh, Gerhard Mausz and Katherine Cooper.