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Na tional Science Week to highlight

plastic problem on Australian islands

Launceston residents are to morrow invited to hear how single-use

disposable plastic items are accumulating on remote Australian islands , as

part of a special National Science Week event at QVMAG.

IMAS researcher Dr Jennifer Lavers will speak about the environmental

challenge posed by marine plastic debris at 7.15pm on Friday 16 August.

Dr Lavers has made global news in recent years through her research on the

impact of plastic on remote Henderson Island in the So uth Pacific and

Australia’s Cocos (Keeling) Islands, as well as on seabirds that ingest plastic.

Dr Lavers said it was important that the community is able to hear about

problems such as those caused by plastic po llution.

“The research being done in Tasmania can contribute to long-term solutions

for plastic pollution and, in my case, that means keeping seabirds and our

coasts healthy,” Dr Lavers said.