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## Free public forum to explore different perspectives on the ocean

What do a marine scientist, a historian and an artist all have in common?

Tasmanians are this week (

) invited to find out the answer at a free public forum, , as part of the current exhibition at IMAS.

The forum will discuss how researchers from different fields are working together to expand our understanding of the ocean. IMAS marine spatial analyst Dr Vanessa Lucieer and University of Tasmania visual artist Dr Annalise Rees will join ANU historian Dr Joy McCann to explore how cross-disciplinary collaboration can highlight the significance of the marine environment as a political, economic and cultural asset.

Dr Rees, who grew up on Kangaroo Island, said the panel discussion would have particular relevance to Tasmanians due to the close affinity that islanders have with the ocean, whether as a resource or workplace, a playground, or a fragile environment to be protected.