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Impact of Plastics on Marine Wildlife

A PUBLIC LECTURE BY

Dr Jennifer Lavers

where: **Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk**

when: **1.30 pm Sunday 23rd May 2021**

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Plastic has only been mass produced since approximately the 1950s, yet debris is now ubiquitous in aquatic and terrestrial environments, from the Arctic to the Antarctic and from the top of Mount Everest to the bottom of the Marianas Trench. Remarkably, our understanding of the impact all this debris is having on species, habitats, and the ecosystem as a whole is poorly understood. Much of what we do know has been documented for seabirds and remote islands.

The presentation will highlight Australia's contributions to this emerging and important field of research.

Dr. Lavers is a Lecturer in Marine Science at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), University of Tasmania. Her research focuses on understanding how remote islands and seabirds can act as bio-indicators of ocean health, particularly in relation to plastic pollution. She teaches a number of ecology-focused courses and coordinates Adrift Lab, a team of scientists who mentor graduate students through the research process.



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