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'A Plastic Ocean' FREE movie screening

The Huon Valley Council is holding a free screening of the movie 'A Plastic Ocean' this Friday at 7pm in the Huonville Town Hall.

The Director of 'A Plastic Ocean', Craig Leeson says the documentary addresses our current lifestyle.

"The film is a feature-length adventure documentary that brings to light the consequences of our global disposable lifestyle. We thought we could use plastic once and throw it away with negligible impact to humans and animals. That turns out to be untrue.

"Plastic is a man-made substance. It isn't supposed to be in the environment and the environment has no way of dealing with it, so it is building up and poisoning our Earth like a disease. All life on planet Earth is precious and remarkable. The ecological balance of the biosphere we live in has been developed over millennia and sustains us. But we are throwing this machinery off balance.

"The film investigates how our addiction to plastic is impacting the food chain and how that is affecting every one of us through new and developing human health problems. The expedition leads to unusual scientific discoveries, heart-breaking truths and important solutions to one of the biggest problems confronting mankind," Mr Leeson said.

Huon Valley Council Commissioner Adriana Taylor invites anyone with an interest in the marine environment to come and see the film.



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"We're surrounded by waterways and natural fauna, it makes up a large part of where and how we live. The film explores the nature of the problem we are facing as a community and as a nation; how do we minimise the effect of the plastics we use in everyday life on our environment?" Commissioner Taylor said.

The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion which includes Dr Jennifer Lavers, a Research Scientist at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies at the University of Tasmania.

Seating is limited so please register your seat by following the links off the Council's Events web page.

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