

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Happy International Museum Day

Today is International Museum Day and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery is celebrating.

The day is an opportunity to consider the important role museums play in the development of communities and knowledge around the world.

QVMAG's collection has been in the making since 1842, and includes significant acquisitions and donations from across the world. History, Natural Sciences and Visual Arts and Design are our key collection areas, cared for and exhibited for the community.

Launceston Mayor Albert van Zetten explained that QVMAG has enriched the city and surrounds as well as being a museum for the whole of northern Tasmania for more than a century.

"Since opening its doors at Royal Park in 1891, QVMAG has worked continually with the community and peers to build an accessible, diverse collection of international significance."

"QVMAG's collections and research reflect changes in the region and the world."

"Museums are a wonderful centre for learning and the exchange of ideas for both the local community and our many interstate and international visitors. I encourage everyone to visit both sites of QVMAG - at Inveresk and Royal Park - and rediscover the joy of experiencing everything from dinosaurs to insects, contemporary art to colonial masterpieces and 40,000 years of human history."

To celebrate IMD, QVMAG is hosting a discussion amongst the disciplines. *The Future of Museums: A Conversation* will be held tomorrow at the Art Gallery at 11am. We'll consider the next chapter of museums: what will they look like and how will history, science and art adapt?

Moderated by the ABC's Piia Wirsu, speakers include artist Ilona Schneider, Archaeologist Eleanor Casella and Branch Manager of Life and Geosciences at the Australian Museum, Cameron Slatyer.

The discussion is a free event, but people are asked to register their attendance at [Eventbrite](#).

Please contact Claire Campbell on the details below for more information.