

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Public Event: Reptiles of the Region

At a public event this Saturday, QVMAG experts will answer questions about the biology and ecology of Tasmania's reptiles and amphibians, why their populations are changing and what the community can do to help.

A family friendly event, Reptiles of the Region will take place at the Queen Victoria Museum Meeting Room at Inveresk on Saturday 17 November.

Northern Tasmania is home to more than 14 species of lizards, frogs and snakes and the event provides the opportunity to get up close and personal with live lizards, snakes and frogs.

Visitors can ask for tips on keeping reptiles as pets, take part in craft and receive advice and hands on demonstrations from St John's Ambulance on how to manage a reptile or snake bite.

QVMAG Natural Sciences Curator David Maynard says the event has something for everyone, "The program has been designed to appeal to reptile enthusiasts, backyard explorers and even those who feel a bit nervous about snakes and reptiles.

The event will provide them with the opportunity to talk to experts and get first-hand advice about what the dangers really are, and help them to understand more about how snakes and reptiles live."

Reptiles of the Region takes place on Saturday 17 November between 10am and 1pm at the Queen Victoria Museum Meeting Room, Inveresk.

It is the second in a series of three 'Ask the Experts - In the Wild!' events organised QVMAG Friends with the generous support of Inspiring Australia. Ask the Experts - In the Wild! events are designed to connect the community with the natural world around them.

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