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Australian Antarctic Festival returns

The Australian Antarctic Festival is back again – bigger and better than ever in Hobart and ready to celebrate Australia's Antarctic achievements.

After a break due to COVID-19, the festival will run from 24 August to 28 August to showcase Australia's internationally recognised expertise on the frozen continent.

Nic Street, Minister for Hospitality and Events said the Australian Antarctic Festival gave Tasmanians and visitors from interstate and overseas a chance to see first-hand examples of excellence in Antarctic and Southern Ocean science, ingenuity in Antarctic logistics, and discover more about what it is like to travel to and work on the icy continent.

“The festival has a broad program of exhibitions, tours, lectures, experiences and face-to-face exchanges with people who live and work in the coldest and most exhilarating environment on earth,” Minister Street said.

“Australia's involvement in Antarctic and Southern Ocean research is recognised internationally and Hobart is the centre of that endeavour.”

Guy Barnett, Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing said that Hobart was Australia's gateway for the Antarctic and the city, and indeed Tasmania, had a vibrant community of Antarctic scientists, expeditioners, research facilities, and this Government supported industries that made a significant contribution to our community and economy. This is something of which all Tasmanians should be proud.

“Antarctic science and logistics are undertaken in cooperation with many other countries, and this year the Australian Antarctic Festival is celebrating international cooperation with the involvement of America, France and The Netherlands, all of which have strong Tasmanian connections,” Minister Barnett said.

“I encourage everyone to pick up a program and enjoy the many events, exhibitions and activities that are on offer over the next five days.”

For more information and the full program go to <https://www.mawsons-huts.org.au/festival-program/>