



Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee

Seminar Series Gathers Momentum

The impact wastewater and stormwater have on Darwin Harbour will feature as part of a seminar series dedicated to the harbour's management and conservation.

Ecosystem Research Group chair Dr Simon Townsend is set to present his talk on wastewater and stormwater and its impact on Darwin Harbour water quality tomorrow from 6.30pm at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT theatrette.

Dr Townsend's talk is part of a two-week seminar series that began at MAGNT last night.

"The water quality of Darwin Harbour is generally quite good but the release of treated wastewater and stormwater from urban areas can affect the water quality of some tidal creeks and the harbour itself," Dr Townsend said.

"Wastewater and stormwater carries nutrients which can cause the growth of algae and in extreme circumstances algal blooms, leading to the decline of oxygen levels, which could then have a negative impact on marine animals."

Tomorrow night's portion of the seminar series will also cover topics such as weeds and marine pests.

Ends

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