TAKE A LOOK AT THE COAST FROM A NEW ANGLE

Surf Coast photographer Ed Sloane has snapped epic waves at the Billabong Pro in Tahiti but now his photography has a whole new angle.

Sloane has teamed up with Ashley Bent from Cinefly to capture the treasures of the coast from the air. The pair are exploring opportunities to use an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone to capture unique images of waterways along our coast.

Their images are part of upcoming Estuaries Unmasked event at the Aireys Pub on October 9 starting at 6.30pm.

Sloane, originally an environmental scientist working as a hydrographer in the Otway, Bellarine, Barwon and Corangamite catchments, can see the value of aerial photography to inform land management on the coast.

He said since working with CineFly he had recognised UAV’s potential beyond a purely creative scope.

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority EstuaryWatch program host the awareness-raising Estuaries Unmasked Night Seminars every six months. The night also includes Catchment Ecology Services’ Stephen Harfield’s summary presentation on the valuable Painkalac Creek data EstuaryWatchers have collected since 2007.

Harfield said the data and information the Painkalac EstuaryWatch volunteers had collected was perhaps the most comprehensive data set collected for Victoria’s EstuaryWatch program.

Painkalac Creek EstuaryWatch volunteer Jacqui Arnott has collected estuary water quality and mouth condition observations in Aireys Inlet since 2010, after joining the group to learn more about her local environment.

Arnott said EstuaryWatchers were a committed band of environmental enthusiasts.

Come along to the event and find out about the potential to move research into Victoria’s estuaries to the next level using spatial imagery combined with the Painkalac Creek EstuaryWatch comprehensive data.

To register your interest in the Estuaries Unmasked Night Seminar please contact Corangamite CMA (03) 52329100 before October 7.

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