

Cayne Layton

Cayne Layton is a marine ecologist and lecturer from the University of Tasmania, and his research focuses on the ecology and restoration of kelp forests and temperate reef systems, and also seaweed aquaculture. Cayne combines field & lab experiments with scientific diving to examine how kelp forests and reef ecosystem's function and persist, especially in the face of increasing human-made pressures.

Cayne grew up in Canberra and across the south coast and has recently moved back to the area after living in Tasmania for the past decade. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking and camping, and spending time in and on the water.



David Rowland

David has a Diploma in Geoscience and worked in petroleum exploration and data management and oceanography before focusing on marine robotics and coastal marine exploration in 2014. He helped found UnderseaROV Pty Ltd in 2016 and developed, built customised and piloted ROV's (Remotely operated underwater vehicles). He has over two thousand hours of ROV piloting, producing short films and documentaries of the underwater south coast for community education and entertainment. His video contribution to the Federal Senate Inquiry into sea urchins can be found on the UnderseaROV Facebook and YouTube channels. He provides underwater video, search and recovery and sample acquisition services through his company Coastal and Underwater Insights.

David is a co-founder of Submerged Entertainment Australia. A company providing exciting and unique live remote underwater adventures from locations from Gippsland to Sydney to venues such as schools and aged care facilities and events such as science week.



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Christopher Harry Young

Life Member and Secretary Merimbula Big Game and Lakes Angling Club Inc. Secretary North Tura Beach Residents Association Inc. Graduated from Sydney University in 1966 in Geology and Geophysics and followed a career in Mineral Exploration, Exploration Management and Business Development as a company Director.

As a retired and consummate angler Chris joined the large group of luderick anglers that frequented the Merimbula Wharf, mostly visitors from Melbourne. In recent years and with no local commercial catch they noticed a distinct reduction in the amount of luderick caught commensurate with the observation of a distinct increase in urchin numbers and development of a “Barrens” environment. In response Chris authored a submission to the Recreational Fishing Trust to enable a cull of the urchins.