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Cat Tracking in the Huon

A national cat tracking project is beginning in Tasmania, and Huon Valley residents are now invited to apply to be part of this innovative scheme.

'Cat Tracker' is run by the University of South Australia to learn about the roaming behaviour of pet cats and aims to help cat owners make decisions about their cat's care and welfare.

A light weight GPS tracker is placed on a cat's collar or harness and their movement is recorded over a 24 hour period. The information helps owners to check on their cat's safety by seeing if they are roaming near roads, identifies their favourite hiding spots, and discovers if they are visiting neighbours for extra treats. The cat's movements are downloaded and displayed on a map - to show where cats roam.

Huon Valley Council is supporting the Cat Tracker project this year and is now seeking participants. We are looking to cat owners for information and for cats to track in the Huon Valley municipality. Huon Valley Commissioner Adriana Taylor says the project has already provided some interesting data from South Australia.

"The South Australian project tracked 428 cats for five days. Of these, 177 cats, thought to be inside overnight were tracked, and it was found that just under 40% of these actually roamed over 1 hectare at night.

"This is a great opportunity for Huon Valley cat owners to learn about the roaming behaviour of their pets and to help them make informed decisions about their cat's care and welfare," Commissioner Taylor said.

Information about the project can be found on the Cat Tracker website:
<http://j.mp/Cat-Tracker> and people can apply by completing the Cat Owner survey.

**If you are interested in being involved and wish to discuss the project
in more detail, please contact**

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