



COMMUNITY MEETING ESTUARY CLOSURES/OPENINGS

The East Gippsland CMA invites members of the Bemm River, Marlo community and surrounding areas to a meeting to inform community about the protocols in place when considering an artificial opening of Sydenham Inlet and the Snowy River estuary at Marlo. They provide guidance about how an artificial opening of the estuary will be handled in future.

The **Bemm River** (Sydenham Inlet) **meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 7pm-9pm** in the Bemm River Recreation and Community Centre (Roberts Road).

The **Marlo meeting** (Snowy River estuary) will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 7pm-9pm** at the Angling Clubrooms on the Marlo foreshore.

The meetings will explain the factors being considered when an artificial opening of the estuary is being contemplated; the risks associated with an artificial opening; the processes that have been set up to collect data on which decisions are made and the roles and responsibilities of government agencies before, during and after any attempt to artificially open the entrance.

The protocols have been determined after research and consultations over a lengthy period of time.