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**Triabunna meet and greet for employees**

Around 200 people gathered at Triabunna yesterday evening for a Tassal ‘meet and greet’ for new and existing east coast-based employees and their families.

Tassal chief executive officer and managing director Mark Ryan said while this show of local support was significant for the community, the company was acutely aware of the attention the Okehampton Bay development had attracted.

“Our commitment to maintaining compliance and innovation across all of our sites is of critical importance to the company,” he said.

“At Okehampton Bay we have had a real-time monitoring station in place for more than two years recording temperature, salinity and dissolved oxygen within the water column at several depths.

“We are now taking this approach to new levels in collaboration with the CSIRO and IMAS utilising next-generation sensors which will provide an excellent level of immediate compliance data 24/7.”

Mr Ryan said while the company was recently recognised internationally for its transparent corporate, social and environmental reporting, it was developing a new website that would feature enhanced data portals so the community could easily access compliance information.

“We respect the need to have the highest levels of monitoring in place and the ability for the public to have access to data,” he said.

“That is why we are investing in world-leading technology and driving innovation together with our seafood industry partners to generate an eco-aquaculture hub."

Beyond Okehampton, Tassal has Acoustic Doppler Current Profile (ADCP) units mounted on many of its feed barges around the state.

This data profiles the water column to define the direction and velocity of the column down into one metre segments.

This information is used for a range of operational aspects and directly informs  staff of environmental and fish performance considerations.

This data can be accessed on mobile phones, tablets and computer systems from anywhere at any time, enabling a swift response to any changes.

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