

MCRP MEMBERS NEWSLETTER



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A Splendid September

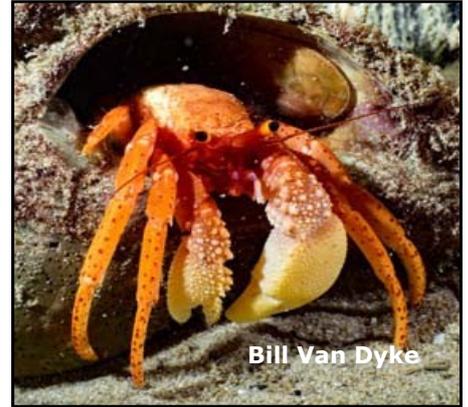


We have rarely seen so many gannets, terns, gulls, cormorants and pelicans on our intertidal reef system The Sanctuary has been blessed this year!

Around Our Sanctuary



John Eichler



Bill Van Dyke

Above a dough boy scallop, a 'potato' sponge and a hermit crab. Not that common around here.



Left a Blue Ring Octopus found wandering about in mid August by Conrad Bisjak, and a Southern Sand Octopus found earlier in the year by Matt Testoni

It is hoped that, by pre viewing such creatures as images, it will create some expectation that we might see such ourselves, and further that our brains will be more likely to recognise such shapes during our new seasons snorkels.



"This morning at Ricketts 30th August, was nice enough in the water. Temp. 10 deg, not many fish but who showed up to improve the whole damn thing?"
Seems like we should be getting our gear out for spring

Most fortunate mage above taken in the sanctuary by Tim Forster

If You Ever Doubted The Value of Our Beach Cleanups

MCRP's beach cleaning activities are described as 3193, the local postcode. See below our Sanctuary stats since we gave up our independent cleanups and joined the Port Phillip-Beach Patrol organisation. Close on 2000 kilos of rubbish removed so far!

How much difference has 3193 group made in this year?

Kgs of rubbish collected	Shopping bags of rubbish	Volunteer Hours	Bottles & cans
302	129	189	172

How much difference has 3193 group made in Previous years?

Kgs of rubbish collected	Shopping bags of rubbish	Volunteer Hours	Bottles & cans
1607	552	925	1070

Our thanks over that time to the efforts of Fran, Virginia, Beth, Hazel and Scott.



Above: We had a good turnout in August to hear Hazel explain the new DELWP 2018 Action Plan to preserve our Port Phillip Bay diversity and health.

What's Been Going On Locally

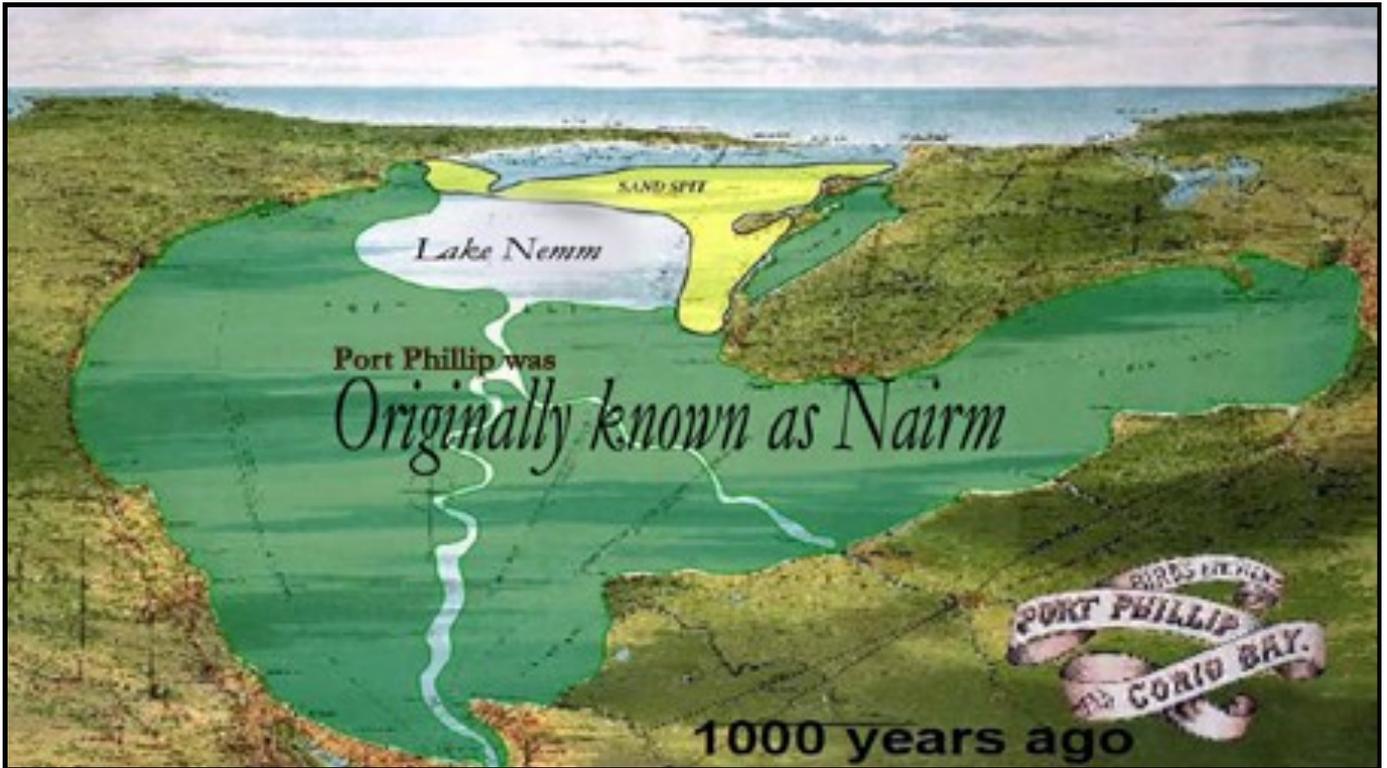


The newly formed **Beumaris Earth Sciences Society** group ran a very successful fossils expo at the BYC. Supported by MESAC we had some 150+ people attend over the day of lectures, fossil displays and videos. Murray Orr and his new group are to be congratulated



The new Beaumaris Secondary College, supported by MESAC, ran an equally successful half day event where The Marine Mammals Foundation, The Sea Life Aquarium and the Sea Shepherd Group all made excellent presentations as to 'where they were at' and Ray Lewis presented a local video entitled 'Sea Country'

Eclectic



Above a rare image of the Bay as it was and as it was named around 1000 years ago when it had dreid up due to the builds up of clay and sand at the entrance and with no incoming water from Bass Straight, the evaporation exceeded the inflow from our rivers..



Left, a splendid image of a Lions Mane Jelly from Conrad Bisjak.

If nothing else this mailer gives an indication as to just how special our Port Phillip Bay marine life is, and why we snorkel and dive with so much anticipation.

The 72dpi limits we put on this mailer do not do our pictorial content justice.

Conrad can be followed via Instagram - @bizjak_conrad

[And here is a handy jellyfish](#) ident and stings treatment app from Parks Victoria

Splendid Imagery From Bayside Friends



Above a delightful 'atmospheric' image, from Rob Gardiner, taken with a GoPro beside the Tea House Reef

Right a lovely image from Christine Weber of [Christine Weber Photography](#). Below, a beautiful image of Haekels Jelly taken by Matt Testoni



It is not hard to see why some of us gave up competing with underwater imagery, a couple of years back! [Note that the 72 dpi quality of inserts to the mailers, so as to keep the file size manageable, don't do justice to them].

MCRP Wins Grant for the Sanctuary



Anna Daniels (Secretary) Hazel Stanworth (Committee member) Joel Rawlinson (member MCRP) and Beth Jensen (President) attended the Bayside Council Community Awards presentation on Thursday 12 September to receive a grant from Bayside Council for promotional and educational materials to promote the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary and MCRPs role in protecting the Sanctuary.

The new signs are varied to suit and empathise the particular location.

Clear instructions at last with only the odd bit of confusion for those seeking direction as to the various dog rules.



Thanks to Council, new informative dog signs have now been erected at various vantage points along the sanctuary .

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EDITORS NOTE

Public interest and membership of our local environmental organisations continues to grow.

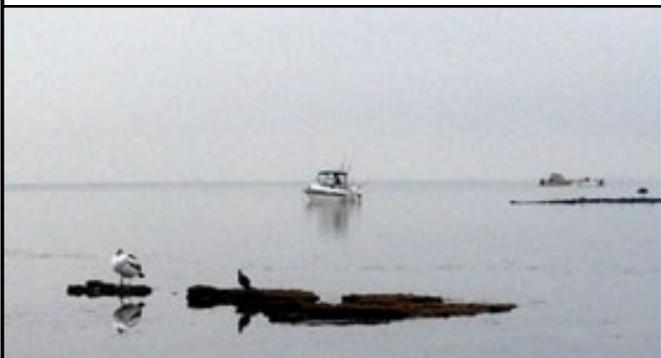
We are also increasingly skilled at effecting grants and advancing our public education programmes.

Surprisingly, after some 62 issues now, of this mailer, we still find things of interest to publish and limiting the mailer to the planned 6 pages or less, is a problem. A good problem though

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/marinefriendsnetworkvictoria/> A recent change to this great 'connections' website. Do have a look and save the link if it fits your



photographers.



interests.

Above a run aground at the South Signal Reef. They seemingly ignored the Sanctuary rules. A local took a telephoto image of their registration and reported it to Fisheries..

If you like your birds, do have a look at [Victorian Birders](#). There are so many great images on their pages.

For underwater photography, have a look at [Underwater Photographers Victoria](#). The images and observations now posted here daily, are always a delight., and set a great example to new aspiring Underwater



This new informative sign can be found at the top of the steps just north of the BYC and exposed cliff faces.



Many of these were found just under the beach on receding tides during August

Angas's Sea Slugs

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