



# Marine Care Ricketts Point

## NEWSLETTER

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Folks

I hope you are all travelling well during this strange time of COVID 19.

As you know, both our monthly 3193 Beach Patrols and our other MCRP activities like Sea Searches and Speakers nights have been cancelled until further notice.

However, the Committee is still very active, posting on our Facebook page and responding to government enquiries and Council activities, and doing 'tidying up' work like updating our website.

Here's some of what we've been doing and seeing.

Stay safe, stay well.

All the best

Beth Jensen  
President

### **Annual AGM 16 April 2020**

We held our annual AGM for the first time ever by Zoom on 16 April 2020.

Compared to our usual AGM's, it was a small group – only 8 people zoomed in, but enough for a quorum. We all had a lovely informal chat, as well as the usual procedural matters that make up an AGM, including receiving reports and electing our 2020 Committee of Management.

Do look at our detailed Annual Report, emailed separately, and on our website, to see what we've been doing over 2019 – an incredibly busy year for us.

### **Our Committee of Management for 2020 is:**

President: Beth Jensen (m ) 0419 354 998)  
Vice President: (on maternity leave) Amy Stace-Smith  
Secretary: Anna Daniels  
Treasurer: Fiona Dick  
Membership Officer: Alison Horton (m 0408 558 889)  
Ordinary members:  
Alexis Haydock  
Gregory Mier  
Val Royle

[MCRP protects and educates about the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary at Beaumaris.](#)

[WE formed in January 2003, two months after the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary came into effect.](#)

[Our inaugural President, Bob Whiteway, was largely responsible for the Victorian Government declaring the area a marine sanctuary.](#)  
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**Welcome New member Murphy Bear:**

As you know, Amy has been pregnant through much of our busy spring-summer-autumn period, but still managed to get through an amazing amount of work, and her knowledge and leadership in the citizen science area will be sorely missed over the next 12 months.



Here she is with the beautiful Quinn, a few days before giving birth. And here is new family and MCRP member Murphy Bear – born at 4.55 kg !!! – thank goodness by c-section! Murphy means sea warrior and Bear reflects his Canadian heritage. All doing amazingly well!



At one week and 1 day - Murphy Bear with Quinn and Amy.

## **BECAN involvement**

I've mentioned previously that following Bayside Council's Declaration of a Climate Emergency, MCRP joined Bayside Environmental Climate Action Network (BECAN), led largely by BCCAG. MCRP was very actively involved in preparing a draft action plan for presentation to Bayside Council, so they could use our ideas when coming up with their won Action Plan. We've had a very co-operative relationship with Bayside Council officers in talking about ideas and what is possible.

Please see the PDF file attached to this email of the BECAN Plan we presented to Council. We'll look forward to seeing what of our proposals Bayside Council takes up.

## **Our Loved Ricketts Point**

During this time of social distancing, we've still been walking along the beaches and trails of Ricketts Point.

For those of you who haven't been able to get there, here are a few photos to remind you of why we exist – to protect and educate about this beautiful Sanctuary.



In mid-April, there were plenty of jelly fish washed up at Ricketts after the big winds and storm surge.



Our membership officer, Alison Horton, checking out that all's well at Ricketts Point



A view of the Sea Scouts hut (with its own jetty), from the walking track, with the BMYS jetty just glimpsed in the far distance, at the next point. The Sea Scouts Hut is the southern boundary of the Sanctuary.



A wonderful view of Table Rock, one of our famous features of the southern end of the Sanctuary. You can also see, to the left, where people clamber over the lookout on the walking trail to get onto the rock itself. Sadly, this also leads to cliff and vegetation erosion.



Chicken Little (perhaps a new member) out for a stroll on the rock shelf, as spotted by Peter Dibbs



Amy spotted this elephant snail (albeit not a very healthy one, she thinks, from the exposed shell and no strong hold of the foot, in a very warm rockpool right at the centre of the rocky outcrop at South Triangle Reef)



This is why we do Beach Patrol and advocate to government to stop littering in the Bay. Also found at South Triangle Reef was a dead cormorant, which had a fishing line coming out of its mouth and, assuming by the firm hold, a hook somewhere in its oesophagus. A slow, painful death.