

MCRP MEMBERS NEWSLETTER



Marine Care Ricketts Point



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A Rough Winter

During July we had some heavy storms, as can be seen below. The reinforced disabled ramp fortunately withstood any damage. In previous years it has washed away.



The sandbags below have continued to do great job. They were exposed in May and again in July, but the sand quickly rebuilt, until only the top row were partially visible. Prior to the sandbagging the entire foreshore, here, was washed away up to the footpath, after such storm events.

Despite the rough and cold weather David and Terry managed to get in for a mid July snorkel.



This and That



About 25 people from our local Friends of Native Wildlife (FONW) group celebrated their 20th anniversary, with a visit to the Sanctuary on Saturday the 30th July. It was followed by cakes and coffee, beachside.

While it was high tide and seabirds resting on the remaining exposed reef were few, the various eagle eyes of this most experienced group, found birds everywhere.

General Emergency	000
Nat Security Hotline	1800 123 400
Bayside Council	9599 4444
Parks Vic Ranger	13 19 63
Fisheries (Poachers)	13 34 74
Wildlife Vic	1300 094 535
Zoo's Marine Response Unit	0447 158 676
Wildlife AWARE	0412 433 727
Police Sandringham	9521 9099

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For Real Estate call
Noel Susay 0450 069 506

For matters marine call
Ray Lewis 0408 308 768

MESAC have put out an updated beachgoers resource card. Ask Ray Lewis for one if you see him, or collect one at our next members Meeting.

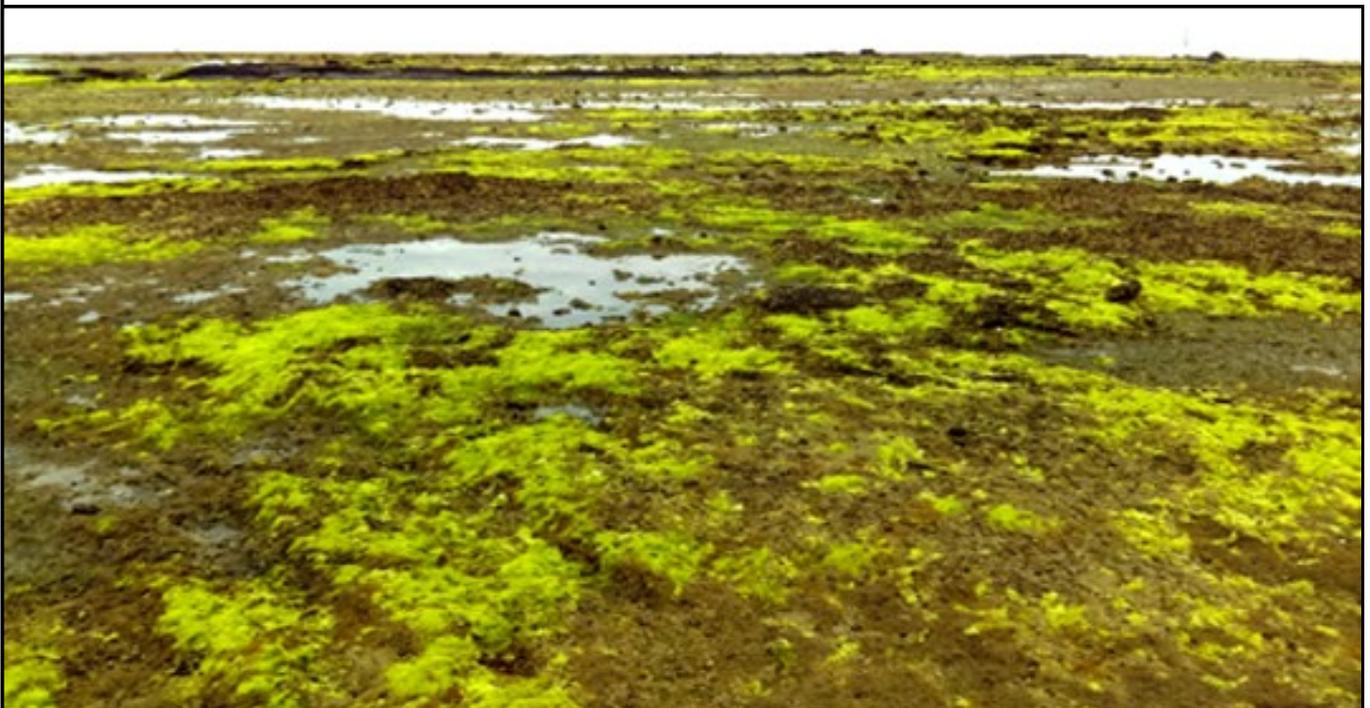


Whales off Mentone Beach - First week in August

Nemm Notes



Above, a sister beach clean up group at Port Melbourne who were also out and about on Saturday the 2nd July. Each of the many groups around the Bay is named via their postcode. This lot being Beach Patrol 3207. Saturday the 2nd was Virginia's first clean as our Group leader. Approx 20 people came out and we collected around 24 kgs of rubbish, 6 bottles and 2 syringes.



Above, the Tea House Reef is bright green with algae this July, and this bodes well for the range of life we will find on our next intertidal reef survey.

Eclectic



It seems that the Sulphur Crested Cockatoos and Pink and Grey Galahs are back in a pre Spring ravaging of our Coastal Banksias.

Left here, a Morton Bay Bug from our last snorkel at Half Moon Bay.



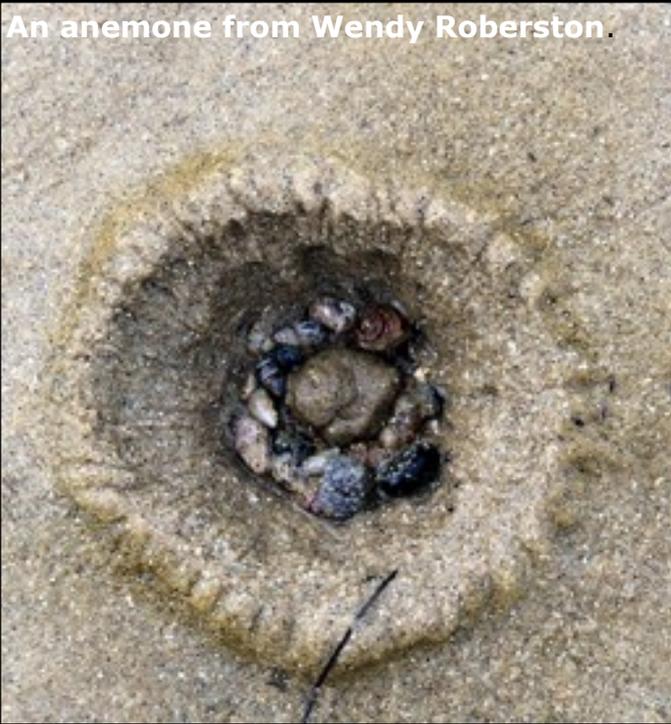
And here, a great image of those very intelligent Maori Octopusses, (Octopi?), taken by David Reinhard at Blairgowrie.

As many will know, they are curious collectors, and steal anything they can carry away.

This included a go pro camera. It was eventually recovered from his cache a month or so later.

The Sanctuary

An anemone from Wendy Roberston.



We get these soldier crabs in the sand in front of the Tea House at times, but they are so few that they are all too quickly predated by sea birds.



This 'red bloom' image of *Noctiluca scillitans* was taken at Parkdale by John Eichler.

A few days later we had a similar event at the beach-front at the Beaumaris Yacht Club and in late August at Brighton Beach.

The image below was taken by Kim Croker in the early evening, first week August.

Apparently this blooming requires special conditions to appear and hence is a relatively rare sight. It is also said to be toxic to small fish.

The editor values advice from anyone or images of such strange things you may see beachside. Some can be more important than you might think.



The Sanctuary (2)



Image Kim Croker

Left: Our Spoonbill is back in the sanctuary. (Not yet in breeding plumage though, according to the experts). This lovely image reminds me that we have a Sanctuary foreshore birds book ready to go by Christmas. We are just waiting on the block of Images to insert into the text. It will be number two in the Urban Sanctuary series. MCRP members will get chance to buy a copy direct from our Committee at a members meeting.

Below: A caulerpa ball that looks like a lap dog of sorts? The sanctuary offers a never ending vista of strange and wonderful sights. It just takes a while to get your 'eye in' to seeing such.

If you haven't snorkeled before, do join us this year.



Image Peter Dedrick

If you have any great images with bit of story to go with them, do mail such to the editor. Its nice to get published!



Left, the editor of this mailer has spent quite some time denying that he is a Buddhist after being snapped by another, while he was cupping his hands around his camera, at Warrnambool ,to get good shot of the pair of Pied Oyster Catchers.

Feel The Love 3—A Biennial Event from PV

Eight of us from MCRP attended the third of the highly regarded, Parks Victoria run, biennial marine 'get togethers'. This time at Warrnambool.

Looking out to the Island where penguins are guarded from fox attack, by maramma sheep dogs. Unfortunately the tide was too high for us to walk out to the island as hoped.



We attended many most informative lectures at the Deakin Campus, and had some riotous entertainment provided by the inimitable Jon Duthie (Friends of the Bluff), on the Saturday evening.

Attendees came from across Victoria with plenty of opportunities for everyone to have their 'moment' on matters they felt to be important.

Jinty and Gayle presented a profile on MCRP which was very well received. Ivan and Julienne took a foolhardy early AM snorkel in very rough water.



Image Robert Gardiner



There were many atmospheric environmental moments, such as seeing these two pied cormorants so nicely in step. Image from Robert Gardiner



Special thanks to those people who put the hard yards in to this event, over some months, on behalf of the rest of us. Louise Arthur, Jon Duthie and Mark Rodrigue especially.

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EDITORS NOTE

The Bayside Volunteering Matching portal has become a 'new, exciting, dynamic way to advertise, seek and find volunteering opportunities' in the Bayside Community.

Since it was launched MAY 9th 2016, it has attracted over 27 community organisations posting volunteering opportunities, and over 100 community users seeking opportunities.

volunteering@bayside.vic.gov.au or contact Lisa OLeary via Bayside Council, on 9599 4787

MCRP are seeking a new President, and if you know of someone who would be interested in this opportunity, for a really useful and enjoyable role, [please mail the editor](#).

There is a lot in this issue, but one way and another, we are heavily involved in our marine environmental stewardship, and with only 6 mailers a year, its better to include all such rather than over-edit.



For those looking for a cup of coffee and more in a unique historical setting, you cant go past a visit to the Sandy Beach HQ (On the beach, just city side of the Sandringham Yacht Club). Well mannered dogs are welcome too!



Correction from our last mailer. This is not a Nautilus, but the pelagic octopode, *Argonauta argo* . Correct Latin names are very important though, as the local names for the same species can vary all over Australia and a Latin name is a most essential common identifier.

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