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# **MARINE CARE RICKETTS POINT INC**

## **ANNUAL REPORT – 2019**

### **PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**16 APRIL 2020**

Marine Care Ricketts Point (MCRP) is the organisation which 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, OAM, was largely responsible for the Victorian Government declaring the area a Marine Park.

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## Our Organisation

### Membership

In 2019, there were over 340 individuals/families or friends on our membership database. 15 new members (individuals or families) joined MCRP in 2019.

Alison Horton has taken over from Scott Timlock in running the membership system. We thank them both for their work.

As well as maintaining membership records, the membership officer also manages the Google-groups mail system. Google-groups is essential for us. It is used by the committee and specific identified people for group communication to all members to provide news, updates and notices.

### Finance

Our Treasurer, Kevin McDonnell, took over this position in 2018, and has done an outstanding job, streamlining many of our processes.

We continue to have well-managed, prudent financial policies. A copy of the certified 2019 financial statement is at Annex C. We sincerely thank the auditor, Ms Fiona Dick, who provided her services pro bono.

Our excellent new Membership Officer, Alison Horton, has worked with Kevin to send reminders to members in November and January about payment of membership dues. We have also asked members to pay by direct credit where possible.

***As a result, many more members paid their dues by direct credit into our bank account this year, which has greatly reduced time-consuming work for both the Treasurer and membership officer. We particularly thank members for helping us out here.***

Kevin will be retiring at the AGM, due to personal reasons. We will greatly miss his wisdom and expertise, and wish him luck and good fortune for his future endeavours.

### MCRP website

Alison Horton has taken over this task and done much work in maintaining and upgrading the website in 2019. Her work continues into 2020 to simplify the website and standardise the posts and pages. Our thanks to Alison for this.

We continue to get excellent feedback on the coverage and usefulness of our site, including from government agencies.

Our web address is <http://marinecare.org.au>.

## Social Media

Social media is now vital for all community groups in providing real-time information about what's happening, where and when. We use it extensively as it complements the more comprehensive, long-term information found on our website.

### Facebook

Alison Horton has done much to continue maintaining and updating our Facebook site with information about both our activities and general marine items of interest. We thank Alison and also Maddy Heath for her help in this area.

The new work has significantly increased the reach of our Facebook page, and we have an ever-growing number of followers. We now have over 900 followers.

Our Facebook page allows all members to quickly communicate relevant events, comments, news stories and videos relevant to MCRP and marine and climate issues.

Our top postings were ones about the wildlife in Port Phillip Bay and elsewhere in Australia. This included recent whale sightings in the Bay, photos of the reef and rock shelves at Ricketts Point, MCRP speaker evenings, videos of wildlife and climate change campaigns.

We have developed a MCRP communications policy for use of the website, including what is acceptable to post on our site, and to make it clearer which posts are official MCRP posts, and which are members' own posts. We have allocated funds to promote some of posts.

We encourage you to share your posts of the Sanctuary and our events on-line. It's easy, just go to <https://www.facebook.com/MarineCareRickettsPoint/>.



## Members' e-Newsletter

After several years, Ray Lewis OAM has decided to step down as editor of our MCRP Newsletter to move on to other projects in his life. We thank Ray for the time and effort he has put into the Newsletter.

As part of the change-over, we have set up a new format, to make it more consistent with our other communication systems, including our website and Facebook page.

We are always happy to receive information to include in the newsletter, including photographs, articles, personal anecdotes.

Please provide these to [elizabethjejenen@outlook.com](mailto:elizabethjejenen@outlook.com)

## Grants

We have been fortunate to receive a grant from Bayside Council in 2019 under its Environmental Awards to assist us with us snorkelling program- particularly the training of more snorkelling leaders and provision of safety equipment such as a replacement float. This has been of huge benefit to us, as we value safety and ethical behaviour in the Sanctuary highly. It also allows us to provide more training in snorkelling to new members, and to work with Coastcare to fulfil our ever-popular Summer by the Sea events.

We thank Bayside Council most sincerely.

In addition, we were lucky to receive small grants from Coastcare and Parks Victoria to help us with equipment for our 3193 Ricketts Point Beach Patrol and our rock pool rambles and beach rambles, both very popular events with the public.



Chicken Little (perhaps a new member) on a Ricketts Point stroll

## Our Programs

### Snorkelling Program

Our Saturday morning summer snorkelling season commenced as usual in mid- November 2019, and continues until 28 March 2020.

Our snorkelling program is a major attraction to new members and contributes to an understanding and appreciation of our Sanctuary. We have up to 20+ attendees at most snorkelling events.

It's been a tricky season weather wise!

We've had to cancel a greater number of Saturday snorkels this summer than for many years. So far in 2019/20 we've had to cancel 11 snorkels, and undertaken only 7 snorkels undertaken (8 if you count Mt Martha!).

Cancellations have been due to weather (adverse wind conditions make it too rough) or poor water quality (too much stormwater carries bacteria including e-coli). For the first time ever, we have even had to take into account poor air quality because of the bushfires, although fortunately this did not cause any cancellations. Cancellations are unfortunately a fact of life with snorkelling.

David Langmead continued as coordinator of the program for the summer season 2019-20, for the sixth year. Mick Morley has continued providing and monitoring our roster of snorkel leaders, which is a great help for us all. We thank them both for their work and support.

We conducted a Winter solstice snorkel again this winter. This is an annual event (conditions permitting), and whilst a bit of a challenge always makes the participants feel better for it!

Our usual March end of snorkelling season BBQ was well attended and Gayle and Jinty again did a magnificent job.

### **Qualified leaders**

For safety reasons, we need at least two snorkel leaders at each event, based on the number of people attending.

To share the workload around, we ask all snorkel leaders to commit to leading at least 6 sessions per season, or being the back up for the leader. This way the same people don't end up doing the work and getting burnt out.

In 2019, thanks to Bayside Council, we were able to provide training for three new leaders, Toni Roberts, Peter Dibbs, and Ian O'Loughlin. They and David Langmead (Coordinator), Mick Morley, Terry Valentine, Gayle Kiteley, Amy Stace-Smith, Vlodik Zmyslony, and Jinty Wilson are our leaders, and we thank them for their work.

We trained a further 4 in March 2020 – Susan, Anna, Nicole and Sharron. These new leaders will stand us in good stead for our future snorkelling programs.

### **Teaching Newish Snorkellers**

This year in October we again held in a warm pool a session for snorkellers wanting to learn or upgrade their snorkelling skills. This was a great success, and we particularly thank Amy, Terry, and Mick for their work.

### **Great Victorian Fish Count**

Our participation in the annual Great Victorian Fish Count (GVFC) is organised by Gayle Kiteley, and was held on 1 December 2018. Thanks to Gayle for her work here.

We had an excellent turnout of approximately 40 people, and saw many fish species. (More fish seem to be around later in the season, as the water is warmer.)

The GVFC is organised annually by the Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) to collect important information on the distribution and relative abundance of some of Victoria's unique marine life. This year, advertising for the Count and on the T-shirts featured the wonderful "Ornate Cowfish".

This excellent State-wide citizen science project asks all volunteers around the state to input their data into one standard database. It provides an important longitudinal fish data base. We are the only group to have contributed to the Great Victorian Fish Count since its inception 14 years ago.

### **Published Snorkelling Information**

We provide detailed information and tips on snorkelling in Port Phillip Bay and at Ricketts Point on our MCRP website. It reflects both our commitment to safety and to fulfilling our role of educating and informing the public about the Sanctuary.

The information is the best freely-accessed information we've seen on snorkelling in Port Phillip Bay.

We also email members each week (usually Wednesday night) advising of the snorkel location and likely conditions for the following Saturday, with links to tide, wind and other information. Updates are sent on Fridays, and, sometimes, on Saturday mornings, if conditions change.

We maintain our Standard Briefing Notes for snorkellers participating in our activities. This provides comprehensive information about snorkelling, including safety information. The Notes are posted on our website and emailed each week with the notice of the forthcoming weekly snorkel during the season.

We have decided to publish in 2020 a comprehensive snorkel leader guide for MCRP snorkel leaders, given the number of new leaders we have, to assist them feel confident in the role.

### **Insurance**

MCRP has our own public liability insurance, for leaders and members. We do not, however, provide any personal injury insurance for participants. All our snorkelers are required to sign a form each year acknowledging that personal injury insurance is their own responsibility.



Terry and Amy demonstrate snorkelling techniques to some of our members Mick gives some weights tips to some of our snorkellers

## Summer By the Sea

We again ran 6 free events for Summer by the Sea, the program Coastcare promotes each January to introduce the public to our Victorian coastline and the sea.

We can be justly proud that we run the largest number of events of any organisation in Victoria.

Our thanks once again to those volunteers who organised and ran these events, including Robert Gardiner, Amy Stace-Smith, Terry Valentine, Mick Morley, Gayle Kiteley, Sharron Mason, Ian O'Loughlin, and David Langmead.

They were:

Event	Date	Location
Coastal Photography	<b>Sun 19 Jan 2pm-3.30pm</b> (1.5 hr)	Beaumaris Life Saving Club, Ricketts Point/ Triangle Reef
Rock Pool Ramble	<b>Sun 12 Jan – 10-11.15am</b> - 1.15 hr	Beaumaris Life Saving Club, Ricketts Point
Intro to snorkelling (beginners)	<b>11 Jan 9am</b> - 45 minutes	Teahouse Reef, Ricketts Point
Intro to snorkelling (beginners)	<b>18 Jan 9am</b> - 45 minutes	Teahouse Reef, Ricketts Point
Intro to snorkelling (experienced)	<b>11 Jan 9am</b> – 1 hr	Teahouse Reef, Ricketts Point
Intro to snorkelling (experienced)	<b>18 Jan 9am</b> – 1 hr	Teahouse Reef, Ricketts Point

We had a full house for all activities. We expect to run similar activities in these two middle weeks of January in 2021. Here's some photos.





"Rock Pool Ramble" and "Little Girl Exploring", Summer by the Sea Rock Pool Ramble, Jan 2020



Beginner snorkellers from Summer by the Sea Jan 2020 getting ready for their first snorkel



And they're off and swimming like fish!



Amy and Quinn getting ready to show the new snorkellers how it's done, Jan 2020

## 3193 Ricketts Point Beach Patrol



Hazel Stanworth coordinated Beach Patrol until July, when we said farewell and wished her the best for her move back to England. Kate McPherson took over for the rest of the year and into February, when we also said goodbye to her as she moved to New York.

In 2019 the volunteers of 3193 Ricketts Point Beach Patrol undertook 11 beach cleans, with one cancelled due to lightening.

- Beaumaris Yacht Club (3 cleans)
- Beaumaris Life Savers Club (3 cleans)
- South of Teahouse/Seaweed beach (Watkins Bay) (3 cleans)
- South Half Moon Bay, and Half Moon Bay, Black Rock (2 cleans)

During the year, 303 volunteer hours were spent on the beach cleaning. In addition, Hazel and Kate completed the usual behind the scenes tasks, including emails, data input and cleaning of equipment and gloves.

August and October had the highest turnout of volunteers, with 40 people of all ages (from newborn to young at heart). The seasons brought all weather conditions, including a very chilly, windy and wet May that didn't deter 14 people, who still managed to collect more than 28kg of rubbish.

During 2019 we collected and removed more than 370kg of rubbish. Considering that plastic is our most common item, and plastics don't weigh much, this is a significant weight. Confectionery wrappers, takeaway restaurant materials and microplastics continue to be the dominant items found on our beaches. Around 300 plastic and glass bottles were also found and recycled along with more than 170 cans. In June, volunteers collected 57 cans from the Beaumaris Life Saving Club area. One syringe was found during the year.

We disposed of more than 4300 cigarette butts over the year. Let's keep an eye on Council's proposed ban and whether this makes a difference to our count.

Anecdotally, the number of straws collected appears to be reducing. In 2018, more than 100 were collected during one clean alone. In 2019, most beach cleans produced a few straws, and June reported a large number, but overall, there doesn't seem to be as many. As many businesses in Victoria have phased out straws, it might be a good idea to start counting straws to see if a difference is being made.

Our December/Christmas beach clean was a beautiful day and a wonderful way to end the year, including with the annual BBQ combined with the rest of the Marine Care Ricketts Point group.

### Clean Up Australia Day

Our March 2019 clean was held in conjunction with Clean Up Australia Day.

It was lovely to see everyone considering the hot weather. There were 22 volunteers on the beach along the section at Beaumaris Yacht Club.



In total we collected roughly 42 kg of rubbish, the equivalent of 13 full bags of litter, including roughly 670 cigarette butts, 17 glass bottles, 3 plastic bottles and 18 cans.

Other items included a thong, bottle tops, straws, polystyrene, wood, a brick, and a condom. Plastic fragments and microplastics were the most collected items.



## Citizen Science

In 2019 our citizen science group has maintained our efforts, initiated in 2018, to tune up again our activity and experience in monitoring and surveying the biodiversity within the sanctuary.

Amy Stace-Smith has been our Citizen Science coordinators since Sept/October 2018, but will be commencing 'Maternity Leave' from her volunteer position from March 2020 for the birth of her 2nd child. This is such an exciting event for Amy and her family. But it means we will be seeking expressions of interest from members to take on this role. There will be the opportunity for a couple of people to 'job share' the role, if they feel this would suit their needs better.

Our activities and contributions have included:

### Victorian National Parks Association's Sea Slug Census



Terry Valentine spotting Short Tailed Sea Slug near Triangle

Reef : Photo Maddy Heath

This activity has now ramped up to 4 per year.

March 16 2019 Sea Slug Census: we spotted 4 short-tailed nudibranchs with over 10+ members in the water just south of triangle reef.

June census: Individual members went out that weekend and reported direct to VNPA.

October Census: Individual members went out that weekend and reported direct to VNPA.

Jan 18 2020 Sea Slug Census official snorkel: we incorporated our census with our annual Summer by the Sea snorkel experience, so it was a busy and fun day.

Image left: March 2019 Sea Slug Census pre-snorkel briefing for members with nudibranch biology tit-bits and ID led by Amy Stace-Smith, photo taken by Chris Forbes



Image Right: January Census: Nudibranch snorkel - Oct 2019 – Kim (former Treasurer) and friend, Quinn and Amy, and our four snorkellers, Ivan, Ali, Susan and David

### **Parks Victoria Sea Search Intertidal Monitoring with our local Rangers**

- Summer: 15th Feb 2020
- Winter: 20th July 2019
- Autumn: 13th April 2019

The Summer (Feb 9th) 2019 and Spring (Oct 19th) 2019 Sea Search events were unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather! However, the winter event was wonderful.

20th July: We had a full bill of volunteers - some MCRP members who haven't attended these activities previously, plenty who have attended before, and some non-members.

We had a thorough introduction with Parks Vic's Emily's help, and things ran very smoothly and quickly. The rangers effectively actioned feedback from last time, modified their GPS markers, got kneeling pads for everyone, clarified snail ID, allowed extra set-up time/intro time/etc.

15th Feb: Additional suggestions from our members were actioned by our new Parks Vic Ranger Daisy for with larger yellow cones with weights and tags to mark out the sites, and clearer pages for MID and Low sites, plus the Open Water snail species being crossed off the data sheet.





Our

summer sea search with Parks Vic was cancelled due to high winds – which did not put off the kite-surfers



Intertidal Sea Search, July 2019



Parks Vic Rangers and Amy getting ready for a Sea Search



Ian O'Loughlin, Stephanie Way, and Elizabeth Jensen braving the strong winds for the 'Summer' Sea Search Monitoring Feb 2020.

We are hopeful 2020 will see the GPS points mapped out so we can start doing bi-annual snorkel Seagrass surveys with Parks Victoria within the sanctuary.

#### **Victorian National Parks Association Great Victorian Fish Count**

This is always a great fun way to start the snorkelling year. 20 volunteers joined in the 2019 Great Victorian Fish Count on 23rd November, and 9 volunteers Joined the inaugural Birdrock Mt Martha fish count on the 15 Feb 2020. A big thank you to Gayle Kitely for organising this inaugural event.





Great Victorian Fish Count, December 2019



Members at the inaugural Mt Martha Great Victorian Fish Count

We continued to make a conscious effort in 2019 to increase our activity and experience in monitoring and surveying the biodiversity within the sanctuary. This is a central role of our organisation, and we hope to continue to invest in this important work.

## Members' Speaker Evenings

Lorraine Webster has organized our members speaker evenings in 2019, and we thank her for this work.

In addition, Val, Scott, Anna and Beth continue to provide much setting up and cleaning up assistance. We thank them for their often unseen but greatly appreciated assistance.

Without them all, our evenings would not run as smoothly and enjoyably as they do.

This year we held six speaker evenings at the Seniors Centre at Beaumaris.

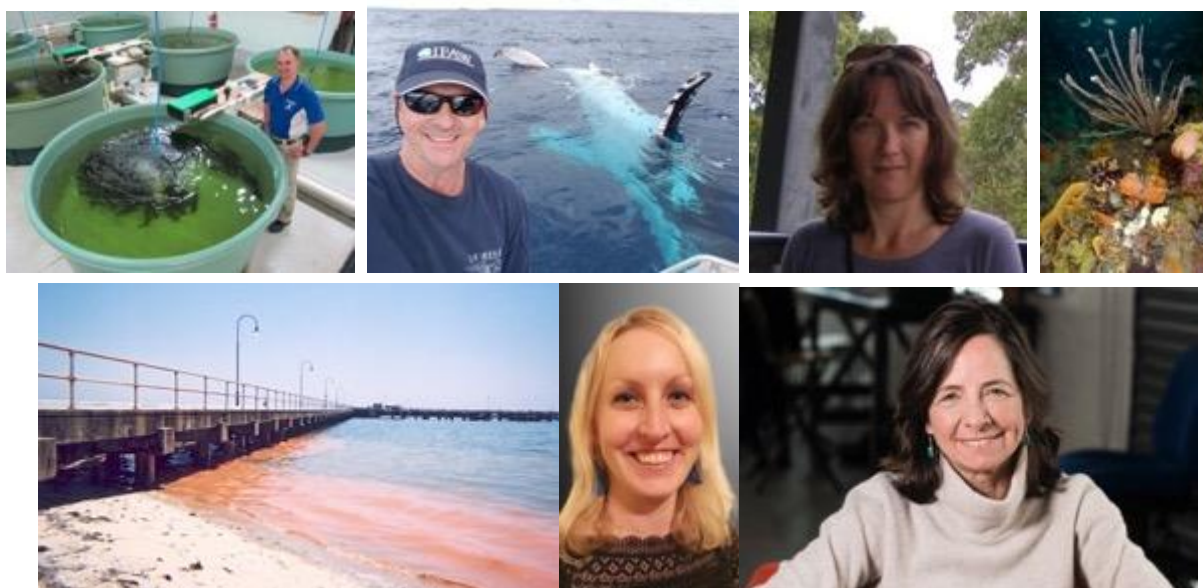
The events have been popular with average attendance of 25 people in winter and up to 60 people in the summer, including the February 2019 AGM.

We gave each of the speakers a small gift to thank them for giving up their time to present some very interesting talks.

These evenings are a great way for people of all ages to catch up and get to know each other better. We also thank you all for coming along and contributing to these evenings, particularly those who contribute to the supper!

***If you have ideas for future speakers, have heard an interesting speaker or want to present yourself, please let the committee know!***

## 2019 Speakers



- **Nahdia Roslan**, is a Program Manager with Earthwatch Australia. Nahdia discussed Climate Watch Trails, which have been established using citizen scientists in order to track how different species are handling climate change (including the *Ricketts Point Climate Watch Trail*, see [www.climatewatch.org.au/trails/ricketts-point](http://www.climatewatch.org.au/trails/ricketts-point)). (February 2019, which was also our AGM);
- **Dr Andrew Christie**, is a lecturer in aquaculture and aquatic environmental management at Melbourne Polytechnic. He spoke about the types of projects that Marine Care Point Cooke and Melbourne Polytechnic have been involved in within Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary, the sorts of fauna and flora that inhabit the sanctuary beneath the surface of the water and some good spots for snorkelling and SCUBA diving in the area. (April 2019);
- **David Donnelly**, is a Melbourne based Marine Researcher with a special interest in marine mammals, dolphins, whales and seals. David spoke about how citizen science helps research and on the Dolphin Research Institute's new APP to record sightings of these sea mammals. (June 2019);
- **Venora Mulvenna**, is the manager of the Climate and Health Team in Victoria's Department of Health and Human Services. She has a special interest and expertise in climate change and water quality. Venora's talk provided insights into the current Victorian climate change and health initiatives, as well as the broader efforts to improve and safeguard our natural water resources, including our bays (August 2019);
- **Lisa Goudie**, studied marine biology at James Cook University and worked as a research assistant for various government organisations including the South Australian and Queensland Museums, where she specialised in sponge taxonomy. Lisa Goudie presented an overview of our knowledge about sponges, including their evolution, diversity, biology and identification, with beautiful images of sponges from Port Phillip Bay and coastal Victoria (October 2019);
- **Dr Vicki Karalis**, discussed the palaeontological, geological, artistic and indigenous significance of Beaumaris Bay and what makes it special in relation to other Bayside beaches. Vicki et al made a submission for it to be considered national heritage listing. (December 2019).



## Social Events

Each year, we hold two main social events at Ricketts Point in the BBQ area just north of the Teahouse.

For some years, Gayle and Jinty have organised both events. Gayle is renowned for her cooking and catering skills, Jinty for her organisational skills.

- The first is held on the ***last Saturday in March***, to celebrate the end of the snorkeling season. Traditionally, it's a brunch with bacon and egg rolls and vegetarian food, and is wolfed down by hungry snorkelers. In 2020 it will be held on Saturday 28 March at 11am at the Teahouse BBQ area.
- The second is held on the ***first Saturday in December***. It is our Christmas/end of year event. It's held on this day to allow participants from two of our activities – our Saturday morning snorkel, and our December Beach Patrol – to join us. The weather was perfect for our 2019 MCRP Christmas party. Sunny, 21° and very little wind. We had a great crowd there – about 60 people – coming and going between 11.30am and 2pm.  
Gayle and Jinty put on a spectacular culinary display – we are very lucky to have them do all the hard work for this event. Thanks also to Val, who created and supplied the Christmas decorations, and to Scott, who supplied chairs, tables and gazebo. Nicole and Sharron also helped out with the cooking.  
Both the Mayor of Bayside, Clarke Martin, and local Sandringham MP Brad Rowswell, took time out of their busy schedules to stop by.







**Left: BBQ Cook Crew      Right: Bayside Mayor Clarke Martin with Diana**



**Left: Terry, Brad Rowsell (Victorian MP for Sandringham) and Beth**

## **Our Policy actions**

### **Building relationships with stakeholders**

In the last few years we have continued to be active on the policy front, and in extending our relationships with key stakeholders, both at government and non-government levels.

We were successful in again obtaining a small grant from Parks Victoria to offset some administrative costs, and to obtain further Beach Patrol supplies. We obtained a small grant from Coastcare, which again helped offset our administrative costs. We also obtained a grant from Bayside Council which has been of great help in training up further snorkel leaders and in obtaining a new float for safety purposes when out snorkelling. Finally, we worked with Coastcare to set up a First Aid Training Day to give our members and

other groups associated with BEFN the opportunity to upgrade their first aid skills. Several of our members took part in this important activity, as evidenced in the photos below.



Bayside Council decided in 2019 to reorganise its relationships with Citywide, and has eliminated for the time being its wider meetings with Bayside Environmental Friends Network. However, we have continued to engage with member groups, particularly Sandringham Foreshore Association and Beaumaris Conservation Society, as well as the individual friends' groups.

We have also continued our advocacy on a range of issues, some successfully, some unsuccessfully, to both Council and to the State Government.

We are always seeking feedback on our advocacy role, as it's important that we reflect members' views.

There has been a discernible shift over the last couple of years in members wanting our organisation to advocate to government on several issues including waste, plastics, and climate change matters generally.

This has been borne out by consistent member feedback, including at our regular Members Speaker Forums.

We provide members with information about relevant public forums, and of campaigns asking you to support matters we see as core issues (such as banning single-use plastics).



MCRP led a very successful campaign to ban the use of single-use plastics in Council venues. President BCS, Greg Mier, President SFA, Vicky Karalis, and President MCRP Beth Jensen were featured in the Leader celebrating Council's unanimous decision in March 2019.

Our greatest success in 2019 was in getting Bayside Council to unanimously agree to ban single-use plastic bags from Council buildings and facilities.

Matters we have raised with the State Government or Council through correspondence, meetings or public presentations include:

- Submission to the State Government supporting the banning of jet skis around swimming beaches, and particularly in the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary (where many divers and snorkelers are active)
- Submission to the state government supporting a cash for cans scheme and advocating for a 'circular economy'
- Advocating to Council to ban single use plastics in its premises and centres, which was unanimously agreed by Council decision in March 2019
- Advocating to Council (with several other environmental groups) for the restriction of the proposed liquor license times for the Ricketts Point Teahouse at night in defence of our native flora and fauna
- Supporting the Sandringham Foreshore Association proposal to ban smoking on all Bayside Council foreshore and cliffs
- Speaking at Council in support of the declaration of a Climate Emergency in December 2019 (unanimously approved by Council)
- Speaking at Council in support of the development of an Urban Forrest in Bayside in December 2019, and in particular the retention of mature tree canopy to help mitigate the effects of climate change (unanimously supported by Council)

## Reporting Offences in the Sanctuary

Poaching, speeding by motor craft, and other offences in the Sanctuary seem to be on the rise.

As part of our commitment to education, we've prominently featured where and how to report offences on the home page of our new website. We have emailed our members to remind them to report offences, and to provide photographs and videos.

The reason for this is two-fold – to ensure that we help catch offenders, and to ensure that Fisheries has a record of these offences, so they can build a picture of what is happening.

I wrote to the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) seeking some statistics in June 2019, following several complaints about lack of action by Fisheries on complaints about illegal fishing in the Sanctuary. In September 2019, the Victorian Fisheries Authority responded with the following information.

“With respect to the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary, there were 46 calls to 13FISH in 2016-17, 48 calls in 2017-2018, and 44 calls in 2018-2019. During the 2018-2019 period there were 6 infringement notices and 10 official warnings issued for offences in the Sanctuary. During this period fisheries officers conducted 96 land-based patrols with 106 locations in and around the Sanctuary visited for surveillance purposes. The also inspected 30 vessels during 16 water patrols.

Officer time in the Park varies as a result of officers stopping at multiple locations within and adjacent to the park to make as many observations as necessary. Moreover, officers regularly patrol areas of the park to ensure that no offending is occurring and are at times patrolling covertly.”

We urge people to continue to phone 13FISH if they see people illegally taking fish, abalone or other marine life from the Sanctuary. This is essential to ensure VFA continues to take an interest in the Sanctuary. Please try to get photos or videos of the boat registration, or car registration, if you safely can. Do not approach people.

### **Thank you all**

Firstly, many thanks to all, Committee members and others, who contributed to this report.

The 2019 Committee of MCRP has worked co-operatively and very effectively in bringing you, we hope, the wide range of experiences that you all enjoy. I don't know of any other purely-volunteer organisation of our size which provides so many activities for its members, on such a small budget. It has been a privilege to work with people with so many talents, and who are dedicated to the good of members and the environment.

I thank them for all their work and support.

Finally, many thanks to all members for your volunteering and active participation in our organisation. Please keep your ideas and comments coming. We do take them seriously.

**Elizabeth Jensen**

**President**

**April 2020**

## Marine Care - Ricketts Point Inc

### *Statement of Purposes*

1. To foster species diversity conservation of the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary through:
  - a) the regeneration of the once abundant plant and animal life of the sanctuary,
  - b) the protection and preservation of the natural environment of the sanctuary, its features and its indigenous flora and fauna,
  - c) the educating and informing of the community about the role and values of the sanctuary,
  - d) community involvement in and enjoyment of the sanctuary in accordance with the above aims,
  - e) the advancement of knowledge of marine life and its environment.
2. To establish and maintain a public fund to be named *Marine Care Fund*, for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects/purposes of the Association.

## MCRP Committee of Management – 2019

**President** Elizabeth Jensen  
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**Treasurer** Kevin McDonnell

**Secretary** Anna Daniels  
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**Membership Officer** Scott Timlock (retired)/ Alison Horton

### **Other committee members:**

Fiona Dick  
Asher Judah (retired)  
Greg Mier  
Val Royale  
Hazel Stanworth (retired)



**Marine Care Rickett's Point Inc.**  
**Annual Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2019**

**Statement of Financial Position**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Cash at bank</b>		
Working account	\$13,830.27	\$11,393.29
Public Fund Account	\$5,511.53	\$5,641.53
MEC facilities	\$614.45	\$614.45
Investment Term Deposit	\$3,258.24	\$3,209.82
<b>Current Assets</b>	<u>\$23,214.49</u>	<u>\$20,859.09</u>
<b>Fixed asset</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$23,214.49</u>	<u>\$20,859.09</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	\$2,300.80	\$1,900.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$2,300.80</u>	<u>\$1,900.00</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>\$20,913.69</u>	<u>\$18,959.09</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Net surplus carried forward	\$18,959.09	\$17,838.96
Surplus current year	\$1,954.60	\$1,120.13
<b>Closing Equity</b>	<u>\$20,913.69</u>	<u>\$18,959.09</u>

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Statement of Financial Performance

	2019	2018
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	\$3,155.00	\$2,432.00
Donations	\$90.00	\$554.40
Grants	\$5,800.00	\$3,826.00
Interest	\$48.42	\$50.05
Sale of third book		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,093.42</b>	<b>\$6,872.45</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Liability Insurance	\$610.00	\$440.00
PO Box	\$130.00	\$127.00
Eco Membership	\$173.80	\$173.80
Website	\$179.40	\$155.40
Donation	\$500.00	
Training	\$1,200.00	\$75.90
Consumer Affairs		\$56.90
Domain name		\$19.25
Activity books		\$288.00
Biodiversity card ( Council Grant )		\$1,900.00
Posters/Brochures	\$129.80	\$580.79
Mailing	\$11.55	\$160.00
T-shirts	\$291.27	
Beach clean-up	\$110.70	\$200.39
General expenses	\$1,001.50	\$1,049.91
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$524.98
Defibrillator (Grant Related)	\$2,300.80	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,138.82</b>	<b>\$5,752.32</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$1,954.60</b>	<b>\$1,120.13</b>

**Certification**

To the members of Marine Care Ricketts Point Inc.

We hereby certify that the above report is a true and accurate record of the financial position and performance of Marine Care Ricketts Point Inc. That appropriate records have been maintained and proper due diligence has been performed on the accounting records and reports of the association for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2019

**Signed**



Kevin McDonnell

Treasurer



Elizabeth Jensen

President



Fiona Dick

Auditor