

“Gippsland Lakes” Appeal

2010

Dear friend,

Planning is well underway for our next field trip to the Gippsland Lakes.

It was during a previous field trip that we picked up the subtle markings that are symptomatic of the dolphin pox virus infection. The marks left by the pox virus are visible in the image to the right.

It is crucial to spend more time in the Lakes conducting photographic surveys to monitor the progression of the disease in individual animals and the population as a whole.

Our Lakes field program also benefits our two PhD projects that are working on this population.

Unfortunately our last survey was over 9 months ago due to the prohibitive costs of accommodation, fuel, servicing and staff. We would like to achieve two trips to the Lakes during 2010 but need assistance to fund these surveys.

Gippsland Lakes Escapes help us by reducing accommodation costs. Your generous donation will enable us to spend more time in the Lakes but also help us to maintain our work with the dolphins of Port Phillip and Western Port.



Gippsland Lakes dolphins leaping at sunset.



Gippsland Lakes resident dolphin with the subtle tattooing indicative of dolphin pox on its tail stock.



Left to right: Sue Mason (Research Officer), Alissa Monk (Monash PhD student), Dave Donnelly (Field Research Officer) and our research vessel *Delphinidae*.

Your help will ensure that we can continue to work to protect Victoria’s dolphins and their environment. Please support our Gippsland Lakes Appeal.

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As you contemplate our "Gippsland Lakes" Appeal, you might **consider an alternative way to support our work by becoming an 'i sea, i care' Champion monthly pledge donor, or Adopt-A-Dolphin supporter** (A supporter form is enclosed). For less than 35 cents per day, your regular pledge or annual membership will mean a great deal. Many supporters find it convenient and also easier to give a little more, through automatic monthly donations from your bank account or credit card.



If you would like to find out more about joining us or have any questions, please contact me on 1300 130 949 or director@dolphinresearch.org.au. Alternately tick the box below and fax or mail it to us.

We look forward to hearing from you soon...

Kind regards, _____

Sue Mason, Research Officer

P.S. An Adopt-A-Dolphin Membership makes an ideal present that "gives for a whole year" and really does help us to make a difference!

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