

3RRR Radio Marinara



The studios of 3RRR were taken over earlier this month by seven *'i sea, i care'* Ambassadors, eager to talk about what they learned from the program and why they wanted to be involved in the first place. Cailey and Flynn from Emerald, Molly and Georgia from Penbank and Curtis, Mya and Tarryn from Somerville Rise did themselves, and us, proud. Some of these students have been *'i sea, i care'* Ambassadors since they were in Prep and this has inspired them to continue the role of spreading the message that Victoria's marine treasures are "too precious to lose" throughout their community. Well done for representing the *'i sea, i care'* tribe so well.

Walk For Western Port

Nearly 200 friends of DRI joined in the inaugural Walk for Western Port on September 18th. Our goal was to create an event that would help the community to appreciate Western Port and also raise funds for DRI.



Walkers came from schools, local government, businesses and the community as a whole, and were of all ages. It turned into a real family day, and included lots of four-legged family members!

Members of our education team gave talks about the mangroves and the bay to the walkers on the route, with many responses being "Well, I didn't know that!"



The sausage sizzle did a roaring trade all morning, as did the raffle-ticket sellers.

It was a very positive day that raised funds and opened people's eyes to the wonders of Western Port. We are already planning for the 2012 event and would love to see you all there next year.



'i sea, i care'

- is a unique, statewide, marine leadership program in schools across Victoria - spreading the message that Victoria's Marine Treasures are "too precious to lose"

Ambassador Awards



Closing Date
31/10/2011

The Jewel in Victoria's Crown

A beautiful day and 60 excited Ambassadors headed out on the 'Kasey Lee' for a visit to some of the Wonders of Western Port.



First stop was Yaringa Marine National Park. This stunning place has a range of unique habitats, including mangroves, salt marshes, seagrass meadows and Ramsar-listed wetlands. Even though it's only an hour from Melbourne, most of us have never been there. Both above and below the water-line there are many species that are only found in Victoria.

Next stop was Crawfish Rock, a Special Protection Area on the north-east of French Island Marine National Park. This is an internationally renowned

dive site and it's easy to see why. This rock, no bigger than a hectare, is home to more than 500 different species, creating a colourful underwater spectacle to rival the Great Barrier Reef.



The day was an opportunity for the Ambassadors to discover what lies beneath, and in between and on top! Stories like the ruddy turnstone that flies 27,000km every year from the breeding grounds in the north to the feeding grounds in the south. The fact that 16 species of marine mammals have been recorded in our waters. And Western Port is home to 28,000 little penguins, 500,000 shearwaters and 30,000 waterbirds!

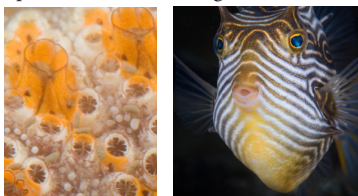
It was also a chance to understand that Western Port



faces challenges, both now, and in the future, from the impact of human activity and development. And that it lies in all our hands to protect it for the next generations of Victorians.



Many thanks to Wild Life Coast Cruises and, our sponsors for the day Parks Victoria, for giving us the opportunity to share this amazing place with our environmental champions of the future. (Thanks to the Western Port Biosphere for the underwater photos taken at Yaringa).



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