

## AMBASSADORS LEARN ABOUT LITTER

At Banyan Reserve in Carrum, Ambassadors saw the huge drain openings and investigated the amount and variety of litter that makes its way from suburban streets to the litter traps. These litter traps are huge grates that act to filter out large pieces of litter including plastic bottles, plastic bags, containers, dog-poo bags and a large amount of leaf litter and green waste.

Unfortunately much of the litter that makes its way through these drains is too small to be collected. It continues through pipelines, either being collected further down the line (hopefully) or making its way into our bays.

At the wetlands the wonderful crew from Melbourne Water spoke about the costs and maintenance involved with collecting and removing litter

from about 200 litter traps connected to stormwater drains across Victoria. The crew then emptied two litter traps, showing Ambassadors what a month's-worth of debris build-up looks and smells like.

The Ambassadors learnt how water-quality testing is carried out and why it is important to maintain healthy waterways. Many of the macro-invertebrates that live in our wetlands, pipelines and waterways are very sensitive to change in water quality.

In the afternoon the Ambassadors were at Frankston beach to conduct litter audits of recently washed-up litter at different points (tide line, mid-beach and top of the beach). After producing a tally of the amount and type of litter found, Ambassadors rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into a beach clean-up.



Using tongs and compostable bags, Ambassadors managed to fill 8-10 bags of litter in 15 minutes! Then the Ambassadors walked along Kananook Creek towards two floating litter traps that are a final attempt to collect floating debris before it makes its way into the bay.

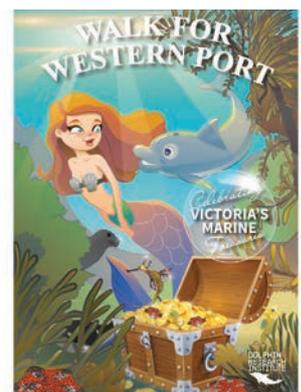
Thanks to the crew from Melbourne Water for sharing your knowledge and expertise on stormwater pollution and Melbourne's waterways.



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