

'i sea, i care' Ambassadors in Action...

On a cold day in June, Ambassadors from 18 schools took part in the Catchment workshop. We began at a quiet residential street in Endeavour Hills, with a City of Casey crew showing us what was caught in the litter trap under the pavement (see below).

Rubbish and pollution can flow through our catchments via the drains, creeks and rivers before entering our bays. The results can be devastating for our marine life.

They spent the afternoon at Frog Hollow investigating the bugs and water quality in Eumemmerring Creek, which eventually feeds in to Patterson River, and planting natives in the reserve.

They also toured the wetlands that clean the storm water and collected rubbish along the creek. More people are living in the Catchment each year and we can all do our bit to protect the future of our marine environment.



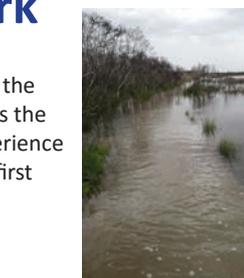
Many thanks to Adrian Verkerk and the crew from Casey, and Ray from the Frog Hollow Friends Group.

King tides in Warringine Park

Warringine Park is an amazing local reserve down here in Hastings, with a variety of coastal habitats including mangroves, salt marshes and estuarine wetlands. They are home to a huge range of flora and fauna species such as swamp skins, rakali (native water rats), tawny frogmouths, and swamp harriers that make their nests in the salt bush plants.

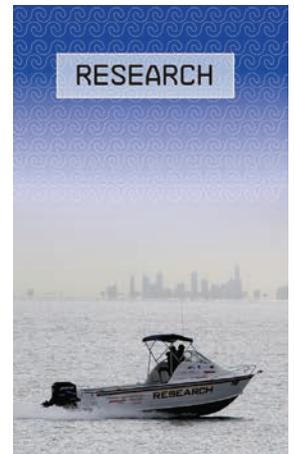
During exceptionally high tides, called King tides, which happen several times a year, the park is completely flooded. In these photos you can see the

water reaches right up to the boardwalk and submerges the path. It was quite an experience to see this phenomenon first hand last month.



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