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GEELONG AMBASSADORS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR BAYS

Teaching that **what we do** on land has an impact on our marine environment - this has been our core message from day 1. It's as important today as it ever was.

2018 is the year that taking action on global plastic pollution is at the heart of World Environment Day and World Oceans Day, both in June. Here at Dolphin Research Institute, we are behind this 100%. Our Marine Ambassadors across Melbourne continue to inspire their school communities and look for more ways to reduce, reuse, recycle.

Plastic doesn't break down!!! It breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces. The consequences for our marine life are devastating, with seabirds being amongst the biggest losers.

Wherever you can in your daily life, choose to refuse single use plastics. Coffee cups and pods, straws, bags, balloons, fruit and veg packaging to name a few. They make up 50% of our plastic consumption and have an **average use of only 15 minutes**.

And we can all do our bit by picking up rubbish when we see it, on our streets and beaches, and in our schools.

Let's make 2018 the year when we really do declare a "War on Waste!"



AMBASSADORS MAKE A SPLASH

Wow, what a season it's been with some incredible marine encounters with our seals, stingrays, weedy sea dragons and for some lucky Ambassadors, dolphins too. Being out on Port Phillip is a joy and every time we go, we see something new or a familiar sight in a new way. It's a privilege to experience the ocean in the way we do. Sharing our knowledge is so important in protecting our wildlife.



Many thanks to Shelley Waldron and Catholic Education Melbourne for their ongoing support of the program.

Also thanks to Torie, Angus, Jules, Karl, Ben, Lou, Christine, Kristen and Sy from Moonraker Dolphin Swims for another great season.



Let's all reduce our plastic footprint by saying no to single-use plastics such as straws, water bottles, balloons and plastic bags!

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