

## SNORKELLING WORKSHOP FUN FOR ALL AT PORTSEA!

Marine Ambassadors had a fantastic workshop at Portsea beach! Most of our Ambassadors had never snorkelled before, and they had a ball during their snorkel training session with our partners at Moonraker Dolphin Swims! After an equipment and safety briefing, Ambassadors had a training session and guided snorkel where they spotted Weedy seadragons, sea stars, Globe fish and more! We had quite a bit of swell with the flooding tide and we were so proud of our Ambassadors embracing the challenge and there was lots of fun had by all! It is so inspiring to witness these environmental leaders making connections to their local marine environment to develop a deeper understanding of the threats faced by our precious coastal marine environments, and the actions they can take toward a positive environmental future! It was a fantastic day and we want to thank our wonderful partners at the City of Greater Dandenong, the ISIC teachers, parents and carers for without you these sessions would not be possible and we are so grateful to all of you!



**"No water, no life, no blue, no green"** – Sylvia Earle



## WORLD OCEAN DAY 8th JUNE 2023 CELEBRATIONS!

It is time to start planning your World Ocean Day celebrations with this year's theme **Big Blue Future**. The WOD mission is to conserve our wonderful marine resources for future generations, and to end overfishing which is enshrined within the UN sustainable development goals. Last year for example, schools celebrated with gold coin donation fundraisers alongside ocean themed dress ups! ISIC Ambassadors also visited classrooms to present on their favourite marine animals, the issues with marine litter, and how we can all help our precious marine creatures. IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE with projects or fundraising ideas please contact Jacqui and Mandy at DRI. We can't wait to see how you celebrate WORLD OCEAN DAY with your school community and SEND US YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS so we can celebrate with you!

## RESEARCH UPDATE ON OUR DOLPHIN DISTANCING PROGRAM

The Research Team have piloted a new approach for improving boating behaviour around dolphins by asking the community to be part of the solution through Dolphin Distancing. Together we can build a strong community committed to doing the right thing around our magnificent resident dolphins and protect them for future generations. You can commit to Dolphin Distancing and receive a sticker to proudly display on your vessel! Please report breaches to DELWP on 136 186. Help your community know the rules – don't approach dolphins closer than 100m in boats (including paddled vessels), 300m on jet skis or 30m if you're swimming. Keep a respectful distance and enjoy the show!

**OUR DOLPHINS DESERVE A FAIR GO**



HELP US SHOW BOATERS HOW IT'S DONE BY COMMITTING TO

**DOLPHIN DISTANCING**

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