

Join us as an Impact Supporter
and help to protect some of Victoria's most-loved
creatures and their environment





OUR PURPOSE

To empower Victorians to conserve dolphins, whales and their environment.

Impact

Our model for change focuses on four impact areas: 1/ Dolphins and Whales, 2/ The Environment, 3/ The Community and 4/ A Strong Organisation. Our Research, Education and Leadership Programs are integrated to achieve these impact goals.

Research For conservation

Our research provides accurate information about the health, trends and concerns for the dolphins and whales in our region. We have the only long-term research catalogues for dolphins and whales in Port Phillip, Western Port and Bass Strait. Research interns and citizen scientists contribute to all our research programs (below).

Research discoveries are shared with our education programs for the benefit of students and the wider community. Our focus on impact means that we ensure our most recent data are available to empower environmental managers decision-making.



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**Port Phillip
POD SURVEYOR**



**Western Port
POD SURVEYOR**

Education For future generations

Nurturing a sense of wonder in the hearts and minds of our community is a crucial part of our role as marine educators. Every year we deliver school and community programs to more than 10,000 children and adults.

Let's create an epidemic of Wonder!

i sea i care

Our award-winning '*i sea, i care*' School Ambassador Program develops students into environmental leaders in primary schools who work in their communities to foster stewardship for our precious coasts and marine life.

9,500 young grade five and six students have contributed to the program, helping nearly two million people in their school communities to value and protect coastal environments. In 2025 Ambassadors from nearly 100 schools will volunteer over 20,000 hours and peer-teach over 40,000 children!



Leadership For impact

Leadership is about both leading and empowering leadership in others. It's about long-term, innovative and nurturing programs that focus on achieving impacts.

The detective work of our Williamson Research Fellow, Ella Hutchinson (right) re-analysing two decades of photo-ID data to uncover the three generations of common dolphins in the bay. This gives her experience as an early-career researcher, and contributed crucial understanding that has direct impacts on the protection of our dolphins.



Looking to the Future

Vision 2030 seeks to ensure that every child and adult across Victoria has the opportunity to contribute to citizen science and environmental leadership through our '*i sea, i care*' School Ambassador Program.

Furthermore, by establishing a larger hub for the Institute's work in Hastings, we aim to create new marine and coastal education and science opportunities for Melbourne communities.

Vision 2030 is an invitation for everyone to join us in significantly improving outcomes for dolphins, whales, their environment, and the community, and to lay the foundation for the Institute's next chapter and fifth decade.



Join Us in Shaping the Future for Dolphins, Whales and Our Oceans

We invite your business to join us as an **Impact Partner**, investing in our work to achieve immediate priorities and build the foundation for our ambitious Vision for 2030 and the Institute’s fifth decade.

Immediate priorities are to expand the:

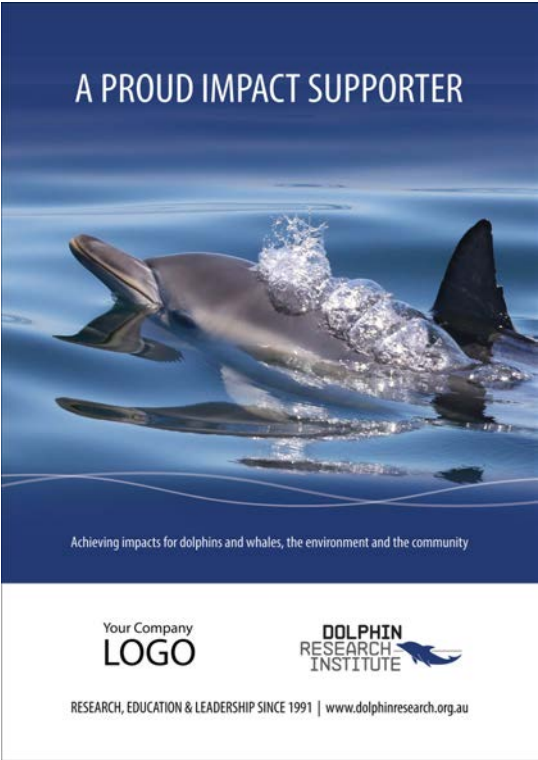
- Research Fellowship Program.
- Two Bays Whale Project.
- *‘i sea, i care’* Ambassador Program.
- Strengthen Capacity.

Our supporters’ passion, commitment and generosity have been the driving force behind the Institute’s 34 years of delivering impacts for dolphins, whales, the environment and the community we serve

Together, we can make waves that empower future generations, protect marine life, and build a future where dolphins and whales thrive, oceans stay vibrant, and communities remain deeply connected to the natural world.

Impact Partners are part of the DRI family and receive benefits relative to the level of support. “One size doesn’t fit all”, so we are happy to discuss how we can best work together over several years.	Impact Supporter (\$2,500 pa)	Impact Protector (\$5,000 pa)	Impact Guardian (\$10,000 pa)
Website Listing on Impact Supporter Page	✓	✓	✓
Listing in Reports & Snapshot Magazine (2p.a.)	✓	✓	✓
Use of Impact Supporter Logo	✓	✓	✓
Framed Personalised Artwork	*	**	***
Adoption Memberships (Dolphin or Whale)	1	2	5
E-Bulletin (20 per year)	*	**	***
Social Media Posts	2	3	5
Extensive Blog Feature with Link to Business		✓	✓
Online DRI Presentation for Business		✓	✓
Complimentary Family Holiday Programs		✓	✓
Custom Narratives + Imagery for Business use		✓	✓
Capacity to personalise items			✓
In-Person Tailored DRI Presentation			✓
Custom Partnership Joint Logo			✓
Custom DRI Experience			✓
Staff Volunteering Opportunities			✓
Joint Promotional Opportunities			✓
Inclusion in DRI Media Releases			✓
Product Sampling at Community Events			✓

Note: * options can be tailored to supporter needs and level of support



Example of artwork that can be customised.



Future generations are relying on us.

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