

It's cold, it's dark, and we're all staying inside, so we thought we would bring the coast to you.

Welcome to WINTER BY THE SEA!

Parks Victoria and Coastcare Victoria are working in partnership to support marine and coastal volunteers by developing an online program of activities and events for our community to connect through COVID-19 isolation.

The Speakers Tent

Our expert volunteers and scientists will take you on a fortnightly deep dive along Victoria's coast with live presentations and a chance to ask your questions! Happening 4.30 – 5.15 pm every second Tuesday from May to August:

Date	Topic	Speaker
19 th May	Sharks and Rays of Point Cook Marine Sanctuary	Andrew Christie
2 nd June	Monitoring Marine Wildlife	John Arnould
16 th June	Whales of Winter	David Donnelly
30 th June	Barwon Estuary Project	Jon Duthie
14 th July	Marine Pests	Richard Stafford Bell
28 th July	Endangered Marine Species	Mel Wells
4 th August	Southern Right Whales	Mandy Watson
11 th August	Marine Life of the Gippsland Lakes	Don Love
25 th August	Bryozoan Reefs of Western Port	Adrian Flynn / David Donnelly

The Virtual Reality Room

Explore some of the key habitats of Victoria's marine and coastal protected areas with a virtual field trips led by Parks Victoria staff being launched at the end of each month:

Date	Activity	Leader
May	Rockpool Ramble at Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary	Ranger Lachie Cohen
June	Seagrass and Mudflats in Corner Inlet	Dive Officer Jonathon Stevenson
July	Beachcombing at Wilsons Promontory National Park	Education Officer Lynden Costin

The Workshop

Grow your marine and coastal skills and knowledge by joining one of our monthly interactive workshops starting in June:

Month	Activity
June	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management
July	Victorian Marine Life ID – Build your knowledge of the main groups of marine plants and animals found on Victoria's coast through four weekly introductory sessions
August	Digital Story Telling Workshop

To register and find out more about these programs:

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