



DAILY PROGRAM

***PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR LATEST PROGRAM DETAILS
PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

FRIDAY 7TH JULY

10am-5pm

Boomerang Bags

Get together to help shift society's throw-away mentality with this simple and sustainable community initiative to replace single use plastic bags using recycled and up-cycled materials. Join in with the decorating project to help create a more sustainable future, one bag at a time.

FREE ENTRY Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

10.45-11.45am

Cape Woolamai Cruise

One hour scenic cruise departing San Remo Jetty to witness the magnificent granite cliffs of Cape Woolamai, and regular sightings for seals, dolphins and whales. Includes morning tea.

\$28 Ad, \$18 Ch. San Remo jetty, 190 Marine Parade [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)

1pm-5pm

Victorian Fisheries Authority

Victoria boasts a variety of fish and seafood whether you buy it from a fishmonger, eat it at a restaurant or catch it yourself. Our fisheries are sustainably managed so everyone can enjoy fish now and into the future. Learn how to do your bit by understanding catch limits, licensing and permitted equipment and free kids activities.

FREE ENTRY. Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

11am-1pm

Trash Puppets

A hands on workshop which will allow kids to get their creative juices flowing while they create puppets using recyclable products. It's a fun event that will demonstrate the importance of recycling, no matter your age. Kids enjoy a wonderful hands on workshop.

Joey Members \$5 Non Members \$10 Phillip Island RSL, 225 Thompson Ave, Cowes

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Phone 03 5952 1004

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EcoBoat Adventure Tour to Seal Rocks

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\$85 Ad, \$65 Ch. Cowes jetty, 11-13 The Esplanade [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)

2pm – 4pm

Seal Watching Cruise

2 hour coastal cruise to Australia's largest breeding colony of fur seals, includes commentary, wildlife information, children's activities, and free tea, coffee and cake.

\$80 Ad, \$55 Ch. Cowes jetty, 11-13 The Esplanade [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)

2.30pm-3.30pm

Stories & Crafts

Celebrate the Island Whale Festival at Phillip Island Library with stories and an ocean-themed craft extravaganza. For ages 3 and up.

FREE ENTRY. Phillip Island Library, 89 Thompson Ave, Cowes

3.15pm – 4.15pm

EcoBoat Cape Explorer Tour

Experience the thrill of a high speed 1 hour tour from Rhyll to the spectacular coast of Cape Woolamai.

\$55 Ad, \$38.50 Ch. Rhyll jetty, 16 Beach Road, Rhyll [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)

6.30pm

Ocean Trivia Dinner Event

Get your team together and enjoy a three course meal with tea/coffee. Drinks available at the bar. Bookings open shortly get your team together with prizes on offer and a great fun night in store at the Cheeky Goose Cafe.

Ocean Trivia presented by Plastic Pollution Solutions and Plastic Bag Free Phillip Island and San Remo

Supported by Phillip Island Nature Parks and Destination Phillip Island

\$40pp. Cheeky Goose, 72 Chapel St, Cowes [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)

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SATURDAY 8TH JULY

9.30am-1.30pm

Winter Whale Cruise

4 hour coastal cruise circumnavigating Phillip Island in search of the majestic Great Whales, and a visit to Seal Rocks, with regular dolphin and albatross sightings. Includes morning tea and lunch.

\$125 Ad, \$85 Ch. Cowes jetty, 11-13 The Esplanade

SOLD OUT BOOK FOR OTHER DAYS [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)

10am-12noon

Phillip Island Historical Society – Museum and Display of Whale Photography by Lisa Schonberg

GOLD COIN DONATION . Cowes Heritage Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

10am-12pm

Spot a Whale

Meet a marine biologist and learn to spot a whale from Phillip Island's magnificent lookouts at Cape Woolamai and Pyramid Rock. Enjoy the magnificent views of Bass Strait while you look for the tell-tale signs of a whale.

FREE ENTRY. Cape Woolamai Surf Lifesaving Club (10am), Pyramid Rock (11am)

10am to 5pm

Phillip Island Gallery

Visit a special display by our Award winning Basket Weaver Meg McCarthy. Meg winner of the 2017 Tidelines exhibition will have on display some of her recycled beach litter Art. Also on display will be the work of our Member Jim Cunneen who makes amazing Art works from natural items, see his amazing replica ships that are made from bark, shells and seed pods. Snow Lacco president of the Gallery will be at the Gallery all day, he has lived in Cowes more than 60 years, and has spent his life as a career fisherman, so he has lots of stories to share.

FREE ENTRY. Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

11am-12pm

Marine Research Session

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Presentation in The Antarctic Journey 11am to 12noon

\$18 Ad, \$9 Ch. Antarctic Journey, The Nobbies Centre [BUY ANTARCTIC JOURNEY TICKET](#)

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

12.30pm 1.30pm

Plastic Bag Free Phillip Island and San Remo

Connect with the community and learn through positive stories and creative ideas how we can work towards Phillip Island and San Remo becoming a voluntary single-use plastic bag free community. Discover how far the age of plastics has invaded our waterways in the visually stunning short documentary film Baykeepers, followed by an enlightening Q&A session.

FREE ENTRY. Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

1pm-4pm

Whale out of Water

Kids of all ages will love climbing into the giant inflatable whale and learn all about the fascinating world of whales. Presented by Dolphin Research Institute

45 minute sessions at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm **SATURDAY NEARLY BOOKED OUT**

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2pm – 6pm

Wildlife and Whale Spotting Photography Workshop

Cape Woolamai Track photographing wallabies, native birds and other creatures along the way. High on the Cape Track that provides one of the best lookout spots on the island for migrating whales. In this workshop we'll be teaching fundamental principles of wildlife photography so that you get the best shot possible covering things like camera settings, focus, composition and animal behaviour. All workshop facilitators are island locals and professional photographers who have an intimate understanding of the environment, seasonal fluctuations, animals and conditions on the island.

Note this is a 3-4 hour workshop and participants need a moderate level of fitness. We will be doing a 7k hike. More information on the booking link.

\$70 per person , Ramp at very end of Woolamai Beach Rd, Cape Woolamai BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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5pm – 6pm

MOVIE: Melbourne Down Under (PG)

See the colours and spectacular diversity of the bay come to life. You'll meet charismatic marine mammals, deadly jet-powered predators and witness remarkable feeding behaviours that have never been filmed before. With special guest Sheree Marris for Q&A.

FREE ENTRY. Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

7pm – 8.15pm

MOVIE: Birthplace of the Giants (G)

Marvel at this groundbreaking documentary featuring the southern Humpback Whales migration from the Antarctic through WA's Kimberly region.

FREE ENTRY. Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

SUNDAY 9TH JULY

9.30am-1.30pm

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4 hour coastal cruise circumnavigating Phillip Island in search of the majestic Great Whales, and a visit to Seal Rocks, with regular dolphin and albatross sightings. Includes morning tea and lunch.

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Wildlife Photography Lecture

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ALL WEEKEND

Bass Coast Whale Discovery Trail

Follow the brand-new whale trail at iconic viewing points along Bass Coast and Phillip Island to search for whales. The trail leads you to a range of viewing points with interpretive signage providing an insight to migratory whales and their behaviours.

Maps available at Visitor Information Centres and [online](#)

FREE ENTRY, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Marine Wildlife Photo Exhibition

Celebrate the works of some of our most talented marine and wildlife photographers who have captured the island and its marine inhabitants in all their wild beauty.

Photo Rangers <http://www.photorangers.com.au/> Instagram photo_rangers

Chris Farrell <http://www.chrisfarrellnaturephotography.com.au/>

Unearthed Designs by Renee de Bondt <https://www.facebook.com/UnearthedDesigns/>

Cowes Cultural Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave, Cowes

Whale Art Installation

An exhibition of artworks created by local school children highlighting marine wildlife conservation issues, as seen through the eyes of our future environment protectors and ambassadors.

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Phillip Island Gallery

Come and see some of the most beautiful, innovative and affordable art and craft works by the local people of the Bass Coast. On display and for sale are works from our award winning photographers, painters, mixed media artists and woodcrafters.

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Be Smart, Choose Tap

Westernport Water is helping customers to enjoy a healthy, environmentally friendly and low-cost community lifestyle through the Choose Tap Initiative. Choose Tap aims to promote the benefits of drinking tap water as part of a healthy lifestyle and as a positive alternative to bottled water.

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Bass Coast Shire Council

Council is introducing a new organics bin to the current kerbside service in September this year. The organics bin will allow us to place our food and garden waste into the one bin for composting, so we will be feeding the earth rather than filling up our landfill. Come along and learn about the new Organics bin and amazing impact it will have on our community and environment!

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MONDAY 10TH JULY 11AM TO 12.30PM Seaweed Sally at the Phillip Island RSL

Interactive and hands on kids workshop focusing on our underwater world - specimens and displays, touch tanks and more. This event is part of the Island Whale Festival and proudly sponsored by Phillip Island RSL. Bookings are essential - 5952 1004 BH. Joey's Kids Club members - \$5 and non RSL members - \$10

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Call Wildlife Coast Cruises 1300 763 739 for details

If you spot a whale send a text to Whale Hotline 0487 745 066

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