

Celebrating World Wetlands Day 2010

Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Event

Sunday 31 January 2010

Come and celebrate World Wetlands Day and learn all about our precious wetlands by taking part in a number of **free** activities

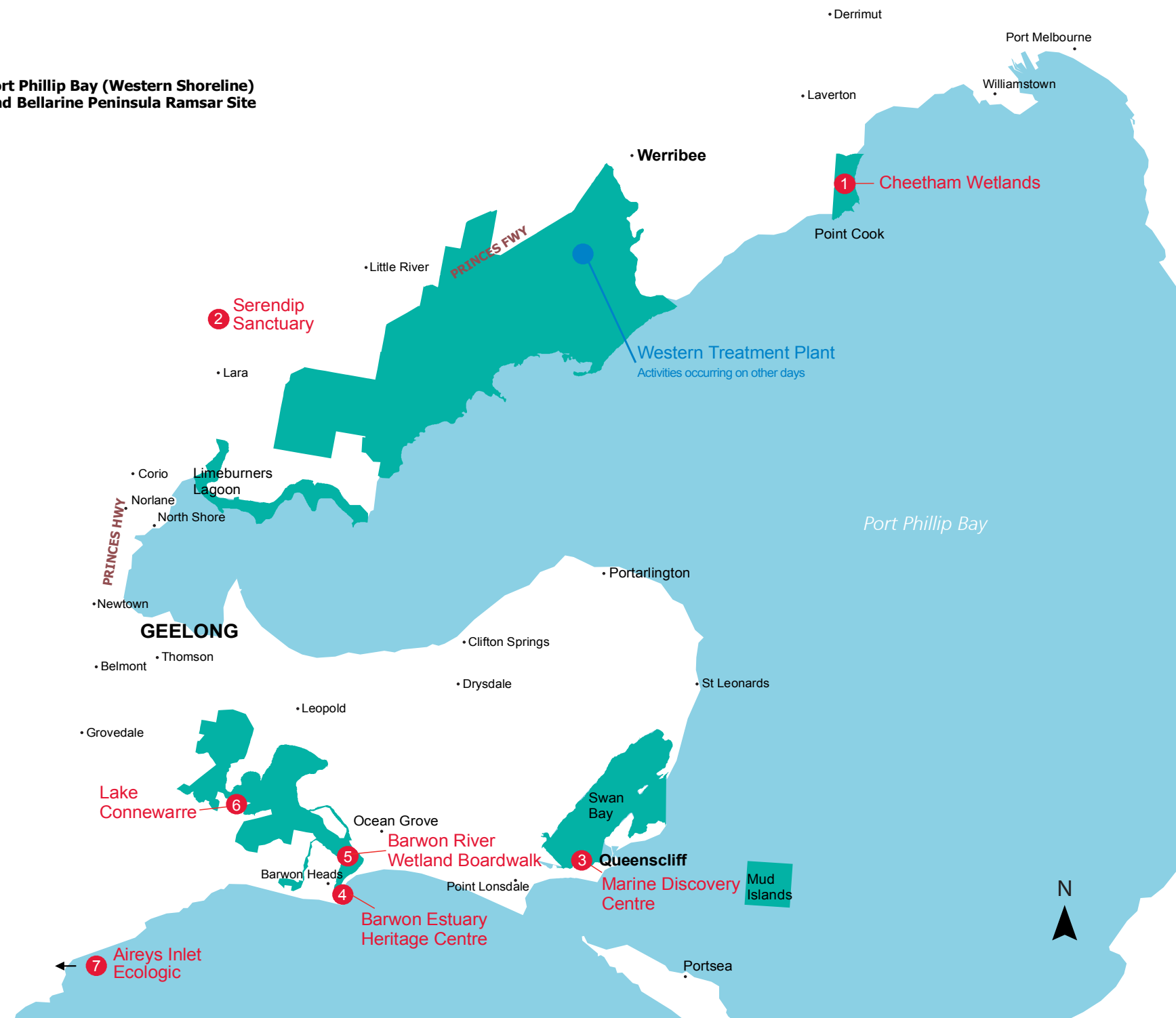
For further information visit www.dse.vic.gov.au/worldwetlandsday

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Where are all the activities happening on Sunday 31 January 2010?

Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site



The Marine Discovery Centre
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Location	Activity	Time	Booking Information
❶ Cheetham Wetlands <i>Meet at: Point Cook Homestead, off Point Cook Homestead Road, Point Cook</i>	Shorebirds of Cheetham Wetlands Visit the surprising Cheetham Wetlands on Melbourne's doorstep for a bus tour to learn about amazing shorebirds, and observe them going about their daily lives. <i>Activity by Birds Australia and Parks Victoria.</i>	1:00pm-3:30pm	Contact: Ashley Herrod. Ph: (03) 9347 0757 Email: a.herrod@birdsaustralia.com.au
❷ Serendip Sanctuary <i>Meet at: Serendip Sanctuary, Windermere Road, Lara</i>	Wetland Walk Our Ranger will take you for a walk where you will see and learn about wetlands, wetland birds and the breeding program for brolga's. <i>Activity by Parks Victoria.</i>	10:30am-11:45am	Contact: Vanessa Wiggeraad, Parks Victoria Ph: 131963 Email: vwiggennr@parks.vic.gov.au LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
	Mini Beast Discovery Our Ranger will help you catch and view water bugs. Equipment supplied. <i>Activity by Parks Victoria.</i>	12:30pm-1:45pm	Contact: Vanessa Wiggeraad, Parks Victoria Ph: 131963 Email: vwiggennr@parks.vic.gov.au LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
❸ Marine Discovery Centre <i>Meet at: Marine Discovery Centre, Department of Primary Industries 2A Bellarine Hwy, Queenscliff</i>	Wake up with the birds View wading birds on an early morning guided Swan Bay canoe trip. <i>Activities by Marine Discovery Centre.</i>	6:45am-8:45am	Contact: Marine Discovery Centre Ph: (03) 5258 3344 Email: marine.discovery@dpi.vic.gov.au LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
	Breakfast with the birds Enjoy an egg and bacon roll for breakfast while overlooking beautiful Swan Bay and listening to local bird expert. <i>Activity provided by the Marine Discovery Centre with support from City of Greater Geelong.</i>	9:00am-10:00am	LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
	Walk and talk with the Wathaurong Walk with David Tournier and learn about indigenous use of wetlands. <i>Activity provided by the Marine Discovery Centre with support from City of Greater Geelong.</i>	10:00am-11:00am	LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
	Swan Bay environment trail Collect the trail notes from the Marine Discovery Centre-walk all or part of the trail at your leisure. Trail starts - Queenscliff train station.	All day	No booking required
	Soak up the serenity of the Swan Bay Ramsar Wetland Sue Longmore will speak about the Swan Bay Ramsar Wetland. Cross to vision of Japan's Nagoya Ramsar Wetlands via webcam. Bring along your own drinks and nibbles, sit quietly on the outside deck and enjoy the ambience of this area.	5:30pm-7:00pm	No booking required
❹ Barwon Estuary Heritage Centre <i>Meet: Barwon Estuary Foreshore, Jetty Road, Barwon Heads</i>	Marquee with displays Find out how our local wetlands are connected to our coastal environment. An information site will be set up with Barwon Coast staff present. <i>Activity by Barwon Coast Committee of Management.</i>	10:00am-4:00pm	No booking required Contact: Maddie Glynn Ph: (03) 5254 1118
❺ Barwon River Wetland Boardwalk <i>Meet: Near the start of the Boardwalk opposite Minah Court, Barwon Heads</i>	Waders and Wetlands on the Bellarine Find out about the important wetlands protected in parks and reserves on the Bellarine Peninsula. An information site will be set up with Rangers on hand to answer all your questions. <i>Activity by Parks Victoria.</i>	9:30am-12:00pm	No booking required
❻ Lake Connewarre <i>Meet: Tait Point, End of Staceys Rd, Lake Connewarre</i>	Wetland Canoe Discovery Tour at Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve Learn about rare plant communities, wildlife, cultural history, and challenges facing this area. <i>Activity by Parks Victoria.</i>	2.00pm- 4.00pm	Contact: Mark Rodrigue Ph: 0429 350 971 Email: mrodrigue@parks.vic.gov.au LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
	Bug Detectives At Lake Connewarre, a Waterwatch officer will lead you into the aquatic mini-beast world. Children can also create and take home a mini-beast. <i>Activities by Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.</i>	<i>Session one:</i> 10:30am-11:30am <i>Session two:</i> 12:00pm-1:00pm	Contact: Rebecca Callea Ph: (03) 5224 9410 Email: rebecca.callea@ccma.vic.gov.au
❼ Aireys Inlet <i>Meet at: Bark Hut, Inlet Crescent, Aireys Inlet</i>	Wetland Wander Wander through the wetlands, meet some amazing creatures, survey birds, go ponding amongst the reeds and sample bush foods. <i>Activities by Eco-logic.</i>	<i>Session one:</i> 10:00am-11.30am <i>Session two:</i> 3.00pm-4.30pm	Contact: Eco-logic Ph: (03) 5263 1133

Other World Wetland Day activities before Sunday 31 January 2010

Location	Activity	Date and time	Booking Information
Melbourne Water's Western Treatment Plant at Werribee	Are you a budding twitcher? Join us for a spot of birdwatching on an escorted tour through Ramsar listed wetlands located in Melbourne Water's Western Treatment Plant. The Red-Necked Stint, a migratory wader, has flown 12,000km from Siberia to be here. Come see them before they fly home. Cost associated for this activity. Not suitable for children under 15.	Wednesday 20th January 2010 Thursday 28th January 2010 Time: 9:00am-1:30pm	For booking and information visit: melbournewater.com.au/wtp or call 131 722. LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BYO binoculars and scopes.
Birds Australia's Shorebirds 2020 program	Get involved in shorebird counts	Saturday 30th January 2010	See the website for more details www.shorebirds.org.au
World Wetlands Day photography competition	Enter photographs of a wetland or associated flora/fauna Categories include: Senior Photography, Junior Photography, Primary and Secondary students.	Entries close 18th January 2010. Photographs to be displayed from 1st – 5th of Feb 2010,at Lava Arts Gallery, 10 Church Street, Camperdown. Launch and winners announced Tuesday 2nd Feb 2010 from 6 – 8 pm. Light supper included.	Email OR post photos on a disc: bs.westernlakes@bigpond.com Greening Australia 454 Murray Street, Colac 3250 For further information Ph: (03) 5231 6910 Greening Australia's Borrell-a-Kandelop team

Please note, if there are no bookings for some activities, sessions will be cancelled.