



Sunday 6 February 2011 World Wetlands Day Celebrations

Activities provided by the Marine Discovery Centre

LIMITED NUMBERS: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For bookings and information:

Marine Discovery Centre

Ph (03) 52583344

TIME	ACTIVITY
6:45am - 8:45am	<p>Early morning canoe Enjoy the biodiversity and ambience of Swan Bay while on an early morning guided canoe trip. Canoe equipment provided. Bring your own binoculars <i>* Sponsored by Coast Action Coast Care</i></p>
9:00am - 10:00am	<p>Breakfast with a view Enjoy an egg and bacon roll for breakfast while overlooking beautiful Swan Bay. <i>* Sponsored by City of Greater Geelong</i></p>
10.00 am - 10.15 am	<p>Clonard College student presentation</p>
10:15am-11:30am	<p>“The Wathaurong people and their sustainable use of wetlands” Walk and talk with David Tournier <i>* Sponsored by City of Greater Geelong</i></p>
All day	<p>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- ends behind DPI Queenscliff <i>* No booking required</i></p>
11.30am - 12.30pm	<p>The importance of Swan Bay to Victoria’s Fisheries Hear current information from Fisheries Research Branch <i>*View vision of Japan’s Nagoya Ramsar Wetlands via webcam</i></p>

World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day is an international day to celebrate all wetlands world wide. It is celebrated each year on 2 February to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) in Ramsar, Iran, on 2 February 1971. World Wetlands Day 2011 commemorates 40 years since this Convention was signed. There are more than 159 signature nations who are committed to conservation and the wise use of wetlands.

What is a Ramsar wetland?

A Ramsar wetland is of International importance, is listed under the Ramsar convention, and named after the town in Iran where the convention was signed. Victoria has 11 Ramsar sites including the Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar site (including Swan Bay). This site was nominated in 1982 and is an amazing wetland system. It provides vital habitat for many animals and plants, including migratory shorebirds that fly thousands of kilometres to visit these wetlands. It is also an important Victorian fish feeding and nursery area.

Wetland activities happening on other days:

January bird watching tours at the Western Treatment Plant:

Where: Melbourne Water's Western Treatment Plant

Activity: Beginner's birdwatching tour

Date and Time: Tuesday 18th January and Thursday 20th January 9.00am – 1.30pm

Booking information: Cost: \$32

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