



MARINE EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER PD

9.30AM – 3.00PM

MONDAY 31ST MARCH, 2025

Learning will be FUN and ENGAGING. You can even SWIM WITH WHALES!



The early years of a child's life are vital for development. We are hosting a Professional Development Day for Early Years Educators to understand marine environments, plastic pollution, and waste management innovations. This will help you plan sustainability-focused educational activities that promote students' growth.

Participants will experience the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary as a dynamic outdoor classroom, exploring intertidal rock pools and beaches to highlight their ecological and community significance. Workshops will assist in planning sustainability education. The event aims to inspire educators and strengthen students' connections to the world.

Join us for the Early Childhood Teacher Professional Development Day on March 31st at the Marine Education Centre, Beaumaris Surf Club, Beach Road, Ricketts Point.

9.30AM

Welcome and Introduction.

Official welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, plus introduction of Gould League and how we've inspired generations of scientists, problem solvers and eco warriors for over 100 years.

9.40AM

"Eco Anxiety" and disconnection to nature. An introduction to Gould League's outdoor Early Childhood program to deepen young learner's connection to their natural environment.

10.00 AM

Activity: How are we messaging for young people? An opportunity to explore our language around issues they see in the world.

10.15AM

How you can be proactive and participate in Citizen Science. Richard Pensak the North Pacific Seastar Coordinator from Earthcare St Kilda, will introduce you to the challenges of this invasive species and explore how you and your students can contribute to Citizen Science.

10.30AM

Morning Tea and first opportunity to Swim with Whales!

10:45AM

The GOOD the BAD and the UGLY of Plastics and Marine Timeline activity.

The amount of plastic waste in our world is one of the largest concerns societies have today. Discover how to prevent and treat the problems associated with marine plastic pollution and how you can empower your students to be part of the solution.

11:30AM

Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary and our Ricketts Kinder programs. Discover first hand what makes an excursion to Ricketts Point so memorable for teachers, parents and students alike! Experience:

- Rockpool Ramble
- Sandy Shore Discovery
- Play Based Activities



12:45PM

Lunch and time to Swim with Whales in our "SodaStream Oceans of our Future 3D Virtual Reality Experience" and opportunity to explore our Waste Timeline.

1.15PM

Innovation in Waste Management.

Teachers, parents, and students often find it challenging to manage waste in their homes and communities while striving to build a sustainable future for the next generation. Explore how society is embracing innovation to revalue waste and discover imaginative alternatives to disposal. This approach ensures that waste is seen as a resource instead of being discarded in landfills. You might be pleasantly surprised by the possibilities that are already unfolding in various communities.

2.00PM

Group discussion.

Time to share your successes and limitations to improving engagement and empowerment of children, and also your centre's sustainability performance.

Group Activity.

Join us for a collaborative workshop focused on designing a learning program that can be applied in your workplace. Whether the program lasts for one hour, one week, one term, or even an entire year, we will work together to develop a plan that engages early learners, and staff with the outdoors, helping them understand how to care for local habitats.

2.15PM

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Discussion and questions.

3.00PM

End of program.

Meet the Speakers



Rebecca Ceveri

Bec has been involved in marine education and conservation for almost twenty years. She completed a Bachelor of Science with majors in Marine Biology and Environmental Science. In her 10+ years of experience with Gould League she has been instrumental in delivering and writing our programs from Kinder through to VCE. Bec thoroughly enjoys the opportunity to introduce students to Victoria's unique marine biodiversity and influence community behaviour to produce positive environmental change.



Richard Pensak

Richard holds a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology and is currently pursuing Honours research in marine ecology, complemented by extensive practical experience in environmental education through his role as the North Pacific Seastar Coordinator with Earthcare St Kilda. Did you know removing 1 sea star, can prevent 20 million larvae from impacting local ecosystems?!



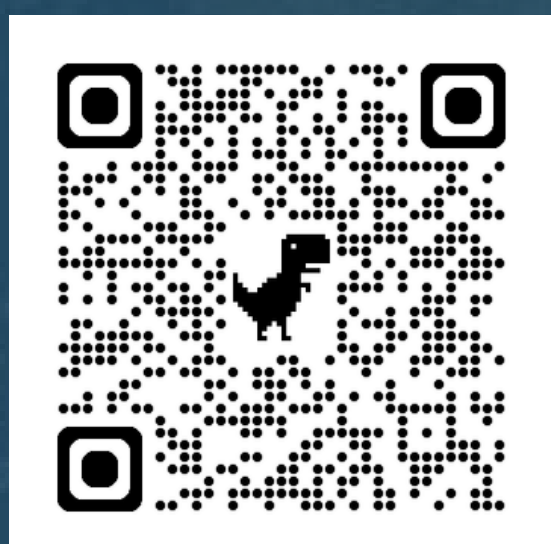
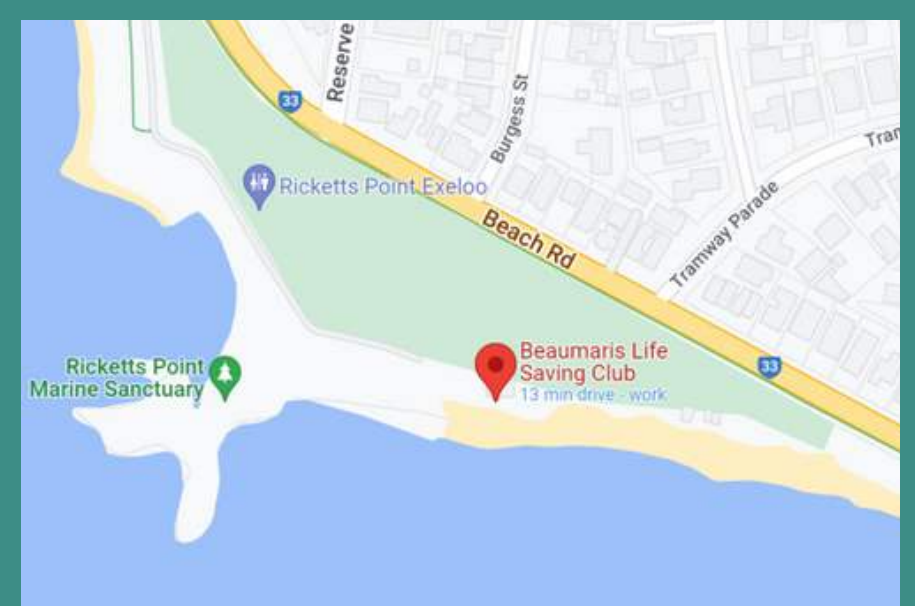
Anne-Maree McInerney

Anne-Maree is Gould League's General Manager. She is a highly regarded international sustainability thought leader, educator and advisor. Anne-Maree uses powerful and meaningful stories of transformation to inspire change. She creatively shows us that sustainability is not just an aspiration, it's a practical reality that is sweeping our businesses, communities and governance systems - providing significant financial, environmental and social returns.

FREE EVENT - INCLUDES MORNING TEA & LUNCH

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