



MARINE PRIMARY TEACHER PD

9:30AM – 3.30PM

BEAUMARIS LIFESAVING CLUB

TUESDAY APRIL 1ST, 2025

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



The ocean spans 361 million square kilometres, covering over 70% of Earth and providing crucial ecosystem services such as food supply, climate regulation, and habitat protection. This professional development program for primary teachers aims to offer hands-on discovery and fieldwork experiences for all educational levels, emphasising the area's biodiversity, natural history and how we are all reliant on it's health for our own health and wellbeing.

Join us for an immersive day by Port Phillip Bay. Participants will explore intertidal rockpools, coastal heath, and sandy shores while learning about local bird species, the cultural significance to the Bunurong, and how communities are working to preserve this unique place for future generations.

9:30 AM

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 the Disconnect from Nature

An Introduction to Gould League's Outdoor Program. This program aims to strengthen students' connection to their natural surroundings. Additionally, it aligns with curriculum standards to ensure comprehensive learning.

10:15 AM

Enhancing Ocean Literacy in the Classroom

Sheree Marris will introduce the new Ocean Literacy Portal and its significance in fostering awareness of environmental challenges like marine pollution and climate change and how this can be integrated into classroom learning.

11:00AM

Morning Tea

11:15AM

Introduction of Gould League Marine programs, what is involved and how they fit into the curriculum.

11:30AM

Outdoor exploration of Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary and introduction to our programs for Foundation to Grade 6. Discover first hand what makes an excursion to Ricketts Point so memorable for teachers, parents and students alike! Experience: Rockpools, Sandy Shore Discovery, Play Based Activities, and introduction to data collection for primary Geography and Science curriculum.

1:00PM

Lunch and time to swim with whales

1:30PM

How you can be proactive and participate in Citizen Science. Richard Pensak, the Northern 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.

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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.

1:45PM

Group discussion

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

2:30PM

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 increases students ocean literacy in alignment with the school curriculum.

2:45PM

3:15PM

Discussion and questions

3:30PM

End of program.

Special Guests



Sheree Marris

Sheree, a marine biologist with a passion for the ocean, dreams of having gills, a sperm whale's breath-holding ability, and a sparkly mermaid tail. She scuba dives in her free time and works on projects that connect marine science with the public. Sheree serves on the board of Unico Conservation Foundation, is a former Young Australian of the Year, a documentary maker, and is an award-winning author of several books.



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 Sea star Coordinator with Earthcare St Kilda. Did you know removing 1 sea star, can prevent 20 million larvae from impacting local ecosystems?!

Gould League Speakers



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.



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.



Hakan Dellal

Hakan has been a Gould League Educator since 2012, with prior experience in corporate social responsibility and as a founding member of Marine Care Ricketts Point Inc. He is dedicated to public and school education, holding qualifications in conservation and land management, along with postgraduate studies in marine science and management. Hakan focuses on enhancing Gould League's programs and enjoys finding innovative ways to engage people with the environment, fostering curiosity and connection to nature in both children and adults.

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This learning program is best suited to educators of primary school students, school co-ordinators of incursions/ excursions, or leadership programs.

All attendees must be dressed suited for local weather conditions. We recommend comfortable walking shoes, water bottles, sunhats and sunscreen plus jackets as it can get quite windy and chilly on the rock platform.

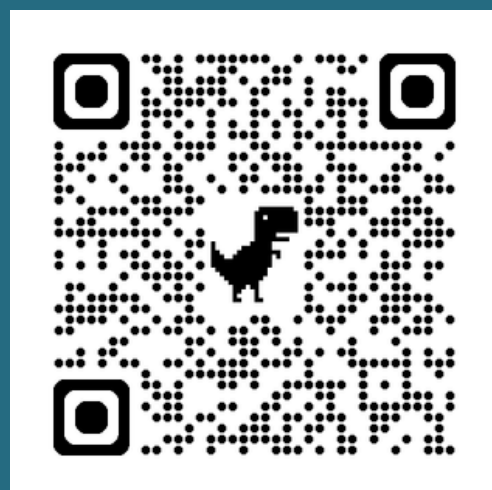
Attendees must advise any dietary requirements when booking. Unfortunately the outdoor space is not fully accessible. Please advise when booking if you have any physical limitations that may affect you accessing soft sand or uneven rocky surfaces.



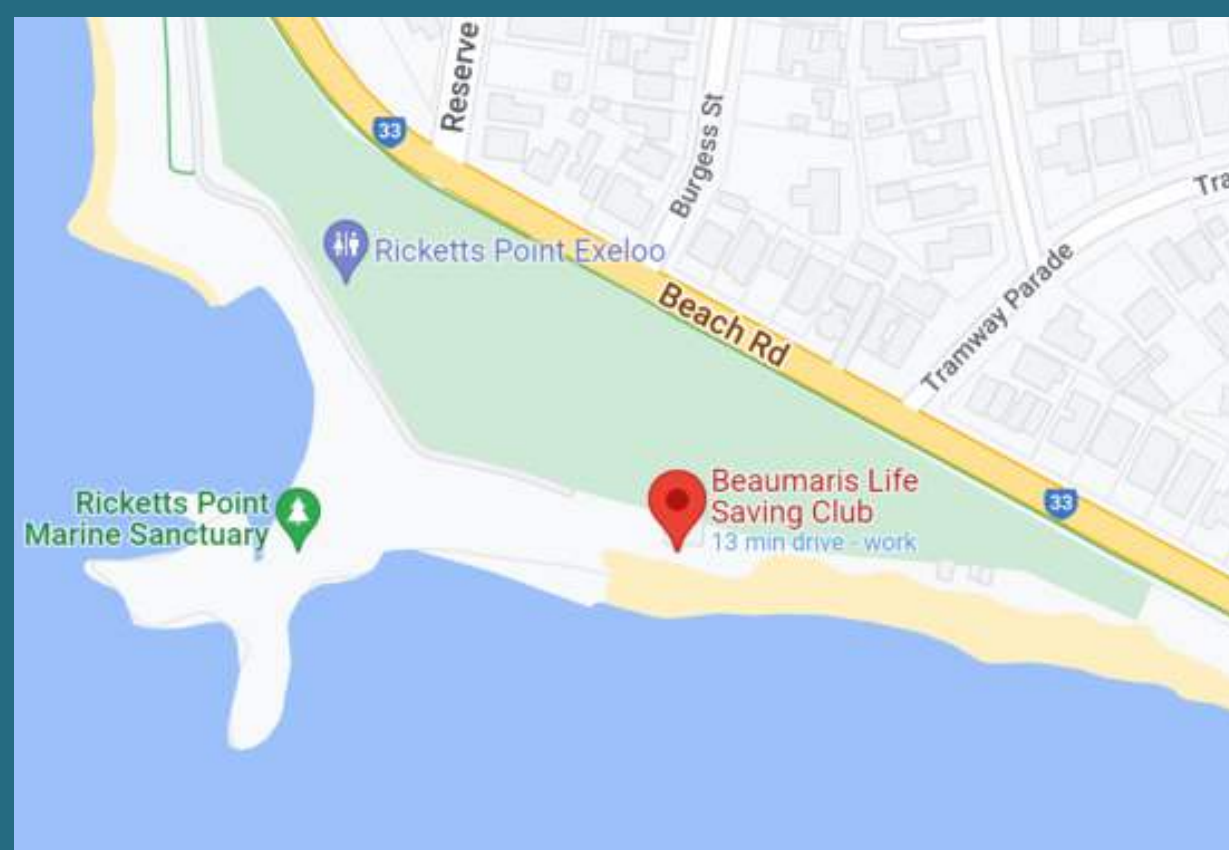
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MORNING TEA & LUNCH**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
DUE TO LIMITED PLACES**

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Discover why teachers come to our PD days...

"10 out of 10! The PD was informative, inspiring, motivating, engaging and full of new thinking paradigms. Thank you!"

Kate - Rowville Primary School

"10 out of 10. The walk gave us a chance to connect to our environment and presentations gave me knowledge I had never even considered before. I highly recommend others attend Gould League PD days."

Samatha - Heany Park Primary School

"10 out of 10. So much information! Appropriate for those who know lots or little. Presented in an interesting and easily digested form. Hands-on, fascinating. This PD opened my eyes and mind to a whole range of themes/issues around the environment and ocean."

Jane - CRT

"10 out of 10. This is the reality of education - hands on, practical and significant."

Andrew - Science Teacher, Black Rock Primary School

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