

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: ___ / ___ / ___

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

INDIVIDUAL—First year \$ 10.00
 .—Subsequent years \$ 5.00

FAMILY —First year \$ 25.00
 .—Subsequent years \$ 12.50

LOCAL BUSINESS/
COMMUNITY GROUP \$ 50.00

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP \$ 150.00

MEMBERSHIP IS DUE ANNUALLY ON MAY 1st

SIGNED: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOUR INTERESTS ARE:

- ASSIST AT WORKING BEES
- ASSIST WITH FESTIVAL ORGANISATION
- TAKE PART IN REGULAR DIVES AND WALKS TO MONITOR AND RECORD MARINE LIFE
- I APPROVE OF THE WORK BEING CONDUCTED, BUT I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO OFFER PRATICAL HELP

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO MAIL/EMAIL YOU AND REMIND YOU OF WORKING BEES OR SPECIAL EVENTS?

YES / NO

Friends of the Bluff are committed to developing programs to care for the Bluff and the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary, while encouraging others to recognise and appreciate this unique landmark.



HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

Anyone can join Friends Of The Bluff.

- Working-bees are conducted on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 am—from March to November. This is a great way to get up close and personal with the Bluff. Meet in Bluff carpark.
- Become a financial member and help us to carry out this important work.
- Festival of the Sea is held in March during "Sea Week". Planning for the environment events takes place throughout the year. The perfect opportunity for you to be a part of and have input to a major community event.
- Be part of a 'rock-pool ramble', learn the geology of the Bluff, identify the plants and be in awe of the bird life.

For further information about Friends of the Bluff Inc.,
visit our website: www.barwonbluff.com.au

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Membership Secretary
FRIENDS OF THE BLUFF
c/- Barwon Heads Post Office
BARWON HEADS
VIC 3227



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BARWON HEADS

THE BARWON BLUFF

The imposing limestone cliffs of the Bluff are a spectacular symbol of the beauty and diversity of our marine and coastal environment.

The Bluff is a local icon, a popular tourist destination and a profound Aboriginal place. It is of geological significance and an area of scientific and educational importance.

The Bluff rises above Bass Strait forming the western headland of the Barwon Estuary and is host to an elaborate system of coastal habitats.

The Bluff has more than 80 indigenous species of grasses; herbs, twiners, ground covers, shrubs and spectacular coastal wildflowers including many that are considered locally rare and threatened.

The rugged cliff face is home to kites, kestrels and falcons and a host of hardy plants growing in sand traps.

Honeyeater, wrens, robins and fantails are busy amid the scrub and echidna wander the Bluff.

The dunes to the west have a unique natural flora and are home to the rare Hooded Plover.

The dynamic tidal estuary is a stunning ecosystem that is a regular stopover for dozens of species of resident and migratory shore birds.

The rockpool shelves of the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary are teeming with a myriad of marine flora and fauna and are the most complex of ecosystems.

These habitats are all linked and share a number of pressures that threaten the integrity of the environment.

BARWON BLUFF MARINE SANCTUARY

Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary is part of a system of 13 Marine National Parks and 11 smaller Marine Sanctuaries created by the Victorian Government to ensure that representative samples of Victoria's diverse, distinctive and amazing marine environment are conserved for future generations.

The Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries system will generate considerable benefits for marine plants and animals providing places where they can live undisturbed.

Friends of the Bluff undertake regular dives and walks to monitor our local marine environment and develop activities that raise the awareness of our diverse and remarkable coastal environment.

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

The Friends Of The Bluff (F.O.B.) are a group of volunteers formed in 1994. The members have a common interest caring for the welfare of the complete ecosystem of the Barwon Heads Bluff.

The main aims of the group are -

- To care for and maintain the remnant natural habitat of the Bluff.
- To rehabilitate the flora and fauna indigenous to the Bluff.
- To encourage community appreciation of the natural environment of the Bluff.

The group works in association with the management and staff of the Barwon Coast Committee, Coast Action and Parks Victoria. It maintains regular contact with major environmental organisations and other regional coast community groups.

To achieve our aims, members are actively involved in partnering sustainable management strategies, implementing weed eradication programs, propagating and planting indigenous species, observing bird and animal life, and conducting interpretation and education sessions.

To date F.O.B have -

- Conducted regular working-bees that have removed truckloads of exotic weeds from the Bluff enabling amazing regeneration of our coastal flora.
- Implemented a landscape management strategy that has seen the installation of a safe walking trail, boardwalks, viewing platforms, safety fencing and interpretive signage.
- Actively campaigned to establish the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary.
- Co-ordinated the successful environment program of the annual **Festival Of The Sea**. This major event celebrates our connections with the sea and includes seminars, forums, school activities, a sustainable living expo, an enviro-group expo as well as dozens of interactive activities.
- Conceived, developed and produced the award winning CD-Rom/ website "Living on the Edge" dedicated to celebrating the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary, plus a companion booklet "Life on the Edge—A Guide to the Animals and Plants of the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary".
- Produced a walking guide to the "Plants that Clothe the Bluff".
- Created a set of stunning postcards depicting some of the unique plants and animals of the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary.
- Actively supported the development of the Barwon Estuary Interpretation Centre - the 'Lobsterpot' - a community centre promoting environmental, cultural and social heritage of Barwon Heads.
- Conducted countless guided activities with school and community groups, and visitors to the area.



Saving the flora and fauna of the Bluff



Working bees help regenerate the Bluff



Protecting our unique coastal environment