



DECEMBER 2025

**Friends of
The Bluff**
Caring for the unique Barwon Bluff since 1994

What's on

December 13, 12.30 – 2.30pm

GREAT VICTORIAN FISH COUNT 2025 **@Barwon Coast Marine Sanctuary**

The fish are lining up for their annual census in the Great Victorian Fish Count, now in its 23rd year.

Join us for an organised snorkel survey using pictorial ID slates to record the fish species observed within the sanctuary.

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December 29 to January 26

FRIENDS OF THE BLUFF **SUMMER PROGRAM**

@Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary

Friends of the Bluff will be running a series of 'Discover the Bluff' and 'Rockpool Ramble' guided walks throughout January.

We'll be looking for volunteers to help with marshalling and pointing visitors in the right direction on each of these.

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SUMMER BY THE SEA

In addition to our own events, Barwon Catchment Network and Barwon Coast have brought together a calendar of other events being hosted by other groups in our network.

There is no end to the number of activities you can get involved with!

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EVENT REPORT

Community in action

At our last Conservation Conversation for the year, we welcomed Luke Hynes from the Jan Juc Coast Action Group. Luke spoke to us about the history of the coastal grasslands above Jan Juc beach and efforts over many years to restore them to something closer to what they were before European settlement.

Luke's story was as much about the power of community-based action as it was about the technicalities of the restoration efforts. The Coast Action Group is a great example of drawing enthusiastic local people into a conservation effort.

www.facebook.com/JanJucCoastAction



Friends of the Bluff Summer Program

FREE Guided walks and activities

Discover the Bluff

Meet at the top
of the bluff steps

Wednesdays @ 10 am
Dec 31st to Jan 23rd

Guided walk to Learn
about local geology,
flora, and shipwrecks



Rockpool Rambles

Meet at the
base of the bluff
steps, river side

- Mon Dec 29th 12.00 pm
- Mon 5th Jan 7.00 pm
- Wed 14th Jan 1.30 pm
- Tues 20th Jan 6.30 pm
- Mon 26th Jan 10.30 am



Check out the
website for
more details

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INTERESTED IN SNORKELLING THIS SUMMER?

Scan this QR code to join the FOTB snorkelling
group on WhatsApp



Rabbit Sweep is a community-led Bellarine Landcare Group project, aiming to increase land managers' capability and capacity to control rabbits. It is running through to December 2027.

To get further info and to register your interest to participate in the project, go to www.Rabbit-Sweep.org



MOVIE SCREENING – DEC 10, 7.30pm

Friends of the Barwon are hosting an online screening of 'Saving Spring Creek Valley', a film about the power of community protecting nature and planning for the future, followed by a Q&A. [Register here.](#)

GREAT VICTORIAN FISH COUNT @Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary

Join us for an organised snorkel survey using pictorial ID slates to record the fish species observed within the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary.

December 13th at 12.30 pm

Please register here by Wednesday, 10 December to join this event: is.gd/IImrVA

The activity will be led by qualified and experienced snorkel leaders, with shore observers and first aid equipment on site. In the event of poor weather this event will be rescheduled to early next year.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES – HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for a plethora of summer activities over January.

Apart from Friends of the Bluff events (see left), Barwon Catchment Network will host Coastal Discover Stalls in [Barwon Heads](#), [Ocean Grove](#) and [Breamlea](#) on January 6, January 8 and January 11 respectively. Contact Brooke at brooke@bcn.org.au if you're keen to help.

The Lobster Pot (Barwon Coast Discovery Centre) will be open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, 1–4pm, throughout January.

A full list of what's on (and where you can help out) is available on the [Barwon Coast website via this link.](#)

THANKS TO BARWON HEADS HOTEL

Barwon Heads Hotel generously donated \$1308, the proceeds of their September raffle, to Friends of the Bluff.

We will use the funds to assist with our various educational activities, including Summer by the Sea in January and our monthly conservation conversations, all of which we provide free of charge to the public.