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Friends of The Bluff

Caring for the unique Barwon Bluff since 1994

SPRING IS HERE!!!

IT'S TIME TO GET OUTSIDE...!

So we've officially left winter behind, and it's time to turn our attention back to the open air and water. And there's plenty happening this month to help you do that.

RAPID HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Our routine Rapid Health Assessments (RHA) in the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary are an excellent opportunity to get involved with some citizen science while also learning about all the amazing life that can be found in the inter-tidal zone of Barwon Bluff.

We have two RHAs of shores in the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary:

- Wednesday, Sept. 16 (9 am–10.30am), meet at lower carpark.
- Sunday, Sept. 27 (Sunday, 4.30 pm–6 pm), meet at upper carpark.

All are welcome, and no experience is required. Training will be provided on the day. Wear sturdy, non-slip shoes or booties.

Wednesday 16th coincides with the spring sea slug census (Sept 11–20 right along the Victorian coast), so we will spend a little time searching for sea slugs after the initial assessment.

Each session will take about 1.5 hours, and you're welcome to attend either or both. Please contact Chris if you're interested: reimaginebluff2022@gmail.com

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What's on

September 23, 7 for 7.30 pm

LAND, SEA, SKY

@ Lobster Pot (Discovery Centre)

Join us during the festival for a free 'slide' night featuring three short presentations by passionate people on aspect of the land, the sea and the sky in the vicinity of Barwon Bluff. 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

September 16 and 27

RAPID HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

You're invited to take part in our post-winter rapid health assessments of shores in the Barwon Bluff Marine Reserve on September 16 and 27.

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September 21 to 25

BARWON HEADS NATURE FESTIVAL

Lots of free activities for all ages over the first week of the school holidays.

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BARWON HEADS NATURE FESTIVAL 2026

We've got a fantastic program of activities for all ages lined up during this year's Barwon Heads Nature Festival in the September school holidays, from **September 21 to 25**.

This will be another week of inspiring events to help you discover and celebrate our amazing coastal and marine environments. And nearly everything is free.

Highlights include:

- a guided walk exploring the geology, plants and shipwrecks of the Bluff
- a walk on country with Wadawurrung traditional owners
- a free guided canoe tour of the Barwon estuary exploring the mangroves, salt marsh and more.
- free guided walks along the Sheepwash discovering the importance of mud, mangroves, moonahs and more, or searching for orchids in Moonah Park
- hear from passionate people at the Land, Sea, Sky slide night on Wednesday, September 23 at the Lobster Pot (from 7 pm)
- take part in some family friendly marine science
- give back at the Clean-up Australia Great Spring Clean Up
- enjoy the TURNING the TIDE short film festival

Most events will be free and family friendly with some bookings necessary. **The full program is available now on the Friends of the Bluff website, or you click here to download your own copy.**

Around and willing to help?

We need volunteers to help spread the word about the festival, and during the week itself. If you have any time available, we'd love your help. If you're interested, contact Jon Duthie at duthiejonb@gmail.com.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – OCT 21

Due to a clash of dates we've postponed our AGM and it will now take place on October 21 at the Lobster Pot from 6.45pm. There'll be a guest speaker and supper, and we'd love to see everyone there.

Some current committee members won't be seeking re-election, so please email Chris if you are interested in nominating for the committee. Reimaginebluff2022@gmail.com

You can help in the fight against bird flu by raising the alarm

Agriculture Victoria asks Victorians to be on the look out for dead or sick birds.

- Please DO NOT HANDLE or move sick or dead birds, as this may spread the virus.
- REPORT wildlife sickness or deaths to DEECA using the online form or call the Emergency Animal Disease hotline on 1800 675 888.

For more information, visit this Australian Government webpage.



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FROM THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG:

DRAFT URBAN FOREST STRATEGY

Trees and plants are no longer just a nice to have - they're essential urban infrastructure making our city a great place to live as they keep us cool in the summer heat, improves stormwater flows, and support our health and wellbeing every day.

Join us in shaping a greener, cooler Geelong - one street, park and community at a time by sharing your feedback here: yoursay.geelongaustralia.com.au/UFSHC