

# Media Release

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## GETTING OUT AND MAKING THE MOST OF A SUMMER BY THE SEA

The Andrews Labor Government is urging Victorians to get out and take advantage of free activities across the state as part of Summer by the Sea.

More than 300 free, fun and educational activities for people of all ages and abilities are on offer until January 28.

Now in its 22nd year, Summer by the Sea encourages Victorians to learn more about the coastal and marine environments around them and ensure their protection for generations to come.

Events include:

- Learning more about the colourful and strange looking creatures lurking in rockpools
- Unlocking the mystery of dinosaurs that lived around Inverloch
- Hearing about the Burrunan dolphins that call the Gippsland Lakes home
- Exploring Wilsons Promontory with a ranger
- Discovering coastal waters from a new perspective.

The program aims to help people develop an appreciation and understanding of Victoria's coastline while showcasing different features of the environment.

An extra 30 events have been added since bookings opened in mid-December.

The program is run by Coastcare Victoria and supported by land managers, volunteers, community groups and conservation agencies across the state.

People with a special need who wish to participate in Summer by the Sea can contact Coastcare Victoria to discuss their requirements to take part.

To learn more go to [summerbythesea.vic.gov.au](http://summerbythesea.vic.gov.au)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

*"Summer by the Sea is about giving Victorians a chance to explore some of the world's best coastlines and learn more about what makes them so unique."*

*"This free program is packed with fun and educational activities – like snorkelling, beachcombing, canoeing and fishing – and I encourage everyone who visits Victoria's coastline to take part."*