

Summer By The Sea 2025, delivered by Coastcare Victoria, on behalf of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

This document is an Event Access Key. It outlines details about the upcoming event, accessibility details and other safety considerations. The Coastcare Victoria team has endeavoured to provide a comprehensive document, however please let us know via the email below if we have left out critical accessibility information.

If you require further support to be able to attend this event, email Coastcare.victoria@deeca.vic.gov.au

Coastcare Victoria acknowledges and respects Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it. We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices. DEECA is committed to genuinely partnering with Victorian Traditional Owners and Victoria's Aboriginal community to progress their aspirations.

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Event overview

This is a Rockpool ramble & educational beach walk provided by Bellarine Catchment Network on the 12th January 2025 commencing at 1pm.

Everyone will meet at Eastern Beach Playground, below Hearne Parade, East Geelong. Participants meet at the BCN marquee/stall. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oc7LxSMumMSytYDE8>

This event will be delivered in English. The person running your event is Naomi Wells and their contact details are 0411161705.

The rough agenda for each activity is:

1. Participants sign in, put on boots provided, sunscreen and insect repellent, and a 'no photos' lanyard if required.
 2. Introduction to the activity, safety, emergency info, expected behaviours.
 3. Walking and talking (either looking on rockpools or at plants/animals)
 4. Information about local plant/animal life (inc. a sitting break)
 5. Wrap up, thank you, brochures.
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Learn more about the Country on which you will be engaging, enjoying and learning

The Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) are the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) with native title rights of this area.

Wadawurrung Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation have produced their Country Plan:

Paleert Tjaara Dja: Let's make Country good together 2020-2030. This document outlines Wadawurrung vision for Caring for Country, Wadawurrung Values, threats to Wadawurrung Values, current programs and strategies in place, office locations and contributors.

If you would like to view the plan before attending the event, please follow any of the below links:

The Healthy Country Plan can be viewed in its entirety by clicking [here](#).

A summary version is also available [here](#).

There is also [Healthy Country Plan video](#), which is highly informative and recommended viewing.

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Getting there

There are multiple locations for parking along the Eastern beach area
Public transport will take you to the centre of the city where you will have to walk to the location.

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Arriving at the location

Drive along Eastern Beach Road until you see the parking lot

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Inside the location

There are accessible ramps that lead to the beach

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Facilities

The location has Toilet that accessible to all genders and individuals in wheelchairs. Drinking water will be available at the location, however, there will be no food provided.

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Quiet time

There will be breaks within the agenda

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Safety information

All events for Summer By The Sea have appropriate safety planning documentation completed. All staff running events will have Working With Children Checks, and it will be ensured that the ratio of leaders:children at events will be followed.

However, if you have any safety concerns at any point during the event, please alert your event leader or call 000 if there is an emergency.



Summer By The Sea statement

Summer By The Sea is designed to be an inclusive space for everyone in the community to come together to enjoy Victoria's beautiful coastal and marine environments. Coastcare Victoria acknowledges not every event can always be completely accessible, however the Coastcare Victoria team strives to do everything it can to provide a fun, friendly and welcoming time for all.

DEECA has developed an 'Access and Inclusion Plan 2021-2024', which outlines DEECA's commitment to supportive, accessible and inclusive spaces for its staff and the wider community. DEECA's vision for diversity, inclusion and belonging is a [culture] that embraces individual differences in all forms and fosters innovation. DEECA lives its diversity and inclusion values when people are connected, embracing different viewpoints, have equal opportunity, feel they belong and know their unique contribution is valued and leverage the experience and ideas of others. To learn more about the 'Access and Inclusion Plan 2021-2024', please follow this link:

<https://www.deeca.vic.gov.au/our-department/diversity-and-inclusion>