

AMBASSADORS STARTING 2022 WITH A SPLASH!

Bayside, Melbourne and Mornington ISIC Ambassadors loved meeting each other for their workshops aboard Moonraker Dolphin Swims to learn first-hand about why our local marine environments are special, how much fun it can be to interact with dolphins, stingrays and seals, and the actions that help ensure for a positive future for our marine friends!

For all of our Ambassadors, swimming with the gorgeous Bottlenose dolphins was a fabulous experience! We snorkelled some beautiful locations including Popes Eye Marine Park, which is an unfinished fort, and also Victoria's first marine reserve established in 1979! Ambassadors were amazed at the size and abundance of the resident fish, and they now have a deeper understanding of the benefits of long-term marine protection. Ambassadors also enjoyed a snorkel at Portsea with the beautiful Weedy seadragons and another highlight was a swim with the playful seals at Chinaman's Hat, which a shipping marker and one of four haul-outs for our local Australian Fur seals!

We are always so proud and inspired to witness Ambassadors supporting each other to embrace new challenges, and make connections between their experience and real-world environmental issues. The excited chatter reminded us that these experiences can be absolutely life-changing! Thanks as always to the wonderful Torie and her excellent crew from the Moonraker, and to the teachers, parents and carers without you these amazing experiences would not be possible!



CLIMATE CHANGE 2022 *Climate Change is the single biggest threat facing all humanity, bushfires, flooding droughts, extreme weather, record temperatures and melting ice. These are all examples of the impacts of Climate Change. It is no longer in our future but our present.*

AMBASSADOR FEATURE

These two beautiful drawings of Victoria's marine fauna emblem the Weedy Seadragon were donated by the wonderful Lola, a 2021 Ambassador and they will be used in a future fund-raiser! So keep your eyes on our website to learn how you can bid for one of these amazing drawings and help DRI raise much needed funding for our education and research projects. Thank you so much Lola you are an inspiration!



UPDATE FROM THE DRI RESEARCH TEAM

A Humpback whale was sighted breaching off Sorrento Bay beach in March! DRI researchers note this doesn't necessarily mark the beginning of the migration which normally begins in May. Join our Citizen Science project by reporting sightings to the Facebook page 'Two Bays Whale Project'



2022 ISIC MARINE AMBASSADORS FOR THE GREAT SOUTHERN REEF

We are so excited to announce a change in 2022 for our ISIC Logo to the ISIC Marine Ambassadors for the Great Southern Reef! The GSR extends from NSW, south and across to Kalbarri in WA, and many species, like the beautiful Weedy seadragon are not found anywhere else on Earth! Follow this link to hear Mandy explain why it is so important that we represent the GSR: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yy01ffqgaYo>

