

Parks Victoria Research Partners Panel Project Summary Report

A key to marine fauna and flora in Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary

Background

The popularity of the urban Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary has resulted in increased disturbance pressure on the marine flora and fauna due to visitation. A better understanding and appreciation of the marine life that lives in the sanctuary would help educate interest groups and increase the quality of their observation and citizen science monitoring activities.

Aims

- To produce a photographic guide to marine life at Ricketts Point for use by interest groups, naturalists and students.

Results

- A guide book “The Urban Sanctuary: algae and Marine Invertebrates of Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary” was produced and launched at the 10 year anniversary of marine national parks and marine sanctuaries celebrations. This book is currently in use by Marine Care Ricketts Point in multiple activities including those associated with the marine education centre located at Ricketts Point. The guide is a relevant reference for Port Phillip Bay and is also used by Parks Victoria staff and the marine sanctuary Friends groups at Jawbone and Point Cooke.

Implications

- This guide will enable interest groups, students and naturalists to identify the marine flora and fauna found within the 3 marine sanctuaries in northern Port Phillip Bay. This is a valuable resource that can be used in education and citizen science programs.

Relevant parks and ecosystems

Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary
Jawbone Marine Sanctuary
Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary

More information

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Publications and presentations

Reeves, J. and Buckeridge, J. 2012. The Urban Sanctuary: Algae and Marine Invertebrates of Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary. Marine Care Ricketts Point.



Left: marine flora at Ricketts Point. Right: volunteers monitoring. Photo credit – R.Koss, Parks Victoria