## Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology Technology Portarlington Enviro Day

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February, over 100 international students arrived by Port Phillip Ferries, taking the trip across the bay to enjoy a day on the Bellarine. The students were from diverse cultural backgrounds, all studying English as a second language. These mature-aged students were immersed in the environmental lessons that Portarlington had to offer, with BCN conducting two activities. A beach discovery and interpretation session, which included sighting of stingrays, moon snails, crabs, sea slugs and lots of other invertebrates that call the beach their home. The students also had the opportunity to propagate their very own sea-berry salt bush. These plants will be used in dune restoration in the region, once established and come planting time. A dune flora ID guided tour followed showcasing the importance of dune establishment and the roles the plants play in protecting and enhancing the foreshore.



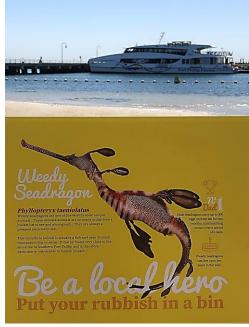


Left to Right: Hero species on the beach to welcome the RGIT students from their trip across the bay on Port Phillip Ferries. Plant propagation students.

Groups and Organisations	Activities	Figures
<ul> <li>Bellarine Catchment</li> <li>Network</li> <li>Royal Gurkhas Institute</li> <li>of Technology</li> <li>Port Phillip Ferries</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beach comb &amp; interpretation</li> <li>Plant propagation</li> <li>Dune flora ID</li> </ul>	<ul><li>100+ Students</li><li>8 Teachers</li><li>2 BCN Staff</li><li>2 Activities conducted</li></ul>

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Clockwise: Beach Discovery, Port Phillip Ferries and Weedy Seadragon Hero, Plant Propagation, CFOB Hero species on the Portarlington foreshore.















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