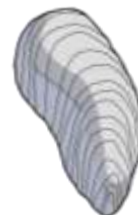


BELLARINE CATCHMENT NETWORK

Annual Report 2018-2019



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Acknowledgement of Country

Bellarine Catchment Network (BCN) acknowledges the Ancestors, Elders and families of the Wadawurrung in our region.

We acknowledge that the land on which our project and programs are held is the place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

It is important that staff, network representatives and participants understand and respect the significance of recognising the traditional owners of this area.

Executive Committee

President: Graeme O'Leary

Vice President: Jane Morrow

Secretary: Margot Busch

Treasurer: Michael Skinner

General Committee Member:
Peter Smith and Heidi Snow





Bellarine Catchment Network

The Bellarine Catchment Network (BCN) comprises representatives from key catchment and coastal organisations and is managed by a volunteer committee. The network includes environment groups, organisations, 'Friends Of' groups, land managers, Coastcare and Landcare.

- Barwon Coast Committee of Management
- Barwon Estuary Project
- Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management
- Bellarine Landcare Group
- Bellarine Peninsula Orange-bellied Parrot-Regional Group
- Borough of Queenscliffe
- City of Greater Geelong
- Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare
- Coastcare Victoria
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Corangamite Catchment Management-Authority
- Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association

- Friends of Begola Wetlands
- Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail
- Friends of Buckley Park
- Friends of Edwards Point
- Friends of Hooded Plover Bellarine
- Friends of Ocean Grove Nature Reserve
- Friends of Point Richards
- Friends of Yellow Gums
- Geelong Environment Council
- Geelong Field Naturalists Club
- Geelong Sustainability Group
- Greening Australia
- Ocean Grove Coastcare
- Parks Victoria
- Swan Bay Environment Association



Staff and committee of Bellarine Catchment Network. From left to right: Angie (CFOB Coordinator), Jane (Vice President), Lachlan (Biodiversity), Naomi (Communications), Craig Reucassel (ABC), Graeme (President), Matt (Manager), Sophie (Landcare), Michael (Treasurer)
Absent: Margot Busch (Secretary).

President's Report

Graeme O'Leary



Bellarine Catchment Network was established in 1997 as a grass-roots, community-driven project to protect Swan Bay, a marine Ramsar wetland. Since that time, BCN has successfully expanded to include all of the Bellarine Peninsula and with each passing year, has increased its relevance and reputation as an integrated, practical and successful model, effectively engaged in protecting and managing the local environment. Our projects include diverse terrestrial and marine initiatives, ranging from promoting and implementing indigenous ecosystems, biodiversity, educational projects, effective waste reduction solutions, and the innovative and successful Caring For Our Bays program.

Over this year the BCN team has continued to be actively engaged and connected with our partners and our community. We are currently engaged in over 30 projects, many in conjunction with state government, local land managers, state authorities and community groups.

Matt and his team's professionalism, knowledge, skills and dedication has enhanced BCN's reputation across the Bellarine. We have expanded our school's programs, continuing to educate future generations on the importance of caring for and maintaining our local environment. We are developing new relationships with Deakin and La Trobe Universities, Port Phillip Ferries, as well continuing to work closely with our partners, the Geelong Cemeteries Trust, Moremac, Bellarine Bayside, Barwon Coast Committee of Management and partnering with the Bellarine Landcare Group and local landholders in re-vegetation and feral pest control programs.

We very successfully partnered with other environmental groups in working with local event managers at the Queenscliff Music Festival, the Portarlington Mussel Festival and the National Celtic Festival in implementing a new and extremely effective waste management program.

Another highlight of our year was the Caring for Our Bays Conference held at the Novotel in Geelong in early May. The conference highlighted a wide range of inspirational speakers covering waste reduction strategies, citizen science, innovative volunteer projects and government and council action plans.

As a responsible organisation committed to our members and staff, this year we engaged an external consultant to review our procedures and policies to ensure they meet our legal, regulatory, and governance responsibilities. The consultant also reviewed our staff salary and remuneration packages to ensure we were meeting market standards. We also updated our finance system to provide more transparency and flexibility.

As a committed and responsible non for profit organisation answerable to our members, I am very pleased to announce that Matt and his team were successful in obtaining \$398,439 in funding during the financial year 2018 - 2019 and with a fiscally responsible budget, this has allowed us to meet all our project commitments and responsibilities for the year, and allowed us to look forward to expanding our programs and reach in the next financial year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Matt, Angie, Lachie, Naomi, Sophie and our casual support team for their enthusiasm, professionalism, commitment and active community engagement. We are proud to have you representing BCN. I would also like to thank my fellow Executive committee members, Jane (Vice president), Michael (Treasurer), and Margot (Secretary), for their significant and valuable contributions to what has been a very successful year for the Bellarine Catchment Network.

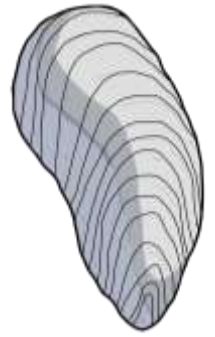
I have no doubt that the next year will prove to be even more successful, that we will grow our relationships with our members and partners, and we will contribute significantly to improving our local environment.

Graeme O'Leary
President of Bellarine Catchment Network



Program Manager Report

Matt Crawley



The BCN staff team continues to grow and evolve. Our funding model is diverse, however the trend towards further partnerships and a decreased dependence on competitive grants continues. This allows for greater confidence in resourcing and planning for annual projects. The other significant outcome from this model is that BCN is now seen as a reliable service provider with the same support, projects and initiatives that can be implemented year on year. Recently we have seen a number of 10 year anniversaries for school environment days and community planting days.

Importantly the policies and procedures that underpin our service delivery have been a focus of this year. Initiatives and outcomes in this area include: an independent review of our Policies and Procedures, an independent review of staff conditions and awards, commencement of overarching Safe Work Method Statements and a staff structure review.

The review of these important areas underpins a professional, safe and reliable support for BCN operations and our partners.

Matt Crawley
Program Manager
Bellarine Catchment Network

Matt Crawley and Jill Warneke of the
Queenscliff Indigenous Nursery



New Initiatives



Every year BCN achieves numerous outcomes and projects on the Bellarine with various community groups, partners and agencies. Not unlike previous years, the activities for this year continued to grow. This year the BCN committee and staff achieved the following new initiatives:

- New staff member appointed for the Caring For Our Bays Coordinator position, filled by Angeline Poole;
- Represented the Caring for Our Bays (CFOB) program at the Rip View Swim Point Lonsdale and 2XU Triathlon Portarlington;
- Facilitated the first Caring For Our Bays Conference;
- Conducted waste initiatives at the National Celtic Festival;
- New partnerships with Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology, Kardinia International College and North Geelong College;
- Secured a defibrillator for BCN groups and community use;
- Established social media pages for BCN and CFOB; and
- Expanded Summer By The Sea programs into North Geelong.

Bellarine representatives at Victorian Marine and Coastal Forum



National Celtic Festival



Projects and Programs



L - R: Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail, 2XU Triathlon, Fellows Rd Revegetation Day, Landcare Weed Control

Bellarine Catchment Network has many ongoing annual projects and programs with our partner organisations and many educational institutions. For individual reports for any program or project, please email info@bcn.org.au.

2XU Triathlon

This year, BCN Program Manager Matt Crawley participated in the 2XU Triathlon on behalf of the CFOB program. BCN provided the event with a tabletop beachcomb for education. Prizes were also supplied by BCN.

40 people
10 guides

Barwon Estuary Project

BCN worked alongside Barwon Estuary Project at the Barwon Heads Primary School Environment Day and supported the project by acting as an auspice for a grant.

60 students
20 guides

Bellarine Environment Centre

Ongoing maintenance, cleaning and IT support for 5 BCN/Bellarine Landcare Group staff. Infrastructure upgrades to shed and workshop facilities occurred.

8 hours of
cleaning

Bellarine Rail Trail - Fellows Rd Revegetation Day

This year (2019) marked the 11th year that this revegetation day has run in conjunction with Swan Bay Environment Association, the Borough of Queenscliffe and GJ Garner Homes. The Queenscliff Nursery once again provided plants and a location for a celebratory BBQ following the event.

20 people
300 plants

Bellarine Rail Trail/VicTrack program

There has been ongoing rabbit control planning using a Correction Crews Team. High biodiversity zones are being controlled for Wild Watsonia and two school planting days have occurred in Queenscliff.

Fortnightly
visits

Projects and Programs



L - R: Star of the Sea Primary School, Bellarine Secondary College students, CFOB litter audit volunteers

Bellarine Secondary College - Environment Day

This year, 20 students from BSC participated in a 'Polygala Pull' day at the Narrows in Queenscliff. They also learnt about the importance of Coastal Moonah Woodland.

20 students

Caring For Our Bays

The Caring For Our Bays (CFOB) program continued to gather strength this year. The first ever CFOB conference was held in early May with exceptional attendance. New partnerships were formed with festivals and events resulting in a diversion of more than 10 tonnes of waste away from landfill. The new Business prospectus was printed and business partnerships were formed. New litter hotspots were also added to the litter audit citizen science program with more partners becoming involved.

40,000 litter
20 volunteers
4 festivals

Christian College

Forty students participated in this year's Environment Day. Students participated in a beachcomb at the Narrows beach and learnt about the importance of Coastal Moonah Woodlands.

40 students

Clifton Springs and Curlewis Coastcare - Group Development

More development into the future of this group has been in progress including a meeting planned in mid 2019 to facilitate the incorporation of the group.

2 hours

Clifton Springs Foreshore Management

Revegetation and weed control works continued at this site. Woody weeds including Boxthorn and Broom were controlled. Activities and dates for a community and education environment day was planned.

NA

Projects and Programs



L - R: Clean Up Australia Day, Diversitat at Summer By The Sea, DCSCA glass mural launch

Clean Up Australia Day

This year, the Caring For Our Bays program facilitated a Clean Up Australia Day event at the Geelong waterfront alongside 26 other organisations. Over 5000 items of litter were collected by volunteers.

26 people
5000 litter
items

Coastcare Grant – Summer By The Sea and Nippers

This year we collaborated with Bellarine Bayside, City of Greater Geelong, Ocean Grove Coastcare and Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club. A total of 210 participants attended the 9 Summer By The Sea activities and engaged in beachcombs, educational games, fossil fossicks and craft activities.

9 activities
210 people

Destination Conservation

A new partnership was formed with Bellarine Bayside, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Port Phillip Ferries to help battle litter. Participants collected litter and added this to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMDI) database.

1 activity
5 people

Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association – Glass Mural

This year, BCN were lucky enough to be invited to create a mural as part of the Festival of Glass. BCN staff, committee and community volunteers created a mural with the theme of 'Biodiversity' on the Bellarine and attended the mural launch in Drysdale.

3 staff
5 hours

Festival of the Sea

This year we supported the Festival of the Sea in Barwon Heads through the provision of resources, materials and reusable items. The festival was attended by more than 2000 people and celebrates our connection to the sea.

400 cups
2000 people

Projects and Programs



L - R: Gardens For Wildlife workshop, Eastern Beach Surf Life Saving Victoria

Friends of Yellow Gums Ocean Grove

Continued to support this new group. Gardens For Wildlife activities were conducted here as it is a priority area. Group is in hiatus due to delays in Yellow Gum Reserve transferring to public land management.

16 hours

Gardens For Wildlife

The Ocean Grove Gardens For Wildlife pilot program was executed with successes in partnership with Ocean Grove Coastcare. In total, 54 residential visits were conducted with 2700 plant vouchers given to these residents. The Point Lonsdale program continued with ongoing success.

54 people
500 materials
2700 plants

Geelong Cemeteries Trust – Leopold and Point Lonsdale

We once again collaborated with the Geelong Cemeteries Trust at both Leopold and Point Lonsdale cemeteries. Works included revegetation, weed removal and community planting days where over a small group of people attended despite unfavourable weather conditions.

10
volunteers

Gordon TAFE

Two students from the Conservation and Land Management students worked with the BCN team for an entire week. These two students assisted with chemical application, citizen science and assisted with environment days.

2 students
60 hours

Governor's Place

Planning for phase for stage 2 of the Governor's Place Restoration Project went ahead. A successful grant was provided by the City of Greater Geelong and collaborations with Ocean Grove Coastcare and Barwon Coast.

4 groups

Projects and Programs



L - R: Leopold Primary School, Kids Teaching Kids, Mountain to Mouth & Greening the Songline

Kardinia International College - War Against Waste

This year we worked with supported Resource Smart Schools at their War Against Waste event at Kardinia International College. More than 90 students participated in a school bin litter audit.

90 students
5 guides

Kids Teaching Kids

This year, BCN worked with Queenscliff Primary School for the first time on a 'Kids Teaching Kids' project. Over 80 students participated and 50 materials were given to the students.

80 students
50 materials

Leopold Primary School - Environment Day

We joined forces with Leopold Primary School this year at their environment day. Activities included revegetation along the Bellarine Rail Trail, a flora and fauna walk and litter activity.

90 students
300 plants

M2M - Greening the Songline

This year we once again partnered with the Mountain 2 Mouth (M2M) Greening the Songline program, aimed at celebrating the 80km extreme arts and culture trail. BCN planted 400 plants at Big Rock where over 45 people volunteered their time.

45 people
400 plants

Nankervis Parade

This year, works continued at the Borough of Queenscliff site 'Nankervis Parade'. Works included the ongoing removal woody weeds and planting activities.

NA

Projects and Programs



L - R: Narrows Revegetation Day, Norlane Scout Group, North Geelong Secondary College

Narrows Revegetation Day

This was 10th annual revegetation day at the Narrows. A collaboration with Borough of Queenscliffe, Swan Bay Environment Association and Bellarine Catchment Network. Activities included revegetation, plant identification and weeding. Participants received free resources to celebrate the decade of works.

40 people
350 plants

National Celtic Festival

Working closely with the festival, B-Alternative and NCF Green Team volunteers, over 8 tonnes of waste was diverted from landfill. Over 16,000 people were engaged through the implementation of a new waste management strategy focusing on reusables.

8 tonnes
16,000 people
60 volunteers

Norlane Scout Group

This year, we engaged with the Norlane Scout Group in partnership with the CFOB program. At their inaugural clean up, over 70 scouts participated in a litter audit and clean up at their local litter hotspot at Cowies Creek. This scout group is now regularly auditing this as a new CFOB litter hotspot.

70 scouts
50 materials

North Geelong Secondary College - Environment Day

This year we engaged with North Geelong Secondary College for the first time. Eight students participated in activities such as plant propagation, a litter audit and Enviro Craft.

8 students
10 plants
8 guides

Ocean Grove Primary School - Coastcare Environment Day

This year we engaged with Barwon Coast and Ocean Grove Coastcare to deliver 4 activities to Ocean Grove Primary School. These included the Coastcare game, revegetation activities, a beachcomb and a Hooded Plover game.

80 students

Projects and Programs



L - R: Point Lonsdale Primary School, Point Lonsdale Sand Monitoring, Queenscliff Music Festival

PakoFesta

For the second time running, BCN supported Geelong Sustainability Group at the PakoFesta by providing Caring For Our Bay resources, environmental education and walking with their Junk Band Parade.

314
materials

Point Lonsdale Primary School - Environment Day

This Environment Day consisted of a planting activity, a beachcomb and a fauna and flora walk 'n' talk. This day linked the school with the Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park, the foreshore habitat and Coastal Moonah Woodland.

400 plants
50 students
50 materials

Point Lonsdale Sand Monitoring Program

The program started this year in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria and the Borough of Queenscliffe. Over 15 volunteers are trained to conduct sand monitoring at the front beach.

15 volunteers
3 months of
data

Portarlington Primary School - Environment Day

This year, we collaborated with Bellarine Bayside once again at the Portarlington Primary School Day. Students participated in a bag design activity and went searching for the Growling Grass Frog.

48 students
61 materials

The Point - EVC Management and Community Engagement Program

The Point partnership seeks to restore various Ecological Vegetation Classes within 'The Point'/Moremac land parcel. A community planting day was held with 40 people attended.

40 people
400 plants
28 cups

Queenscliff Music Festival

This year we collaborated with Queenscliff Music Festival (QMF) for the third consecutive year. Over 90% of waste was diverted from landfill thanks to the QMF organisers, B-Alternative and QMF Green Team volunteers. BCN also ran a revegetation activity, poster making and a hands on beachcomb.

4 tonnes of waste
60 volunteers
18,000 spectators

Projects and Programs



L - R: RipView Swim, Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology, Spiny Rush Program with Parks Victoria

Queenscliff Narrows Project - Moonah Woodland Restoration

This project brings together Bellarine Second College year 12 Outdoor Education students, Geelong Lutheran College year 11 Outdoor Education students, Gordon TAFE Conservation and Land Management students and Christian College Geelong students.

4 schools

Queenscliff Primary School - Environment Day

This activity was not able to be accomplished for this financial year. Planning has been made to run this for the 2019-2020 financial year.

NA

RipView Swim - Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club

This year, Program Manager Matt Crawley once again participated in the swim representing the Burrunan Dolphin. Bellarine Catchment Network also provided prizes for junior swimmers.

50 materials

Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology - Environment Day

This year, a new partnership was formed with the Royal Gurkhas Institute Technology school. 100 students participated in a beach discovery and revegetation activity in Portarlington.

100 students
100 plants
45 materials

Spiny Rush Program

This year, BCN started a Spiny Rush management program at various areas in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale. Community education and engagement was conducted and Spiny Rush was managed at specific sites.

62 hours
4.5 hectares
5 sites

Projects and Programs



L - R: St Leonard's Incurion, St Mary's Primary School, Wreck2Reef Swim

Star of the Sea - Bonnyvale Wetlands

This year marked the 10th year collaborating with the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Barwon Coast and Ocean Grove Coastcare. Students participated in revegetation, fauna interpretation and water quality testing activities.

60 students
400 plants
60 materials

St Aloysius Primary School - Environment Day

This year the St Aloysius Environment Day focused on weed removal and revegetation. Approximately 40 students participated in these two activities at a site on Nankervis Parade, Queenscliff.

40 students

St Leonards Primary School - Environment Day

This year, BCN partnered with Bellarine Bayside to deliver an environment day. Activities included a 'Bug Hunt', beachcomb with interpretation and a poster making activity. An additional incurion was also held this financial year.

100 students
10 materials

St Marys Primary School - Environment Day

This annual environment day was once again held on Eastern Beach in partnership with the City of Greater Geelong. Students participated in the Coastcare game, a beachcomb and fishing game.

75 students
110 materials

Wreck2Reef

This was the second time that BCN has attended and supported this event. BCN sponsored the 'CFOB dolphin swim' and provided junior swimmers with sponsored prizes. Keep Cups were used for the first time and saved at least 700 disposable cups from landfill. An educational tabletop was provided and engaged with 50 people.

50 people
700 cups

Programs and Associated Partners



Below is a list of each project or program that Bellarine Catchment Network helps to facilitate, support or execute in association with network groups and organisations.

Program/Project	Group/Organisation
Bellarine Indian Myna Control Program	City of Greater Geelong, majority of community environment groups
Bellarine Rail Trail Programs, Fellows Road Revegetation Day and VicTrack.	Bellarine Landcare Group, Borough of Queenscliffe, City of Greater Geelong, Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail, Geelong Railways, Swan Bay Environment Association and VicTrack
Caring For Our Bays	Borough of Queenscliffe, City of Greater Geelong, business sector, community groups, local government and the Not-for-profit sector
Clifton Springs Foreshore	City of Greater Geelong, Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare, Clifton Springs Primary School, Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association
Coastcare Grant	Coastcare, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 'Friends of' groups, foreshore managers, local and state government
Flora and Fauna Booklets	Bellarine Landcare Group, Geelong Field Naturalists Victoria, all groups and organisations
Gardens For Wildlife	Ocean Grove Coastcare, Swan Bay Environment Association, numerous groups and organisations
Geelong Cemeteries Trust	Geelong Cemeteries Trust, local community groups
Governor's Place Ocean Grove – Restoration Program	Barwon Coast, City of Greater Geelong, Ocean Grove Coastcare
Greening the Songline	City of Greater Geelong, Parks Victoria, numerous other groups
Landcare Support	Bellarine Landcare Group
Point Lonsdale Sand Monitoring Program	Borough of Queenscliffe, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria
Queenscliff Narrows Project – Coastal Moonah Woodland Restoration	Borough of Queenscliffe, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Swan Bay Environment Association
School Projects for 2018-2019	All groups and organisations
Spiny Rush Control Program	Borough of Queenscliffe, City of Greater Geelong, Parks Victoria, VicRoads, VicTrack
Summer By The Sea and Surf Life Saving Program	Barwon Coast, City of Greater Geelong, Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club
Tertiary Education and Support	All groups and organisations
The Point	City of Greater Geelong, Moremac
VicTrack – Bellarine Rail Trail	Borough of Queenscliffe, Bellarine Landcare Group, Bellarine Railway, City of Greater Geelong, VicTrack

Educational Institutions

This year, BCN engaged and supported over 20 primary, secondary and tertiary education institutions. When no support could be given through an environment day, often BCN provided advice, resources or other support. The majority are listed here.

School	Engagement/materials	Figures
Barwon Heads Primary School	Revegetation advice and resources	30 students
Bellarine Secondary College	Environment Day	20 students
Christian College Geelong	CFOB resources provided	20 materials
Clifton Springs Primary School	Planning for Environment Day	2 hours
Geelong High School	CFOB resources	20 materials
Gordon TAFE	Student Internship	60 hours
Grovedale Secondary College	Litter audit and resources	60 materials
Leopold Primary School	Environment Day	90 students
North Geelong Secondary College	CFOB Environment Day	8 students
Ocean Grove Primary School	Environment Day	80 students
Point Lonsdale Primary School	Environment Day	45 students
Portarlington Primary School	Environment Day	48 students
Royal Gurkhas Institute of Technology	Environment Day	10 students
Star of the Sea	Environment Day	80 students
St Aloysius Primary School	Environment Day	45 students
St Leonards Primary School	Environment Day	100 students
St Leonards Primary School	Incursion	60 students
St Mary's Primary School	Environment Day	75 students

Groups and Organisations – Resources & Support

BCN have also provided educational resources to various events, businesses and organisations which are listed below.

Event, business or organisation	Resource provided	Figure
Barwon Estuary Project	Acted as an auspice for a grant	16 hours
Barwon Estuary Project	Provided a letter of support for climate change grant	NA
Bellarine Bayside: Red Capped Plover Project	Provided support	2 hours
City of Greater Geelong: Customer Information Centre	Ocean Grove Environment Booklets	1,000
Conservation Volunteers Australia: Destination Conservation	Supported activity	4 hours
Friends of Edwards Point: 21 st Anniversary Celebration	Provided support and facilitated an activity	16 hours
Friends of the Barwon	Supported start up group funding and advice	2 hours
Geelong Field Naturalists Victoria: Nature Forum	Provided support for event planning, organisation and attended 2 meetings.	4 hours
Geelong Regional Libraries: Drysdale, Ocean Grove, Queenscliff	Clifton Springs Environment Booklets, Fauna Booklets, Ocean Grove Environment Booklet	3,000
Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre	CFOB resources	30
FoOGR : Nature Reserve Review	Provided advice for grant application	NA
Queenscliff Information Centre	Fauna Booklets	100
Ocean Grove Community Association: Southern Bellarine Coastal Forum	Provided advice to forum steering group on forum content and presenters	2 hours
Springdale Community House	Clifton Springs Environment Booklet and Fauna booklet	100

Case Study



Caring For Our Bays Conference 2019

As part of reaching out to the business community, a Caring For Our Bays conference was held in Geelong in May 2019. The conference was attended by over 120 delegates from a cross section of business, community groups, land managers, statutory bodies and volunteers from across the state.

Craig Reucassel from ABC's War on Waste program was secured as the keynote speaker along with many other prestigious guest speakers to raise the profile of the bay and share their knowledge and experience. The event was supported by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Barwon South West Waste Resource Recovery Group, City of Greater Geelong, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, GeelongPort and Earth Bottles.

As part of the conference, delegates participated in an activity lead by Craig which involved pledging to adopt a waste reduction action in order to care for our bays. Students, volunteers, community group representatives, land managers, government and businesses were welcomed into the Caring For Our Bays footprints as a literal movement towards greater protection for our bays.

Below: Delegates from the conference. **(Left)** Barwon South West Waste Resource Recovery Group. **(Right)** DELWP.



Publications



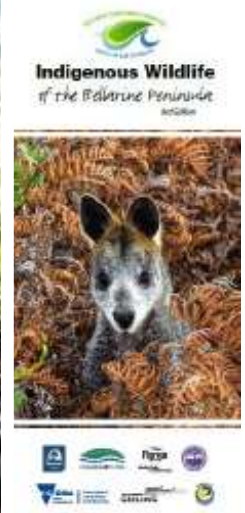
Caring For Our Bays *Business Partnership Prospectus*

A new up to date and engaging business prospectus was developed to ensure there was a clear avenue for business involvement and investment into the Caring For Our Bays program. The prospectus outlines what the Caring For Our Bays program is, the initiatives and different opportunities that a business can become involved in through a partnership. They include:

- 1) Raising Brand Awareness
- 2) Connect With Customers
- 3) Schools & Youth Program
- 4) Corporate Days & Staff Education
- 5) Business Collaboration

Other Publications *Currently Available and Circulating*

- Clifton Springs Environment Booklet
- Connie's Cards – Caring For Our Bays
- Indigenous Wildlife of the Bellarine
- Flora booklets (currently in reprint)
- Ocean Grove Environment Booklet



BCN Representation – Meetings & Events

Each year, Bellarine Catchment Network staff and committee members attempt to attend as many organisation and group meetings as possible. Where meetings could not be attended, promotion and support was still provided to all groups and organisations throughout the year where possible.

Group/organisation	Activity	Figure
Barwon Estuary Project	Attended planning meetings for various projects	2
Bellarine Landcare Group	Presentations and reports, general and committee meetings	3
Borough of Queenscliffe	Attended planning meeting for BoQ programs and priorities	2
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	Attended regional coordinators meeting	3
City of Greater Geelong	Attended strategic partnership meeting	1
Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association	Attended association meeting with project updates	1
Earthfest - Event	Attended Earthfest event, presentation on stage and activities provided	1
Friends of Begola Wetlands	Attended committee meetings, gave advice on grant funding	2
Friends of Bellarine Rail Trail	Attended and presented at meeting, attended a site inspection with committee	2
Friends of Edwards Point	Attended and provided activity for 21 st anniversary	1
Friends of Ocean Grove Nature Reserve	Attended committee planning meeting	1
Friends of Point Richards	Attended Christmas Party	1
Friends of the Barwon	Acted as an interim committee member	8
Friends of Yellow Gums	Attended follow up meetings	2
Ocean Grove Coastcare	Attended and presented at meetings	3
Swan Bay Environment Association	Committee meeting attendance and presentation	1

BCN Representation Advisory, Reference and Steering Committees

Bellarine Catchment Network staff and committee members also gave support to various groups in the form of representation on advisory, reference and steering committees for the following groups.




Group/organisation	Role/function	Representation
Barwon Water	Member of the Barwon Water Environment Advisory Committee	2
Bellarine Rail Trail Advisory Committee	Advisory committee member	2
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	Attended Landcare Chairs Meeting	2
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	Coastcare Strategy Advisory Member	2
Ocean Grove Community Association	Southern Bellarine Coastal Forum steering committee advisor	3
Port Phillip Bay EMP Project Officer Group	Technical group member	2
Victoria Litter Action Alliance	Microplastics monitoring advisory committee	1

BCN has also invested in the following staff training and development.

Organisation	Training/content provided	Representation
Australian Association of Environmental Education	Attended conference	1
Australian Living Atlas	ALA Training	1
Bellarine Catchment Network	First Aid Training	4
Coastcare	Coastcare Feedback Forum	1
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	Coastal workshops	2
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	Grant writing workshop and Victorian marine and Coastal Forum	3
Sustainability Victoria	Attended RSS training day	5

Overview and Figures

The below table collates figures from many of the programs and projects that the Bellarine Catchment Network facilitates and manages. These final figures are an estimated amount.

	Activity	Figure
	Engagement	19,643 people
	Publications	5,673 distributed
	Revegetation	5,360 plants
	School Days	20 days
	Volunteers	600 hours
	Litter Removal	45,000 items
	BCN Representation	179 hours
	Reusable Cups	1,128 cups

Examples of Media Reach - Print

Bellarine Times

BRIGHTNESS falls

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Launch of the Friends of the Barwon

On Tuesday night, the Friends of the Barwon was launched at the Barwon River. The group aims to improve the river and its surroundings. The launch was attended by many people, including the Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong. The group will focus on water quality, riparian vegetation, and public access to the river. They will also be involved in various community events and projects throughout the year.

Barwon Mailing Workshop

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DIVING IN

Perfect conditions expected for Wreck2Reef this weekend

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This will be followed by the 1.5 day open water and then more open water for the rest of the open water season.

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BUSINESS BEAT

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Media Reach - Digital

MEDIA

New Facebook Page Bellarine Catchment Network	150 followers
Ongoing Engagement on Facebook Page Caring For Our Bays	500 followers
New Instagram Profile Bellarine Catchment Network	300 followers
Ongoing Engagement on Instagram Profile Caring For Our Bays	200 followers
New eNewsletter Quarterly	150 subscribers
Monthly News Piece Bellarine Times	7 articles
Publication in Eingana Journal Environment Education Victoria	1 article
Ongoing Management of Website www.environmentbellarine.org.au	300 views per month



Meeting Attendance

Staff: Matt Crawley, Angie Poole, Lachlan Forbes and Naomi Wells.

Committee: Graeme O’Leary (President), Jane Morrow (Vice President), Margot Busch (Secretary), Michael Skinner (Treasurer), General Committee Members: Peter Smith, Heidi Snow.

Group / Organisation	Attending representative
Barwon Coast CoM	Maddie Glynn
Barwon Estuary Project	Margaret Griffiths, Debra Read
Bellarine Bayside Foreshore CoM	Jane Shearer, Mel Rogers
Bellarine Landcare Group	Sophie Small, Peter Smith, Kate Lockhart
Borough of Queenscliffe	Garry Purton
City of Greater Geelong	Jeanette Spittle, Trevor Proud
Coastcare Victoria / DELWP	Rebecca Briody
Conservation Volunteers Australia	Heidi Snow, Mark Paganini, Tess Marshall
Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	Sarah Holland-Clift
Drysdale/Clifton Springs Curlewis Association	Doug Carson, Rick Paradise
Friends of Begola Wetlands	Rosemary Evans
Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail	David Lelievre
Friends of Edwards Point	John Fyfe, Karin Shephard, Graeme O’Leary
Friends of Hooded Plover Bellarine	Andrea Dennett
Friends of Ocean Grove Nature Reserve	NA
Friends of Point Richards	Rosemary Nichols, Heather Williams, Graeme O’Leary, Keith Knights, Hans Heine, Brenda Hunter, Steve Boothroyd
Geelong Field Naturalists Club Inc.	Michael Skinner
Geelong Sustainability Group	Vicki Perret and John Pearce
Ocean Grove Coastcare Group	Margot Busch, Jane Morrow
Orange-bellied Parrot Working Group Bellarine	Craig Morley
Parks Victoria	Nick Bouma, Brooke Connor, Harrison Bainbridge
SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre	Anne Brackley
Swan Bay Environment Association	Sue Wasterval, Roel Wasterval, Eva Mutton

Staff and Committee Structure



BCN Executive



BCN Committee



Program Manager

Committee and executive support, partnership and program funding and staff management

Bellarine Landcare Group



Angeline Poole

Caring For Our Bays
Coordinator

Lachlan Forbes

Biodiversity Officer

Naomi Wells

Communications
and Engagement
Coordinator

Sophie Small

Bellarine Landcare
Group Facilitator

Caring For Our Bays

Coastcare Program

Festivals & Events

Litter Audit
Program

Summer By The Sea

Bellarine Rail Trail

Gardens For
Wildlife

Geelong
Cemeteries Trust

The
Point/Moremac

Media Releases

Point Lonsdale Sand
Monitoring
Program

Reports

Social Media

Nursery Support

Landholder
Revegetation

Invasive Species
Education

Swan Bay Catchment
Grant

Financial Report

Profit and Loss Bellarine Catchment Network Inc 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Add Summary

	30 Jun 19
Income	
Donations Income	1,957.08
Grant and Incomes	398,439.27
Interest Income	1,026.72
Total Income	401,423.07
Gross Profit	401,423.07
Plus Other Income	
Other Income	6,087.44
Total Other Income	6,087.44
Less Operating Expenses	
Admin/Annual Report	1,360.32
Admin/Staff training accreditation	1,183.00
ADMINISTRATION	11.36
ADMINISTRATION:Accounting	450.00
ADMINISTRATION:Admin/IT Software	414.00
ADMINISTRATION:Advertising	620.00
ADMINISTRATION:Annual Fees/Memberships	115.60
ADMINISTRATION:Bank Fees	410.36
ADMINISTRATION:Bookkeeping	10,179.72
ADMINISTRATION:Gifts	643.22
ADMINISTRATION:Meeting Expenses	760.15
ADMINISTRATION:OHS	51.48
ADMINISTRATION:Organisation Insurance	584.91
ADMINISTRATION:Staff & Member Travel (Private)	68.44
ADMINISTRATION:Staff Development	3,755.44
ADMINISTRATION:Telephone-Mobiles	4,842.02
ADMINISTRATION:Travel Expenses	692.23

Financial Report

ADMINISTRATION:Uniforms PPE	1,811.99
BEC: Printer Services	1,906.14
BEC:Cleaning	200.00
BEC:Dropbox	152.90
BEC:Electricity	1,146.87
BEC:Email Services	113.63
BEC:Internet	2,752.44
BEC:IT Software	164.99
BEC:IT Support	3,937.00
BEC:Office Infrastructure - external	2,014.17
BEC:Office Insurance	705.11
BEC:Office Supplies	347.65
BEC:Postage	374.19
BEC:Stationery	1,263.75
Capacity Building Education & Community Engagement	10,805.87
CAPACITY BUILDING:Catering	641.65
CAPACITY BUILDING:Printing of Pamphlets(Videos)	(25.00)
CAPACITY BUILDING:Printing, Signage, Brochure	4,819.00
CAPACITY BUILDING:Workshop Expenses	642.96
Casual Sub-Contractors	(4,705.19)
CFOB	36.25
CFOB - Contractors	29,485.05
CFOB - Evaluation	1,948.64
CFOB - Events/Community Engagement	20,701.25
CFOB - On ground Works	6,961.04
CFOB - Project Management	4.09
Committee Expenses	224.00
Conference	10,131.72
Interest Expense	54.68
MOTOR VEHICLE:Fuel	5,686.55
MOTOR VEHICLE:Parking	134.21
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Expenses / Service	2,886.68
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Insurance	2,450.63
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Lease	6,543.36
MOTOR VEHICLE:Vehicle Rego	1,210.72
ON GROUND WORKS	86.61
ON GROUND WORKS:Chemical Purchases	499.46
ON GROUND WORKS:CO2	16.31
On Ground Works:Monitoring Surveying	837.27
ON GROUND WORKS:Pest, Plant & Animals	6,552.27
ON GROUND WORKS:Repairs & Maintenance	333.50
ON GROUND WORKS:Sundry	22.78
ON GROUND WORKS:Tools	1,383.84
Other Expense	1,777.59
PAYROLL:Salaries - Contract & Ongoing	209,191.92
PAYROLL:Super	21,772.91
PAYROLL:Workcover	2,680.59
PLANT, EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY	12.73
PLANT, EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY:Infrastructure/Repairs & Mainte	500.00
Total Operating Expenses	389,339.02
Net Profit	18,171.49

Balance Sheet

Bellarine Catchment Network Inc As at 30 June 2019

30 Jun 2019

Assets

Bank	
NAB Cash Manager	150,371
Total Bank	150,371
Fixed Assets	
IT Equipment	4,026
Motor Vehicle:At Costs	54,713
Plant & Equipment	12,503
Plant & Equipment:At Cost	16,459
Plant & Equipment:Less Accumulated Depreciation	(677)
Total Fixed Assets	87,024
Non-current Assets	
Borrowing Costs	1,169
Total Non-current Assets	1,169
Total Assets	238,564

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	8,756
Current Provisions:Annual Leave	15,508
Current Provisions:Long Service Leave	5,557
GST	15,071
NAB Business Card	(15,271)
Payroll Liabilities:PAYG	13,311
Payroll Liabilities-Superannuation	5,603
Triton Finance (1HD7QD) - Curr	7,168
Total Current Liabilities	55,703
Non-Current Liabilities	
Mitsubishi Triton (ARG889)	27,835
Mitsubishi Triton (ARG889) - Unexpired Interest	(3,953)
Provisions:Long Service Leave	1,450
Triton Finance (1HD7QD)	14,940
Total Non-Current Liabilities	40,272
Total Liabilities	95,976
Net Assets	142,589

Equity

Current Year Earnings	10,296
Opening Bal Equity	143,381
Retained Earnings	(11,089)
Total Equity	142,589

Groups and Organisation Logos



*Bellarine Peninsula
Orange-bellied
Parrot Regional
Group*



*Friends of Begola
Wetlands*

*Friends of
Buckley Park*



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