

COASTAL CONSERVATION

The GORCC Environmental Education team aims to inspire everyone to respect, protect and enhance our coast environments. Whether visiting for a few hours, a few days or throughout the year, our hope is for everyone to make mindful choices to ensure they leave the coastal in the same or even better condition than they found it.

To help achieve this goal, we have put together this mini-guide with resources and organisations you can access to:

Get Inspired: Check out a selection of inspiring local & national initiatives

Get Involved: Use this list to find volunteer groups in your area and beyond

Get Influencing: Be a positive change maker for the coast and close to home

GET INSPIRED!

It can be hard to know just where to start when it comes to conservation and volunteering. Where should you start? What conservation issues are out there and how can you find out how to help? Below is a list of some inspiring organisations and groups who provide opportunities to get involved and volunteer, as well as great information about a range of environmental impacts and initiatives.

Group Name	Website
Caring For Our Bays	http://www.environmentbellarine.org.au/CaringForOurBays
BeachPatrol	https://www.beachpatrol.com.au
Love Our Street	https://www.beachpatrol.com.au/los
Tangaroa Blue	https://www.tangaroablue.org/
Plastic Free July	https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/
Earth Hour	https://www.earthhour.org.au/
Clean-Up Australia Day	https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/
Boomerang Bags	https://boomerangbags.org/about-us/
Plastic wise Torquay	https://www.facebook.com/plasticbagfreetorquay
Zoos Victoria	https://www.zoo.org.au/balloons/ https://www.zoo.org.au/seal-the-loop/

GET INVOLVED!

Volunteer groups offer the opportunity to get involved and give back to your local community and environment. Not only will you have opportunities to take part in real citizen-science and conservation projects, but you'll also meet new skilled, knowledgeable, passionate and inspiring people with knowledge you couldn't find anywhere else.

There are a range of different groups throughout Greater Geelong, the Surf Coast, Bellarine Peninsula and beyond which you can get involved with. Check out the links below to find groups in your area.

GROUP NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
GORCC: Coastal Volunteer Groups	https://www.gorcc.com.au/volunteer/
Intrepid Landcare	https://intrepidlandcare.org/
Victorian Environment Friends Network	http://www.friendsvic.org/friends-finder/
Landcare and Coastcare Groups	https://landcareaustralia.org.au/landcare-get-involved/findagroup/
Bellarine Catchment Network	http://www.environmentbellarine.org.au/cb_pages/groups_and_organisations.php
Parks Victoria	https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/volunteering
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/victorians-volunteering-for-nature#toc_id_2_environmental

GET INFLUENCING!

It's now your chance to share your knowledge, skills and passion to start influencing positive environmental change. This could be within your own household, your classroom, your whole school community or beyond! Think about the environmental impacts or issues which you see every day and consider how you as an individual, your peer group, family or wider community could make a positive difference.

Below are links to a few inspiring school and community groups who have taken conservation into their own hands.

GROUP NAME	
<i>Plastic Free Boy</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhrJFenluE0&feature=youtu.be
<i>Plastic Free Sophia</i>	https://www.plasticfreesophia.com/bio#intro
<i>Sticky pronk surf wax</i>	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-12-30/meet-the-kid-who-has-launched-an-eco-friendly-surf-wax-company/10672450
<i>Palm Beach Currumbin State High School</i>	https://qed.qld.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/palm-beach-currumbin-kicking-sustainability-goals
<i>Straw no more</i>	https://www.strawnomore.org/
<i>How kids are saving the planet</i>	https://earth911.com/home/family/how-kids-are-saving-the-planet/