

Media Release

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MORE FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES BY THE SEA THIS SUMMER

The Allan Labor Government is helping more families discover the magic of Victoria's beaches this summer with free activities that get families outdoors and staying active without stretching the household budget.

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced that bookings are now open for more than 100 free activities being delivered as part of the Summer by the Sea program for 2026.

The program runs from 3 to 18 January across Victoria's coastline, giving people the chance to discover the amazing coastal and marine environments locally or where they are holidaying.

Summer by the Sea combines fun and education through a wide range of activities, where participants can learn about coastal and marine environments and how to protect them for future generations.

Program highlights include the ever popular rockpool rambles, becoming a Citizen Scientist, searching for sea slugs in San Remo, learning about First Nations cultural heritage, going on a seaweed safari in Werribee and canoeing and snorkelling in Anglesea.

Summer by the Sea is proudly supported by coastal land managers, community groups and conservation agencies across Victoria.

The theme for 2026 is 'The coast, the sea, and our community', reflecting the value and importance of community in how beautiful local places are cared for.

For further information and to make a booking, please visit marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/coastal-programs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"Summer by the Sea gives families a fun, free way to get active and enjoy Victoria's beautiful beaches without stretching the budget."

"The program also helps young people learn about Victoria's amazing marine species and habitats, and to learn how they can help protect our coastal environments."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant

"This free educational program offers something for everyone, including guided coastal tours, wildlife-themed activities and family-friendly rockpool rambles."

"Summer by the Sea invites young Victorians to discover our beaches and coastlines while learning how to care for our oceans and the unique wildlife that call them home."