# **COMMUNITY OPEN DAY** *Celebrate, Connect, Inspire* Sunday, 6 March 2022



# COASTAL CLEAN UP

### 9am – 11am

hand sanitizer!

#### Smiths Beach

As part of Clean Up Australia Day, we invite you to join the **"Turn The Tide Volunteers"** and help make a difference by cleaning up Smiths Beach! As one of the island's 4 National Surfing Reserves it's one of the most popular beaches,

however it also has some of the highest levels of microplastics. All debris data will be recorded and added to both the Australian Marine Debris Initiative Database for tracking National Marine Debris, as well as

to our own database which was instrumental in banning the release of balloons in Victoria. Please note COVID Safety applies and if you're able to bring your own reusable gloves please do so. We'll supply everything else including the



# CHURCHILL ISLAND OLD TIME FARMING AND FAMILY FUN

Enjoy farming activities, games and old fashioned fun for kids.

10.30am	Blacksmithing
2.00pm	Cow Milking
2.30pm	Sheep Shearing
2.45pm	Working Dogs
3.00pm	Whip Cracking

#### CONSERVATION CELEBRATION Food, Live Music and Welcome To Country

11am - 3pm

#### **Churchill Island**

Join us for information stalls, live music, a BBQ lunch, giveaways, Caring for Country art activities and more!

Drop in and meet our team, partners and volunteers for great hints on water saving, living with wildlife, and threatened species.



# CONSERVATION DOG DEMONSTRATION 11.30am

# Churchill Island

Meet in front of shearing shed See our amazing dogs and their human handlers in action! Learn how our specialist dogs are helping to protect our wildlife.





# 2022 COMMUNITY OPEN DAY TIMETABLE

TIME	ΑCTIVITY	MEETING PLACE
9am - 11am	Coastal Clean up	Smiths Beach
9am - 3pm	Barb Martin Bushbank open	Koala Conservation Reserve
10am – all day	Nature Parks Visitor Centres Open and free entry all day (Penguin Parade opens at 5pm, see below)	<ul> <li>Churchill Island</li> <li>Koala Conservation Reserve</li> <li>Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies</li> </ul>
10.30am	Churchill Island Old Time Farming and Fun	Churchill Island
11am – 3pm	Conservation Celebration Food, Live Music and Welcome To Country	Churchill Island
11.30am	<b>Conservation Dog Demonstration</b>	Front of shearing shed Churchill Island
12.30pm & 3.15pm	Koala and Curlew Walk and Talk	Koala Conservation Reserve
4pm	Seal Spotter	Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies
5pm	Penguin Parade Visitor Centre Opens	Penguin Parade
	Nature Parks Presents	Penguin Parade Theatre
6.30pm	Secret Lives of Penguins	Penguin Parade

# KOALAS AND CURLEWS WALK AND TALK

#### 12.30pm and 3.15pm

#### Koala Conservation Reserve Meet inside the reserve at the seed planting station

Discover these amazing animals, learn about their habitat and our plans for their future on Phillip Island. Led by our expert rangers and volunteers this tour is for all ages.

BYO binoculars and comfortable shoes.

# NATURE PARKS PRESENTS \*\*5pm

### Penguin Parade Theatre

Go behind the scenes! Learn about how we are caring for injured wildlife, future plans for the Summerland area, view the amazing history of the development of the Penguin Parade captured on film spanning the decades, and learn about how Nature Parks is playing a critical role in the recovery of certain species on Phillip Island.

#### **BEHIND THE SCENES**

A day in the Nature Parks wildlife rehabilitation centre. Learn about how we care for injured wildlife, and how you can help to care for our local wildlife.

# BOUNCING BACK

Saving the Eastern Barred Bandicoot from Extinction. Hear about the critical role that Phillip Island has played in the recovery of this species.

**SEAL SPOTTER** 

Help our researchers monitor our seal colonies at Seal Rocks, and learn about the effects of marine debris on our beautiful seals. Learn

how you can become a part of the

solution whilst learning about these

4pm

**The Nobbies** 

amazing creatures.

PENGUIN IN TIME

View never before seen footage of the early years at what is now known as the Penguin Parade, this must see video documents the amazing history of the Parade. SUMMERLANDS FUTURE PLANS

Come along to learn more about the future plans for the Summerland Peninsula, including the proposed Summerland Peninsula Trails and the long-term plans for the Penguin Parade boardwalks and viewing stands, and have your say on these exciting projects.

**\*\*** Penguin Parade will open at 5.00pm

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Check out **www.penguins.org.au**, follow us on Facebook **#PhillipIslandNP** 

Email: community@penguins.org.au or call 5951 2830 during office hours.

#### \*FREE ENTRY ALL DAY!

\* Entry to activities and attractions is free for residents, landholders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members and students of Bass Coast Shire. Proof of residency such as rates notice, drivers licence, bill etc is required to gain free entry.

Free entry for household only, excluding premium products and tours. Accompanying friends are welcome. They are required to purchase tickets.

All other terms and conditions apply. Check penguins.org.au/buy-tickets for details.

#### **USEFUL INFO FOR THE DAY**

- Schedule may change, so check our website and socials for updates!
- Parking, toilets and refreshments available at Nature Parks main venues.
- Dress for the outdoors and weather. Don't forget hat, sunscreen, or raincoats!
- **Reduce waste.** We are single-use plastic free. Bring your drink bottle (there are plenty of water filling stations), shopping bag and coffee keep cup!
- No unaccompanied children thanks!

# PRIVATE LIVES OF PENGUINS 6.30pm

# Penguin Parade

Become a penguin expert before the sunset arrival of our very famous Little Penguins! Go behind the scenes with our world leading researchers to discover more about the world's smallest penguins and their fascinating lives.

Note: walking involved and warm clothing is recommended.



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong people. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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