

# COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

## *Celebrate, Connect, Inspire*

Sunday 10 September 2023



## What's on

### PENGUIN VIEWING

Sunday 10 and Monday 11 September

**Penguin Parade Visitor Centre**

Experience our world-famous Penguin Parade with your family! General Viewing tickets available over two nights! Discover these amazing seabirds, learn about their colony here on Phillip Island and their habits.

Special guest host on both nights, the talented Marine Scientist and resident penguin expert Andre Chiaradia.



### CONSERVATION CELEBRATION

Food, Live Music and Welcome To Country

12pm - 5pm

**Penguin Parade Visitor Centre**

Join us for the official Welcome To Country and Smoking Ceremony, Conservation Expo, live music, Caring For Country art activities and more.

Enjoy lunch at the café, check out our information stalls, meet our team, the Penguin Foundation, partners and volunteers for great hints on living with wildlife and threatened species.



### CHURCHILL ISLAND OLD TIME FARMING AND FAMILY FUN

Enjoy farming activities, horse and carriage rides, local choirs, delicious food and old fashioned fun for kids.

10.30am Blacksmithing

10.30am & 2.10pm Cow Milking

10.50am & 2.30pm Sheep Shearing

11.10am & 2.45pm Working Dogs

11.30am & 3.00pm Whip Cracking



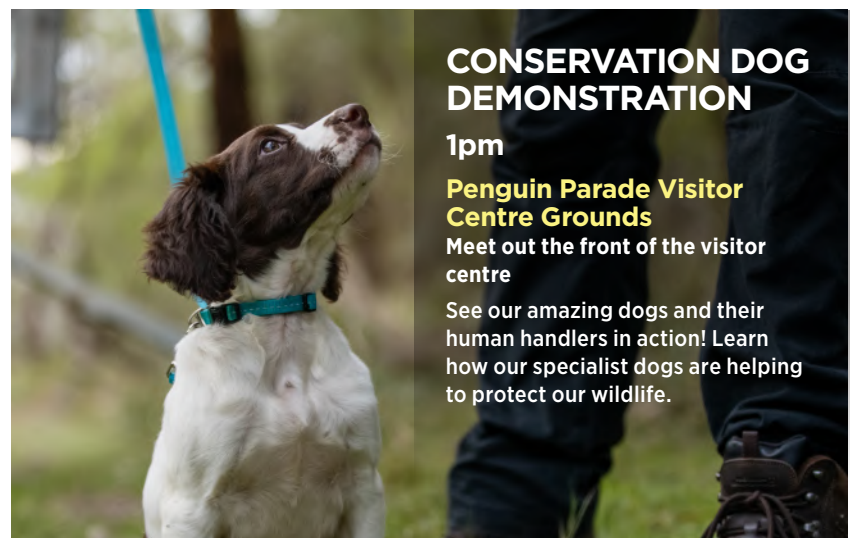
### CONSERVATION DOG DEMONSTRATION

1pm

**Penguin Parade Visitor Centre Grounds**

Meet out the front of the visitor centre

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





## 2023 COMMUNITY OPEN DAY TIMETABLE

TIME	ACTIVITY	MEETING PLACE
10am – 3pm	<b>Barb Martin Bushbank open</b>	Koala Conservation Reserve
10.30am & 12pm	<b>Koala and Curlew Walk and Talk</b>	Koala and Conservation Reserve
12pm	<b>Seal Entanglement Presentation</b>	The Nobbies Centre
1pm	<b>Turn The Tide Art Activities</b>	The Nobbies Centre
1pm – 5pm	<b>CONSERVATION EXPO</b> Food, live music, art activities	Penguin Parade Visitor Centre
1pm	<b>Conservation Dog Demonstration</b>	Penguin Parade Visitor Centre
2pm	<b>Welcome To Country &amp; Smoking Ceremony</b>	Penguin Parade Visitor Centre
4.30pm	<b>Secret Life of Penguins Tour</b>	Penguin Parade Visitor Centre

### KOALAS AND CURLEWS WALK AND TALK

10.30am and 12pm

**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.*



### SEAL ENTANGLEMENT

12pm

**The Nobbies**

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 amazing creatures.



### SECRET LIVES OF PENGUINS

4.30pm

Meet at the back doors of the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre

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.*



### CAFÉS OPEN AT ALL SITES ALL DAY!

Shearwater Restaurant opens at 4pm at Penguin Parade Visitor Centre.

Live Music by the very talented Paul Patten.



### LIMITED NUMBERS

The following tours and activities have limited capacity and are available on a first come, first served basis:

- Koala and Curlew Walk and Talk
- Conservation Dog Demonstration
- The Secret Life of Penguins

Please ensure you have a ticket to the attraction site at which these tours are being held.

Arrive early to secure your place – these tours are limited to the first

**40** visitors for both **Koala and Curlew Walk and Talk**

**60** visitors for the **Conservation Dog Demonstration**

**80** visitors for **The Secret Life of Penguins**



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

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Phillip Island  
**NATURE PARKS**

### QUESTIONS?

Check out [penguins.org.au](http://penguins.org.au), follow us on Facebook

#PhillipIslandNP

Email: [community@penguins.org.au](mailto:community@penguins.org.au) or call 5951 2830.

### 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/OpenDay](http://penguins.org.au/OpenDay) 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!