



## Who is Earthcare St Kilda?

Earthcare St Kilda is a group of volunteers who work, in partnership with local and state government bodies to improve the natural resources of the City of Port Phillip, from Port Melbourne to Elwood.

The volunteers, from students to retirees, work on a number of practical projects, both marine and terrestrial, to increase the diversity and extent of indigenous flora and fauna. Current projects include:

- Monitoring the health of Little Penguin and Rakali populations.
- Weed removal and revegetation of parklands.
- Minimising the impact of North Pacific Starfish around St Kilda pier
- Seagrass bed surveys
- Surveys of local bird and plant species, both resident and transient
- Public education for school groups, visitors and other interested parties.
- Submissions to government on development proposals which may impact the natural environment of the City of Port Phillip.

Where required, projects are undertaken with the approval of and / or permits from relevant government bodies.

Members are invited once a month to hear specialist speakers on topics of interest at the St Kilda EcoCenter, and receive emails and quarterly newsletters which provide updates on Earthcare St Kilda activities.

### **Earthcare St Kilda committee**

The committee of Earthcare St Kilda meets monthly to plan and organise projects. The committee is made up of elected office bearers and project leaders.

### **Membership**

Earthcare St Kilda is always on the lookout for new members to assist us with current and new projects. It is a great way to study local ecologies while giving back to the community, while working with other enthusiastic volunteers of all ages.

Membership fees, which are used to cover the costs of insurance are as follows:

- Individuals: \$20,
- Families: \$30,
- Students or Concession Card holders: \$10

### **Website**

More information about Earthcare St Kilda and its' activities and membership application forms can be found at [www.earthcarestkilda.org.au](http://www.earthcarestkilda.org.au). We are currently working on a project to upgrade this site.