

## *Aims and Objectives of MCPC*

Marine Care Point Cooke (MCPC) is a community-based 'friends group' who aim to conserve and promote both the environmental and biodiversity values of Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary for the ongoing benefit of current and future generations.

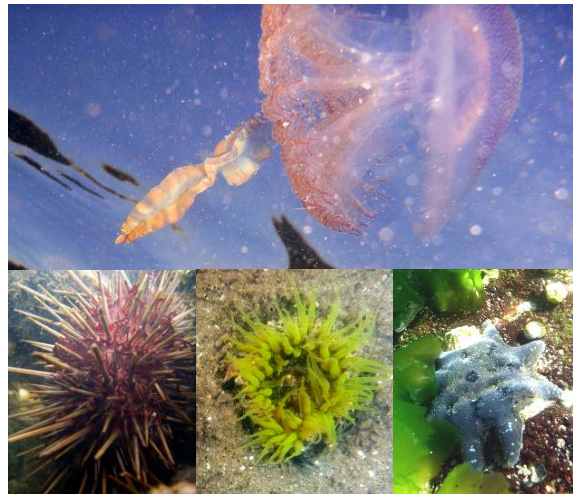
## *Activities*

The group has held and been part of an array of activities within the sanctuary since the establishment of the group in December 2009. Within the Sanctuary, MCPC is currently involved in:

- Seasonal Sea Search surveys
- Snorkelling and SCUBA diving
- Reef Watch surveys
- Miscellaneous projects, including conservation and monitoring activities
- Funded grants
- Clean Up Australia Day

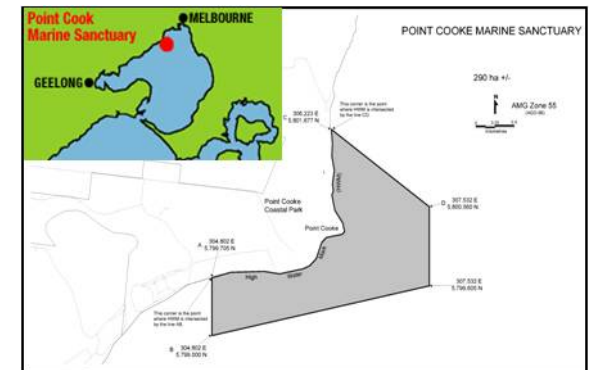


Common fish species often sighted by snorkelers and divers include the Zebra Fish, Moonlighter, Dusky Morwong, Globe Fish, Mullet, Black Bream, Snapper, Flathead, and Leatherjackets, along with various Ray species, and countless invertebrates, some of which include the Purple Sea Urchin and the Eleven-Armed Seastar.



## *About Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary*

Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary protects and preserves a representative area of the western shoreline environments of Port Phillip Bay. It covers 290 hectares and is located 10 kilometres east of Werribee, adjoining Point Cook Coastal Park and Cheetham Wetlands. The sanctuary contains sandy beaches and subtidal soft sediments of sand and mud that bear sensitive seagrass habitat. The intertidal and subtidal basalt reef system supports dense stands of macroalgae, which in turn provide habitat for a stunning array of fish and invertebrates.





A MCPC member carrying out an Intertidal Survey

## MCPC Membership Form

I, Mr/Mrs/Ms .....  
of.....  
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wish to become a member of MCPC.

Email: .....  
Phone: .....

Signature .....  
Date .....

Subscription Rates - \$10 per year – single membership,  
\$15 family membership.

Payment details: EFT

Marine Care Point Cook INC, Bendigo Bank, BSB 633000,  
AC No 139787063

(Please put your full name as the reference and email  
[AndrewChristie@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au](mailto:AndrewChristie@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au))

## Successful Grant Bids!

Marine Care Point Cooke has been successful in obtaining funded grants from Parks Victoria, Wyndham City Council and the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria to spend on projects promoting community awareness and engagement in the preservation of the sanctuary. These projects have included the ecological monitoring of indigenous and introduced marine pest species within the sanctuary. The grants have enabled the funding of new innovative interpretative signage within the sanctuary, and the purchase of vital equipment for the projects including an underwater camera, GPS, dive flags, slates and reference books. MCPC is very grateful for the support.

## Contact Information

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