



Community Open Day Sunday 27 March

- Free entry to all attractions
- Learn about the Nature Parks
- No bookings required

Welcome To Country

10.00am

A Welcome To Country will be given by local Boon wurrung representative Steve Parker to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land the Nature Parks' cares for.

Bird Watching Walk

10.00am

Join Westport Bird Observers Club (WESBOC) members for a bird watching walk, heading towards Rhyll Inlet. Learn about the amazing bird population in a stunning environment. Bring binoculars if you have them!

Nature Parks' Overview

10.30am and 1.00pm

The Nature Parks is a not-for-profit organisation which cares for 1805 hectares of land on Phillip Island. This Overview session will give you an insight into the different departments within the Nature Parks – how they operate, what they are responsible for, and how they work with the community. Presentations will be given by our Operations, Research, Education and Environment Departments.

Koala Conservation Centre Walk and Talk

11.00am and 2.00pm

Learn about the history, the current day program and objectives of the Koala Conservation Centre before taking a guided walk with our ranger and Friends of Koalas volunteers through the koala woodland.

Little Penguins At Sea

11.00am and 4.00pm

Hear Penguin Biologist, Dr Andre Chiaradia explain his marine studies of Little Penguins. Learn about research monitoring techniques including satellite tracking, feeding and breeding patterns, and the threats they face in the ocean.

Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

11.00am and 2.00pm

The Nature Parks' hosts the only wildlife rescue facility on Phillip Island. Meet a Wildlife Rehabilitation Officer and hear about how wildlife is cared for at the Wildlife Hospital, and what you can do as a community member to help.

Bush Tucker Trail

11.00am

Walk in the footsteps of the Boon wurrung people with a ranger and learn about the food that is found here. Discover how the environment was before European settlement, how the Indigenous people lived and our impact over the last 200 years.

Rabbit Busters!

12.00pm

Get feral with a ranger and learn about the Nature Parks' rabbit control program, the techniques used (including ferrets!), and why it is so important to remove this environment invader!

Oswin Roberts Reserve Walk

12.00pm and 3.00pm

Take a ranger-guided walk and learn about the history of the Oswin Roberts Reserve, the significance of the flora and fauna and the future management and action plans for the Reserve.

Hooded Plover Protection Program

12.00pm

Join a ranger on the beach at Summerland, and learn about the important Hooded Plover protection program the Nature Parks' runs to stop the decline of the protected Hooded Plover on Phillip Island. Learn about the biology and nesting of this species – and the role you can play in the protection program.

Old-time Games

1.00pm

Step back in history and enjoy some good old fashioned games for kids and adults alike.

Summerland Revegetation Activity

2.00pm

Get your hands dirty and assist rangers with the rehabilitation of the Little Penguins habitat! Learn about native plants and vegetation and hear the latest on the on-going Summerland Estate Rehabilitation program.

Eco Explorer at the Nobbies

2.00pm

Join rangers for an amazing look at the creatures that call the Nobbies home. This ranger-led activity includes exploring the Nobbies boardwalks – and wildlife spotting!

Australian Fur Seals Research Update

3.00pm

Marine Mammal Biologist, Dr Roger Kirkwood will present on the fascinating research into, and life of, Australian Fur Seals. Learn about their lifestyle, the threats they face at sea and what our monitoring has discovered.

Fox Control Program

4.30pm

The removal of foxes from Phillip Island is a key reason the Little Penguin colony is continuing to increase. Listen to our ranger explain fox biology, the techniques used in the Fox Eradication program, success to date and future plans.

80 years of Penguin Parade!

6.00pm

March is Penguin Month – celebrating 80 years of the iconic Penguin Parade! Learn more about the history of the Parade from Parade Rangers, before you enjoy the opportunity to view the magical Little Penguins first hand!

Shearwaters at Sunset

6.30pm

Learn about the lifestyle and features of this unique migratory bird as you stroll along the beach.

Penguin Parade!

7.30pm

Be our guests at the Sunday night Penguin Parade as the closing event of the Community Open Day.

Entry to all attractions and activities is FREE for Sunday March 27 Community Open Day, upon proof of residency/land ownership at the first attraction/activity you attend. Upon proof of residency/land ownership, you will be given an Open Day Pass valid for Sunday, March 27, 2011. Simply show this Pass at every attraction/activity you visit during the day.

For more information call 5951 2825

Open Day time table



Meeting Place (Location)	10.00am	10.30am	11.00am	11.30am	12.00pm	1.00pm	2.00pm	3.00pm	4.00pm	4.30pm	6.00pm	6.30pm	7.30pm
Fishers Wetland (near entrance to Churchill Island bridge)	Welcome to Country												
Churchill Island Meeting Room		Nature Parks' Overview Operations, Research, Education & Environment			Rabbit Busters	Old-time Games							
Koala Conservation Centre Meeting Room			Koala Conservation Centre Talk & Walk				Koala Conservation Centre Talk & Walk						
Oswin Roberts Walk – Meet at Harbison Road car park					Oswin Roberts Reserve Talk & Walk			Oswin Roberts Reserve Talk & Walk					
Penguin Parade Theatrette			Little Penguins at Sea	Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation		Nature Parks' Overview Operations, Research, Education & Environment		Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation		Little Penguins at Sea	Fox Control Program	Penguin Parade - 80 years of Parade	Penguin Parade Viewing
Summerland Peninsula – Meet at Shelly Beach car park							Summerland Revegetation Activity						
Nobbies Centre Boardwalk							Eco Explorer at the Nobbies						
Nobbies Centre Function Room								Australian Fur Seals Research Update					
Summerland Beach – Meet at Penguin Parade Theatrette					Hooded Plover Protection Program								
Conservation Hill	Bird Watching with WESBOC												
Swan Lake car park			Bush Tucker Trail										
Cape Woolamai Life Saving Clubhouse												Shearwaters at Sunset	