

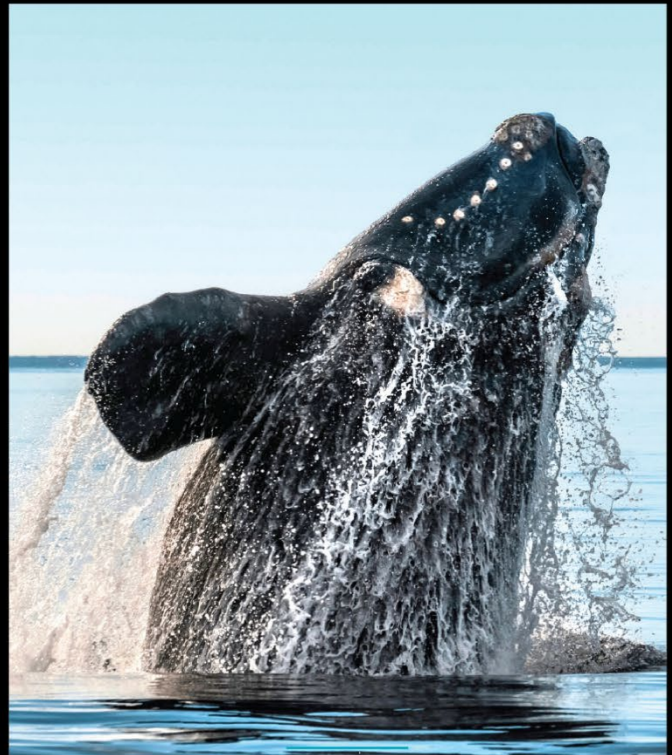
WINTER WHALE FEST

VICTOR HARBOR

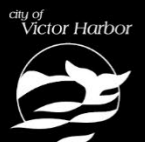
26 MAY - 25 JUNE 2023



2023 PROGRAM



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Water People Art Exhibition

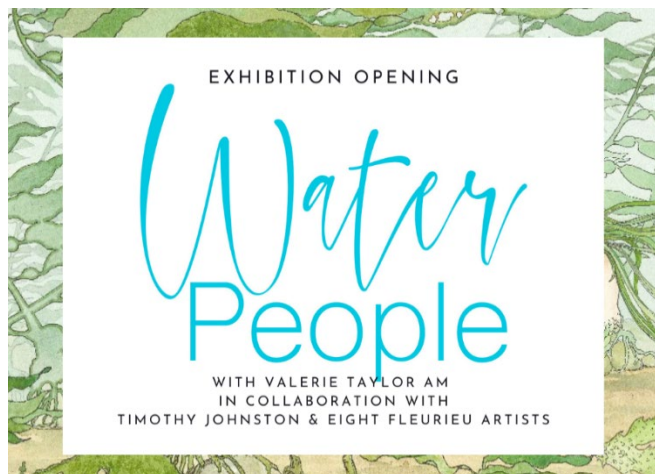
26 May 2023 to 28 July

Coral Street Art Space

Water People is a group exhibition with Fleurieu-based established, mid-emerging and emerging artists. Hosting the work of Interstate special guest artists and ocean activists Valerie Taylor and Tim Johnston. Immerse yourselves and dive deep into the waters of our abundant coastlines reflected through multi-medium creativity.

Free entry. Find out more at

www.coralstreetartspace.com.au



Water People Exhibition Opening with Valerie Taylor AM

26 May 2023, 5.30pm

Coral Street Art Space

Immerse yourself among the Water People of our region through visual art, sculpture, audio visual, written art, and connection to the Ramindjeri/Ngarrindjeri story of river and sea. Hear from The Queen of the Ocean herself, Valerie Taylor (recently on Australian Story) in collaboration with Sydney based artist Timothy Johnston about their recent work in supporting the protection of sea lions on KI and Hopkins Island.

Free event, bookings essential.

Book online at www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

Q&A Morning Tea with Valerie Taylor

27 May 2023, 10am to 12pm

Victor Harbor Information Centre

Join us for Morning Tea and hear about Valerie Taylor's AM Adventurous Life and Creative Muse. Q&A interview led by MC Diego Garcia-Bellido (Associate Professor Biological Sciences, University of Adelaide) will take guests deep into the Queen of the Ocean, Valerie Taylor's life's work as an ocean activist, published author and artist. Signed copies of children's book Melody the Mermaid: Adventures in the Kingdom of the Sea and autobiography An Adventurous Life. Tickets \$25, bookings essential.

Book at www.coralstreetartspace.com.au



Free Willy

26 May 2023, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Victa Cinemas

To celebrate the Winter Whale Fest the Victa Cinema are bringing the 1993 hit Free Willy to the big screen! Jesse, a street kid, befriends Willy, a killer whale, and goes to great lengths to free it from the exploitative owners who want to kill it.

All tickets \$12, book online at

www.victacinemas.com.au



Playing with Sharks: The Valerie Taylor Story

Sunday, May 28, 2023, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Victa Cinemas

Valerie Taylor is a living legend and icon in the underwater world. A glamorous shark hunter in the 1950s, she was a champion slayer with ruthless aim before a personal epiphany transformed her into a passionate marine conservationist – notably for the ocean's scariest creature, the shark.

This is a fund-raising event for The Australian Sea Lion Fund. Hear from Valerie Taylor AM in person and Dirk Holman, Director of The Sea Lion Recovery Fund.

Tickets: \$20.

Book online at www.victacinemas.com.au



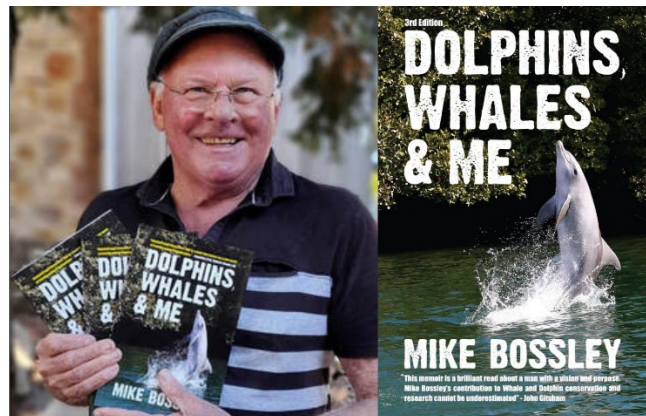
Guided tours of the SA Whale Centre
27 May, 2 June, 10 June, 17 June 2023, 2:00pm
Victor Harbor Visitor Centre (SA Whale Centre)
Join a passionate guide from Fleurieu Marine Education, as they provide anecdotes and additional educational descriptions of the exhibits, history, and artefacts in the Whale Centre. Be guided through the museum's cellar and learn more about whales.

Tickets: Adults \$15, Concession \$12, Children \$7
Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



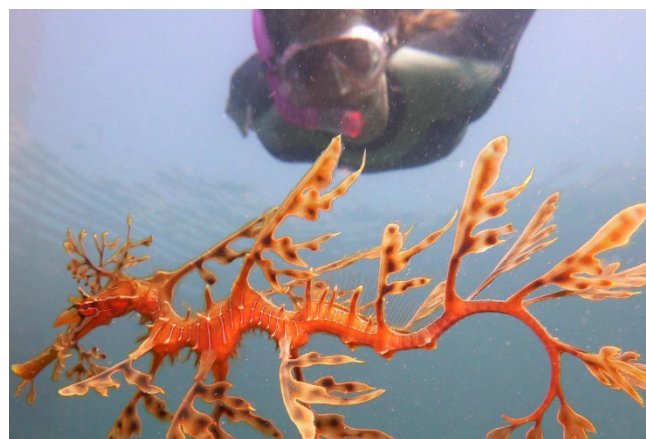
Walking Tour of Granite Island
Saturday 27 May, 3 June, 17 June 2023
10:50am to 12:30pm
Island Café, Granite Island Recreation Park
Join Fleurieu Marine Education for a 1.5hr walk around Granite Island, off the coast of Victor Harbor. Learn about the importance and history of Granite Island as you take in the breath-taking scenery of Encounter Bay. Please note there are some stairs, and a basic level of fitness and mobility is needed.

Tickets: Adults \$25, Children \$15.
Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



Meet the Author - Dr Mike Bossley
6 June 2023, 2pm - 3pm
Victor Harbor Library
Meet and hear environmentalist, scientist and advocate Dr. Mike Bossley talk about his book Dolphins, Whales & Me at the Victor Harbor Library. Dolphins, Whales & Me describes Mike Bossley's lifetime involvement in marine conservation, including campaigns against commercial whaling in Australia and internationally, the establishment of the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, research into the phenomenon of solitary dolphins, dolphin culture, and the establishment of the Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary.

Free event, bookings essential.
Book online at www.victor.sa.gov.au/library



Snorkel Granite Island
Sunday 4 June 2023. 10am, 12pm & 2pm.
Screwpile Jetty, Granite Island
Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries professional snorkel leaders and marine biologists will help you explore Screwpile Jetty and surrounding reef on Granite Island, home to the blue devilfish, eagle rays, elusive leafy and weedy sea dragons and other fish and plant life. Sunday 4 June 2023.

Tickets: Adults \$59, children \$39, bookings essential
Book online at www.emsau.org



Winter Whale Fest Expo
Saturday 10 June 2023, 10am to 3pm
Railway Plaza

Coinciding with the Victor Harbor Artisan Market. A free family friendly day in Railway Plaza filled with maritime talks, workshops, music, local artists, and kids' activities. Speak to local conservation groups, browse ocean themed local artisan stalls. Join in the beachcombing activities, take a junior whale spotter training session, wander the SA Whale Centre, and experience the Sea Shepherd exhibit guided tour. Get inside Kondoli the inflatable whale, play lawn games, and have a great family fun filled day!

Free event.

Find out more at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



Junior Whale Spotter Training
Saturday 10 June 2023,
11:30am and 2:00pm
Railway Plaza

Fleurieu Marine Education's Junior Whale Spotter Program aims to teach kids, and adults, about the different types of whales we see here on the Fleurieu Peninsula coast, and how to identify them. Suitable for kids aged 8 years to adults. 30-minute sessions.

Free, bookings essential.

Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



Beach Combing Activity
Saturday 10 June 2023,
11:30am and 2:00pm
Railway Plaza

Hosted by Fleurieu Marine Education, this Beach Combing Activity will take kids on a 45–60-minute walk on the beach. Participants will be able to find out about objects washed up on the beach, particularly marine life (e.g. cuttlefish bones, seashells, seahorses/ seadragon skeletons, algae, seagrass). Marine debris/rubbish and their impacts will also be discussed. Suitable for kids aged 4 years and up, through to adults.

Free, bookings essential.

Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



VR Experience - Marine Life of the Great Southern Ocean
Saturday 10 June 2023, 10am to 2pm.
Railway Plaza

Join Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries for a totally immersive experience. Put on a pair of VR goggles and immerse yourself in the marine life of the 'Great Southern Reef'. Experience the colourful giant Australian cuttlefish, friendly sea lions, sea dragons, and what it is like to dive under the Rapid Bay jetty surrounded by other divers and large schools of reef fish. The whole session lasts 30 minutes. Start with a VR dive briefing before a 15-minute 360 virtual reality experience.

Tickets: \$5.00.

Book online at www.emsau.org



Victor Harbor Artisan Market
Saturday 10 June 2023, 9am to 3pm
Railway Plaza

The Victor Harbor Artisan Market is a great place to gather with friends and family – in support of 50 plus local and South Australian artisans, creative small businesses, food & beverage vendors and musicians. Held in the heart of Victor Harbor at Railway Plaza, under Moreton Bay fig trees and amongst the towns cherished heritage buildings.

Free event. Find out more at www.victorharborartisanmarket.com.au



Leafy Seadragon Guided Scuba Dives
Various dates 6 to 25 June 2023, 9am to
The Bluff, Encounter Bay

Join PADI Instructor and Divemaster Carl Charter for a guided photography tour to celebrate winter whale fest. Explore the Bluff, Second Valley and/or Rapid Bay in Encounter Marine Park for your chance to see and photograph the elusive Leafy Seadragon. Whale song is often heard during these dives and incredibly lucky divers have had whales swim past while diving at the Bluff dive site.

Tickets from \$329 per person, bookings essential. Book online at www.emsau.org



Ramindjeri Welcoming the Whales and Smoking Ceremony

Sunday 11 June 2023, 9.00am
Amphitheatre, Soldiers Memorial Gardens

Winter Whale Fest Official Opening. Traditional Ramindjeri Welcoming of the Whales and Smoking Ceremony at the amphitheatre situated next to the Soldiers Memorial Gardens on Flinders Parade. Locals Mark Koolmatrie and Cedric Varcoe will perform the welcoming ceremony.

Free event. Find out more at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



Kondoli - The whale journey across Granite Island
Sunday 4, 11, 18, 25 June 2023, 9am
Causeway to Granite Island

Ngarrindjeri have a strong connection with the whale. Join Mark from Kool Tours for a walk across the waters from Pultang-Victor Harbor to Kaiki-Granite Island with Ngarrindjeri as we explain our connection to Kondoli the whale. The Kondoli story is very sacred to Ngarrindjeri, it is the creation story of how fire was given to our people and why we must protect it. It also tells the connection that we as Ngarrindjeri have with the land, waters and cosmology through our whale dreaming.

Tickets: Adults \$30, Child \$10, bookings essential. Book online at www.kooltours.com.au



Ocean Sound Bath
Thursday 8 June 2023, 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Joyful Path

We will tune into the ebb 'n' flow of the tides connecting to our deeper inner emotions as Jo offers bowl frequencies along with hang and medicine drums. The unique sounds of the didgeridoo will also be included to honour and celebrate Kondoli.

Cost: \$35 per person
 Phone Jo to book on 0498 665 655



Ocean Film Festival
Sunday 11 June 2023, 7pm - 10pm
Victa Cinemas

Designed to mesmerise and enthrall, the Ocean Film Festival World Tour showcases a 3-hour celebration of our oceans comprised of sublime footage taken above and below the water's surface. This unique collection of short films from around the globe document the beauty and power of the ocean, and celebrate the divers, surfers, swimmers, and oceanographers who live for the sea's salt spray; who chase the crests of waves.

Tickets: Adults \$31.50, Children \$23.50.
 Book online at www.oceanfilmfestival.com.au



Ocean Themed Yoga
Victor Harbor Information Centre & Joyful Path
 Join instructor Tania Murphy for three free ocean themed yoga session:

Family yoga (kids 7 y/o and under + one parent/carer)
 Wednesday 31 May 2023, 8:45am to 9:30am.

Kids Yoga (7-14 y/o)
 Sunday 11 June 2023, 8:30am to 9:30am.

Adults Yoga
 Wednesday 21 June 2023, 8:30am to 9:45am.

Free event, bookings essential.
 Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



"Your Dunes My Dunes" Presentation by Richard House, Victor Harbor Coastcare
13 June 2023, 5pm to 6:15pm
Victor Harbor Information Centre

Learn about the dune system along our stunning coastline and how it is being cared for. This presentation will show the remarkable results of the work that has been done over 22 years by this award-winning group of volunteers, Victor Harbor Coastcare. Wine and cheese included (soft drinks available).

Free event, bookings essential.
 Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



Ngarrindjeri/Ramindjeri basket weaving and culture with Cedric Varcoe

Saturday 17 June 2023, 10:30am to 5pm

Saturday 24 June 2023, 10:30am to 5pm

Coral Street Art Space

Join us for a day of learning traditional weaving with local Ramindjeri/Ngarrindjeri contemporary artist Cedric Varcoe. During the class Cedric will share story of culture and country. This workshop is suitable for all skill levels, all are welcome at this family friendly event. Tickets include all materials, and a catered lunch.

Tickets \$85 per person, bookings essential.

Book online at www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

Ngarrindjeri Language workshop

22 June 2023, 10am to 11am

Victor Harbor Library

Join us for Ngarrindjeri Language workshops with Kyla McHughes. Kyla McHughes is a proud local Ngarrindjeri woman, artist, and Ngarrindjeri Language teacher. In celebration of the Winter Whale Fest, Kyla will teach us some local Ngarrindjeri marine life names, place names, their origins, and simple greetings. Kyla will provide a safe and fun space to practice speaking some Ngarrindjeri words.

Free event, bookings essential.

Book online at www.victor.sa.gov.au/library



Whale Tail Paint and Sip Art Workshops

Friday 9 June 2023, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm;

Saturday 10 June 2023, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Coral Street Art Space

Uncork your creativity with Studio Vino, relax and unwind while painting the feature whale-themed painting, 'Whale of a Time'. Canvas, paint, and brushes are provided as well as an experienced instructor who leads you step-by-step through the process for an unforgettable afternoon/evening of painting, sipping, and socialising! If you don't want to follow the class, feel free to paint anything you would like. The canvas is yours to keep. Come with friends or come on your own and make new friends.

Tickets: \$57 per person, bookings essential.

Book online at www.studiovino.com.au



Self-guided tour: Explore Victor Harbor's unique and sometimes dark whaling history.

Wednesdays to Sundays, 11am to 3pm.

Victor Harbor National Trust Museum

Take a step back in time and discover the stories of Victor Harbor's unique and sometimes dark Whaling History. The first export industry in the new colony of South Australia. Exhibits and interactive displays, self-guided or if available a volunteer may be able to talk to you about this chapter in Victor Harbor's story.

Find out more at www.victorharbornatrust.org.au

WINTER WHALEFEST

VICTOR HARBOR
26 MAY - 25 JUNE 2023



Winter Whale Fest is proudly held on Ramindjeri Ruwi

The City of Victor Harbor acknowledges the Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and surrounding waters where we live and work.

We acknowledge their deep connection to country and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. This respect is extended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia.

Winter Whale Fest is an initiative of the City of Victor Harbor, with the grateful support of Regional Event Funding through SA Tourism Commission.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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