

# Summer Holiday Activities program

**FREE!**  
for all ages

ROBE • BEACHPORT • SOUTHEAST

Limestone Coastwatchers  
presents

## COASTAL connections

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 2018

KINGSTON

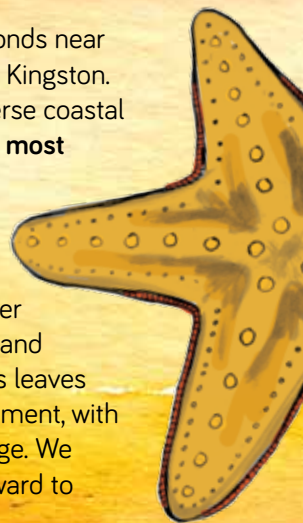
CARPENTER ROCKS • PORT MACDONNELL

Friends of Shorebirds SE

Coastal Connections is back again this summer with a program brimming with fun activities all along the Limestone Coast. It is an event for all ages and explores the many natural wonders of our magnificent coast and marine environment.

Our program runs from 2<sup>nd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January from Piccaninnie Ponds near Port MacDonnell, through to Southend, Beachport, Robe and Kingston. This year's activities will again showcase the unique and diverse coastal habitats of the South East region. **Bookings are essential for most activities as the number of places are limited.** See below for booking details.

Throughout this event our aim is to promote a stronger connection between people and the coast, and build a greater community awareness and appreciation of its beauty, value and fragility. With this in mind we hope that Coastal Connections leaves you inspired to join us in protecting this magnificent environment, with its diversity of native flora and fauna and rich cultural heritage. We hope that you enjoy 'Coastal Connections' and we look forward to meeting you at an activity soon.



#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

We request that all participants be sun smart and wear a hat, shirt and sunscreen for all daytime activities, and sturdy walking shoes in the bush and on the rocky shore. People wearing thongs or in bare feet will not be allowed to participate in the Rockpool Rambles.

**In the event of extreme sea or weather conditions activities may be relocated or cancelled. All activities will be cancelled on days of catastrophic fire danger rating. Dog's Breakfasts and Birdwatching activities will be cancelled on days of both extreme and catastrophic fire danger rating.**

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

Book online at [www.naturalresourcese.eventbrite.com](http://www.naturalresourcese.eventbrite.com)

**Phone Bookings:** Talk to one of our Coastal Connections organisers on 0467 797 201.

Also look out for our roving Coastal Connections staff, as well as information boards at an activity venue near you.



# ACTIVITIES

All activities  
will be cancelled  
on days of  
**Catastrophic Fire**  
Danger rating

## BEACH DETECTIVES

Carry out a crime scene investigation and follow the clues to solve the mystery on the beach. What are some of those strange objects that have washed ashore? Where do they come from and where do they go?

## BUSH BIRDS, WETLAND AND COASTAL BIRD GUIDED WALKS

Join local birdwatchers to learn more about our local birds, their calls and their idiosyncrasies. **BYO binoculars if you have a pair and a hat, sturdy shoes and sunscreen are recommended.**

## COASTAL BUSH TUCKER TRAILS

Discover the many traditional foods of the Limestone Coast's Aboriginal People. Learn about these nutritious foods and how they were prepared, as well as other facts about bush survival and Aboriginal culture.

## CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

What happens behind the dunes when the sun goes down? What creatures lurk in the shadows and make those eerie sounds. Find out on this after-dark guided walk.

**Bring: torch, walking shoes, warm clothing, insect repellent**

## CULTURAL JOURNEY

Join Ken Jones at Port MacDonnell to learn about the stories and traditions that link local landforms to Aboriginal culture. Come and see how tools like grinding stones and digging sticks formed a part of the traditional way of life, as well as art, song, dancing and weaving. A family friendly event. **Wear sturdy shoes, bring a drink and come sun-smart.**

## DOGS' BREAKFAST *(no bookings required)*

Bring your dog to the beach for a shared brekkie and meet the Friends of Shorebirds SE and special guests. Learn the best ways to share the beach with beach-nesting and migratory shorebirds. Receive a free 'Doggy Bag'.

**Important notice: For the welfare of everybody's pooch, please ensure that your dog is up to date with its vaccinations before bringing him/her along to this activity. Thank you.**

## ESTUARY DISCOVERY

Discover the world where freshwater meets the sea. Learn why these ecosystems are so important for our ocean fisheries. Wade the shallows and search for fish, wetland birds and other creatures. **Bring old shoes and shorts**

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# ACTIVITIES *...continued*

## FOSSIL SAFARI

Learn about the local geology and fossil formation while making your own fossil to take home. Recommended age 6-12 years.

## FISHING FOR THE FUTURE

Learn about our local fish and where they live, while discovering how to catch fish using environmentally and fish friendly tackle. Participants receive a sustainable fishing pack.

**Note: Children must be aged 6-16 years. Bookings essential. Bring hat, sunscreen and drinking water.**

## PICCANINNIE PONDS SNORKEL TOUR

Join our guide to discover the crystal clear waters and unique plants and animals that call this unique environment home. Wetsuits are provided but it is recommended that participants have previous experience with snorkelling. Children must be aged 12 or older to participate and be accompanied by an adult.

## ROCKPOOL RAMBLE

Explore the rocky shore and intertidal pools and get up close to some amazing marine creatures and fascinating seaweeds. Look for critters like the decorator crab, the prehistoric-looking chiton, predatory sea snails, colourful sea stars and much more.

**Bring: Old shoes and shorts (no bare feet or thongs)**

## SAND SCULPTURES *(no bookings required)*

Create your favourite coastal critters from sand and learn about how they survive, what they eat and other fascinating facts. Beach Fun for all the family and a great way to learn about other program activities.

## SEA CRITTER CRAFT CREATIONS

Have fun creating your own sea creatures and learn interesting facts about how they live. All craft materials supplied.

## WILD ABOUT WETLANDS

Join our expert guide on a wander through the region's beautiful and unique wetland systems – Piccaninnie Ponds and Robe's Freshwater Lake.

## BEACHPORT CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Meet at....	Time
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Salmon Hole	5:30 - 7:00pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Salmon Hole	6:45 - 8:15pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dogs & Shorebirds - stall at the Beachport Market Day*	Railway Terrace, Beachport	9:00am - 1:00pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Creatures of the Night	Wooley Lake, Beachport Conservation Park	8:00 -9:30pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fishing for the Future	Beachport Jetty	10:00 - 11:30am
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Beachport, Boardwalk opp. Caravan Park	10:00 - 11:30am
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Creatures of the night	Wooley Lake, Beachport Conservation Park	8:00 -9:30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Salmon Hole	10:30am - 12pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coastal Bush Tucker	Salmon Hole	2:00 - 3:30pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fossil Safari	Beachport, Boardwalk opp. Caravan Park	10:00 - 11:30am

## SOUTHEND CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Meet at....	Time
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Sand Sculpture*	Southend, Beach end of Eyre St	10:00 - 11:30am
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Southend, Beach end of Eyre St	10:00 - 11:30am
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coastal Bush Tucker	Southend, NPWSA Ranger's office	2:00 - 3:30pm
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Estuary Discovery	Southend, Lake Frome Outlet	10:00 - 11:30am
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fossil Safari	Southend, Beach end Eyre St	10:00 - 11:30

\* No Booking required

# ROBE CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Meet at....	Time
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Sand Sculptures*	Long Beach, opp Discovery Caravan Pk	10:00 -11:30am
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Robe Jetty	5:15 - 6:45pm
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Robe Jetty	6:30 - 8:00pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Long Beach, opp Discovery Caravan Pk	10:00 - 11:30am
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fossil Safari	Long Beach, opp Discovery Caravan Pk	10:00 - 11:30am
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Long Beach, opp Discovery Caravan Pk	10:00 - 11:30am
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fishing for the Future	Robe Jetty	2:00 - 3:30pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Estuary Discovery	Robe, Fox Lake (Drain L outlet)	2:30 - 4:00pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wild about Wetlands	Freshwater Lake, Little Dip Conservation Park	10:00 -11:30am
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coastal Bush Tucker	Robe, Old Gaol	2:00 - 3:30pm
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coastal Bush Tucker	Robe, Old Gaol	2:00 - 3:30pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Creatures of the night	Robe, Drain L Lakes. Meet on Nora Creina Rd 1km from main road turn-off	8:00 - 9:30pm
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dogs' Breakfast*	Town Beach, Opp. Visitor Info	9:00 - 10:30am
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wetland and Beach Birds Guided walk	Robe, Fox Lake bird hide	11:00am - 12:30pm
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Robe Jetty	4:00 - 5:30pm

# KINGSTON CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Meet at....	Time
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sea Critter Craft Creations	Kingston Community School Library	10:00 - 11:30am
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fossil Safari	Kingston Jetty	10:00 - 11:30am
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Kingston Jetty	10:00 - 11:30am
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dogs' Breakfast*	Kingston, Lions Park Rotunda	9:00 - 10:30am



# PORT MACDONNELL CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Meet at....	Time
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Sand Sculptures*	Port MacDonnell Jetty	10am - 11:30am
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Port Mac, Lighthouse Rd 200m west of Smiths Rd	5:30 - 7:00pm
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Estuary Discovery	Piccaninnie Ponds, Beach carpark	4:00 - 5:30pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sea Critter Craft Creations	Port Mac Community Complex	2:00 - 3:30pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Port Mac, Lighthouse Rd 200m west of Smiths Rd	6:30 - 8:00pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Piccaninnie Ponds Snorkel Tour	Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park <b>bookings essential!</b>	Scheduled sessions all day
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wild about Wetlands	Piccaninnie Ponds, Beach carpark	2:00 - 3:30pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dogs' Breakfast*	Port MacDonnell 200m east of jetty	9:00 - 10:30am
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Creatures of the Night	Germein Reserve	8:00 - 9:30pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Port MacDonnell Jetty	10:00 - 11:30am
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Carpenter Rocks, Bucks Bay	10:00 - 11:30am
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coastal Bush Tucker	Posties, via Northumberland	3:00 - 4:30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sea Critter Craft Creations	Mt Gambier Library	10:00 - 11:30am
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sea Critter Craft Creations	Mt Gambier Library	2:00 - 3:30pm
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Estuary Discovery	Piccaninnie Ponds, Beach carpark	10:00 - 11:30am
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Creatures of the Night	Germein Reserve	8:00 - 9:30pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fishing for the Future	Port MacDonnell Jetty	10:00 - 11:30am
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coastal Bush Tucker	Posties, via Northumberland	2:00 - 3:30pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Piccaninnie Ponds Snorkel Tour	Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park <b>bookings essential!</b>	Scheduled sessions all day
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bush Birds Guided Walk	Pick Swamp	8:00 - 9:30am
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wetland and Coastal Birds Guided Walk	Pick Swamp	10:00 - 11:30am
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Beach Detectives	Port MacDonnell Jetty	10:00 - 11:30am
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cultural Journey	Finger Point	10:00 - 11:30am
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rockpool Ramble	Port Mac, Lighthouse Rd 200m west of Smiths Rd	4:15 - 5:45pm

\* No Booking required



**LOST?**

**Can't find the activity location?**

Keep an eye out for the Coastal Connections sign boards.

**Still lost? Give us a call**  
**0467 797 201**

Coastal Connections is a Limestone Coastwatchers activity. This project is supported by the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) and Natural Resources South East through funding from the Australian Government. Limestone Coast Local Government Association and Natural Resources South East would like to thank all project partners and community volunteers for their generous support of the Coastal Connections Summer holiday program.

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