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Seals, birds and a boat: Western Port up close

Western Port Biosphere Foundation and Phillip Island Nature Parks supported the Western Port Catchment Committee in hosting a boat tour of southern Western Port for members and community on Thursday 19th February.

Ian Stevenson, Western Port Catchment Committee Executive Officer, said “Today’s boat trip was a great example of how the Catchment Committee brings people together to exchange information and ideas. This trip was a chance to explore the southern section of Western Port and see our marine environment up close. For many people this was their first chance to explore this area first-hand.”

Representatives from community groups, Parks Victoria and local government joined with the Biosphere Foundation in the opportunity. Participants were able to share specialist knowledge about the conservation work that takes place in this incredible marine area. The boat visited Seal Rocks, Reef Island and Elizabeth Island, as well as looking at Middle Bank, the channels, the Phillip Island Surfing Reserves.

“As custodians of this region this boat tour was a fabulous opportunity for our partners to see a part of Western Port not many people visit. We were able to exchange ideas on how we can continue to work together to foster conservation and sustainable development for the Western Port Biosphere” said Cecelia Witton, Executive Officer of the Western Port Biosphere Foundation.

The Western Port Catchment Committee is a community liaison group interested in the sustainability of the Western Port catchment region. The Catchment Committee is auspiced by the Biosphere Foundation.

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