

LET'S GO ON A ROCKPOOL RAMBLE

If you love to explore the coastline then Queenscliff is the place to be....

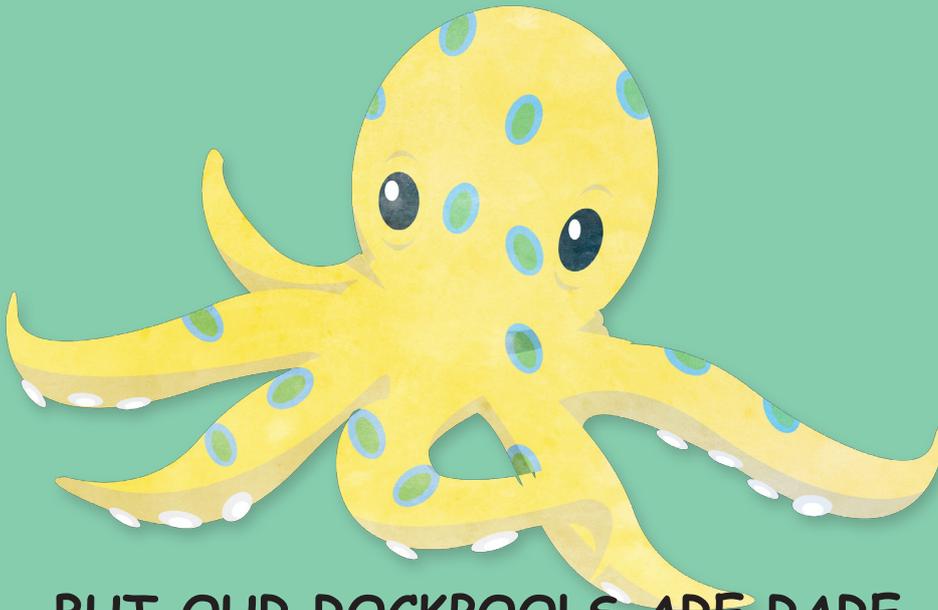
Our coastline is dotted with chains of fabulous rockpools - little natural aquariums left behind by the tide and teeming with marine life.

More than 95% of the species you might find in our southern waters are not found anywhere else on the planet.

Each rock pool is different and therefore invites different communities. Worms, snails, slugs, star fish, anemones, sea jellies and crabs are among the many creatures you may discover during your ramble.

But these are very fragile eco-systems so it is very important them with respect.

Intertidal rockpools are exposed to the force of breaking waves as well as variations in water availability, temperature and salt concentrations and many animals have adapted special survival techniques, such as a hard shell and tight muscular foot, allowing them to cling tightly to the rocks.



**BUT OUR ROCKPOOLS ARE RARE -
SO TREAT THEM WITH CARE**

Some rockpool rules to remember....

- Leave creatures where they are - handling can harm them and you
- Always return rocks to where you found them - how would you like it if somebody took your home away?
- Tread lightly and try to walk on patches of sand or bare rock to avoid trampling sea grasses.
- Please take your rubbish home with you
- Watch out for nasties - The deadly blue-ringed octopus resides under rock ledges in our local rock pools, don't go poking about, you may get a nasty sting

ACTIVITY: Every day in our newspapers there are stories about people enjoying (or not enjoying) the coastline - surfing, swimming, sailing. Find a story and using the five W's of journalism - WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY - explain the following:

- What message does the headline convey about the story – eg. is it a good or bad news story?
- Where is it?
- When did it happen?
- Who is involved in the story?
- Why is that person or group at the coast?