

Hobsons Bay Friends Group conservation activities 2018



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Hobsons Bay park locations



1. Altona Coastal Park, Seaholme

The Altona Coastal Park comprises of 70ha of terrestrial land and 70ha of intertidal and saltmarsh zones. The park boasts a variety of habitats including regionally significant white mangrove (*Avicennia marina*) communities. The park offers great roosting and feeding grounds for the resident and migratory wading birds that travel from places as far away as Siberia to spend their summer months.

2. Sandy Point and the Spit, Newport

Sandy Point is a conservation area. The site provides a good mix of coastal shrub land and habitat for a variety of bird species. The Spit was created by the dredging from the Yarra River and has been revegetated with indigenous plants.

3. Laverton Creek, Laverton

Laverton Creek begins its journey up near Caroline Springs, flowing through areas of Laverton, remnant grasslands and salt marsh communities before entering Port Phillip Bay.

4. Kororoit Creek, Altona North

Kororoit Creek is one of the major waterways for Melbourne's west. It is 80km in length with the upper catchment starting in Sunbury. In Hobsons Bay, industry plays a big part in the landscape of the creek as it runs through areas like Brooklyn and Altona North. The creek runs into Port Phillip Bay at the Altona Coastal Park, between Altona and Williamstown.

5. Newport Lakes, Newport

At approximately 33ha in size, Newport Lakes is a recycled park, as it was created from a former bluestone quarry. The park is an urban bushland oasis and when walking along the meandering trails you could easily forget that you are in the suburbs of Melbourne. The park is home to a wide range of flora and fauna.

6. Skeleton Creek, Altona Meadows

Skeleton Creek lies adjacent to the Cheetham Wetlands/Point Cook Coastal Park which is a wetland of international significance (RAMSAR Site). You can be guaranteed to see a vast variety of bird life around Skeleton Creek.

7. Truganina Park, Altona Meadows

Truganina Park has been converted into a major park. The site provides one of the largest stands of Chaffey Saw Sedge (*Gahnia Filum*) in Hobsons Bay. This is the food plant for the larvae of the Altona Skipper Butterfly.

8. Rifle Range Reserve, Williamstown

The Rifle Range Reserve was initially set up as a rifle range back in 1877. In the 1990s it was sold off for development with public space set aside. The Rifle Range Reserve consists of two wetland lakes, salt marsh, and mangrove conservation areas, Wader Beach, and Paisley Challis Wetlands.

9. Truganina Explosives Reserve, Altona

Truganina Explosives Reserve was established in 1901 for the storage and handling of commercial explosives and is now managed by Council. Remnant native vegetation is evident throughout the reserve. The gardens of the homestead are being restored to replicate that of the early 1900s.



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Cantonese	用您的語言所表述的市議會
Greek	Ο Δήμος στη γλώσσα σας
Italian	Il Comune nella tua lingua
Karen	နကိုၣ်ကတၢၢ်လၢနကိုၣ်ၣ်နဲ
Macedonian	Вашата Општина на ваш јазик
Mandarin	用您的語言所表述的市議會
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Hobsons Bay Friends Groups

Hobsons Bay Friends Groups work together with Hobsons Bay City Council to protect and enhance environmentally significant areas throughout the municipality. Volunteers engage in land management projects including planting, bird surveys and various other conservation activities. New members are always welcome.

All events are carried out in conjunction with Hobsons Bay City Council's Conservation Rangers.

Friends of Greenwich Bay

Sandy Point and The Spit, Newport

The group meets on most months and undertakes a range of activities including bird walks and planting. One of the groups major projects is to survey the bird life at both Sandy Point and The Spit.

Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek

Kororoit Creek, Altona North

This group has regular activities throughout the year, mainly concentrating on revegetating the surrounding areas with indigenous plants.

Friends of Newport Lakes

Newport Lakes, Newport

The group is a volunteer group of local people who have been working for many years to improve and develop the park. The group meets monthly to undertake conservation activities.

Friends of Skeleton Creek

Skeleton Creek, Altona Meadows

The group works alongside the creek at various times throughout the year. The group is involved in a wide variety of conservation activities that help restore and maintain this beautiful waterway.

Friends of Williamstown Wetlands

Rifle Range reserve / Paisley Challis Wetlands

The group works on a variety of projects including a native arboretum showcasing a variety of coastal groundcovers, shrubs and trees. The group also participates in water watch activities which includes water quality testing and macroinvertebrate surveying.

Truganina Explosives Reserve Preservation Society

Truganina Explosives Reserve

The group is actively involved in the upkeep of the historical residence on site as well as undertaking multiple conservation activities throughout the reserve. They also assist with the conducting of public open days and guided tours.



For more information contact the Conservation Ranger on (03) 9932 1000 or email: ranger@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

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