

# Our Waste Our Place Our Actions

Mornington U3A, Monash University and Mornington Park Primary School came together to explore our waste, our place and our actions through art.

We explored our...waste behaviours...waste creativities...waste possibilities...waste questions...waste actions

What waste wisdoms will you explore?

**Loving our wildlife:** Through art, we explored wildlife in our local environment. In our bay, there are Australian fur seals, Burruran dolphins and sharks. Humpback and southern right whales have been seen further out. We love the leafy sea dragons in our region, the starfish and the squid. Together we shared stories about the ringtail possums, the pobblebonk frogs and the lizards we have come across. Silver gulls and cormorants, cockatoos, and eastern rosellas are part of our lives and fairy penguins have been spotted as well.

**Waste-free wishes:** Without hesitation, our intergenerational group of participants agree - local wildlife deserves a waste-free life and yet, our everyday waste can destroy the good life we wish for local animals and the healthy habitats they need.

**Good life amulets:** Together we created amulets that prompted us to think about our daily waste behaviour in relation to the animals we love. We hung our weekly waste alongside upcycled wooden templates of favourite local animals. The animals were decorated with healthy or waste-filled habitats. Sometimes we added a pledge for waste-wise action.

**Taking action:** Our amulets are now hung in the kitchen, in the classroom or displayed anywhere that might prompt us to think about our waste actions in relation to the wildlife we love. Each time we look at our amulets we are prompted to re-consider our waste behaviours as an ongoing act.

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