



PRACTITIONER WORKSHOP

Partnering to Protect our Waterways

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Abstract

Mandurah is home to approximately 80 year-round resident dolphins. These dolphins are an important aspect of Mandurah's identity. In August 2019, a sixteen-month old dolphin, Luca, died after becoming entangled in fishing line for the third time in six months. Luca's death sparked an incredible community response, drawing widespread attention to the impact of discarded fishing line and other waste on our marine wildlife.

The Clean Waterways Campaign was developed as a collective response to Luca's death, and the larger issue of waste in our waterways. It brings together existing research partnerships and community groups, along with government and local business to jointly develop new ways to engage the local community in caring for our waterways and the wildlife that relies on them.

Speaker Profile

The Clean Waterways Group is made up of a number of active groups, businesses and organisations who have a passion for caring for Mandurah's waterways. Together, they drive the Clean Waterways Campaign to educate their local community on the impact of waste in our waterways, and the wildlife that relies on them.

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