

## TWO BAYS: January 2009 Program

### Opportunities for Stakeholder Participation

Two Bays is a partnership program initiated by Pelican Expeditions working with Parks Victoria, EPA Victoria, Port Phillip and Western Port Catchment Management Authority, The Australian Government, and the Association of Bayside Municipalities. The 2009 sailing program is the third Two Bays project and will build on knowledge gained during previous programs.

This year the program will continue to undertake water quality and scientific studies, and promote awareness for Victoria's largest two embayments, Port Phillip and Western Port, as environmental and cultural assets.

This year's program will again feature opportunities for agency, local government, industry and community partners to participate in the program as either invited guests to specific events, or to come on board as "day volunteers" for the days sailing along with the crew, scientists, trainees, and bay managers.

#### Background:

1. A copy of the program for the Two Bays January 2009 project including a map follows.
2. Two Bays 09 will take place from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January through Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January with several Indigenous training days also scheduled in February.
3. The Two Bays 09 program comprise 4 components
  - Marine Science: Using the vessel as a platform a range of scientific studies will take place on the vessel including:
    - Underway water quality monitoring
    - Ecological studies and Habitat Mapping in Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries
    - Bay Exchange Investigations
    - Citizen science days – SeaSearch at Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary and Mud Islands, Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park
  - Community Engagement
    - Pier Visits – "open boat" to meet scientists, rangers, interps, and collect info
    - Marine management on the bays – info for bay users re safety and environmental management
    - Ocean Dialogue – conversations for key stakeholders on bay themes
  - Indigenous Programs
    - Sea Country – linking indigenous perspectives with the bay story
  - Media
    - Launch at Docklands with Boonwurrung Elders

#### Participating in Two Bays

4. Stakeholders in water, bay and marine management, research, or community engagement are welcome to participate in the Two Bays program providing space is available.
5. The vessel provides a great opportunity for dialogue around marine and coastal issues.
6. Providing opportunities to interact with scientists, rangers, boat crew and other participants is an important component of the Two Bays program.

#### NOTE:

7. Participants will not be responsible for the activities occurring on the day but would be welcome to assist where appropriate.
8. Transport to and from the vessel, and food is the responsibility of participants. Be aware that the vessel is moving around the bays and that on many days will depart from a different location to where it will be berthing that night.
9. **All expressions of interest should be directed to Natalie Davey, Program Coordinator ([saltwater@pacific.net.au](mailto:saltwater@pacific.net.au)) / Ph: 0425718423**