



Marine Teachers' Association of New South Wales Inc

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MTANSW AGM & Professional Learning Workshops Nelson Bay 2nd-3rd May 2025

Friday 2 nd May		Activity	Venue
Choose ONE of these optional activities	6am-12pm	Half Day (Morning) Deep Sea Fishing with Nelson Bay Fishing Charters Cost: \$200 per person Charter Duration: 7 hours (6:00 AM - 1:00 PM) Maximum Participants: 12 people Contact: nelsonbayfishing@gmail.com; 0402 446 999 (interested members must book directly with provider) Course/syllabus relevance: open water risk assessment, sustainability of targeted marine species and boating safety Stage 5 Outcome: 5.3.3; Stage 6 Outcome: P3.3	Nelson Bay Marina
		SCUBA requalification dive with Feet First Dive at Inner Island Cost: \$320 per person Time: 7:00am-1pm Maximum Participants: 8 people Contact: enquiries@feetfirstdive.com.au; 02 4984 2092 (interested members must book directly with provider) Course/syllabus relevance: diving risk assessment, local species study with possible grey nurse shark sightings Stage 5 Outcome: 5.2.1; Stage 6 Outcome: P2.1	Nelson Bay Marina
		Dolphin Discovery Cruise with Moonshadow Cruises Cost: \$42 per person Duration: 1.5 hours (10:30-12pm) Contact: info@moonshadowtqc.com.au; 02 4984 9388 (interested members must book directly with provider) Course/syllabus relevance: marine mammal biology Stage 5 Outcome: 5.6.1; Stage 6 Outcome: P6.4	Nelson Bay Marina
	12-1pm	Lunch: Provide/organise your own.	
	1-1:15pm	Welcome to Country & Conference overview	St Phillip's Christian College (SPCC) Lecture Theatre
	1:15-1:45pm	Marine wildlife presentation by David Harasti , Principal Research Scientist at the DPI, with a focus on seahorses	St Phillip's Christian College (SPCC) Lecture Theatre
	1:45-2pm	Travel by bus to Port Stephens Fisheries Institute (DPI), Taylors Beach	Taylors Beach
	2pm-3pm	Tour the Port Stephens Fisheries Institute (DPI), Taylors Beach Stage 5 Outcome: 5.5.2; Stage 6 Outcome: P5.2	Taylors Beach
	3-3:30pm	Travel to Stella Maris Oyster Co.	Lemon Tree Passage
	3:30-5pm	Tour Stella Maris Oyster Co. Hands-on experience at each stage of the oyster farming process Stage 5 Outcome: 5.3.2; Stage 6 Outcome: P3.2	Lemon Tree Passage
	5-5:30pm	Return to SPCC	St Phillip's Christian College
	6:45pm	Dinner (location to be confirmed)	Soldiers Point

Saturday 3 rd May	Activity	Venue
8:30am	Meet and Greet Registration and coffee	St Phillip's Christian College
8:30-9am	Bus to Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters	Anna Bay
9-12pm	Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters Course/syllabus reference: dangerous marine creatures, risk assessment for snorkelling & enclosed water activities Stage 5 Outcome: 5.6.1; Stage 6 Outcome: P6.4	Anna Bay
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Bus to the Barramundi Farm	Bob's Farm
12:30-1:15pm	Barramundi Farm Tour A working farm site which includes a world-leading fish farm, hydroponic garden and soon to open local produce centre. This innovative barramundi farm has an international reputation for its sustainable farming practices. Stage 5 Outcome: 5.3.2; Stage 6 Outcome: P3.2	Bob's Farm
1:15-2pm	Lunch at Cook-a-barra Restaurant & Function Centre , Barramundi Farm Food from the sea! Experience the taste of fresh barramundi baked, poached or lightly fried in their special batter. Menu caters for vegetarian and gluten-free customers.	Bob's Farm
2-2:30pm	Bus returns back to SPCC	St Phillip's Christian College
2:30-3:30pm	2025 MTANSW AGM	St Phillip's Christian College
3:30-6pm	Collaborative resource-sharing, classroom techniques and formative assessment for Stages 5 & 6 syllabus'. Breakdown of 2027 Aquatic Technology syllabus Members are encouraged to bring any resources (hard copy or USB), ideas, work samples etc that they may be willing to share during this session.	St Phillip's Christian College
7pm	Association Dinner	Shoal Bay Country Club

Cost of PL event: \$300

Professional Development: Completing the Marine Teachers Association of NSW AGM & PL workshops contributes 6 hours of Elective PD, standard descriptors 1.2.2, 2.2.2, 4.4.2, 6.2.2, 7.4.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

Final date for registration: Friday 4th April 2025. Registration forms must be emailed to our Secretary, Lara Pratt: lara.pratt@det.nsw.edu.au

Members must be financial for 2025 to be eligible to attend. Membership renewals can be completed by using the form available on the MTANSW website (www.marineteachers.com.au).

Please note that the optional activities have additional costs that must be organised directly with the providers. For further information regarding activities please contact the conference coordinator Tim Grant: timothy.grant@det.nsw.edu.au

Accommodation: limited cabin accommodation has been reserved for 3 nights (Thursday 1st May-Sunday 4th) at Ingenia Holiday Park, Soldiers Point. Members must indicate on their registration form if they would like this accommodation. Accommodation is allocated on a first in, first served basis and is only guaranteed once full payment (\$361) has been made to the MTANSW via direct deposit (NOT via EdConnect for DoE schools). The price is fixed for 3 nights; no alterations to cost can be made for fewer/additional nights.

Conference WhatsApp group: for those who have access to the app, join the Conference WhatsApp group and stay in touch with your fellow marine teacher attendees, post photos, locations etc throughout the weekend: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CAVmctWAutPCi6tNe8BXJr>

For information regarding booking/payment: Secretary: lara.pratt@det.nsw.edu.au; Treasurer: kate.herwig@det.nsw.edu.au

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