

## SEANA AUTUMN 2024 GET-TOGETHER

Note: no payment is required at this stage.

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria (FNCV) invites you to attend the SEANA autumn 2024 get-together, to be based on Phillip Island from **Friday 19th – Monday 22nd April 2024**. The main venue will be in Cowes. Phillip Island offers so much we look forward to giving you a further appreciation of its natural features. This will include: The Nobbies, Swan Lake, Rhyl Inlet, Conservation Hill, Churchill Island, and Cape Woolamai, beach walks, Kitty Miller Bay, Seal Rocks and the Bass Coast. We will focus on geology, botany, birdlife and invertebrates.

**Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre.** Address: 895 **Phillip Island Road**, Newhaven VIC 3925. Phone: 1300 366 422. Hours: 7 days a week. Closed Christmas Day.

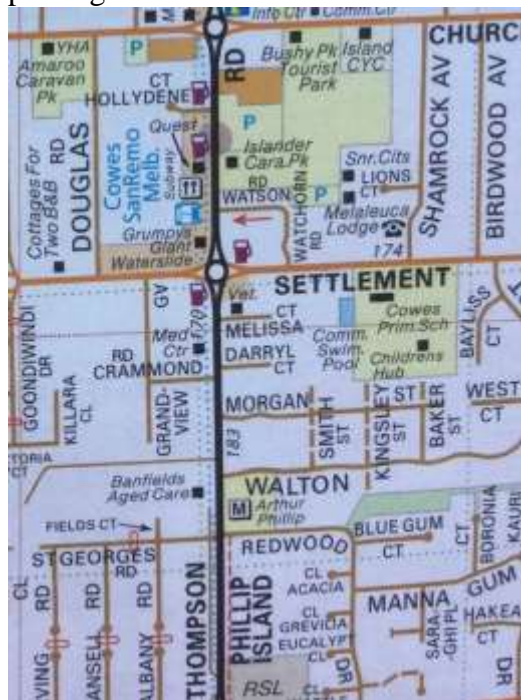
<https://www.visitphillipisland.com.au/planning-your-trip/visitor-information>

### Accommodation

Participants are asked to arrange their own accommodation for the three nights, Friday 19th April to Sunday 21st April 2024. See below for information about accommodation. Early booking is strongly recommended as the area around Cowes is very popular on the weekend.

### Venue

The base for SEANA registration, presentations on Friday and Sunday evening, displays, book sales and some excursion departures will be the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club, 6 Lions Ct. Cowes 3922. There is no parking at the front of the centre in Lyons Court, just a quick drop off, but parking is available in nearby streets. There is also a limited parking area at the back entrance to the centre, via Watchthorn Road, (one way only) accessed off Settlement Rd. Melway ref 734D2. More details about parking later.

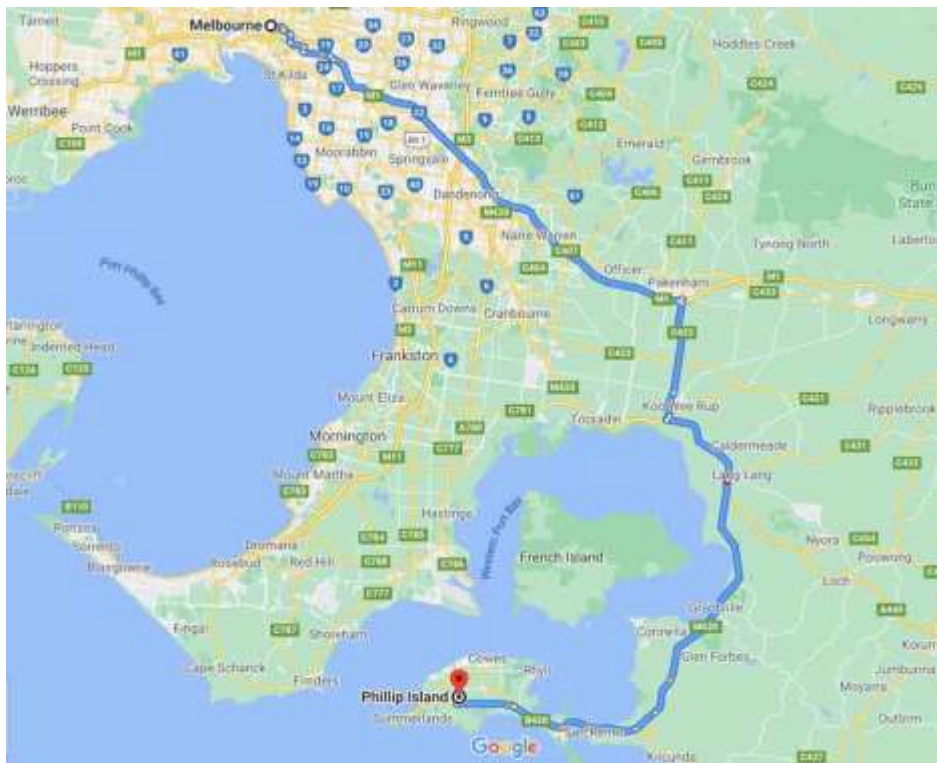


## Meals

A catered, welcome BBQ is being offered on Friday 19th April at the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club as well as a presentation. A gala dinner and presentation will be held on Saturday 20th April 2024 at the Phillip Island RSL sub-branch Lone Pine Bistro, 225-243 Thompsons Ave Cowes 3922. Booking and payment will be required for both of these functions. Details will be in the second circular. You will need to provide your own breakfasts and lunches. Tea and coffee will always be available at the Senior Citizens Centre. Supper will be served after the presentation on Sunday evening.

## Directions

Phillip Island is about 2 hours from Melbourne. Allow extra time for the drive to Cowes. The Phillip Island Visitors Centre is signposted on the left a short distance after crossing the bridge. It is well worth calling in.



## Program

We will be welcoming our SEANA visitors for registration from 4 pm onwards on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club. Please bring your own name tag.

All activities will be for a half day. Each will be designated as to the challenge level involved. Participants will sign up for activities on registration and will be given times and directions as to where to meet. Convoying will also be encouraged. More later.

Phillip Island has five Nature Parks, two of which will be included in the SEANA program. These will be the Seal Rocks boat cruise and the Koala Conservation Reserve. Others, such as the Penguin Parade, will need to be booked privately. The get-together will conclude on the morning of Monday 22nd April 2024 with the option of a walk on the Bass Coast or an activity of your own choice.

### **Natural history bookshop**

The FNCV has a booksale service, with a 20% discount on recommended retail price for members. During the autumn get-together, a special offer to purchase natural history books at the 20% discount will be available to all SEANA registrees. A catalogue will be sent out, either with or before the second circular. You are asked to pre-order from the catalogue and pick up the books at the get-together. A more limited selection of books to purchase will also be on display during the weekend.

### **Next**

A detailed program and Registration Form, including payment, will be included in the Second Circular, which will be emailed to all member clubs and recent SEANA camp participants no later than the beginning of February 2024.

### **Further Information**

FNCV office: [admin@fncv.org.au](mailto:admin@fncv.org.au) 1 Gardenia St. Blackburn 3130  
03 9877 9860 Office hours Monday and Tuesday 10 am – 4 pm.  
Or Philippa Burgess 0409 866 389

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## **SEANA AUTUMN CAMP 19-22 April 2024 Some ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS ON PHILLIP ISLAND COWES AREA**

**There are many accommodation options on Phillip Island. It is not possible to list them all. These are only a few of the caravan parks, motels and hotels in the Cowes areas. These, plus houses and apartments, can be accessed directly by phone or email or on the internet through booking websites.**

**Phillip Island has their own Accommodation, Information and Booking service at the Phillip Island Visitors Information Centre - 130036622 -**

**[www.visitbasscoast.com.au](http://www.visitbasscoast.com.au) Open 7 days a week 10 am to 4 pm. 895 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven.**

The options below are listed in no particular order.

### **Caravan Parks**

**KALOHA HOLIDAY RESORT. Cnr Steele and, Chapel St, Cowes VIC 03 5952 2179**

**NRMA PHILLIP ISLAND BEACHFRONT HOLIDAY PARK. 164 Church St, Cowes  
03 5952 2211**

AMAROO PARK, (powered sites, villas, studios and rooms (within homestead), 97 Church St, Cowes 03 5952 2548

### **Motels/Hotels**

TROPICANA MOTOR INN. (4 stars) 22/26 Osbourne Ave, Cowes 03 3922•0493

SEAHORSE MOTEL. (3.5 stars) 29-31 Chapel Street, Cowes, 03 5952 2003

NORTH PIER HOTEL, 5 The Esplanade, Cowes 03 5951 448

COACHMAN MOTEL (3 stars) 51 Chapel St, Cowes •03 5952 1098

GLEN ISLA HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST, 230 Church Street, Cowes: [\(03\) 5952 1882](tel:0359521882)

### **Houses /Apartments – holiday accommodation**

APARTMENTS AT GLEN ISLA. (3 star) 234 Church St, Cowes 03 5952 2822

### **Some INTERNET: BOOKING WEBSITES.**

<https://www.airbnb.com.au/>

<https://www.stayz.com.au/>

<https://www.wotif.com>

<https://www.booking.com.au/>