



Julie Murphy, Associate

Julie has a passion for all things marine, and has made a successful career out of sharing this passion with others. She is currently based in the seaside town of Queenscliff in Victoria where she works as a senior marine education officer at the award winning Marine Discovery Centre. Julie has extensive experience in the design and delivery of education programs to a broad range of clients including school aged children, tertiary students and community groups as well as to government organizations and NGOs.

As well as a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology, Julie also has a Bachelor of Education and formal qualifications in environmental interpretation. She was the driving force behind the interpretive design of the Queenscliff Marine Discovery Centre's aquarium and exhibits and she has worked on numerous other interpretation and signage projects and exhibit design throughout Australia over the past 15 years. Julie has a strong eye for detail and shows great creativity and artistic flair in her projects. Over the past few years she has been contracted to design and make numerous 'larger-than-life' puppets for extension education organizations, which she hand-makes with meticulous accuracy and attention to detail.

Julie's career has included working within a scientific research organization as their Science extension officer. Her focus was on communicating scientific research to the wider community and involved writing articles, leading seminars and media contact (including radio interviews and television appearances). She has extensive and well developed written and verbal communication skills and she has successfully instigated, planned and delivered public Open Days at the Queenscliff institute that have attracted well over 3000 keen visitors.

Time spent teaching science in schools and in current role as an education officer has enabled Julie to keep abreast of education issues within Australia. She has extensive knowledge of the Victorian school curriculum and she is also interested in the incorporation of sustainability education within the proposed National Curriculum. She has written, delivered and evaluated numerous education programs for schools as well as community education programs and events. Julie is particularly interested in sustainability and climate change issues as they relate to the marine environment.