

# National Marine Month

## Oceans of Life

Several people and organisations in Mossel Bay and vicinity are working together, once again, to raise awareness about our precious marine environment during National Marine Month (October).

These people and organisations are: Arno Munro (DWAFF), Enrico Gennari (OCEANS Aware), Fransmanshoek Conservancy, Mossel Bay Environmental Partnership (MEP), Daniël and Shaun Rogers (Adventure's Edge Dive & Outdoor centre), Bartolomeu Dias Museum and Aiden Beck (Oyster Bay Reserve).

There were even several very successful pre-National Marine Month environmental activities:

- Arno coordinated various clean-up activities in and around Mossel Bay:

### September:

- 10 September - FMH Conservancy conducted a coastal cleanup with Vleesbaai Primary from Cape Vacca to Kanon, 19kg of rubbish removed.

- 18 September - Dana Bay coastal clean up of 1st & 2nd beaches

- 21 September - Indwe High school (Globe schools) clean up of Eden Bay Beach at Pinnacle

- 22 September - Garden Route Primary School (WESSA Eco Schools) clean up of Oyster bay Beach at Pinnacle Point

- 25 September: Adventure's Edge big clean-up - involving PADI divers and non-divers, as well as the Agape kids with Beverley Boer. Dias - Santos, Dolosse, Harbour.

- 25 September - FMH Conservancy conducted a coastal cleanup with the Jeppe Girls high from Boggomsbaai to Vleesbaai

- 92kg of rubbish removed

### October:

- OCEANS Aware in co-operation with Fransmanshoek Conservancy are doing educational lectures with several school groups (transport, presentation, tour through aquarium, shark dissection, trip on Romonza around island - all sponsored)

- Oceans Aware are also doing outreach educationals to rural schools. Their enthusiastic international students are assisting them

- Several beach clean-ups with Aiden and Beverley with school groups and Agape kids

- Amanda did a Marine Month educational in the rock pools at the Point with the "Foot Prints After Care" kids (Milkwood Primary) - on 1 October

- Arno has been in Cape Town from 11 to 15 October conducting Marine Month educationals

- Arno will do marine educationals with groups of learners on 21, 22, 25 and 26 October in Mossel Bay

- Arno will do Marine month educationals in Simons Town from 27 to 29 October

### Soccer

- Bev, Belinda and Barry are organising a Marine Month Soccer event

### National Marine Month Function

A National Marine Month function will take place on 21 October at 19:00 at the Bartolomeu Dias Museum.

Presentation of documentary of dissection of 'Giant Great White Shark' (OCEANS Research).

It is free and everybody is welcome but please RSVP on 044 691 1067.



Fransmanshoek Conservancy conducted a coastal cleanup with Vleesbaai Primary from Cape Vacca to Kanon and 19kg of rubbish were removed.



Learners of Jeppe Girls High seen here with Fransmanshoek Conservancy during a coastal cleanup from Boggomsbaai to Vleesbaai during which 92kg of rubbish were removed.