

Look a little deeper



LEARNING: Participants from the 2013 Coastal Habitat Awareness Project on a seagrass walk. *Picture: Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives Lake Macquarie and Newcastle*

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HAVE you ever wondered what that odd-looking creature is in the water?

Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives' local branch is about to start a course that will answer questions like that to raise awareness of the importance of coast and marine areas.

The 2014 Coastal Habitat Awareness Project is open to anyone aged 12 and up who wants a hands-on learning experience.

This free program will cover various topics – from the diversity and role of rockpool inhabitants, to

why seagrass is an important nursery.

Participants will also learn about how marine debris affects marine life and birds around the world.

Environmentalist Tim Silverwood will talk about his personal experience with the North Pacific Gyre or the Great Garbage Patch.

Margo Smith, a member of the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle branch, said the program was a great opportunity for residents to learn in an informal environment.

Local experts will deliver

sessions in a hands-on and easy to understand way and guest speakers will talk about the bond between indigenous people and coastal life.

Participants will go out to rock platforms and seagrass beds to observe creatures in their environment.

There will be three days for the talks and field trips, Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, and Saturday, October 25.

■ For more information or to register email lake.macquarie.newcastle@occi.org.au or call Janet on 0487 501 782.



The Shocking Truth About Roof Restoration

If you've ever been concerned about the condition of your roof, then this could be the most important article you read this year.

Unscrupulous roof restoration salespeople have been telling unsuspecting homeowners that they need a full roof restoration (clean, repair, re-point, seal, and paint) when in many cases all that they needs is a simple repair.

This has been going on for years but in recent times has reached epidemic levels. Here's what typically happens...

A telemarketer or door-to-door canvasser offers you a free roof inspection. Sounds like a good idea right..?

It is a good idea unless the roof inspector (usually a salesperson) does what unfortunately happens in many of these instances: he or she will grossly exaggerate the problems and insist that you really need a full roof restoration when perhaps you don't.

Now there are many instances where a roof restoration is beneficial. But there are also many instances where all you many need is a simple roof repair.

Local company Reliance Roof Restoration offer a free roof safely inspection where you get the option of actually seeing your roof close up. Any problems are actually pointed out to you.

That way, you can be certain that any problems they advise you of are real and not made up or exaggerated. You can either accompany the inspector on the roof, or if you're unable to do that, you'll be shown photos taken on a high resolution digital camera.

If your roof is fine and needs no work at all, then Reliance will advise you of

that. If all that you need is a small repair, then Reliance will advise you of that. If you'd like to have your roof restored, that's fine...Reliance would be happy to provide a quote for this service. If you would like a quote on having your roof restored, you'll get \$600 off the quote if you call by next Monday. By the way, you'll be placed under absolutely no obligation whatsoever and this service is free for anyone with a home that's over 12 years in age.

Here's what one satisfied client said of their experience in dealing with Reliance Roof Restoration:

"A professional approach by all associated with the job. I was impressed with your attention to detail and advice on other (small) problems. Follow-up inspection and after job touch-up work was particularly impressive."

The friendly nature of all the workers made them a pleasure to deal with. I would have no hesitation in recommending 'Reliance Roof Restoration' to anyone wanting their roof restored." Ken Durham

So if you are concerned about the condition of your roof and you'd like a free safety inspection, or if you'd like a free quote on having your roof restored, then call Reliance on 1300 300 748 or visit their website at www.relianceroof.com. Remember, if you call by next Monday you get \$600 off the quote of a roof restoration. Call 1300 300 748 NOW!

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