



Marine Teachers' Association of New South Wales Inc

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MTANSW AGM & Professional Learning Workshops

Ballina, Friday 1st- Sunday 3rd May 2026

Friday 1 st May	Activity	Venue
From 8am	Registration – tea & coffee	Ballina Coast High School (57 Cherry St, Ballina NSW 2478)
9am	Conference welcome and overview	Ballina Coast High School
9:30am – 1:30pm	<p>ACTIVITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tour of local Australian Seabird and Turtle Rescue HQ https://seabirdrescue.org.au/ tour of local microalgae farm SeaO2 Nanno www.seao2nanno.com.au <p><i>Course/syllabus relevance: sea birds of our coast, sustainability & aquaculture</i> <i>Stage 5 Outcomes: MAR5-5, MAR5-6, MAR5-11, MAR5-12</i> <i>Stage 6 Outcomes: 1.2, 4.2</i> <i>Related Australian Professional Standards for Teachers: 6.2 Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice, targeted to professional needs and school and/or system priorities.</i></p> <p>Takeaway coffee and morning tea will be provided in between tours</p>	<p>Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue (264 North Creek Rd, Ballina NSW 2478)</p> <p>SeaO2 microalgae farm (166 Langs Way, Woodburn)</p>
1:30pm	LUNCH: included in conference fee	Ballina Coast High School
2:15pm	<p>Ballina Coast High School tour – including aquaculture farm and Marine Centre</p> <p><i>Related Australian Professional Standards for Teachers: 6.2 Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice, targeted to professional needs and school and/or system priorities.</i></p>	Ballina Coast High School
3-4pm	<p>2026 MTA AGM</p> <p><i>Related Australian Professional Standards for Teachers: 6.2 Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice, targeted to professional needs and school and/or system priorities; 7.2 Understand the implications of and comply with relevant legislative, administrative, organisational and professional requirements, policies and processes.</i></p>	Ballina Coast High School
6pm	<p>CONFERENCE DINNER: included in conference fee</p> <p>Kelp Restaurant https://www.kelprestaurant.au/</p>	175 River Street, Ballina

Saturday 2 nd May	Activity	Venue
7-8:30am	<p>Breakfast at Shelley Beach Cafe (optional – at own cost). https://www.shellybeachcafe.com/home</p>	Shelley Beach Cafe 1 Shelley Beach Road, Ballina
8:45am	Day 2 welcome and overview	Ballina Coast High School
9-1pm	<p>Southern Cross University Professional Learning</p> <p>Course/syllabus reference: teachers will undertake training which enables them to deliver the new UniStart program. This program has been developed to align with the new syllabus (the entire Aquatic Environments & Conservation Core Module), and also provides students with automatic acceptance into Southern Cross University (with or without an ATAR)</p> <p><i>Stage 5 Outcomes (new syllabus): AQTLS-ENV-01, AQTLS-AOE-01, AQTLS-AOE-02, AQTLS-CET-01, AQTLS-USE-02, AQTLS-COM-01</i></p>	Ballina Coast High School

	<p>Stage 6 Outcomes: 1.1, 1.4, 2.3, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.2, 5.3</p> <p>Related Australian Professional Standards for Teachers: 3.2 Plan and implement well-structured learning and teaching programs or lesson sequences that engage students and promote learning; 6.2 Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice, targeted to professional needs and school and/or system priorities; 7.4 Participate in professional and community networks and forums to broaden knowledge and improve practice.</p>	
1-2pm	Lunch: (Provided)	Ballina Coast High School
2-4pm	<p>Collaborative resource-sharing & discussions around the new Aquatic Technology 7-10 syllabus (to be implemented from 2027)</p> <p>Related Australian Professional Standards for Teachers: 3.2 Plan and implement well-structured learning and teaching programs or lesson sequences that engage students and promote learning; 6.2 Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice, targeted to professional needs and school and/or system priorities; 7.4 Participate in professional and community networks and forums to broaden knowledge and improve practice.</p>	Ballina Coast High School
4pm	Optional – pre-dinner catchup and/or barefoot bowls at Cherry Street Sports (across the road from BCHS). Members own cost. https://cherrystreet.com.au/	Cherry Street Sports 68 Cherry Street, Ballina
6pm	<p>Dinner: casual catch-up (member’s own cost)</p> <p>Suggestions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cherry Street Sports, 68 Cherry Street, Ballina https://cherrystreet.com.au/ Wharf Bar & Restaurant, 12-24 Fawcett Street, Ballina https://www.wharfbarballina.com.au/ Capiche restaurant - 65 Lighthouse Parade, East Ballina https://www.capicherestaurant.com.au/ Saltbush Bar & Grill (at the Ramada Hotel), 2 Martin Street, Ballina https://saltbushballina.com.au/ Ballina RSL Club, 1 Grant Street, Ballina https://ballinarsl.com.au/ 	

Sunday 3 rd May	Choose Your Own Adventure	Venue
All day	<p>Deep Sea Fishing</p> <p>Fozie’s Fishing Adventures Fishing Adventure - Fozie's Fishing Adventures</p> <p>Cost \$200</p> <p>Members are to pay and organise directly with the providers</p>	Ballina
All day	<p>SCUBA diving (qualification maintenance for members who already have an Open Water dive certification and wish to complete a refresher course and/or remain “current”)</p> <p>Sundive Byron Bay https://www.sundive.com.au/</p> <p>Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.5 hour pool-based refresher \$175 1.5 hour pool-based PADI Re-Activate \$275 Refresher or Re-activate plus dive at Nguthungulli Julian Rocks Nature Reserve \$295-\$395 Fun dive – from \$145 with own gear to \$330 for double dive with full gear provided 	Byron Bay (30-minute drive from Ballina CBD)

	<p>Byron Bay Dive Centre https://www.byronbaydivecentre.com.au/ Nguthungulli Julian Rocks fun dive \$180</p> <p>Members are to pay and organise directly with the providers</p>	
All day	<p>Snorkelling</p> <p>Sundive Byron Bay https://www.sundive.com.au/ Cost \$140</p> <p>Byron Bay Dive Centre https://www.byronbaydivecentre.com.au/ Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea Turtle Snorkel Tour \$129 • Turtle School workshop (become a citizen scientist for a day) + Snorkelling \$149 <p>Members are to pay and organise directly with the providers</p>	Byron Bay (30-minute drive from Ballina CBD)
All day	<p>Nature Walks / Ride</p> <p>Cost \$0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballina Shire Coastal Recreational Path - Ballina to Lennox Head (approx 5.2km) coastal walk <p>https://www.nsw.gov.au/visiting-and-exploring-nsw/locations-and-attractions/ballina-shire-coastal-recreational-path</p> <p>Rockpools at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat Rock Beach • Boulder Beach • Shelley Beach <p>https://www.discoverballina.com.au/blog/best-beaches-ballina-lennox-head-swim-surf-relax/</p> <p>Members are to organise themselves and pay any costs incurred</p>	Ballina & surrounds
All day	<p>Brunswick River Cruise</p> <p>Cost \$70 brunch cruise</p> <p>https://www.mvjasmine.com/</p> <p>Members are to pay and organise directly with the providers</p>	Byron Bay (30-minute drive from Ballina CBD)

Cost of PL event: \$350

30th anniversary conference jacket: the Conference fee includes this special edition, fleece-lined, wind & water-resistant jacket. If you have not already done so, or wish to amend your sizing, please advise belinda.parkes1@det.nsw.edu.au of your jacket size **no later than Friday 6 March 2026**. Sizing chart is attached overleaf.

Professional Development: Completing the Marine Teachers Association of NSW AGM & PL workshops contributes 8 hours of teacher-identified PD, standard descriptors 3.2, 6.2, 7.2 & 7.4 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

Final date for registration: Friday 27th March 2026. Registration forms must be emailed to our Secretary, Lara Pratt: lara.pratt@det.nsw.edu.au

Members must be financial for 2026 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 Belinda Parkes (belinda.parkes1@det.nsw.edu.au), Wendy Brindley (wendy.brindley1@det.nsw.edu.au) or Averil Waite (averil.waite3@det.nsw.edu.au).

Accommodation: Conference price does not include accommodation. You may wish to start reserving your accommodation now.

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. The link to join will be sent with a conference confirmation email after registration & payment is received.

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

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BACK LENGTH ROUND	58	60	62	64	66	68	71	73	75	77	79	81	83	85	87	90
BACK LENGTH FRONT	53	55	57	59	61	63	66	68	70	72	74	76	78	80	82	85
CHEST	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66	68	70	72
BOTTOM	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66	68	70	72
HPS SLEEVE LENGTH	59	61	63	65	67	69	72	74	76	78	80	82	84	86	88	91
ARM HOLE	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CUFF OPEN	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15	15.5	16	16.5
COLLAR HIEGHT	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8
POCKET	14	14	14	15	15	16	16	16	17	17	17	18	18	18	19	19

****Please note that the measurements provided in the table are garment measurements, meaning they are the size of the jacket itself, not the body measurements they are designed to fit.**



To choose the correct size, the best practice is to measure a jacket that currently fits well and compare those measurements to the ones listed in the chart.