

Be Penguin Aware

Little Penguins - Big Future



Pollution

Threat:

- Rubbish tangles, suffocates and injures Little Penguins.

You can help:

- Participate in local clean-up on the foreshore.
- 'Stow it, don't throw it' - don't dump rubbish overboard from your boat.
- Bring your own bag or ask for a box when shopping, don't use plastic bags.

Threat:

- Oil and chemicals make Little Penguins sick as they continue to preen when 'oiled' and are slowly poisoned from swallowing the oil while trying to get clean.

You can help:

- Don't put oil or chemicals down the drain.
- Tune your car or boat so that it doesn't leak oil.
- Use a non-polluting defoulant to clean your boat.

Fishing

Threat:

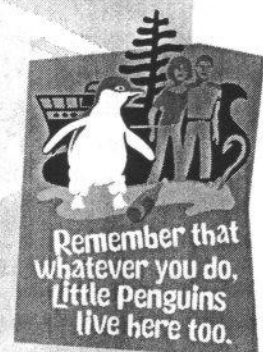
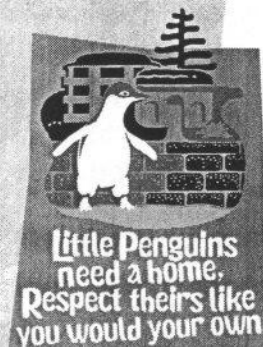
- Line and hooks on the foreshore or in the water can strangle Little Penguins or injure their flippers or feet.

You can help:

- Clean up fishing line, hooks and sinkers on the foreshore.
- If you find an injured penguin, call the appropriate number from the Little Penguin Response Directory.

'PENGUIN AWARE' RESPONSE DIRECTORY

- To report an uncontrolled dog or cat:
Contact during business hours:
Manly Council
Rangers 9976 1633
Animal Control Officer 0418 629 023
- To report an injured, sick or dead penguin:
Contact during business hours:
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service Rangers 9977 6732
Taronga Zoo Wildlife Clinic 9978 4785
Contact after hours:
NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service 8977 3333
- To report irresponsible behaviour on the water:
Contact:
Boating Access Line 9563 8555



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Threats to Manly's Little Penguins

HUMAN DISTURBANCE

On land

Threat:

- Our presence on the foreshore at Manly can prevent or delay Little Penguins' return home, or cause them to abandon their nest.
- Stress from contact with humans can make Little Penguins very sick and can even result in death. They are particularly vulnerable while on land to breed, raise chicks and moult.

You can help:

- Be aware of penguins near foreshore areas at night, especially during the breeding season (July through March).
- If you see a Little Penguin, stay at least 50 metres away.
- Do not shine a torch on or near a Little Penguin.
- Do not disturb burrows by walking on or near them.

Threat:

- Noise and light on the foreshore and out to sea may scare or disorient Little Penguins and prevent or delay their return home.

You can help:

- Reduce the amount of noise and light which reaches the foreshore and water from your property or boat, especially during the night, when penguins are returning to their nests and during the breeding season (July through March).

Threat:

- Little Penguins are sometimes killed by cars on roads near the foreshore.

You can help:

- Drive slowly at dawn and dusk around foreshores.

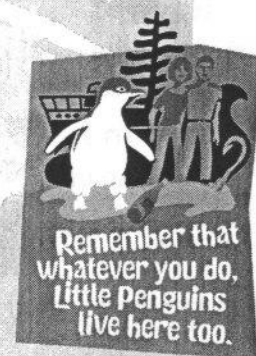
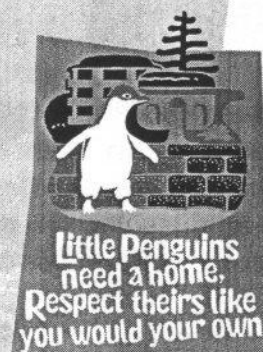
In the water

Threat:

- Direct interference with Little Penguins in the water. Little Penguins have been harassed and killed while out foraging in the Harbour.

You can help:

- Powered water craft, be aware of the marine regulations, such as the 100 metre wide 4 knot speed limit around the foreshore.
- Report any irresponsible behaviour on the water to the Waterways Authority's Boating Access Line 9563 8555.



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A Little Penguin Chick

Watermark Photo: Mike McKelvey

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