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Penguin sightings (water and land)
 Creating and maintaining a penguin-friendly garden
 Foreshore modifications and developments
 (including vegetation clearing)
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LITTLE PENGUINS

Derwent Estuary

We share the Derwent with a
 myriad of other species, including
 Little Penguins.

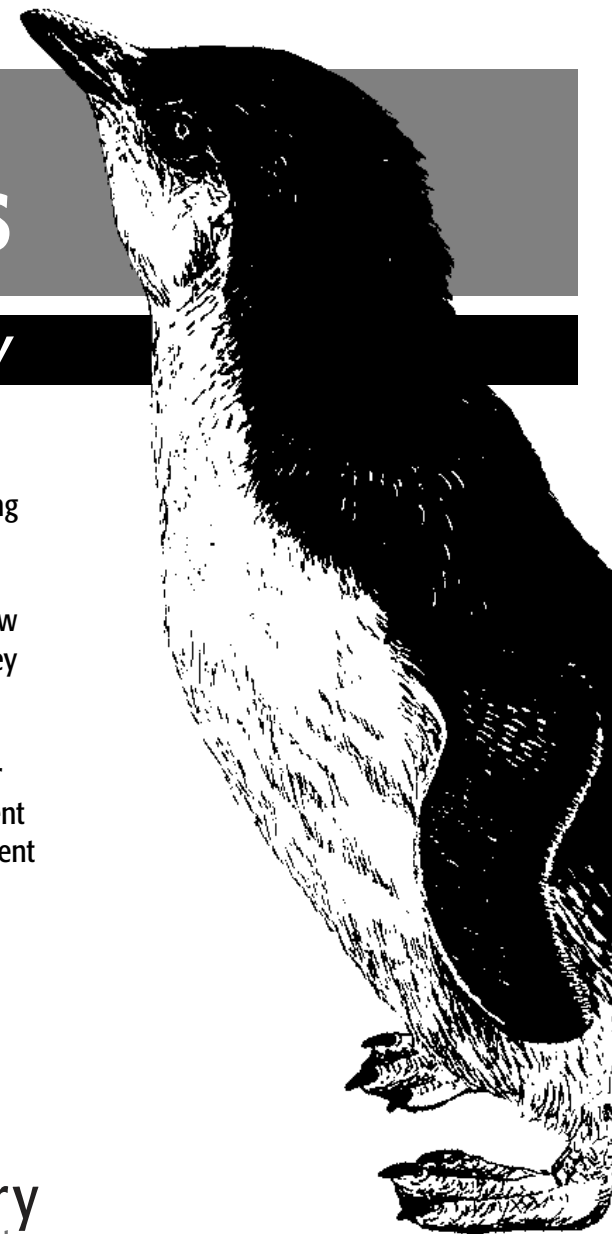
Penguins once thrived here - now
 their habitat is restricted and they
 are vulnerable.

If you live near the foreshore, or
 visit the foreshore, take a moment
 to learn about sharing the Derwent
 with Little Penguins!



Derwent Estuary
 Penguin Project

*The Derwent Estuary Penguin Project
 - working with State and Local Governments, industry, business and the
 community to ensure the survival of Little Penguins in the Derwent.*



Did you know...

- Penguins nest within 1km of Wrest Point, Sandy Bay
- Penguins are often seen swimming in the Derwent, even near the Hobart wharves
- Penguin habitat extends south from Cornelian Bay and Geilston Bay
- A recent survey identified up to 70 breeding pairs using the Derwent foreshore
- Little Penguins nest in burrows, under clumps of vegetation and even in foreshore gardens, old stone walls, boatsheds and under houses
- Since 2003 dog attacks at three nesting sites have resulted in 1/3 of each of these penguin populations being killed
- Indigenous people in southern Australia and New Zealand would have known the Little Penguin well. The first written description was made in 1781 on one of Captain Cook's voyages. The scientific name given to these birds was *Eudyptula minor*, which means 'good little diver' in Greek.



SHARING THE DERWENT *with Little Penguins*

The Derwent estuary foreshore is a wonderful place for relaxation and recreation. The native bush that fringes the foreshore and the backdrop provided by Mount Wellington makes this natural harbour a stunning place to live.

And we are fortunate to share the foreshore with species such as Little Penguins. Penguin habitat and nesting sites are found south from Cornelian Bay and Geilston Bay.

If you live near the foreshore, or visit the foreshore, please help in ensuring the survival of penguins in the Derwent:

Dog walking

The smell of a well-behaved dog on the foreshore can attract other dogs that may kill penguins. Dogs owners can assist in the survival of penguins and their chicks by keeping their dogs under control at all times, and walking dogs in designated areas only. If there is a 'no dogs' sign on or near the foreshore it may be because penguins are nesting in the area.

Roaming cats

If you live near the foreshore, keep cats indoors at night and under control at all times. Along with dogs, they are the major killers of penguins and penguin chicks on land.

Gardening on the foreshore

Penguins like overhanging vegetation and rocks as they provide safe, cool habitat for successfully raising chicks and essential habitat for moulting. If your garden is located on the foreshore, avoid clearing potential penguin habitat, and don't dump garden waste on the foreshore. Nature Conservation Branch (DPIWE) can assist with creating and maintaining penguin-friendly gardens – see back page for contact details.

Friends of Little Penguin Groups

If you live near the foreshore and are interested in becoming involved in ensuring the survival of penguins in the Derwent, consider joining a Friends of Little Penguin Group. You can participate in activities such as enhancing penguin habitat, and building and installing artificial burrows. See back page for contact details.

Penguin viewing

Penguins and their habitat in the Derwent are highly vulnerable and numbers are not high enough to cope with the increased stress associated with viewing. However, several private operators run educational penguin tours in Tasmania, and over summer the Parks and Wildlife Service runs education and interpretation programs at a variety of locations around the State. These programs run from December to February. Tel 1300 135 513 for further information.

