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Dr Jacqui Pocklington is a **Marine ecologist** with twenty years of cross sector experience across academia government, non-profit and consultancy; predominantly focusing on conservation. Now working in Deakin's Marine Research and Innovation Centre in Queenscliff, her research focuses on restoration of Kelp forests and measuring the benefits of coastal blue carbon ecosystem restoration

Jacqui has worked in a host of voluntary environmental appointments, including the Reef Life Survey Advisory Committee, seaweed specialist group IUCON, Honorary Research Fellow for DeakinSeaweed, and the Marine Pollution Response Network for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. Yet her professional experience far surpasses her PhD and BSc in Biological Sciences, drawing her into a long list of research fellowships and postdoctoral Research abroad: Her work with Coastcare Victoria locally, and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science in Japan.

Dr Pocklington's keynote 'Coastal Crisis and Care Plan' is an eyeopening look into the reality of coastal ecosystems locally while offering a hopeful report of the variety of strategies and projects that Deakin has in action as well as for the future.

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