

Witness King Tides project calls for volunteers on 2 January

Coastal communities across Australia are being asked to start the New Year by photographing and sharing images of January's king tides as a part of the Witness King Tides project, coordinated by Green Cross Australia.



Credit: [Brad Marsellos/ABC Open Wide Bay](#)

King tides will affect much of Australia's eastern coast on Thursday 2 January, which will vary based on location. On Thursday 2 January, king tides are expected to impact much of the east coast from 9 am–10 am. Melbourne and parts of Southern Victoria and Northern Tasmania will experience the king tide on Sunday 5 January from 3 pm–4 pm. Participants can find the exact tide time near them [Witness King Tides website](#).

Green Cross Australia CEO Mara Bún is asking anyone with a camera, smartphone, tablet or other device to capture images of the high tide the day before or after the king tide, to help raise awareness of sea level rise.

'Witness King Tides will help us to identify and understand the impacts of rising sea levels on our beaches, coastal areas and shoreline communities,' Ms Bún said.

'This database of images will build a picture of the threat posed by sea level rise across Australia and will help track the future impact of climate change,' she said.

'By sharing these images, we can picture what our coastal communities will look like in the future as sea levels rise and importantly, we can prepare and adapt for these changes.'

Project partners include CSIRO, Australian Coastal Society, National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility and the Bleach Festival.

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, the Tasmanian Climate Change Office and numerous coastal and

estuarine councils around Australia fund the project.

Since 2012, over 4400 photos have been uploaded as part of Green Cross Australia's Witness King Tides project. Witness King Tides was inspired by international campaigns in the USA and Canada and [Green Cross Australia](#) hope to continue to grow the project.

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