Ricketts Point Marine National Park is an important location for our marine education programs. Close by are some remarkable treasures! The rocks around Ricketts Point, Beaumaris are largely sandstone and ironstone, both sedimentary. About 5 million years ago, the landscape was quite similar to today, with a large bay and creeks and rivers bringing sediment from the land. Over time they changed to the iconic red colour that we see today.

It's a location known for some incredible fossils, like amazing heart urchins (*Lovenia woodsii*).

The first image is a heart urchin from now and the second is a fossilised urchin from 5 million years ago. It's not the remains of the animal itself but a cast that has been left behind. Shells (and bones) are porous and don't survive a marine environment over the long term as they dissolve in the water.

Beaumaris also has fossils of a barnacle only found in this area and Australia's oldest sea anemones.

You can see some of these fascinating fossils yourself by visiting Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary.

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Ambassadors in Action ...

... at Warneet with Rick Sissons from Parks Victoria.

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