

Virtual Apollo VR Experience Study

We invite you to participate in a Virtual Reality (VR) experience based on Apollo Marine Park, an offshore Marine Protected Area off the southwest coast of Victoria.

This study aims to explore how the Australian community understands, connects with, and values Australia's marine environments and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and how a VR experience may influence community attitudes. This information may help to inform future communication, education, and community engagement approaches to marine management and conservation for the benefit of both the community and offshore marine environments.

To participate in this study, you will require access to a Meta (Oculus) **Quest 2 or Quest Pro headset** and will need to sideload the Virtual Apollo VR Experience application using SideQuest.

There are four stages to the research, three of which you will complete today:

1. Pre-experience survey: 12 questions
2. Self-guided Virtual Apollo VR Experience
3. Post-experience survey: 4 questions
4. Online follow-up interview (on Zoom or MS Teams): approximately 20 minutes in 3 months time (optional)

If you are interested, **please read the [Plain Language Statement](#) for a complete introduction to the project** and the [Potential Risks of Participation](#) before you begin.

To begin, please download the [Virtual Apollo VR Experience](#) onto your Quest 2 or Quest Pro. Instructions on how to install Virtual Apollo using SideQuest Advanced Installer can be found in the Advanced Installer Tutorial [here](#).

Next, [click here](#) to be taken to the online survey where you will be guided through stages 1. – 3, and be asked if you would like to be contacted in 3 months time with an invitation to participate in the online follow-up interview (stage 4.).

Let's get started!

Links:

- Complete introduction to the project (Plain Language Statement):
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eKDfi_aIN_0cge4LJVRQQxwJASbUBNra/view?usp=sharing
- Potential Risks of Participation:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/19hrMI00vhQYYnjQsMWAbs_jGa4KWgGY/view?usp=sharing
- Virtual Apollo VR Experience:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W9Jzwib_iw_uHMZjp189_RRPM4U608Me/view?usp=sharing
- Instructions to sideload Virtual Apollo onto your headset using SideQuest:
<https://sidequestvr.com/setup-howto>
- Online survey for stages 1. – 3.:
https://researchsurveys.deakin.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_9ZGlwdbPtW5Y39c