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## CAN DANCE, FILM & SURF ART SAVE OUR OCEANS?

Audiences will remember their love of the beach in March as Move Through Life Dance Company presents *Mocean* at Marion Cultural Centre as part of Seaweed and the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

Using dance and film, *Mocean* celebrates Australia's love affair with the beach and shows the effects of pollution, marine bycatch, sand drift and global warming.

*Mocean* is a collaboration between Move Through Life and filmmaker Jasmin McAllister, complemented by a surf art exhibition by Mid Coast Surf's Nev Deboar.

"We started *Mocean* because we loved the beach, but it quickly snowballed into a much more important project as various conservation groups came on board" says Director Jo McDonald. "We have support from Coast Care, Conservation Council of SA, Wilderness Society, and the Department of Environment and Heritage, to name a few".

The Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board have funded the project, along with Fosters Community Grants and the City of Marion.

"*Mocean* provides a creative and new way to generate greater awareness of coastal and marine issues and promote opportunities for community involvement to a new audience" said Coast Care Facilitator, Robyn Bishop.

And Julie Pettett, CEO of the Conservation Council of SA says "By incorporating dance, film and a surf art exhibition, *Mocean* has a good chance of attracting a broad cross section of the community, many of whom we hope will leave the performance with a renewed passion for conserving South Australia's marine and coastal environment and with an understanding of how to contribute to such a cause."

*Mocean* has two performance phases. A preview during Sea Week at 2pm, Saturday 10 March offers a 75% discount to disadvantaged groups. The Fringe Festival season at 7.30pm, 29 to 31 March. All performances will be held at Marion Cultural Centre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park.

Fringe season tickets available from FringeTIX, 8418 8666 or 1300 FRINGE. Preview tickets available from Marion Cultural Centre, ph: 8375 6790.

Sea Week's theme for 2007 is Marine Bycatch Matters, organised by the Marine Education Society of Australasia (MESA).

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**Photo opportunities are available**

Move Through Life is a non-profit, project based dance company that provides a pathway for highly skilled adult dancers to continue dancing at a challenging and exciting level. The company provides opportunities for choreographers as well as dancers, and aims to partner with practitioners of other art forms to present work that is engaging for a diverse audience.