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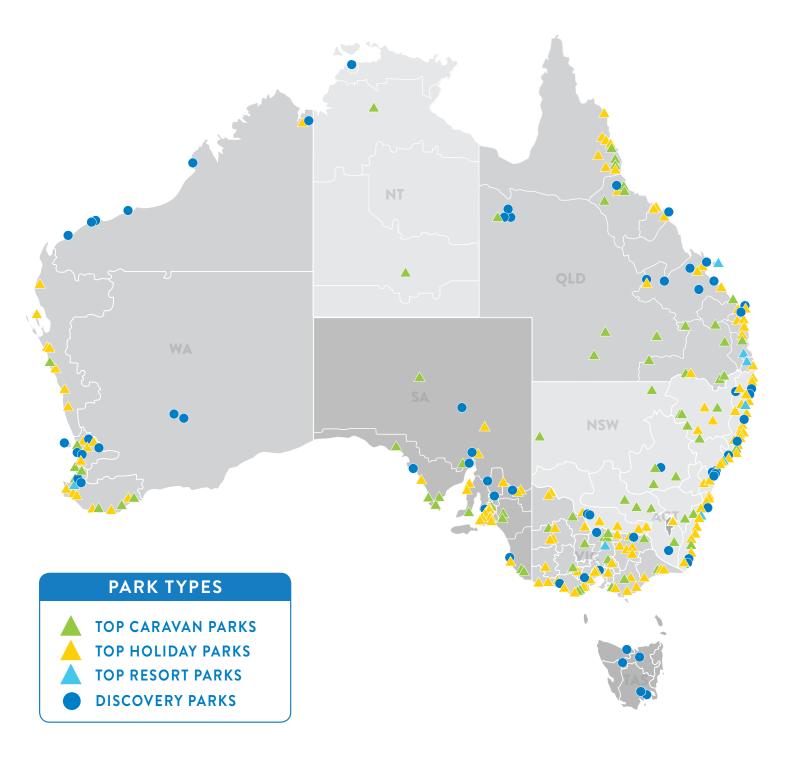
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# LETTER FROM **GRANT WILCKENS**

Enjoy issue four of G'DAY Magazine!

It's the great Aussie holiday rite of passage - winding through the spectacular coastline along the internationally renowned Great Ocean Road. For our fourth edition, the G'DAY Magazine team jumped in the car for a trip down memory lane. They take us on a journey to rediscover what makes this (still) one of Australia's best road trips.

With clifftop roadways, seascapes for days, and a beaut' collection of gorgeous towns and villages along the way, you might not even hear that burning question from the back seat: 'are we there yet?'

There are also plenty of spots to rest along the route, too, thanks to our network of Discovery Parks and Top Parks. The G'DAY team stopped off at a collection of our parks, enjoying the best of the attractions along the way. They hung out in the surfing meccas of Torquay and Lorne, ziplined through the Otway Rainforest, dropped a line in Apollo Bay, experienced the history of Warrnambool and sampled some of the best seafood and ice cream from the produce regions. I reckon, you'll love this edition.

Highlights and Kodak moments aside, it's the people you meet along the journey that make it. Thank you to all who wave G'DAY and share your stories. The G'DAY Mag team are continually amazed by the kilometres you've travelled, the tales you tell and the generosity and mateship you show - the true spirit of life well-travelled on the road.

Wherever you're heading, or whatever experiences you're planning, our parks are here for you to park your campervan, pitch your tent or experience nature in luxury. As Australia's largest network of holiday parks, we're continually adding to and improving our network, particularly our 'glamping' portfolio. Don't forget to check out what's new on our websites.

You'll also have access to discounts through our industry-leading G'DAY Rewards loyalty program, which provides mate's rates and rewards in parks, as well as access to our ever-expanding list of partners including: Virgin Australia, Velocity, Mitsubishi, Goodlife Health Clubs and Edible Blooms.

Come and say G'DAY to us in-park, or share your snaps and stories on social media using #gdayaustralia #discoveryparks #discoverwhatmatters and #TopParks

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# **SNAP SENSATION**

An awesome seaside shot taken in Mullaloo, Western Australia.

# WHAT'S ON

Check out these events around Australia.

# **PAUL KELLY**

Australian musician Paul Kelly shares his story of growing up in a musical family and holidaying by the sea.

# **BUCKET LIST**

Best-selling travel author Robin Esrock gives us his Australian Top 10 Bucket List activities.

# **SEANIC ROUTE**

We travel from Melbourne to Robe along the iconic Great Ocean Road.



# **ROAD STORIES**

We chat to adventurous folk and families who packed up and hit the wide, open road.

# **TASSIE TRIP**

 ${\sf Experience} \ the \ wilderness$ in stunning Tasmania, travelling from north to east to south of the island.

# **EGGCELLENT**

A twist on using the humble googie egg in your camp kitchen.

# **MARKETS**

We've selected four of the best Australian markets to visit for gourmet food, art and entertainment.

# **COME INSIDE**

Meet the Victorian duo who have made their home on wheels a decorated modern masterpiece.

# GOAY REWARDS Thanks to Jerilee Brown for this beauty, snapped while on holiday

Thanks to Jerilee Brown for this beauty, snapped while on holiday in Mullaloo, Western Australia. Mullaloo is a golden sandy beach along the Indian Ocean, that locals say is the "best beach in Perth" - very popular for swimming, with soft sand and great restaurants nearby.

Got a G'DAY Rewards SNAP SENSATION? Send a low resolution photograph to us at >> gday@gdaymag.com.au The winning published photograph will receive a \$500 G'DAY Rewards travel voucher which can be used at both parks. Terms and conditions apply. >> www.gdaymag.com.au



# WILCKENS WINS



CEO of G'DAY Group, Grant Wilckens, recently took out the national prize for Entrepreneur of the Year in the Services Sector in 2018's EY Entrepreneur of the Year National Awards in Sydney. Among 1,500 recognised Australian entrepreneurs, Grant Wilckens' fantastic achievement all began with his rustic roots. The self-proclaimed 'hillbilly' graduated with a commerce degree from the University of Adelaide, which led him to becoming a chartered accountant at KPMG. Shortly after realising accountancy wasn't his cup of tea, he left on a soul-searching journey through Asia, eventually winding up in London.

During his time in London, he started at the bottom of Rothschild & Co until he became a manager. It was the hard work and very little sleep that prompted Grant to move to Sydney, where he worked for 360 Capital Group prior to co-founding Discovery Holiday Parks. Grant then seized the opportunity of the national holiday parks landscape and that's how Discovery Holiday Parks was born. Since uniting with Top Parks, they've become the largest network of parks in Australia, an incredible achievement for the Adelaide 'hillbilly'.

"It's a very humbling experience to win a very special award such as this. I guess it's not all about me, it's the journey that we've been on at Discovery. There's been ups and downs over the course of the last 14 or 15 years, but to be recognised in this situation is just fantastic."

# DOING IT FOR THE KIDS

Proud national partner of Variety - the Children's Charity, Discovery Holiday Parks are thrilled to have donated one of their most exciting fundraising efforts yet. In September 2018, we handed over a cheque for \$120,000 to Variety, all raised in the last 12 months by Discovery Holiday Parks and their customers, and all in the name of kids in need. Discovery Holiday Parks are designed to make camping as fun as possible, with waterparks, playgrounds and gorgeous natural surrounds made for running, jumping, playing and exploring - in other words, for living. Discovery Holiday Parks want this for all kids, which is why their continued support for Variety is so important.

Money raised goes towards grants for surgeries, wheelchairs, mobility aids and modified vehicles, as well as expensive medical equipment, and technology and programs that can unlock the gift of communication and education.

To all the generous visitors who contributed by booking through Discovery Holiday Parks, giving gold coin donations, participating in fundraising events and giving to those who truly deserve it, we say a huge 'thank you!' Don't forget to book in your March getaway, as this is Variety month. >> www.variety.org.au

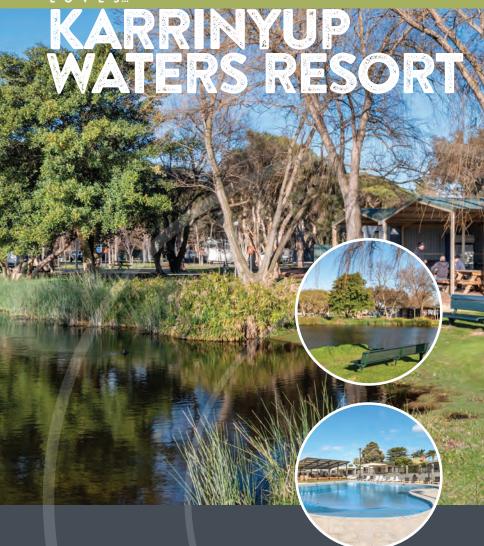




# MAKING A SPLASH

When the sun is blazing and the kids are bored, you're never too far from their incessant whining, which rings in your ears like a mosquito in the night. Never fear - Discovery Holiday Parks are a-changin'. With a brand new pool opening at Lake Bonney, a new waterpark at Rockhampton, and another splash park announced for Bunbury in December 2019, your next family holiday is looking cooler than ever. These aren't the only ones, either; check out all of Discovery's favourite holiday waterparks on page 40.





Situated just 14km from Perth's buzzing CBD, Karrinyup Waters Resort is a picturesque little hideaway - your go-to sanctuary for some peace and quiet with loved ones. The resort features an inviting heated pool and plenty of lounges, to fritter away the time.

For those looking to keep fit, the gym is not far from the two-storey café and bar, boasting a diversity of temptations overlooking the pool. With a friendly atmosphere that feels more like home than a hotel, Karrinyup Waters Resort offers 68 cosy units that are family-friendly and popular among business travellers, too.

It's nestled beside Scarborough Beach, home to surf life saving events, concerts, eateries and bars. The blue waters are just a short car ride away, boasting those iconic west coast waves.

If waves aren't your thing, you can dip your toes in at Hillary's Marina, just a ten-minute drive away. The surrounding beach and parklands here have a range of free activities and facilities on offer, including waterslides, barbecues, picnic areas, a jetty perfect for fishing and plenty of slides and swings for the kids.

For adrenaline junkies, head down to the heart of the harbour where you can experience the thrills of riding jet skis through the panoramic landscapes of the Indian Ocean. Extend your escapade and head to the westside BMX tracks where you can continue the action on their recently resurfaced circuits. Time to get the family together for your next getaway. Next stop? WA!

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Toowoon Bay Holiday Park: Walking away with gold from the

2018 Caravan and Camping Industry Association of NSW Awards of Excellence, the coastal Toowoon Bay Holiday Park says it's their personal touches that matter. "For families, we provide fabulous activities - the kids club, camel rides, reptile shows and movies under the stars, just to name a few. We also have local businesses set up here such as Mrs Whippy, Fresh Seafood, Dutch Pancakes and the much-loved coffee van." Out of more than 100 sites, it's no wonder they've won Best

Holiday Park in the Sydney surrounding area.

The white sands and crystal blue waters of Rottnest Island haven't seen new accommodation in over 30 years. But as of March 2019, say g'day to Discovery - Rottnest Island. An eco-sustainable resort is officially opening on the home of the quokka. Behind the dunes of Pinky Beach, nestled beside the operational Bathurst Lighthouse, you'll find the brand new resort, which will feature 83 furnished luxury tents, a resort pool, and Pinky's Beach Club, serving locally inspired dishes and cocktails. "The opening of this property has been hotly anticipated, and today we are revealing more about what will be on offer and

welcoming people to book their first stays," Tim Crosland says, director of Discovery -Rottnest Island.





This new glamping experience adds an additional dimension to the already popular island, which sells out of accommodation options frequently. "Rottnest is a special place, and we know accommodation can be hard to secure. This new property adds to the number of rooms available, and offers an experience that hasn't before been seen on the island," Tim says. On top of the direct access to Pinky Beach, The Basin, and onsite BBQ areas, the resort is also nearby to Thompsons Restaurant, a number of walking trails, snorkelling sites, bike hire and adventure activities. If your family has yet to make it to this stunning nature reserve west of Fremantle, now is the perfect time to discover it.

Accommodation starts at \$119 per night in the low season for a standard tent. All tents include ensuites, beds, furnishings, and a private deck. Tent sizes vary for each tent style. All details are available on the website.

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Looking to relish in laughter, great food and picturesque sights with a hint of luxury? Kings Point Retreat will have you feeling like a king in no time, with everything you need for the ultimate vacation right at your fingertips.

This 12-acre sanctuary has something for the whole family. Have a hit of tennis, cool off at the pool or let your little ones run wild on the brand new waterslides and playgrounds. The cherry on top? You can unwind in a hot tub as the sun goes down or fire up the grill for a barbecue feast. Head out of the park and you'll need to get your camera at the ready. Just a short drive away, Burrill Lake will have every water baby and nature-lover beaming. Sailing, windsurfing and great fishing spots will have you casting a line, and soaking up the serenity.

Before heading back, splash around in the waves at Lighthouse Oval, and take in the sunset over the cliffs - there's views for days. Wrap up your day in the newly refurbished cottages at Kings Point, which warmly await your family, fully equipped with the amenities and creature comforts you love.

>> www.topparks.com.au

# WHAT'S ON

**WORDS** AMY NORTHCOTT



Taste of Tasmania.

# **TASMANIA**

# THE TASTE OF TASMANIA FESTIVAL

WHEN: 28 DEC TO 3 JAN WHERE: HOBART

THETASTEOFTASMANIA.COM.AU

**WHAT:** Watch Hobart come alive and celebrate the best of Tasmanian food, drinks and culture. The festival is held on the waterfront with free entry and over 70 specialty stalls, performances and activities to enjoy. Ideal for the whole family, there's even a dedicated kids area to entertain the little humans. Enjoy the free daily events including cooking classes, twilight cinemas and performances.

Nearest Parks: Discovery Parks - Hobart, Discovery Parks -Mornington Hobart

# CRADLE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

WHEN: 29 TO 31 MAR
WHERE: CRADLE MOUNTAIN
CRADLEMOUNTAINFILMFEST.COM

WHAT: Take the trek up Cradle Mountain this March to experience all things film, outdoors and adventure. The festival is excited to be bringing the best international adventure films to Tassie this year, featuring works from Colorado's Mountainfilm festival. The festival also includes workshops, outdoor activities and group treks in this bucket list location.

Nearest Park: Discovery Parks - Cradle Mountain



Tourism Barossa

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BAROSSA VINTAGE FESTIVAL

WHEN: 24 TO 28 APR
WHERE: BAROSSA VALLEY
BAROSSAVINTAGEFESTIVAL.COM.AU

what: This five-day festival sees the region in full swing, celebrating the end of grape harvest for the year. Held every two years, the festival invites visitors to experience the region as a true 'Barossan', showcasing its wine, food, culture and strong heritage. There's set to be 90 events from the region's best wineries, restaurants and attractions. Don't miss the Vintage Festival Parade which travels from Tanunda to Nuriootpa.

Nearest Parks: Discovery Parks -Barossa Valley, Gawler Caravan Park



Cradle Mountain Film Festival.

## **SUPERLOOP ADELAIDE 500**

WHEN: 28 FEB TO 3 MAR WHERE: ADELAIDE SUPERLOOPADL500.COM.AU

WHAT: Got the need for speed? Head to Adelaide this March for the iconic Adelaide 500 supercar race that sees thousands of people flock to the city each year. Experience all the heart-stopping action trackside and celebrate into the night with concerts from the best Australian and international music acts. This year sees the Red Hot Chilli Peppers take the stage as the headliner. The event is also child-friendly, with a kid zone to keep your little ones entertained.

Nearest Parks: Adelaide Levi Park Caravan Park, Discovery Parks - Adelaide Beachfront



Bright Autumn Festival.

# VICTORIA

**BRIGHT AUTUMN FESTIVAL** 

WHEN: 26 APR TO 5 MAY WHERE: BRIGHT

BRIGHT<mark>AUTUMN</mark>FESTIVAL.ORG.AU

what: Celebrate the beauty of autumn in Victoria's Alpine High Country region. The ten-day festival invites guests to sample the best autumn produce and experience the region's beautiful gardens. A local highlight is the Gala Day (held on Saturday 5 May) which sees the main streets closed to allow a full celebration including live music, the Bright Rotary Market, Kiddies Corner and a festival parade.

Nearest Parks: Bright Pine Valley Tourist Park, Porepunkah Pines Holiday Park



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## **2019 AUSTRALIAN** INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

WHEN: 26 FEB TO 3 MAR WHERE: AVALON AIRPORT, **GEELONG** AIRSHOW.COM.AU

WHAT: This air spectacular is set to thrill and excite guests of all ages, showcasing the world's best air defence in simulated combat shows. Watch some of the top aerobatic daredevils put their talents to the test, and be treated to an insight into future aviation technologies, too.

Nearest Parks: Discovery Parks -Geelong, Barwon River Holiday Park



Destination NSW.

# **NEW SOUTH** WALES

**AUSTRALIAN BLUES MUSIC FESTIVAL** 

WHEN: 8 TO 10 FEB WHERE: GOULBURN AUSTRALIANBLUESMUSIC.COM.AU

WHAT: If you're a fan of a bit of blues tunes around the campfire, then get your dancing boots on for this one. If you're the regular camp-singer, have a go on stage yourself in the buskers competition for your chance to get a paid spot on stage at next year's event.

Nearest Parks: Goulburn South Caravan Park

## **GUNNEDAH SHOW**

**WHEN: 26 TO 28 APR** WHERE: GUNNEDAH SHOWGROUNDS

**GUNNEDAHSHOWSOCIETY.COM.AU** WHAT: Beginning in 1888, the Gunnedah Show is the biggest event on the town's calendar and is a true highlight for tourists who want to experience real outback Aussie fun. The weekend features events for the whole family, including outback rodeo shows, vintage car shows, showjumping, boutique markets,

Nearest Parks: Gunnedah Tourist Caravan Park, Austin Tourist Park

comedy shows and fireworks.



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WHEN: 30 MAR TO 7 APR WHERE: BROADBEACH AND **NORTH BURLEIGH** 

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WHAT: Watch the best in Australian Surf Life Saving at the biggest event in the sports calendar this March and April. More than 7,000 of the best Surf Life Saving athletes from around the country will compete in a range of events to find the best in the Youth, Masters and Open competitions. Soak up the last of the warm weather and some true-blue Aussie beach culture.

Nearest Parks: Nobby Beach Holiday Village, Ashmore Palms Holiday Village



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# WESTERN **AUSTRALIA**

MANDURAH CRAB FEST

**WHEN: 17 TO 18 MAR** WHERE: MANDURAH CRABFEST.COM.AU

WHAT: Crab Fest is the largest free community event in Western Australia and it attracts over 120,000 locals and visitors to the City of Mandurah approximately 1 hour from Perth. The event showcases the lifestyle, location and culture whilst celebrating the native blue manna crab! Fresh food, live music, performances, children's entertainment, competitions, cooking demonstrations, celebrities, aquatic entertainment and more.

Nearest Park: Mandurah Caravan & Tourist Park

PERTH FESTIVAL WHEN: 8 FEB TO 3 MAR **WHERE: PERTH** 

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WHAT: Beginning in 1953, Perth Festival brings together the best dance, visual art, theatre, opera and music acts from around the world. With a range of free and ticketed events, the festival has shows for everyone to enjoy. Head to Chevron Gardens to tap your feet to tunes in the sunshine, watch an international film with the stars above your head, or soak up an inspirational talk at Writers Week.

Nearest Parks: Perth Central Caravan Park, Discovery Parks - Perth Airport

Home for me is... Adelaide. I've lived in Melbourne for longer than I've lived in Adelaide, and my children have grown up in Melbourne, but Adelaide is always home. I come from a big family...there are eight of us, but with just one sibling in Adelaide now. But because we come from a big clan, Adelaide to me is tied up with my family and my cousins. When I come back to Adelaide, it's about spending time with them.

## When back home in South Australia...

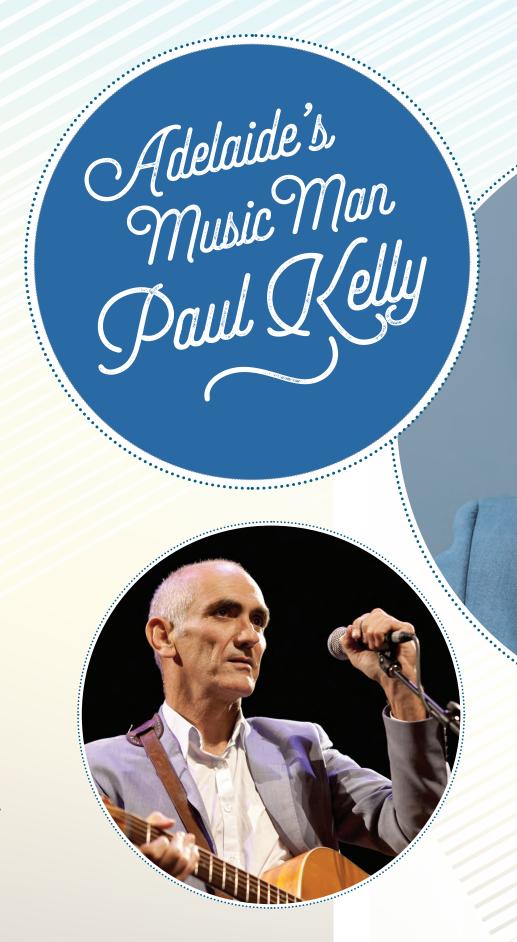
I have my little rituals. I always like to go to the Norwood pool where we used to go swimming every Sunday after church. I love Kensington Park, too. It's not far from where I grew up. I used to play cricket there.

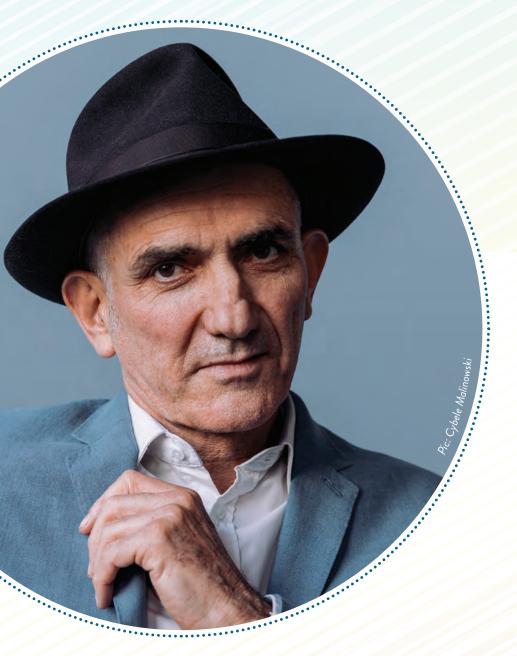
In South Australia, I love... McLaren Vale, with that combination of wine region, hills and the sea. Sometimes we went to Port Noarlunga for holidays - I just love the look of that country.

For family holidays... in the 60s, we never went interstate. Our holidays were to the beach down at Tennyson, Brighton or Henley Beach. We would just get a holiday house in Tennyson... I thought it was miles away. It felt like another world. We used to spend the whole summer by the beach.

I have a lot of memories of... going to the water. We used to spend the whole summer by the beach. Now I live by the water in St Kilda.

I used to go camping... with my brothers in the 50s. Parents used to let you do that. The three of us would just get a tent, some supplies, a bit of mum's fruit cake and go and camp in the Hills. I can't remember where but it wasn't too far from home.





ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S
MOST LOVED AND
ICONIC MUSICIANS
SHARES HIS LOVE FOR
SOUTH AUSTRALIA,
HOLIDAYS BY THE SEA
AND MAKING MUSIC.

I'm not good at... putting up a tent, but there are a few of my family who are good campers and we do trips every now and then. I love them.

My rule for camping is... that you have to go with people who know what they're doing. I liked going with my brothers.

When travelling in Victoria... most of our family holidays are down to the west coast. I tend to go towards the beach for holidays. I like going to Port Philip Bay, but if you want to get some surf, head to the west coast - Lorne, Apollo Bay... it's pretty and we try to get there regularly, as well as the Mornington Peninsula.

Growing up... there was always music in the house. My mother was very musical and dad loved music even though he didn't play anything. We all had pianos as kids. Music was just part of our lives. We all learnt music. Everyone else in the family can play something. My eldest sister was going out with this guy who played the trumpet and I really liked him so he got me into playing the trumpet.

We listened to... ABC Radio and classical music - Mum and Dad had classical records, Irish records, Barry Humphries comedy records.

I wanted to be... a writer. I knew that. I was writing from the age of 15 or 16. I was writing poetry in a notebook and just kept going. It was just pretty freeform poetry and prose. I was always writing things down. It wasn't until a few years after | left school [that | got into writing for and playing music].

## I got into playing music because...

I met this gang of people in 1973 and they were all playing country rock, and that was when I first got into that kind of music. I started learning guitar and playing other people's songs for a few years, and then I wrote my own song. I thought 'if I can write one, I can write another one'.

**The first song I wrote...** was called 'The Going Down' (that I can remember). It was just a four line song.

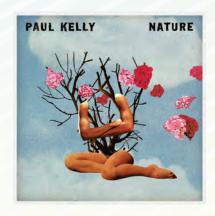
My career was... fairly gradual. I made a few records and wasn't really making much of a living off it. It was really my fourth record *Gossip* which got some commercial radio play. That really changed things. That kicked things off for me. When that came along I was ready to go.

# One of the most important things I've

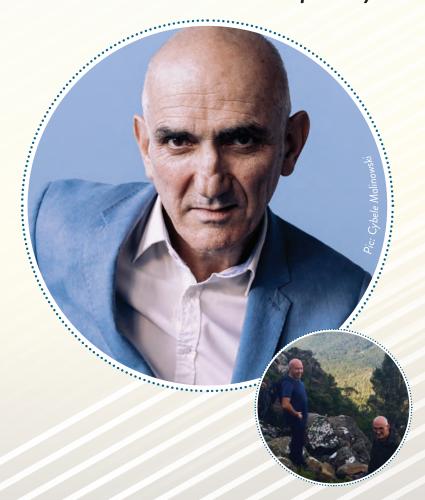
**learnt...** is to keep your ears open and pay attention. Songs can come from anywhere - something someone says, something you hear, from other songs you love - they all influence what you do. For me it's about being open and being awake.

My favourite songs... are 'If I Could Start Today Again', 'They Thought I Was Asleep', 'Little Aches And Pains'...'How To Make Gravy' is always a good song to play because it sort of seems to play itself...it's got an in-built gear in itself. It works for us as a band. The new record Nature... has five songs based on poems by other people. That's probably the biggest shift... over the last five or six years, I've got into the habit of putting poetry in music. That's opened me up to writing songs in another way. I'm grateful for that because I've been writing songs for 40 years.

I chose poems because... it's just a new way for me to write. Words are the hardest part of writing songs. The new record has five poems by other people: Sylvia Plath, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Walt Whitman, Dylan Thomas and Phillip Larkin. They're poems that I have loved for a long time. By choosing those poems, they're poems I love, they say something about me.



Paul's latest album Nature is out now. Purchase your copy at www.paulkelly.com.au





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# THE GREAT ASSOCIATION BUCKET LIST

AUSTRALIAN BUCKET LIST ONE TRAVEL KIND EXPERIENCES

**WORDS ROBIN ESROCK** 

For his latest book, international bestselling travel author and National Geographic TV host Robin Esrock took his family across the country to research, experience and share the wonders of *The Great Australian Bucket List*. Having already visited over 100 countries on seven continents, Robin sought the unforgettable activities and destinations you won't find anywhere else in the world. Here are some of his favourites.

Nearest park: Discovery Parks - Bendigo



# CLIMB DOWN A MINE SHAFT, BENDIGO

Bendigo's Central Deborah Gold Mine combines fascinating history with a truly deep and dark adventure. In fact, there's nowhere else you can buy a ticket, slip on a hardhat, and get any further down under, Down Under. The mine's Nine Levels of Darkness tour is the deepest mine tour in the country, guided by former miners with absorbing stories and subterranean experience etched into their skin. After learning about the Victorian gold rush that once transformed Bendigo into one of the world's richest cities, you enter a tiny cage that is manually lowered deep into the earth. Here you learn about the harsh, back-breaking work that was gold mining. Squeezing into the rock tunnels, clambering up wet iron ladders, pushing heavy carts on rails and feeling the shake of a hydraulic drill - it's a handson experience that makes one appreciate the sweet Victoria sunshine when you gratefully return above ground.

# New South Males -

# RECHARGE BETWEEN THE GUARDIANS, BYRON BAY

For those times when Byron Bay gets a little tourist-jammed, cast your net a little further afield for another experience with pulsing energy. There is nowhere on the planet quite like Crystal Castle and the Shambala Gardens. Gathered here are some of the largest and most spectacular crystals you'll set your peepers on. Carefully arranged throughout gorgeous gardens, labyrinths, stupas and a bamboo forest, the crystals create an environment that radiates tranquillity. Peek inside the jaw-dropping Enchanted Cave, the largest amethyst geode on the planet or take a look at the nearby polished orb of rose quartz spinning atop a block of granite. Crystal Castle celebrates harmony, balance, and the dizzying array of colourful crystals. Whether you're a believer in the power of crystal energy or not, there's no denying the impact of seeing such magical stones in such a remarkable location.

Nearest park: Discovery Parks - Byron Bay



## GO DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE. **HOBART**

If you've not yet been to the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), it belongs on your radar. One of the world's hottest contemporary art museums, it's a must-do when visiting Tassie. Funded by the extravagantly wealthy Hobartlocal David Walsh, it's a place where creativity has run amok, designed to delight and challenge both big and little kids alike (that explains the huge trampoline outside, a piece of art you can actually jump on). A camouflaged catamaran shepherds visitors from downtown Hobart to the almost island-like structure set out on the River Derwent. Walsh's vision is to showcase sculptures, contraptions, paintings, videos, and spaces that are candid, approachable, interactive, and open to interpretation. There are no stuffy signs, but there is a handy app that explains what you're looking at, from bloated cars to sensory-deprivation rooms, cavernous galleries to meditational orbs. Dished up with down-to-earth Tasmanian hospitality and a jarring lack of pretension, MONA puts Hobart on the global cultural map.

Nearest park: Discovery Parks - Hobart





Nearest park: Discovery Parks - Cradle Mountain

## TREK THE DOVE CIRCUIT, **CRADLE MOUNTAIN**

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In a huge national park with so many options, it's easy to be overwhelmed with which track or circuit to trek. The Dove Circuit is a great all-rounder for vsitors of all experience levels and time-constraints. The circuit loops 5.7 kilometres around Dove Lake, an easy boardwalk stroll for all ages. Set against a dramatic backdrop of mountains, rare King Billy pine rainforest, glacial carved rocks and arguably one of the most picturesque lakes in the country, you'll emerge invigorated by the power of nature and enough selfies to fill a Facebook album. Keep your eyes peeled and you might spot a platypus swimming up the creek in the Ballroom Forest, a stretch of lovely moss-covered myrtle woods. If you've got a little more time up your sleeve, try getting suited up in a wetsuit and heading out to explore the creeks with local outfitter Cradle Mountain Canyons. Jump, slide and swim over a series of exquisite waterfalls - a physical adventure that perfectly contrasts the slow amble around the lake.

# POLISH JEWELLERY ON WHITEHAVEN BEACH, AIRLIE BEACH

With its famous crystal waters, powder-soft sands and pristine colour palette, Whitehaven Beach is pure paradise. Base yourself in Airlie Beach and take a day excursion to Whitehaven with Cruise Whitsundays, stopping off at Hamilton Island before continuing onwards to Whitsunday Islands. Your vessel will carry you through a scattering of pretty islands before you arrive at the famous shores. Once onto Whitehaven, you can get stuck into some of the beach activities (beach cricket and fish feeding), and explore the crescent beach to the sounds of lapping waves and squeaking footsteps. The sand is 98% quartz, and you can even polish your jewellery with it, leaving your well-worn rings shiny as new. Protected as part of the Great Barrier Reef eco-system, the environment here is immaculate. It isn't over when you leave either - you'll have a memorable peach-purple sunset to look forward to on the boat ride home.

## Nearest parks:

Discovery Parks - Airlie Beach Island Gateway Holiday Park

# South Australia

# SWIM WITH TUNA, VICTOR HARBOR

Southern bluefin tuna weigh up to 200 kilograms in the wild and travel at speeds of up to 70 kilometres per hour. These are big, powerful fish, and you can swim with them in South Australia in a remarkable in-sea aquarium. Berthed off Victor Harbor and manned by marine biologists, the Oceanic Victor gives you the rare opportunity to encounter live tuna first-hand. Kids will love feeding the tuna from the dock, watching as the powerful fish leap out the water to snatch their sardines from the pole. For those wanting to get more up close and personal, you can slip on a wetsuit and jump in. The Oceanic Victor was founded as a nature-based tourism and educational facility to provide visitors the opportunity to interact with marine life. The netted enclosure also provides scientists with the perfect opportunity to study the tuna, which remains a highly-prized catch in South Australia's fishing industry. It's enthralling, fascinating and leaves you with a profound respect for these beauties of the sea.

#### Nearest parks:

Victor Harbor Holiday and Cabin Park Beachside Holiday Park McLaren Vale Lakeside Carayan Park





Inspired by the ever-popular shark cage diving experience in Port Lincoln, Lion 360 is a a similar personal lion encounter from within a cage. Held at Australia's largest open-range zoo, Monarto, just an hour outside of Adelaide, the experience places visitors inside the cage while hungry lions gather all around. Timed with the lions' daily feeding and carefully monitored by conservation officers, the pride is engaged and curious, close enough for you to feel their breath, hear their grunts, and smell their musk. Visitors can request to feed the lions with metal tongs, while a model Land Rover gives you a glimpse outside the specially constructed cage. It's a first-hand look at putting us in our place inside the cage for a change.

#### Nearest parks:

Adelaide Levi Park Caravan Park Avoca Dell Caravan Park

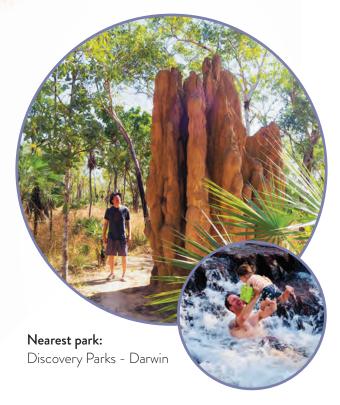
# HEAR THE LAST POST, CANBERRA

Since 2013, the daily Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial has told the story of one name on the Roll of Honour. Even if the Australian armed forces avoid any future casualties, the ceremony will continue to honour an Australian casualty, every day, until the year 2295. A visit to the War Memorial is truly thought-provoking, solemn, a duty, and a privilege. Join one of the free daily tours, and have a guide take you through a wide range of historical and modern exhibits. There are weaponry, planes, equipment, documents, imagery and uniforms on display, not to mention the dioramas depicting the First World War. When the museum closes, a crowd gathers outside as the late afternoon sun reflects off the narrow memorial pool housing an eternal flame. A name is read, a story is told. Lest we forget.

## Nearest park:

Sundown Villas ACT

# NORTHERN TERRITORY:



## SWIM IN THE BULEY ROCKHOLE, LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Two iconic national parks dominate most itineraries to the Top End: Kakadu is the iconic national park that tends to dominate most itineraries to the Top End, yet Litchfield National Park is easier to explore and more accessible to families. A two-hour drive on the 130 kilometre per hour road from Darwin, the natural wonders of Litchfield are something to behold. Take the kids and swim beneath the series of pristine cascades that are dotted about the park, and make sure to adventure to the Buley Rockhole, which serve as proof that nature always builds the best waterparks. Once you're suitably refreshed, tick off the towering orange Cathedral Termite Mounds and tombstone-like Magnetic Termite Mounds - both encompass some of the tallest non-human built structures in the world.

# Nestern Australia

# **GET THE QUOKKA SELFIE, DISCOVERY - ROTTNEST ISLAND**

Introducing the little marsupial that's hopping its way into the global spotlight - the quokka. It's the reason more and more travelers are making their way to famous Rottnest Island - to get the (all-important) quokka selfie. Hop on the fast ferry from Fremantle to Rottnest and you can tick this off your bucket list, too. They've been called the world's happiest animal, primarily because Rottnest quokkas are unfazed by humans, display goofy faces, and don't mind appearing in selfies. Keep in mind, you're strongly advised not to feed or make fun of the quokka, which is detrimental to conservation, and probably hurts its feelings, too. Once you've nabbed the required selfie, spend some time exploring the island's 62 beaches, gorgeous bays, and many hiking and biking trails. ■

## Nearest parks:

Discovery - Rottnest Island Fremantle Village



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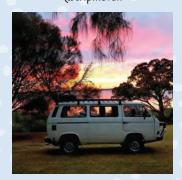
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# CARING COMMUNITIES CREATED THROUGH DANCE

EACH THURSDAY, A COMMUNITY HALL ON THE FRINGES OF SYDNEY'S CBD SLOWLY FILLS WITH AN UNLIKELY GROUP OF DANCERS.

"In the real world we might never meet one another and yet we come here every week to this beautiful hall, with fantastic teachers and there's something so strong between all of us."

Christine has Parkinson's disease. 15 years ago, at the age of 55, she was diagnosed with the incurable disease.

"It was a shock," Christine explains. "I thought I'd had a minor stroke;

Parkinson's never entered my head."

"I always thought it was for old people; I mean, most people do. If you say, 'What do you know about Parkinson's?' They say, 'You shake, don't you, when you're old?'"

"And I didn't shake and I didn't think I was that old."

For nearly three years, each week Christine has attended Dance for Parkinson's Australia's classes in Rozelle, and found herself swept off her feet with new friends and a new community - "a community of caring" as she calls it. One in every 308 people in Australia live with Parkinson's. According to the peak body Parkinson's Australia. On average, 37 new cases are diagnosed every day and 13,500 new cases will be diagnosed in 2019. As Christine explained after class on Thursday, "It's a very complex disease."

With a buzz of chatter, bursts of laughter, and music from Mozart to Neil Diamond, a group of 20-30 people from all walks of life meet each week in Rozelle's community hall to share their love of dance. There is tea, biscuits, a weekly catch-up, and plenty of stories to be shared.

"The Dance for Parkinson's classes really are quite special," Rozelle dance teaching artist Cathie said.

"We put music on and we create a dance sequence that helps their motor skills in a really fun and stress-free environment." There's always an element of storytelling throughout the choreography. This helps the participants explore their creativity, at times become a character and escape from some of their physical symptoms that make living with Parkinson's a daily struggle. Dance enables the participants to get lost amongst the music and experience different ways of stretching their arms or activating their back muscles, and to simply have fun.

"It makes you stronger, for a start," Christine shares.

"Because you're actually moving your body in a way that you wouldn't do at home and we do it for an hour which, for someone with Parkinson's, can be quite a long time and yet somehow the hour vanishes."

Dr Erica Rose Jeffrey is the director of Dance for Parkinson's Australia and brought the program to Australia from the United States in 2012.

The community-based dance program is now found at 35 locations around the country and is an affiliate of the International Dance for PD program.

"In each class we don't just have people living with Parkinson's participating, but also family members, carers and friends who are part of our community," Dr Jeffrey explains.

"We think of it as a bit of a ripple effect. So it's not just the people in the classes themselves, but it's also the broader community that benefits from our program."

"We have classes in the capital cities," Dr Jeffrey said. "However, we are very interested in expanding to the regional areas, because we know that not everybody is able to come to the locations where we currently hold classes."

Dance for Parkinson's Australia recently won the Active Community round in **Sunsuper's Dreams for a Better World program** and received \$10,000 to help expand their program into regional communities.

"We were very interested in applying for Sunsuper's Dreams for a Better World grant, because we thought that it would give us an opportunity to grow our existing programs, sustain what we have, but also provide new opportunities and develop our teaching networks."

Sunsuper's Dreams for a Better World program is all about helping communities come together to improve the lives of other Australians. With a \$150,000 annual grant pool, Sunsuper awarded the grant to Dance for Parkinson's Australia to ensure more Australians living with Parkinson's could improve their strength and wellbeing, share a strong sense of community, creativity and purpose, and dramatically improve their quality of life.

2019 will be another big year for Dr Erica Rose Jeffrey and the entire Dance for Parkinson's community as their plans to expand take shape.

"I believe that dance can benefit many different people in many ways," Dr Jeffrey said. "So I always encourage people to get out and dance a little bit more."

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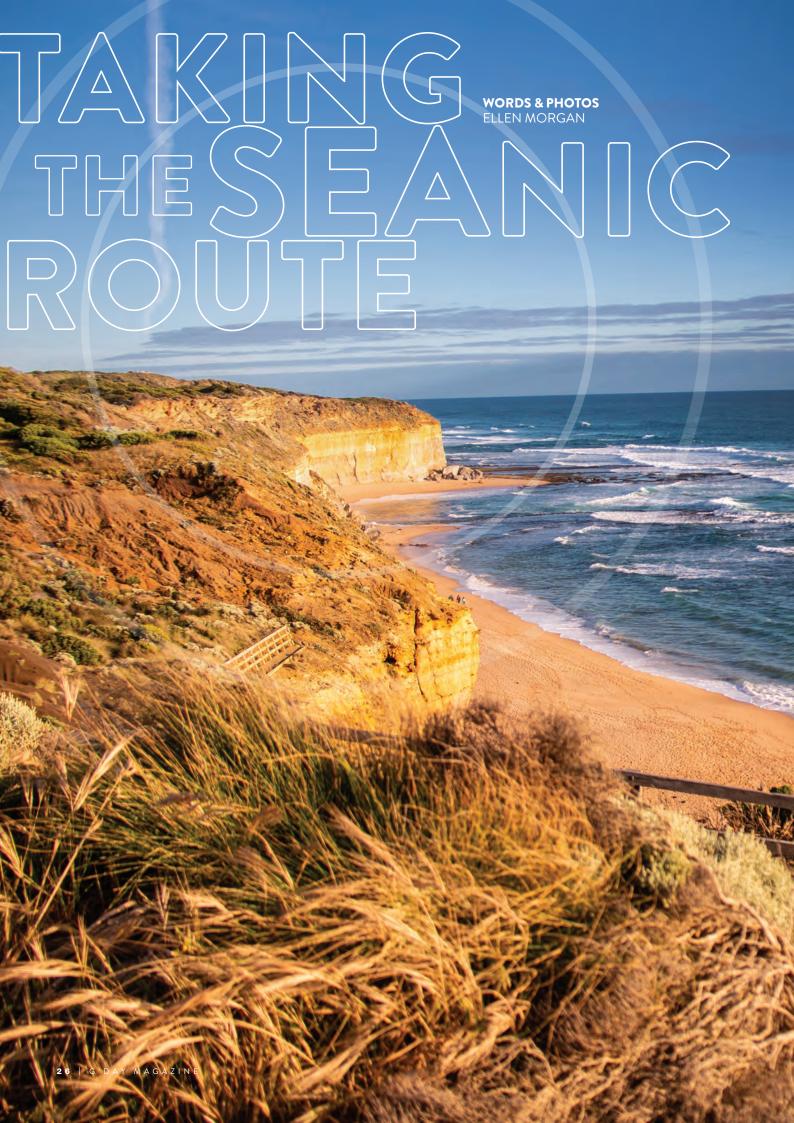
## Watch their story.

Hold your mobile phone camera over the QR code and open the webpage to see Rozelle's dance class. To learn more or apply for a 2019 Sunsuper grant visit >>

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If you know someone who would like to participate or volunteer at Dance for Parkinson's Australia visit >> www.danceforparkinsonsaustralia.org





CRUISE
ALONG THE
CLIFF TOPS
OF THE
GREAT OCEAN
ROAD FROM
MELBOURNE
TO ROBE AND
SOAK UP THE
SEASCAPES.

The Great Ocean Road - it's the quintessential Aussie road trip. If you've grown up in Australia, you've likely navigated the well-travelled stretch with your family, and if you've not ticked it off, it's sure to be on your bucket list.

Whether you take the trek from Melbourne, or you venture east from South Australia, the views are hard to beat, and the pit stops along the way are a whole heap of fun for whatever type of convoy you've got in-tow. From Melbourne to Robe, the trip is only about nine hours' drive via the coast, but stop off along the way and you can make your trip as long as you like. So rally the kids, your best mates, the pooch or your favourite someone, and get on that Great Ocean Road. Stop for ice cream, take a hike and stay that extra night. It'll be GREAT.





he road from Melbourne to Adelaide via the coast is one of the most popular road routes in Australia - known to both locals and tourists alike. Vast stretches of road meander from hinterland and farming country out onto jaw-dropping cliff faces where the sea crashes into amber rock walls. Every twist and turn is breathtaking, and while some sections of the journey feel like the edge of the earth, the buzzing coastal towns that scatter the stretch will keep both your belly and cultural cup full.

The Great Ocean Road technically stretches from Torquay to Allansford (near Warrnambool) in Victoria, but many travellers now wrap the trip into one journey to encompass the coastline of South Australia, too. The heritage-listed road spans around 243 kilometres and is said to be the world's largest war memorial, built by returned soldiers from World War I.

If you're starting in Melbourne, take the time to gather your supplies and soak up a night in the city before heading south along Princes Highway towards Geelong for your first port of call. A great pit stop before moving further into coastal territory, Geelong is full of history, culture and artwork (don't forget to spot the famous bollards - quirky characters carved out of jetty pylons).

Just a short drive from Geelong, Torquay marks the official start of the Great Ocean Road. Snap your pic in front of the iconic sign across the road and spend the afternoon exploring beautiful Torquay. Home to the famous Bells Beach, Torquay is Aussie surf culture at its best. There's even a National Surfing Museum if you fancy taking a closer look at the sport that's become iconic to Australia. Grab a board, get out in the waves and give it a go before you move on down the coast towards more laid-back Lorne.

If you've got the time, stop in at Anglesea and Aireys Inlet before you make your way down to Lorne. Kick back and soak up the views and untouched natural beauty of these pristine pockets of coastal bliss.

It's not just sand and surf that makes this stretch a natural wonder of Australia, but also the dense bushland and rainforest that is Great Otway National Park. Encompassing the stretch from Torquay to Princetown (nearby the iconic 12 Apostles), the 'Otways' are arguably the heart of the Victorian hinterland. Taking in both the coastal vistas and mountainous rainforest of this national rainforest is a must.



Base yourself in Lorne, Kennett River or Apollo Bay (all home to G'DAY Rewards Network affiliated parks), to experience the best of the Otways. Our top tip? Bring a rain jacket, the weather can be temperamental up here - it is the rainforest after all. Rain or shine, it's pretty as a picture; lush fern gullys and tall forests are just some of the scenes out your window.

After Apollo Bay, soak up the scenery on your way to 12 Apostles Marine National Park, home to the iconic apostles. Eight remain standing strong in the wild ocean that wraps this stretch of rugged coastline, part of Port Campbell National Park. Especially breathtaking at sunrise and sunset, the towering beauties are humbling, and the surrounding national parklands are a sight to behold. Don't forget to check out Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge while you're there, each with contrasting views of this landscape.

Just an hour north-west and you'll reach the final destination along the official Great Ocean Road - Allansford and Warrnambool. A cultural epicentre, Warrnambool is well worth a pit stop for a few days, with plenty to see and do. With everything from street art tours to historic village shows and wilderness walks, it's a great spot to relax and unwind a while and take a break from the road.

If you want to take your journey further and step into South Australia, take the Princes Highway a further three hours west to Robe and settle in for some fish and chips by the seaside, an appropriate tartar-filled toast to a trip well done.

and locals to Australia to have a go at surfing a wave. Whether you're savvy with all things 'swell' and 'barrels', or you need a balance lesson on the sand first, Go Ride A Wave cater to everyone from first-timers to rusty beginners, and people of all ages.

Getting people out in the water and onto a board is second nature for the teams here, with locations in Ocean Grove, Torquay, Anglesea, Lorne and Wye River. They're experts, in the game since 1987, so no matter how uncoordinated you think you might be, you can trust you're in safe hands.

Each location is specially scouted to have clean, safe beaches ideal for beginners. The Torquay location is one of the most visited in the region. The esplanade shop is iconic to the town, complete with change rooms, showers and plenty of gear - perfect if you're only stopping off on your way through to the next Discovery Park or Top Park.

There are kids and adult options, and you can choose between one, three or five-lesson packages, as well as a 'Go All Day' option where you receive a lesson and surf gear hire for the rest of the day - so you can practice, practice, practice!

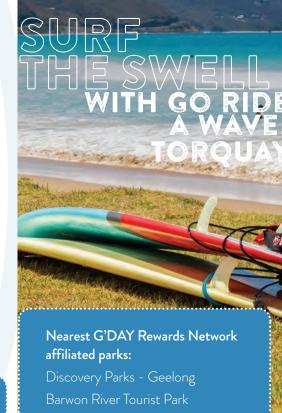
Don't have any gear with you?

Not to worry - the crew will provide you with your own rashie or wetsuit (conditions depending), as well as a board to suit you and your ability level. They even offer lessons and hire for stand up paddle boards, too, and hire a range of other gear including kayaks. So go on, suit up, get out there and surf those waves you've been watching from the car window.

Go Ride A Wave offer a range of lessons and packages for kids and adults, at a number of location along the Great Ocean Road.

Prices for lessons start at \$62.

>> www.gorideawave.com.au



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# OFF-ROAD EXPLORING VIA SEGWAY WITH PLANET MUD OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

WATCH Explore the bushland behind the coast by off-road segway.
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If you're after a different way to explore the magnificent Otways, this is it - a segway tour through the forest. The segways at Planet Mud aren't your usual segways - they're the four-wheel-drive versions. Ideal for off-road adventuring, these clever little vehicles are designed for fun. The best part? They're easy as pie to get the hang of, thanks to clever technology and the friendly team here.

"They're quite good in rough areas... they can travel over sticks and all sorts of things you throw at them," Justin Mason says, co-owner of Planet Mud. "They balance for you so they are quite easy to ride."

The 45 minute experience gives you an up-close-and-personal encounter with the dense bushland that covers much of this beautiful mountainous terrain. Smell it, touch it and soak it all in as you whizz through the gorgeous grounds. "We have 53 acres

of bush here...we might see some wildlife while we're out there - echidnas, black cockatoos, kangaroos and wallabies that sort of thing."

It's a great way for the whole family to get out and stretch those weary car-legs. Check out their range of other outdoor activities while you're there, too, including paintball, zorbing, zip-lining and tree-climbing.

Planet Mud Outdoor Adventures offer a range of tours and activities. Their 45 minute Segway Trail with the off-road segways starts at \$45 for kids.

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Lorne Foreshore Caravan Park Kennett River Holiday Park Apollo Bay Holiday Park



ake your way into the hills, in the depths of the hills, in the depths of the hinterland of Apollo Bay and you'll find yourself at Chris's Restaurant. Ask anyone in Apollo Bay, and indeed along the Great Ocean Road, and they'll tell you to head to this regional stalwart.

Arrive at the secluded location, and you'll instantly see why. Pitted on the side of a cliff, the restaurant offers the most stunning panoramic views of Apollo Bay and beyond, with glimpses of everything that makes this diverse region a treat for the eyes and the stomach. From the lush green fields dotted with sheep to the sea dotted with fishing boats, you can see the produce that's on your plate here.

The iconic restaurant has been here for over 40 years, owner Christos Talihmamidis still preparing traditional Mediterranean cuisine in the kitchen today. At 85 years old, Chris is as passionate as they come. Originally from Greece, he's been cooking for

as long as he can remember, and you can tell from his menu and the avid following this place has.

"My grandmother was a cook, so I started with her when I was eight years old. They took me out of the streets and put me next to her. I'm still cooking now. I've never been to school but I've always loved my job."

Previously owning a restaurant in Lorne for 15 years after moving to Australia in 1961, Chris moved to Apollo Bay in 1978 to buy this idyllic property. "The land was here with a small restaurant and just eight chairs," he says. "We built it in three stages."

Restaurant manager Lim says the restaurant has stood the test of time due to it's pristine vista and simple, reliable food. "The menu is seasonal and Chris has pretty much had the same dishes for almost 40 years," he says. "With Chris, less is more. He's simple, very simple. We can get abalone from down here, and lobsters, and Chris marinates our own octopus, too."

Menu favourites include the pork souvlaki (iskendar kebab) and slow cooked eggplant with tomato fundue (imam bayaldi), as well as the divine walnut baklava (Chris' famous recipe). Don't forget to try the famous local seafood, too. Sample these with a side of local Victorian wine, and you'll feel on top of the world (quite literally). "People who visit say this is the best part of the world when they look out there," Lim says. "It's the only road in the whole world," Chris laughs, "it's the most beautiful in the world for sure."

Chris's Restaurant is open for dinner 7 days from 6pm, lunch Saturday and Sunday from 12pm to 2pm and breakfast 7 days from 8.30am to 10am.

>> www.chriss.com.au

Nearest G'DAY Rewards Network affiliated park:

Apollo Bay Holiday Park



trip along the Great Ocean Road isn't quite complete without wetting a line along the way. Arguably one of the best fishing spots is Apollo Bay.

Helen and Max Robbins, owners of Apollo Bay Fishing and Adventure Tours are fishing experts, operating their tour company here for the last 19 years. "I'm a true local, with ancestors dating back to 1902," Helen says. "Max has been coming to Apollo Bay all his life, too. He's one of the best fishermen around."

Their tours are taken out on their beautiful boat, Moonlight, built by Max himself. Their range of charters includes their 'Fishing Adventures', the 'Seal Colony Cruise' and the 'Sunset Cruise', all family-friendly and affordable. There's even a family fishing tour, which goes for a neat two hours, perfect for little ones. Cruising out from Apollo Bay marina, the boat ride is half the fun. Then you'll get a quick lesson from Max and the crew, pop

your bait on, the anchor goes down and off you go.

"We provide everything - the line, the bait, the tackle. Max has so much knowledge and people love coming with him because they feel safe and they know they're in good hands." ■

offer a range of charters and tours, starting from \$30 for children. >> www.apollobayfishing.com.au

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ne of the best ways to see the Otways is from the air. Otway Fly Treetop Adventures let you do this with their zip-line experience - a fun-for-thewhole-family experience that gives you a bird's-eye view of this pristine pocket of nature.

The 2.5-hour-long tour takes you from training to zip-line expert in no time, with expert guides with you every step of the way.

"There's six different ziplines on the course and two different suspension bridges," Brydie Stagg says, guide at Otway Fly. "The longest zip-line is 120 metres long and comes from a 20 metre high platform. The suspension bridges give you a really good look down into the centre of the ferns and the forest floor, too, and you're still around eight metres off the ground, so it's still quite exciting."

If the sun is shining by the beach when you leave your campsite, don't be surprised if it's raining up in the Otways. "This is a cool temperate rainforest so we get about 280 days of rain a year, so we run the courses rain, hail or shine. It is beautiful here when it rains - all the trees get green, the air becomes more fresh."

What a dream. This is a family bucket-list item, folks. ■

Otway Fly Treetop Adventures offer a range of tours and walking Prices start at \$85 for children. >> www.otwayfly.com

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WATCH Fly through the Otway Rainforest by zip-line and get a bird's-eye-view. Watch video at >> www.bit.ly/gdaymag



road trip just isn't right without stopping for ice cream, and the Great Ocean Road is no exception. In the heart of Victoria's dairy country, this stretch of road is scattered with farms and fields of cows, producing some of Australia's finest milks creating cheeses and in recent years, ice cream. Timboon Ice Creamery, in the quaint little town of Timboon, lets you taste the difference and see what all the fuss is about.

"We're third generation dairy farmers and we've been making ice cream in Timboon for about 20 years," Tim Marwood says, co-founder of the ice creamery. "My dad and I were farming together, and then we had some ideas about adding value to our milk." Tim and his wife Caroline began experimenting with ice cream, and now the rest is history.

Tim and Caroline still make all their own ice cream from local milk in their small Timboon factory, but 18 months ago they opened their very first ice creamery space dedicated to tasting and experiences for visitors. "We have 24 flavours in the cabinet at the shop and tasting is compulsory," Tim says. "You're welcome to try as many flavours as you like."

Among the classic favourites like vanilla, chocolate and mint choc-chip, Tim and Caroline produce an everchanging array of interesting flavours to treat your tastebuds. "I followed along the path of my grandma who was a great baker - we've done lamington, we've done orange and poppyseed, we've done lemon delicious and we're doing scones, jam and cream at the moment. I think it's important to make flavours that aren't too scary and that people can identify with."

They also have their own Sundae School where you can learn all about cows in the region, what goes into your favourite scoop, and how Tim and Caroline have developed their business. The best part? You get to craft your very own sundae after you churn the good stuff in class. Best classroom ever, we say. "We wanted to give people a great experience and give back a little in terms of education," Tim says. Someone even gets to wear some bull horns and be interviewed as a cow. We'll let you discover the fun for yourself.

Part of the 12 Apostles Food Trail, Timboon Fine Ice Cream is just one of the many stops along the way in this foodie region. "We're connected to a bunch of other great producers in the region like cheeseries, chocolateries and more." Come hungry, leave happy.



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Timboon Fine Ice Cream is open for tastings all year round, daily from 11am to 5pm. Their 45-minute Sundae School session is available to book online, \$13 per person (includes your sundae and tastings). >> www.timboonfineicecream.com.au

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ust off the coast of Warrnambool, Middle Island is a tiny body of land once accessible to tourists and now inhabited by a colony of protected fairy penguins. To protect these little beauties, Maremma dogs were trained after their successful protection of a local farmer's chickens. Now, these gloriously cream-coloured pooches are regularly sent out on the island to look after the penguins. The good news is, you can now meet and greet these clever hounds and learn all about the penguins with the Middle Island Penguin Project tours.

"The penguin colony here was unfortunately attacked by foxes, so it went from over 500 penguins to just four. Maremma sheepdogs instinctively protect whatever they're bonded to, so we've got up to nearly 100 penguins in the colony today," Patricia Corbett says, Middle Island Penguin Project coordinator.

If you've ever seen Oddball the movie, you'll know what these special dogs are all about. You can book and 'Meet the Maremma' experience all year round at their home base in Flagstaff Hill village.

"You can come and meet the Maremmas and learn about the penguins. We even have a little penguin box, so we show you how we monitor them and teach you how we look after them. You'll also get to meet one of our fantastic education dogs Avis or Amor."

Learn more about the wildlife in beautiful Warrnambool and get your pooch fix at the same time. Trust us, the whole family will love meeting these fluffy beauties (you might even get a lick, too). The best part? All the funds from your visit go back to supporting the Maremmas and the project. ■

all year round. Prices start at \$5 for children.

>> www.warramboolpenguins.com.au

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Discovery Parks - Warrnambool



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ne of the most history-rich, cultural epicentres of the Great Ocean Road trip, Warrnambool is home to its very own replica village: Flagstaff Hill. The tiny village is a recreation of what Warrnambool township would have looked like in the 19th century - a great way to experience first-hand what this iconic Victorian town was like and learn more about its colourful history.

"The village is really amazing, with 40 buildings set on 10 acres, with some original buildings in the mix of the replicas as well," Bethany Lewis says, destination and marketing coordinator at Warrnambool City Council. "We also have a maritime museum on site with lots of shipwreck artefacts from along the Great Ocean Road, including the famous Lock Ard Peacock."

While the museum and village can be visited throughout the day, the main attraction is their sound and light show at night, which features all sorts of historical fun. "On dusk, you can come and experience the tales of The Shipwreck Coast - it goes from Aboriginal history and dreamtime stories, into our colourful whaling history that we have here in

Warrnambool and then the amazing tale of the Loch Ard shipwreck. The story is told on a nine-metre high water screen with lights and sound, so it's a must-do experience."

The show is perfect for young and old, but is an especially great way to get little ones involved in a bit of Australian history. The tour begins with a walk through the village as night falls. It's a little bit spooky and a whole lot interesting, guides taking you through the different shops and businesses that would have called Warrnambool home from the 1870s to 1930s. You're eventually guided to a lakeside podium where you can watch the sound and light show unfold, before heading back through to the museum to finish.

During the day, expect the shops in the village to be open for business. There are even people in traditional costume, so you can meet and greet some of the original Warrnambool residents and learn more about life back when it became famously known as the Shipwreck Coast. "We have a replication of a printing press, so you can see how a newspaper would have been made,

and we're about to launch our new lolly shop, too, so kids (and parents) can taste traditional lollies," Nicky Suter says, Flagstaff Hill village activation officer.

Go on, experience the history for yourself - whether you simply visit the museum and stroll the village, or book in for the all-immersive night tour, you're up for an educational time.

Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum and Village is open daily from 9am to 5pm (last admissions are at 4pm). Museum and village admission starts at \$8.50 for children, and the Sound and Light Show starts at \$15.95 for children (bookings essential). Day and night packages available. >> www.flagstaffhill.com

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**WATCH** Step back in time in Warrnambool's popular Flagstaff Hill.

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## STREET ART STROLL WITH WARRNAMBOOL STREET ART TOURS

hile boats give some people sea legs, there's no doubt that 'car legs' are a common occurrence for many regular road-trippers. The solution? Get out and stroll the streets of Warrnambool, home to a vibrant local arts scene.

In recent years, Warrnambool City Council has started a new community initiative called Warrnambool Street Art which provides an informative website, map and guide for the city's ever-changing street art scene. You can also book online for your very own guided street art tour, which is a fascinating way to see the city through a local's eye and add a little culture to your road trip journey.

"Warrnambool is a thriving town as far as art is concerned," Claire Norman says, tour guide. "We have lots and lots of visiting artists and also lots of local artists who have produced various murals, paintings and sculpture that fill the city with street art."

The tour takes you through the city, guides talking you through the various works scattered about. You'll also learn about the history of the city, depending on the guide, as you pass through the many hidden laneways and heritage sandstone buildings. Make sure to look out for impressive works by talented artists, including the likes of the famous wombat bridge mural by local artist Jimmi Buscombe and the Ngatanwarr (Welcome) mural by Melbourne artist Adnate.



**WATCH** Discover Warrnambool's famous street art by foot.

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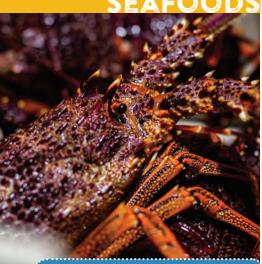
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Discovery Parks - Robe Robe Lakeside Tourist Park echnically not part of the Great Ocean Road, many travellers continue their trip to end up in South Australia. One of the last coastal stops is the beautiful seaside town of Robe. Home to arguably some of the best seafood in Australia, Robe is a great stop-off for some stellar fish and chips and, in the right season, the most luscious lobster in town.

Sky Seafoods is one of the town's most iconic seafood companies, experts in the comings and goings of all the boats, which fish and lobster are in season and when, and how to prepare them to keep them at their freshest and most delicious.

They offer casual tours of their facility as well as a variety of products to purchase daily in their factory-front shop. Along with lobster, there's also flake, prawns, snapper, Coorong mullet, boar fish and flathead, among others. But by far the most popular attraction here is the live lobsters.

"You can have it fresh cooked here, you can take it live, or we can even

sashimi it for you here," Andrew Lawrie says, one of the founders of Sky Seafoods. "The lobster waters are really close here...anywhere from 50 metres to 40 miles of the coast. Our fishers go off every day, so there's fresh catch coming home daily."

If you want to learn more, you can ask the team here for a little tour. "We give all the tourists a personal tour of the factory if they want. They can view the lobster in the holding pens and they can even pick one out in the morning and we can cook it for them and they can pick it up by lunch time."

What a catch! ■



**WATCH** Get up close and personal with the king of all seafoods - the lobster.

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# TRIPDOWN MEMORY LANS

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CHILDHOOD
MEMORIES
KEEPING FAMILY
CAMPING
TRADITIONS ALIVE

or many regular campers, it's our memories of childhood and family traditions that keep us on the road and teaching new generations the ropes of caravanning and camping. This is certainly the case for Jesse Bickerton. The Geelong resident has long been travelling the Great Ocean Road regularly throughout his whole life, staying at Kennett River Holiday Park for as long as he can remember. Now, he's continuing the tradition with his friends, family and their own kids.

"We started coming here when I was eight so that was about 22 years ago now," he says. "I remember Santa bought us our very first big double tent...he actually came and set it up in the backyard for us. It's pretty mind boggling what Santa does, actually. Then we came here solidly every year around Christmas for about 10 or 11 years, so now we've come back to the family campground. It just feels comfortable. It's important for us to bring our own kids back here now."

This trip, Jesse and his friends and family make up eight adults and seven children in total - one big happy family making the most of the natural surrounds and re-living traditions that are still much-loved in their memories.

"There's all those little things that you remember about being here, like what we used to call the Flintstone Chairs. Everyone that would come here would know about these rock pillars that were built out like chairs. You could stick your feet in and pretend you were the Flintstones."

He says it's not just about the destination, but the journey too - the group of friends hoping their children will form the same sweet memories of the road they remember. "We were in the country when we first started coming here - Maryborough in the

middle of Victoria - it was a pretty sweet three-hour journey," he says laughing. "I have some great memories from it though for sure. We used to drive the Commodore down here... I remember there is something about being in the Commodore on the Great Ocean Road - it'd start curving and you'd get a little bit car sick but all my memories are great regardless."

One of the joys of coming back to their old family park is continuing on with all their familiar campsite traditions. "Because we came here all the time, you'd end up meeting everyone and getting to know everyone and going over to everyone's campsites and sharing Milos every night. By the time I was 16 or 17, we knew all the kids our age. Some of them still come here today like us."

Jesse's campsite rules? Slow down, sit back, enjoy nature, play games and cook. "I think it's especially important when everything is especially fastpaced in life, to come down here and say 'hey, look over there - look at the koala', have a swim, watch the rolling tide, figure out if you want to play with some other kids...it gives you imagination and goes a long way in slowing down their life."

He says games are a great way to teach kids how to socialise and make friends, and stay clear of technology. "We used to play lots of fire games, and I learnt to juggle at this park, too. One girl taught me to juggle when I was a kid, and then she made me juggling balls from rice and a tea towel from her camp kitchen. She knitted them. Amazing."

He says cooking is a great way to bring people together back at camp, too. "Cooking is my way to show love. I love cooking my slow-cooked lamb ragu. It's a big ol' lamb shoulder and some veggies - it'll cook for the whole day. For brekky, we just go super simple. I do like a brekky wrap with some halloumi, sausage, bacon, spinach and cheese - gourmet, and my secret barbecue sauce as well."

Yummo! We'll see you at the Weber for brekky, Jesse. ■





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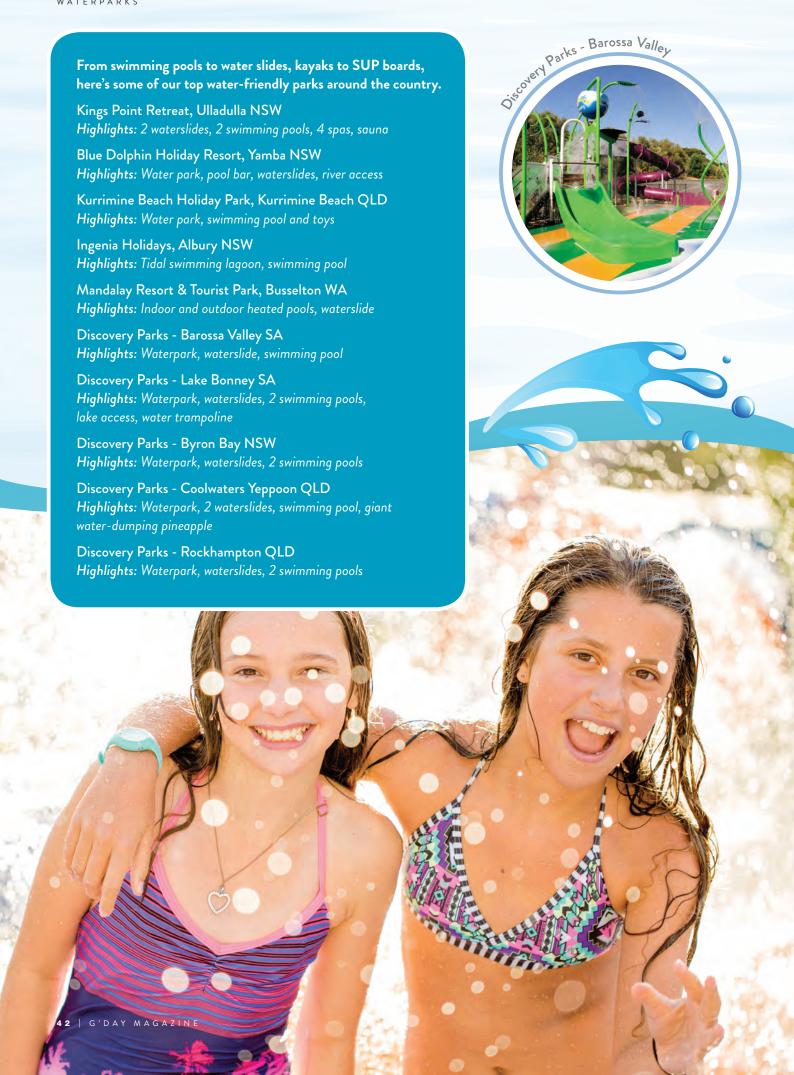
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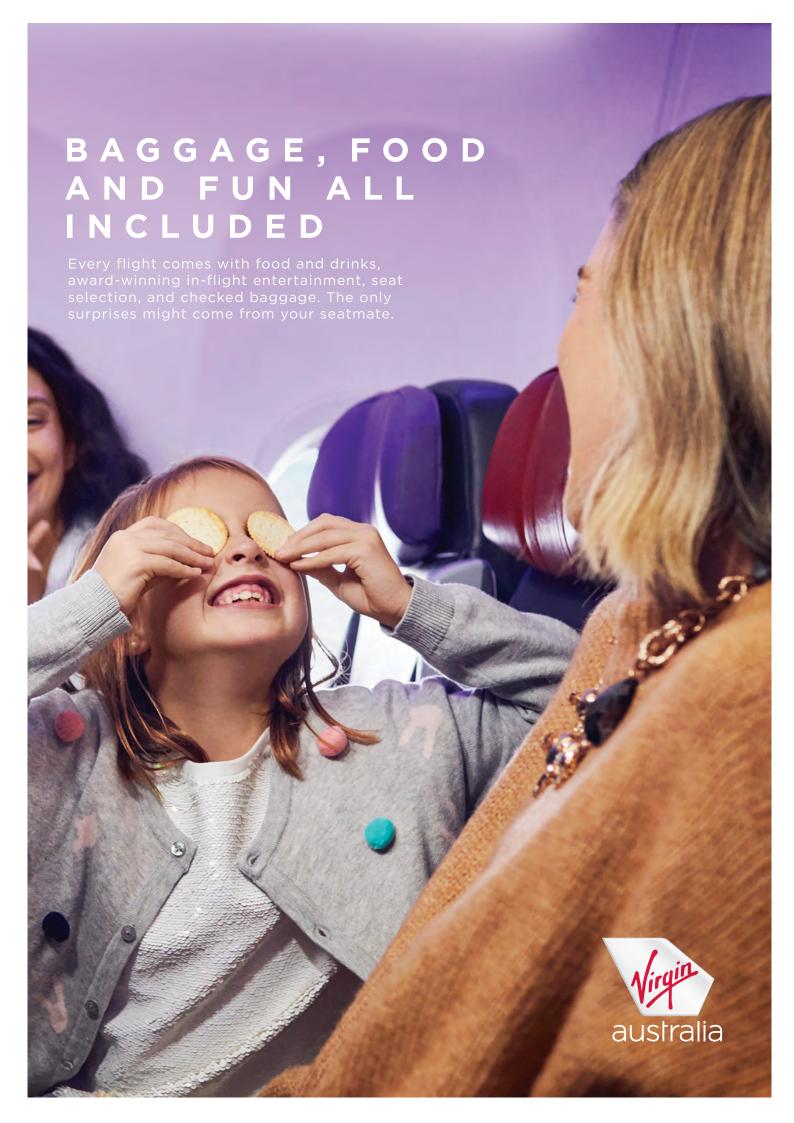


fit's been a while since you last pitched your tent or popped the top of your caravan at a holiday park, there's been some pretty exciting changes. Gone are the days of merely resting your head at night, only to spend the next day searching for nearby activities to entertain the kids. The holiday and caravan parks you love are no longer just an affordable home base - they're the main attraction. With the addition of brand new waterparks at Discovery Parks and Top Parks around the country, there's never been a better time to get away.

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# 50 THOUSAND KILOMETRES & COUNTING

**WORDS & PHOTOS ELLEN MORGAN** 

#### MEET THE MAN WITH SO MANY PINS ON HIS MAP HE'S LOST COUNT.

osey over to Alan Richardson's campsite and he'll likely show you his impressive iPad road trip map, which has more pins than you can poke a stick at. Even Alan has lost track, covering a whopping 50,000-odd kilometres in his time on the road.

"We just always do as much as we can," he says, zooming in on the various trips and pins along the way on his map. He's proud as punch, and so he should be. His partner Lorel is proud, too. "Don't ask me about the



trips," she says with a laugh, "Alan has done it all. He'll tell you everything you need to know."

A country man through and through, Alan grew up in regional Queensland, eventually owning a cattle property in the Roma district. Later on, he spent much of his adult life in the Toowoomba area, where he still lives on and off when he's not on the road. "My mother is in a nursing home there, so we try to do one or two trips a year in between seeing her."

He's been travelling since 2010, covering an impressive amount of Australia's red earth. "It's still not enough time, though," he says with a chuckle. "Unfortunately, with all of the travelling I've done so far, I have always had to be back home by a particular time, so we just do as much as possible."

Three main trips in the last nine years have taken him on journeys upwards of 13 or 14 thousand kilometres, an impressive feat for any traveller on the road. "There's been little trips in between those, but out of the three main trips, it adds up to nearly 50,000 kilometres."

He's been almost everywhere along the eastern side of Australia, with destinations all over the place: Ayers Rock, Darwin, Melbourne, Winton and the Oodnadatta Track as well as Birdsville Track, Strzelecki Track, Tanami Track and the Gibb River Road. Often, he's joined by Lorel as well as some of his kids, grandkids and cousins who he loves having around the campsite.

He says it's all about having a vague plan, rather than mapping everything out before you hit the road. Be too specific and you'll miss out on some of the best bits. "There's not always a plan, but there's an idea of where I'm going... a general direction. You say you're going to turn left, but then you turn right."

He says staying at caravan parks along the way provides the right amount of peace of mind for Lorel and himself - a safe place to rest their heads and be prepared for the next day's drive. "I prefer to stay at caravan parks just for ease. I try to make every distance I'm travelling in a day have a caravan park at the end but I'm equipped to free camp if that doesn't happen."

He's got plenty of tips for keen roadtrippers, too, with dozens of stories of stopping to help fellow travellers along the way. "I always say 'don't come underprepared'," he says with a laugh. He also says that knowing you've got good tyres underneath you may seem simple, but it's the key to Australia's rougher roads and having a vehicle in good condition. "Always leave with good tyres."

When it comes to food, Alan is organised as they come. "I cryvac my meat and then I freeze it. I have one fridge on deep freeze and the other one just as a fridge. I'm a milk drinker, so I'll put probably two bottles in the deep freeze and one in the other. We pick up bread, fresh fruit and veggies in some of the small towns along the way if needed - you can always get a loaf of bread."

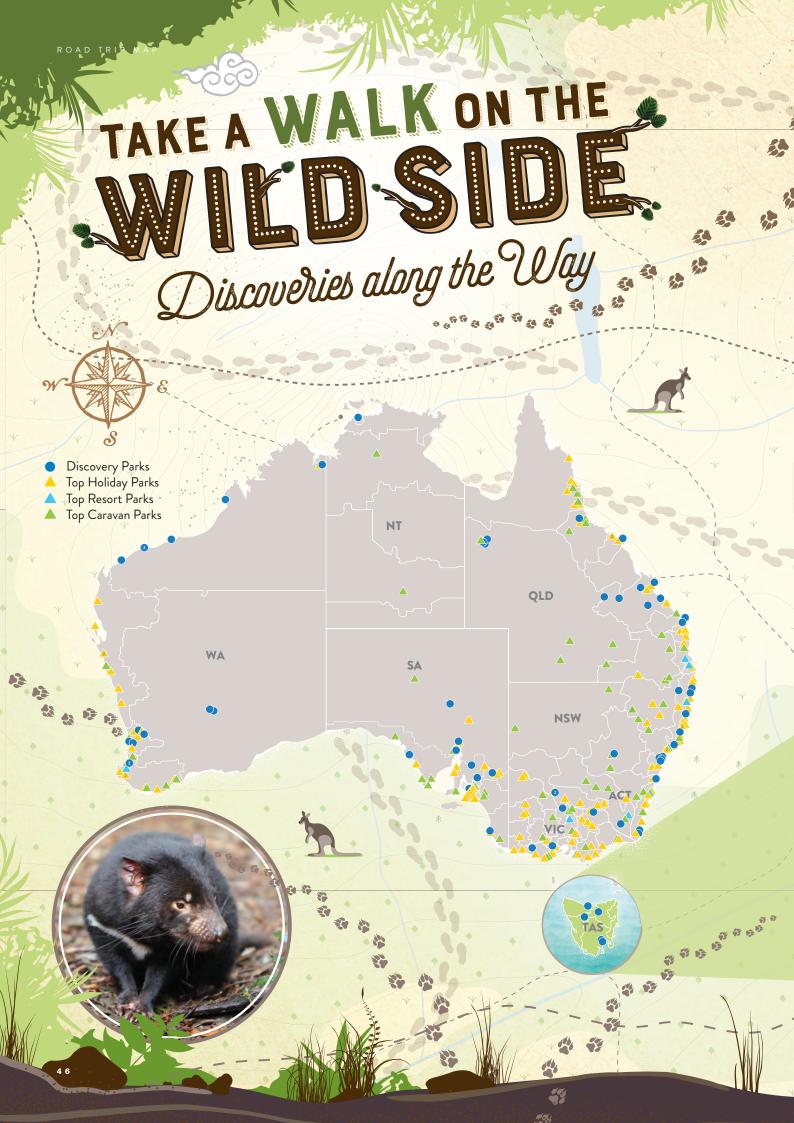
His favourite part of life on the road? The journey. "I just like driving. Getting going again the next day. I don't find the driving hard. 90% of Australia is flat as a board. I don't get bored driving through the country because I was brought up in the bush. I'm driving through thinking 'how many cattle could I have in there'...my mind is going all the time wondering how people make a living off the land in different areas. I love driving through the flood plains, deserts, grazing and farming country, mountain ranges and looking at all of the different colours this land has to offer."

Bravo, Alan. We'll see you on the road.





WATCH Meet Alan, who's clocked up thousands of kilometres and dozens of ripper road stories to match. Watch video at >> www.bit.ly/gdaymag





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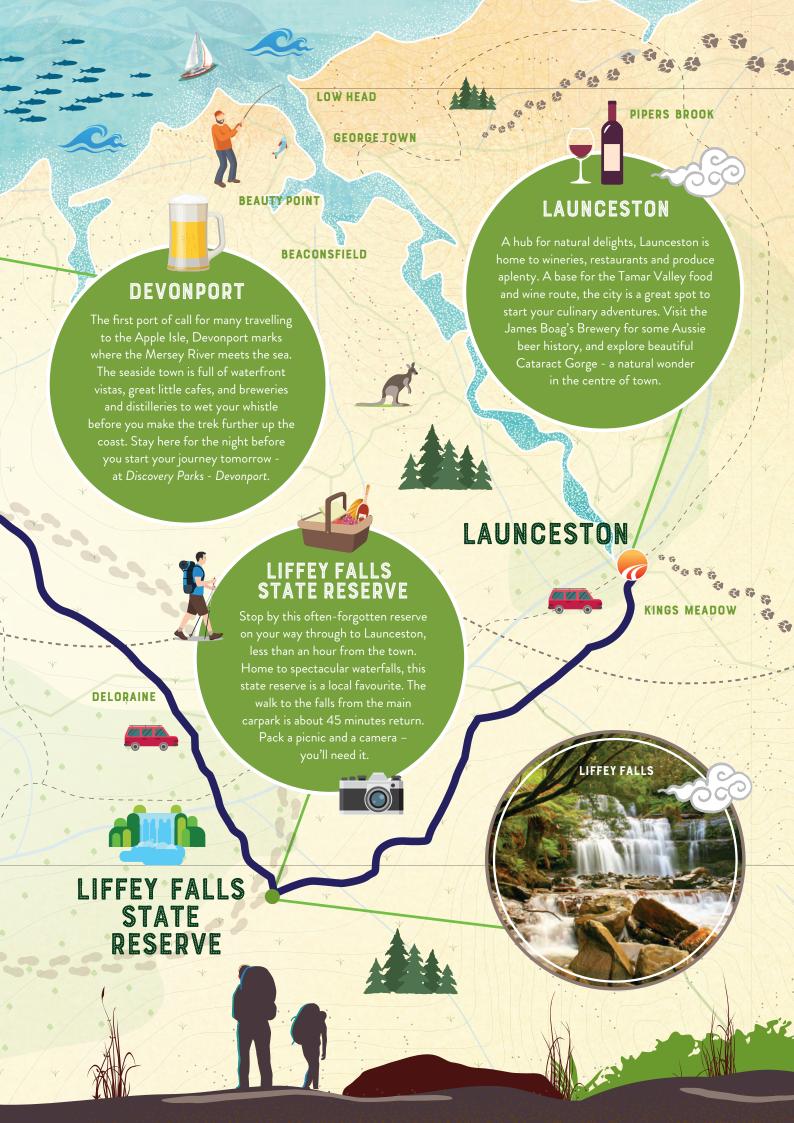
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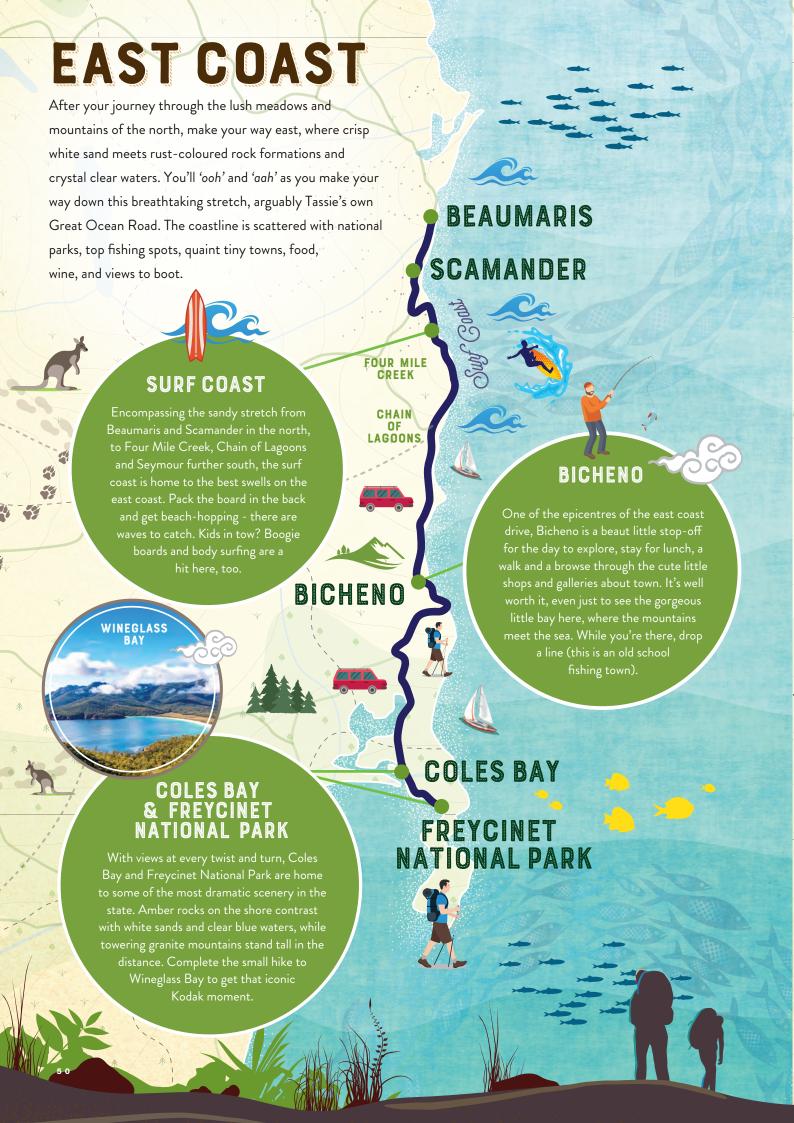
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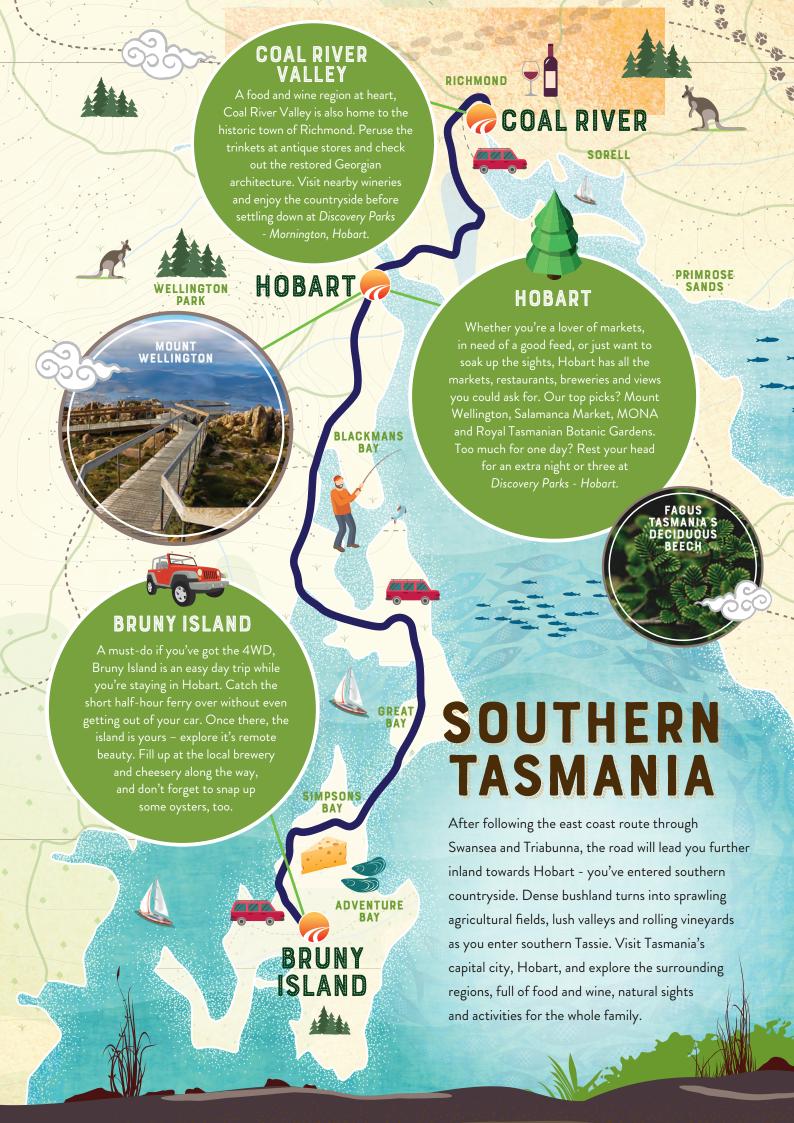
An abundant produce-driven region, northern Tasmania is also home to some of the most spectacular landscapes and views the state has to offer. From sweeping valleys to rugged mountains and pristine coastline, the top end is full of surprises. Soak up the scenery, get off the beaten track, taste the local produce and rest your head at three of our parks.



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# THE WORDS & PHOTOS ELLEN MORGAN FANTASTIC FOUR



THESE
FUN-LOVING
FRIENDS FROM
VICTORIA
SHARE
THEIR TIPS,
TRICKS AND
FAVOURITE
BITS OF A
GOOD OL'
GROUP
ROAD TRIP.

t doesn't get much better than rallying together the best crew for a caravanning convoy. These two couples from Victoria have done just that, meeting through their children and now continuing on their friendship with regular caravan trips around Victoria and beyond.

Annie, John, Rick and Joanne, all from Gippsland (VIC), are lovers of the road, planning as many trips as possible, from Daylesford to Port Fairy and Alexandra and everything in between. While most still work full-time, they make sure to fit in trips in between the working weeks. "We go out every couple of months lately," Annie says, "but quite often it's just for the weekend. We love it."

Starting with overseas cruises, the couples decided that seeing Australia together on the road was more important. "We've had our van for seven or eight years now," John says, "I grew up doing it." But it wasn't until a year ago that Rick and Joanne made the plunge to buy their very own home on wheels.

"We thought when we can afford it we'd buy one, so we can go on trips, too, and that was a year ago now that we did that." Since then, Joanne and Rick have ventured out on nine trips an impressive feat in their first year of owning the van. "We go separately as well as together," Joanne says, "but we love planning trips with the four of us. We mostly go in Victoria still at the moment, but we love it."

People say three is a crowd, but not for this foursome, who think everyone's got their perfect place in the road trip gang. "I'm an idiot fisherman," John says with a laugh. "I was an aerial skier back when I was a teenager, and now I love going up into the wild Victorian High Country and into some of the wild rivers up there."

With fishing sorted, Joanne and Annie prefer to kick-back camp-side and have a read. "I like reading and a glass of wine occasionally," Annie says. "I like reading, too," Joanne says, "and going for strolls, and I do like baking as well."

Joanne's baking is much-loved by the group, a sure-fire way to wrangle fans in any campsite. "Rick is celiac, so it's gotta be gluten free so that can be a bit of a challenge," she says, "but I just like cooking anything really." While Rick is biased, he's got his favourites. "Joanne's cupcakes have gotta be my favourite," he says with a smile. The group agrees, nodding all-round the campfire.

Reading and cooking aside, they're a busy caravanning bunch here, especially passionate when it comes to card games. "We play a lot of cards." Annie says. Their favourites? "Connive', which is also called 'May I', and also 'Killer Bunnies'. It usually brings out the worst in people that game!" They all laugh, bringing out the deck of cards to show us.

But Rick has a different hobby to keep him busy on the road. "I like prospecting," he says with a laugh. While the rest of the group play cards and relax around the campfire, Rick is more often than not out and about finding treasures. He's found an interesting collection of trinkets in his time, too. "I pick the spots where most other people don't think about prospecting...that's where you find the good stuff. People go into the sand dunes for funny business, so why not try there," he says laughing. "I found about 4.5 ounces of gold in a little area last year, but the weirdest thing I've found would be a squid jig. I found a penny last week, too, from 1940."

Whatever they busy themselves with while they travel, and wherever they go, it's all about having fun. Their top tips for travelling in a group of friends? "Make sure you get along with the people you're travelling with, and have a few marshmallows along the way,"

Annie says. "Bring the giant marshmallows from America," Joanne says, "not the tiny little sweet ones. I can get about 10 skins out of one of those marshmallows."

On the practical side, John says it's all about planning the journey right. "My biggest tip for the drivers is to make sure there's not too much distance between the two stops." Joanne says it's all about what you pack. "You don't need to bring a lot with you either, really. I always bring too much but you can really be a bit daggy."

Most important, John says, are the supplies. "Above all, just don't forget the wine and the chocolate."





WATCH Sit riverside with this flock of friends and hear their yarns from the road. Watch video at >> www.bit.ly/gdaymag

#### CARAVAN & CAMPING HACKS



#### SNAP-LOCK-OMELETTES

Make breakfast eggs even easier by preparing everyone's omelettes the night before. Add whatever ingredients, herbs and spices you like, label them and you'll have a simple, no-fuss, no-mess brekky in no time.



#### LET'S GLOW BOWLING

STRIKE! Snap up a couple of glowsticks (quite literally), and chuck them in your leftover bottles. Fill with water and you're ready to bowl in the dark. Reuse, recycle and reduce campsite boredom, all at the same time.



Pre-mix at home and put into an empty squeezy sauce or mayo bottle and you're all set to make perfect circular pancakes - without the mess!



Fix 'em up with a simple bread tag, so you can get back flip-floppin' about the campsite.



#### HELLO, HANGING SPACE

Say goodbye to your wardrobe space woes, and hello to your new roomy robe with this space-saving trick. Connect your hangers to can-tops to create a string of hangers.



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# RAINBOW Potato ROAST Salad

#### Serves 4

500g baby potatoes, cut into quarters 500g sweet potato, peeled and cut into wedges Salt and pepper, to taste 2 sticks celery, finely chopped 2 spring onions, finely sliced 3 tbsp pepitas, toasted 1 tbsp sunflower seeds, toasted

#### Dressing

1 cup sour cream ½ cup mayonnaise 2 tbsp whole grain mustard Juice of 1 lemon

Place the baby potato and sweet potato onto a baking tray and lightly spray with olive oil.

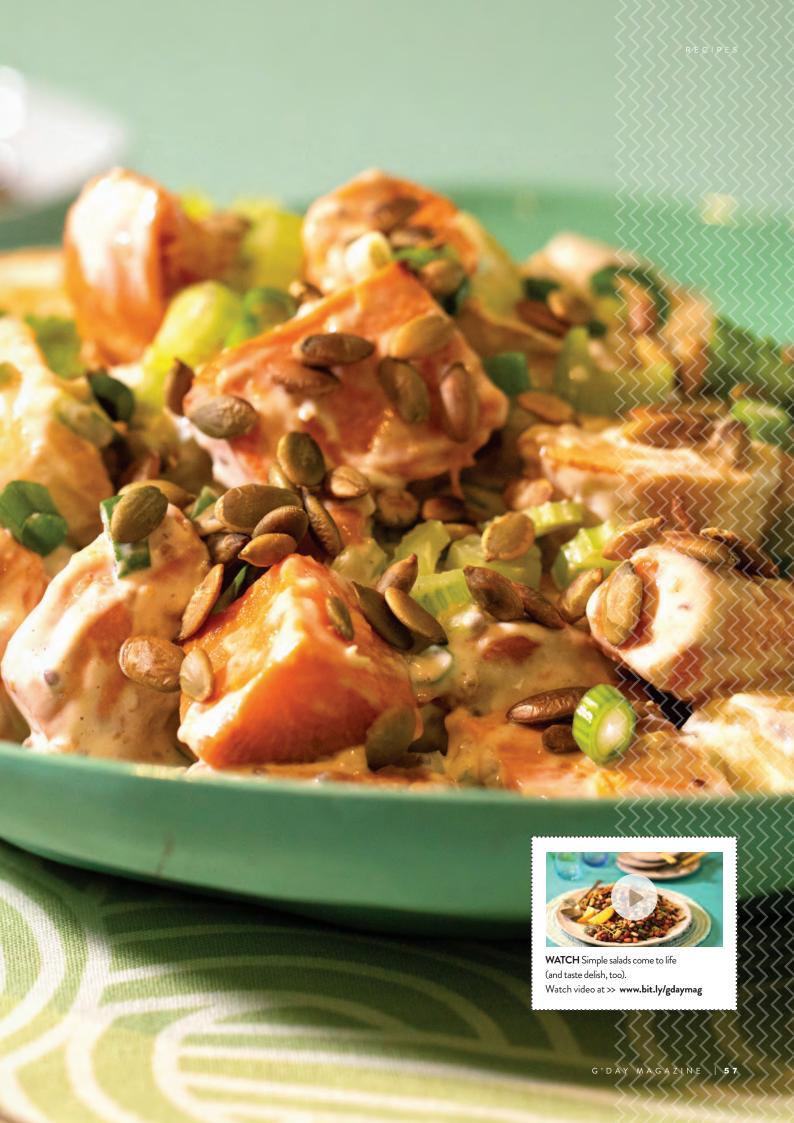
Bake in a moderate oven or on the barbecue for approximately 15 to 20 minutes, until tender.

While the potatoes are cooking, prepare the dressing by combining the sour cream, mayonnaise, mustard and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Stir the celery and spring onions through the dressing. Set aside.

When the potatoes are cooked, place into a mixing bowl and gently combine with the prepared dressing.

To serve, place the salad in a serving bowl, garnish with the toasted pepitas and sunflower seeds.



#### Serves 6

4 x 400g cans beans of your choice\*

4 spring onions, finely sliced ½ cup fresh parsley leaves, roughly chopped ½ cup fresh dill, roughly chopped

¼ cup chives, roughly chopped 2 cloves garlic, crushed Juice and zest of 2 lemons ½ cup olive oil

Salt and pepper, to taste

\*choose different colours and types to makes the salad interesting

Drain and rinse the beans in a colander or large sieve. Place into a large serving bowl and add the prepared fresh herbs.

Place the garlic, lemon juice, zest and olive oil in a jar. Close with lid and shake to combine.

When ready to serve, toss with the dressing and garnish with extra lemon zest and a few herbs sprigs. LEMON
& HERB

Mixed

Bean Salad

#### ROAST PINEAPPLE & Mango Salad Serves 4 1 whole pineapple, skin removed 1 large mango, diced 1 Lebanese cucumber, shaved ½ cup fresh coriander leaves ¼ cup fresh mint leaves ½ cup toasted coconut flakes ½ cup pistachios, chopped Dressing ½ cup pineapple juice ¼ cup honey 1 tsp fresh ginger, grated Cut the pineapple into 8 wedges. Place the wedges onto a preheated BBQ grill and allow to caramelise and char. Remove from the barbecue and place onto a serving platter or board. Build the salad around the pineapple wedges, scatter over the diced mango, roll the shaved cucumber and tuck in between the pineapple and mango. Scatter the coriander and mint leaves over the top of the fruit, followed by the coconut flakes and pistachios. To make the dressing, combine the juice, honey and ginger in a jar. Close with lid and shake. Serve beside the salad for people to pour over their servings.

### MEDITERRANEAN TUNA Pasta Salad

#### Serves 4

200g bow tie pasta
200g can tuna in olive oil
1 medium red onion, peeled
and finely sliced
1 punnet cherry tomatoes,
quartered
½ cup pitted Kalamata olives
Salt and pepper, to taste
¼ cup fresh basil leaves,
roughly torn
2 tbsp pine nuts, toasted

Cook the pasta according to the packet directions.

Drain and allow to cool a little.

In a large bowl, combine the pasta, tuna and oil (do not drain), red onion, cherry tomatoes and olives. Season with salt and pepper.

To serve, add the basil leaves and sprinkle with toasted pine nuts.

#### FETA, MINT & SMASHED

## Pea Salad

#### Serves 4

500g frozen peas
1 bunch fresh mint, leaves
picked
70g feta, crumbled
4 spring onions, sliced
Salt and pepper, to taste
4 tbsp olive oil
Zest of 1 lemon
Handful sugar snap peas,
blanched, to garnish\*

\*optional

Place the peas into a microwave-safe dish, cover and cook in the microwave for 4 minutes. Drain and allow to cool.

When the peas are cool, place into a serving bowl and roughly smash using a potato masher or fork.

Add crumbled feta, spring onions and mint leaves to the bowl.

Season the salad with salt and pepper and drizzle with the olive oil. Toss to combine.

Serve garnished with lemon zest and a few blanched sugar snap peas split open.





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QUICK ONE-POT Canbonara

#### Serves 1

80g fettuccine
2 middle rashers bacon, sliced
2 eggs
2 then grated Parmesan

2 tbsp grated Parmesan Salt and pepper to taste

Cook some fettuccine according to the packet directions, drain and set aside.

In the same pan, sauté sliced bacon 'til crisp. Add the fettuccine back into the pan and remove from the heat.

In a bowl, whisk together a couple of eggs and grated Parmesan.

Stir gently through the pasta and bacon. The residual heat will cook the sauce.

Season and serve immediately.









QUEENSLAND

## THE COLLECTIVE MARKETS

WHEN: FRIDAY 5PM TO 9PM, SATURDAY 10AM TO 9PM & SUNDAY 9AM TO 4PM

WHERE: SOUTH BANK, BRISBANE

WHAT: Held every weekend, the Collective Markets have become a stalwart for Brisbanites. An oasis of unique finds, the curated collection of stalls includes a range of goodies: photography, gifts, new and vintage clothing, and plenty of food stalls.

Brisbane Holiday Village (Top Holiday Parks, 13.4km)

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#### **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**



#### BATHERS BEACH SUNSET MARKETS

WHEN: SATURDAYS

(DECEMBER TO MARCH) 5PM TO 9PM

WHERE: SOUTH BEACH, FREMANTLE

WHAT: The Bathers Beach
Sunset Markets, also known
as the South Beach Markets
in Fremantle, make the most
of balmy summer nights. This
vibrant little community event
has become popular with locals
and tourists alike, with a range
of food stalls, a pop-up bar
and live entertainment. Furry
friends welcome here, too.

Discovery Parks - Coogee Beach (4.9km), Fremantle Village (3km)

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#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**



#### NABIAC FARMERS MARKET

WHEN: LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCLUDING

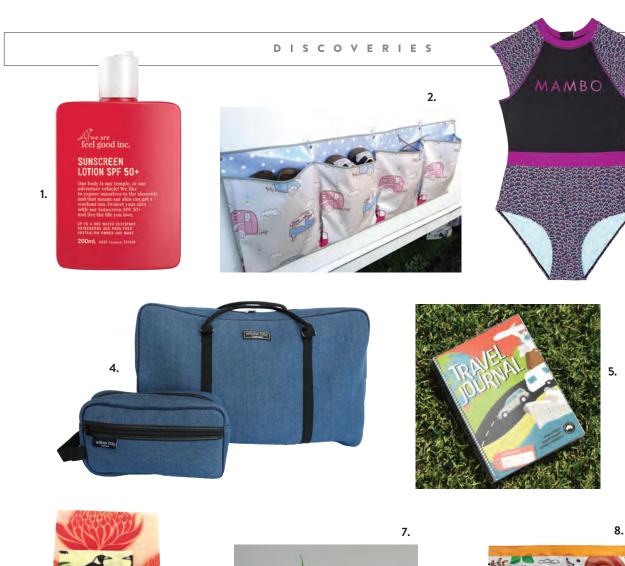
DECEMBER)

WHERE: NABIAC SHOWGROUNDS,

WHAT: The largest local produce market in the Manning Valley, Nabiac Farmers Market is a collection of over 70 stalls showcasing the best goodies the region has to offer. With a craft station for the kids and a live band, this one is a hit for the whole family.

Discovery Parks - Forster (12.3km)

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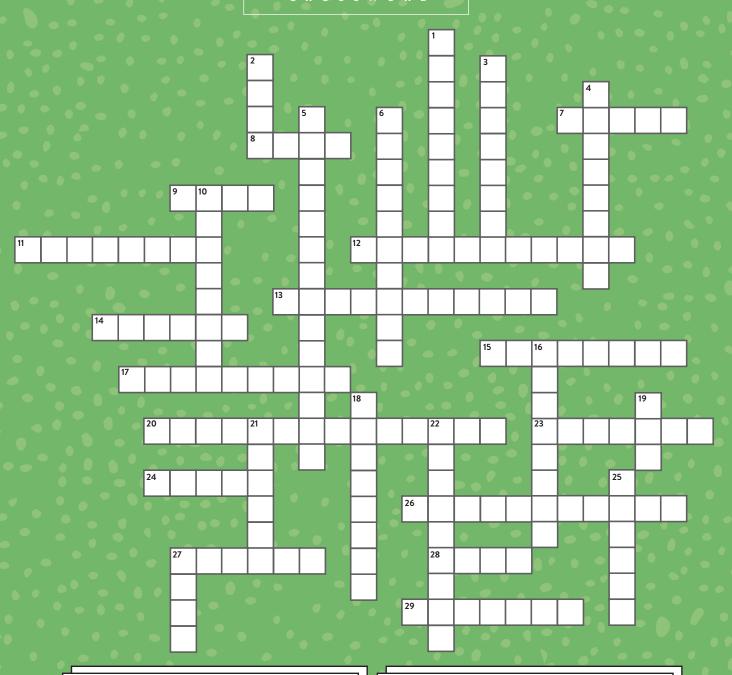
- In what year was the famed book Possum Magic released by Australian author Mem Fox?
- What was Amy Shark's breakout hit of 2016 called?
- What popular tourist town in South Australia shares its name with a piece of clothing?
- What is the name of the world's largest cattle station, located in the north of South Australia?
- In what year did Harold Holt disappear off the shores of Cheviot Beach?
- Which Australian city has been voted the country's most liveable city three years running?
- What television show made a recent return to screen after a 16-year hiatus?
- What do the initials 'R.M.' stand for in the leather boot maker's name R.M. Williams?
- Which young tennis player was caught breaching his restricted P-plate licence for driving his BMW V8 back in 2012?
- 10. What iconic Australian footwear are named 'jandals' in New Zealand?
- Which Australian businessman made headlines earlier this year after stepping down as head of a large company, citing mental health reasons?
- What is the name of the Australian to direct all four Mad Max movies?
- How many prime ministers has Australia had in the last 10 years?
- What are the two iconic colours on the Chiko Roll packet?
- 15. Nick Cummins, comedic rugby player, was the 2018 star of what popular Channel 10 show?
- Who was the longest serving host on the popular children's show Playschool?
- An ad by Tourism Australia featuring Hollywood actor Chris Hemsworth featured during which big American sporting event in 2018?

- What Australian invention was listed as a National Treasure by the National Library of Australia due to its commonality in Australian backyards?
- Season 3 of Australian Survivor was filmed on which island in the Pacific Ocean?
- What is the name of Australia's oldest beer brewery still in operation?
- What is the largest exclusively freshwater fish in Australia?
- At what age do joeys leave their mother's pouch (but continue to suckle)?
- 23. What term originating in Australia was used to describe a travelling worker who carried his belongings on his back?
- 24. What is the name of the female owl in the popular children's TV series, Giggle and Hoot?
- In the 50s and 60s in Australia, the economy was said to have rode on which animal's back?
- 26. The NAPLAN test, adopted in schools nationwide as a way of assessing student's knowledge, stands
- 27. In what Australian town can you find the "Big Boxing Crocodile"?
- What was Australian actor Paul Hogan's occupation before becoming a famous comedian?
- Every year, Meat & Livestock Australia promote which particular meat for Australia Day with quirky and humorous ads?
- In what year did popular underwear brand Bonds cease manufacturing in Australia?
- What is the nickname commonly given to older couples who travel across Australia in their caravans/ campers?
- What iconic Australian food was labelled "The Health Biscuit" when it was first produced?
- Bunnings Warehouse, first established in 1887, was originally focussed on what single industry?

- 34. What is the highest grossing Australian film of the 21st century?
- What is the name of a traditional Australian house style usually featuring two stories, a verandah all the way around and a corrugated iron roof?
- 36. What is the name given to the Australian men's hockey team?
- In what year was the Australian Open first televised?
- In what year were commercial solariums first banned in Australia?
- 39. The infamous ice cream, Bubble O'Bill, has three flavours. What are they?
- 40. What was the name of the Holden vehicle that was manufactured from the HK series through to the WB series?
- Who was the recipient of the title Australian of the Year in 2018?
- In which Australian state were alternative treatments for polio developed, still in use today?
- 43. What does the acronym "QANTAS" stand for?
- 44. The famous Melbourne Cup is held on the first Tuesday of which month every year?
- 45. What percentage of the Australian population lives within 50km of the coast?
- 46. In what year was the GST introduced by the Howard government?
- 47. Which well-known Aussie food is made from flour, salt, butter
- 48. In what year did the gold rushes spark in Victoria and New South Wales?
- 49. Which Australian celebrity fashion designer is best known for his designer women's gowns?
- 50. Complete the jingle: "My dad picks the fruit, that goes to Cottee's, to make the cordial, \_\_

How did you score? All the answers are on page 73.

#### CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

- 7. Used to light your path
- 8. Something used to catch a fish
- 9. Group of tasks
- 11. Dish made in a pan
- 12. Founder of Australia's first commercial brewery (2 words)
- 13. Small wheel located on the front of a caravan (2 words)
- 14. A container used to make things out of sand
- 15. Australian food product rich in vitamin B
- 17. First Australian country music singer to have a No. 1 international hit song (2 words)
- **20.** Cricketer who bowled underarm in a One Day International Match (2 Words)
- 23. Planet closest to the sun
- 24. River Mouth
- 26. Bird that can fly backwards
- 27. Cool Wind
- 28. Rock regularly eaten by humans
- 29. Instrument for determining directions

#### DOWN

- 1. Lines that run north and south that help determine location
- 2. Larva
- 3. Wild Creatures found at Western Australia's Monkey Mia
- 4. NSW town where you can find the big merino
- 5. Shortest day of the year (2 Words)
- 6. A group of owls
- 10. A summer treat
- 16. Boutique Camping
- 18. South Australia's German-influenced town
- 19. What does the yellow in the Aboriginal Flag represent
- 21. Mosquitos are repelled by what color
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf 22. & A usually short journey made for pleasure; an outing \\ \end{tabular}$
- 25. Afternoon snooze
- 27. Transport for a River Outing

## GODAY WORD FIND

#### **WORD FINDER**

Active, Adventure, Barbecue, Binoculars, Blossom, Breeze, Butterflies, Ducklings, Fishing, Flowers, Frogs, Hammock, Happy, Hiking, Kayak, Outdoors, Picnic, Rainbow, Relaxation, Stars, Sunglasses, Sunscreen, Tennis, Torch, Trail Mix

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away! To go into the draw, answer this question: If you only had a Willow Bay Weekend bag for all your luggage, what would be at the top of your pack list for a weekend away?



#### **CARAVANNING WITH** KIDS TRAVEL JOURNALS

The Caravanning with Kids team are on a mission to help families unplug while travelling. Available online visit >> www.caravanningwithkids.com.au/product/travel-journal/

Designed and printed in Australia, the TWK Travel Journal is the brainchild of Travelling with Kids co-founders Adele and Wayne Dyson. With 92 lined journal pages and space to stick photos and draw pictures, the journal was originally created for their own kids - to help them build holiday memories, unplug and reflect on their adventures at the end of a busy day. We have 10 journals to give away valued at \$25.00 each. Answer this question to go into the draw: What family holiday memory would you record in your Caravanning with Kids Travel Journal?



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fter meeting five years ago,
Jan and Peter have been
living the retirement dream travelling around Australia and skipping
through the winters. They say it's all
about making the most out of life,
being open to meet new people, and
having the right home on wheels.

Originally from Geelong, the pair sold their house a year ago and have been living in the van ever since. While they wait for their new house to be built, they'll continue travelling as much as possible, visiting grandkids in Geelong and in between. "We travel up north every winter," Peter says. "Port Douglas, the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast...we spent six months up there this year and now we're back here for the summer for a while."

While they're Queensland-bound every winter, the pair have travelled all

over the place. "Two years ago we went forteen months around Australia," Jan says. "That was our longest trip. We headed west towards Broome and travelled right around Australia. We've seen some marvelous, marvelous places."

Peter says they wouldn't be able to go for lengthy trips like this without their beloved home on wheels. "It's everything we need. We love it," he says. "I've had vans for seven or eight years, and this is only my second van."

The New Age Oz Classic van has all the bells and whistles you could possibly want, a new purchase for the pair four years ago from a caravan and camping show. "We wanted to upgrade because we knew we were going to do a few more big trips, and we did. Our big trip was around 30,000 kilometres," Peter says. "I







WHEN IT COMES TO COOKING, THERE'S NOT MUCH THEY CAN'T CRAFT IN THEIR CARAVAN KITCHEN.





had a Crusader before, which I really liked, and there was a new model coming out but it didn't get released on time. We ended up talking to New Age and we walked away with this," he says laughing.

When choosing their ideal van, Peter and Jan say it's all about the creature comforts. "We wanted a toilet and shower," Jan says. "You don't want to be getting up and out in the middle of the night to have a wee anymore," she says laughing. "We're just a little bit older now for that!"

The van also features a full-size fridge, fully-equipped kitchen, lots of clever storage and an air conditioner, which this lucky duo need for all their summertime holidays. "We've also got a satellite with us on the road because we love our footy. When we went around Australia last year, we didn't miss a game because of our satellite," Jan says. "People come around and watch it with us, too," Pete says.

When it comes to cooking, there's not much they can't craft in their caravan kitchen. "We cook everything in the van," Jan says. "We do a little bit of cooking outside, too, with our slow cooker and our convection oven. If we want a roast, we put it in the little convection oven. We've got everything in our van. It does a good job."

The 21-foot beast sure is a beauty, especially thanks to Jan's decorating. "Much to Pete's disgust, I like to decorate a lot in there," she says laughing. "It's not just your average van!" Colour coordinated with yellows, oranges and greens, the van is well suited to the couple's tropical lifestyle, everything completely matching and utterly immaculate.

It's no surprise Jan was once a visual merchandiser. "I just love doing it," she says. "We have a lot of cushions on the bed, but I just like it to be comfortable and homely, and have a lot of colour."

"I think it's important," Peter says with a smile, "especially when you live in it. Jan loves doing it, too. The only thing is, you need to prepare half an hour before bed to remove all the cushions and the runner, and then you've got to find somewhere to put them," he says. The pair laugh. "Then you've got to do it all again in the morning!"

"The pillows have to be all the right way around, too," Jan says, "with the zips to the bottom. Every now and then Peter puts them to the top just to annoy me, but we have fun. That's the main thing...life's too short to not live life like that."

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