

GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY BOOK FOR CAMPER



WELCOME

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee wishes you a fun stay in this beautiful part of Victoria.

We manage much of the foreshore between Torquay and Lorne, looking after both the parks, facilities and the environment.

At the Torquay and Lorne foreshore caravan parks, the fees from your camping trip go straight back into the management of the parks, community and protecting this coastline now and into the future.

Help us keep this coastline beautiful for the plants, animals and everyone to enjoy.

Become an environmental protector this holiday!



During my holiday I will be a
Great Ocean Road Coast

Environmental Protector

I promise that:

- × I will be the best visitor I can be, so that the plants and animals would invite me back any time!
- × I will use pathways to the beach instead of trampling on the dunes and won't jump on the dune cliffs
- × I won't leave any of my rubbish around during my holiday
- × I will ride my bike around or walk instead of driving in the car (when it is possible)
- × I will pick up and put in the bin three bits of rubbish from the beach every visit (if there is any!)
- × I will drink water from the water taps instead of buying bottled water (saves money and the environment!)

Signed:

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FREE

CARAVAN PARK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

There is heaps going on for free this summer!

The caravan park is running lots of activities this summer including fossil walks, microscope discoveries, fossil walks, craft and badge making, and much more!

Bring your completed activity books to the office for a prize!

Check out the broader Summer by the Sea activity program at summerbythesea.com.au

For a calendar of caravan park activities see the back of this book.



CHECKLIST



On my holiday I want to go on the following activities:

ACTIVITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Microscope Discovery (things up close)	<input type="checkbox"/>
BeachComb	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fossil exploration Cliff Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Badge making and crafty activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach StarGazing with telescope	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roaming Reptiles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bird Twitching Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bush Tucker Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>

I liked the most, because

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ACTIVITIES

Welcome to our activity program guide. Most activities are suitable for the whole family, but some activities have limited members so please book your spot ahead of time, there are games and crafty programs for the youngest kids too.

PARK GAMES

This is what it sounds like, come along and play games with our education team. Give your parents a sleep in! (Kids under 6 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on all activities).

CRAFT ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

Come and join us in creating some amazing enviro themed stuff during your holiday. Make a badge to keep. For anyone from early childhood to adult big kids!

BEACHCOMB AND GAMES

There is so much to see washed ashore each day. Our team knows what the stuff is, and can help to tell you the story of the ocean. We'll look in the beach treasure box and and play some beach games also.

THINGS UP CLOSE

Look through our microscope at something ordinary, and it becomes quite amazing! Bring something from your campsite like a bug or seed and we can take its picture from under the microscope.

FOSSIL WALK

There are amazing things locked in the cliffs just down on the front beach! Have a close look under the magnifying glasses and find a million year old animal. A huge whale was found near here a few years ago!

To enquire call:

Torquay: 5261 2496
Lorne: 5289 1382
Pete: 0400 906 943

BIRD TWITCHING TOUR

As all good bird-watchers know, once you become addicted to spotting and chasing birds, you become known as a twitcher. We are taking note of all the birds we see this summer, so see if you can spot a bird and add it to the list!

STARGAZING

Would you like to see the craters of the moon, star clusters, or the rings of Saturn? Looking through our powerful telescope you can see these and more. But only if there's no clouds...

NIGHTWALK

Join Possum Pete on a walk into the Lorne bush for a chance to see some of the beautiful small nocturnal creatures. It gets dark late this time of year, so really just for the big kids, and the night owls...

BUSH FOOD

This is the walk to go on if you are hungry - because there is so much to eat on this coast. You just have to know what to look for! We can talk more about our amazing indigenous flora on an adults and very keen kids tour.



HIDDEN CAMERA

ACTIVITY

PHOTOS

These pictures have been taken by our motion sensing night vision camera.



Sometimes we leave the camera out in the bush and see what photos it takes. There have been some great pictures!

There are many different species out there, some native, some that have always lived here, and some introduced that eat our native plants and animals.

Circle the right answer!


Do you know which is which?

KEY

-  Native Species
-  Introduced Species





RUFOUS BRISTLE-BIRD

 OR 



LONG-NOSED BANDICOOT

 OR 





RED FOX

 OR 





ECHIDNA

 OR 





CAT

 OR 



RABBIT

 OR 



Can you spot
the bird in
disguise?



It's called a Bassian Thrush -
Definitely a master of camouflage!

BEACH COMBING

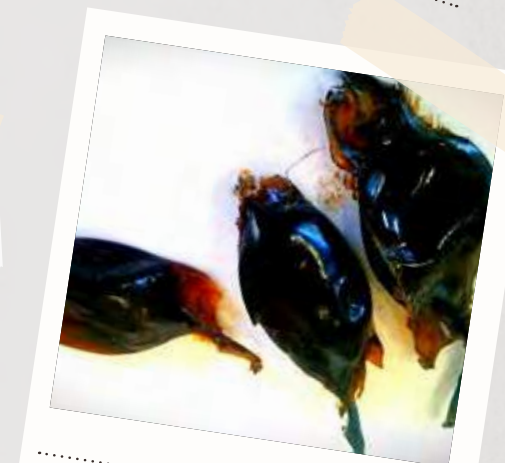
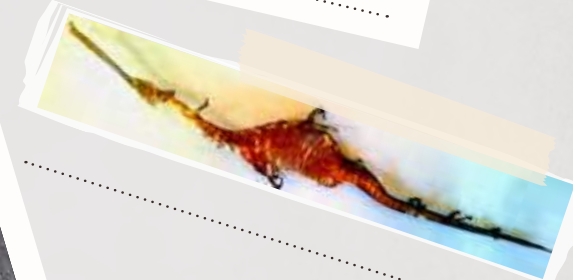
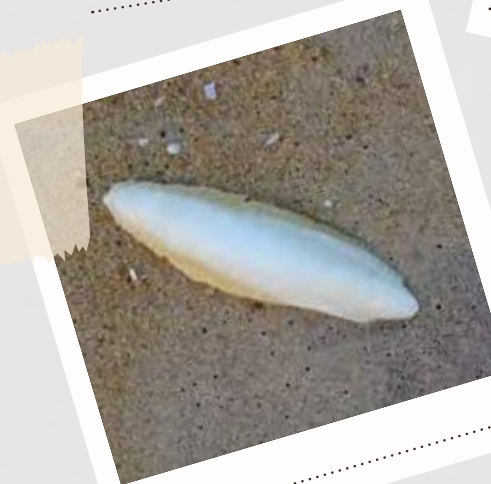
Beach combing is an amazing way to explore the coastline and discover the story of the ocean. Some incredible things wash ashore if you look closely amongst the seaweed and sand.

Choose a high tide line on your favourite beach and walk along it, carefully looking in and under the seaweed.

Take away anything that doesn't belong, like plastic, but leave the treasures there for others to enjoy.

These were all found on this coastline, if you would like a tour with an experienced beachcomber, join us this summer!

Label the pictures on the next page!



Sea Sponge, Sea Shells, Seaweed, Sea Dragon, Cuttlefish, Shark Eggs.

FOSSIL

EXPLORATION WALKS

Did you know you can see fossils in the rocks all along the coast?

Some years ago a fossil of a whale called Janjucetus was discovered near Torquay that is 25 Million years old!

Go and discover them yourself or come along on a fossil walk this summer.

Below is a picture of the whale skull – use this space to draw the rest of the body.



Fossilised Shells at Torquay

Some very old shells fossilised in rocks at Torquay and Jan Juc.



MINI TWITCHERS

BIRD LIST

Did you know a bird watcher is called a 'twitcher'? So put your binoculars around your neck and go out twitching!

See if you can spot the following coastal birds while on your holiday. Lots of them can be seen around the Caravan Park and coastline.

We are making a caravan park bird list of all the species of birds we have ever seen here.

Did you spot any others in our park? What were they?



Use this list to record the different birds you see.

BIRD	NOTES	POINTS	WHERE DID YOU SEE IT?
Sulphur Crested Cockatoo	"Scawwww!"	1	
Currawong	Like a raven but just a little bit of white.	1	
Raven	All black like a crow.	1	
Magpie	You know it!	1	
Magpie Lark	Same colours as a Magpie, but smaller.	2	
Crimson Rosella	Beautiful red parrot.	2	
Superb Fairy-Wren	Small. Male has a blue and black face, female is brown.	2	
Egret & Heron	Wades in the estuary hunting for fish.	2,2	
Black Swan	Floats along the river.	3	
Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoo	Often seen flying overhead in groups of 2 or more.	3	
Hooded Plover	Difficult to see! On the beach only!	5	
Rufous Bristle-Bird	Also tricky to see, runs around on the coastal cliffs like a mini road runner.	5	

How many twitching points did you get on your holiday?

THINGS UP CLOSE

ACTIVITY

Draw lines connecting the pictures taken through the microscope to what they normally look like.

We've done the first one for you – a close up of a feather connected to a Hoodie.

If you would like to see these things and many others then come along to the 'Things Up Close' activity this summer. Bring along something you would like to see up close and look at it through our microscope!



HOODED PLOVER COLOURING IN

COMPETITION

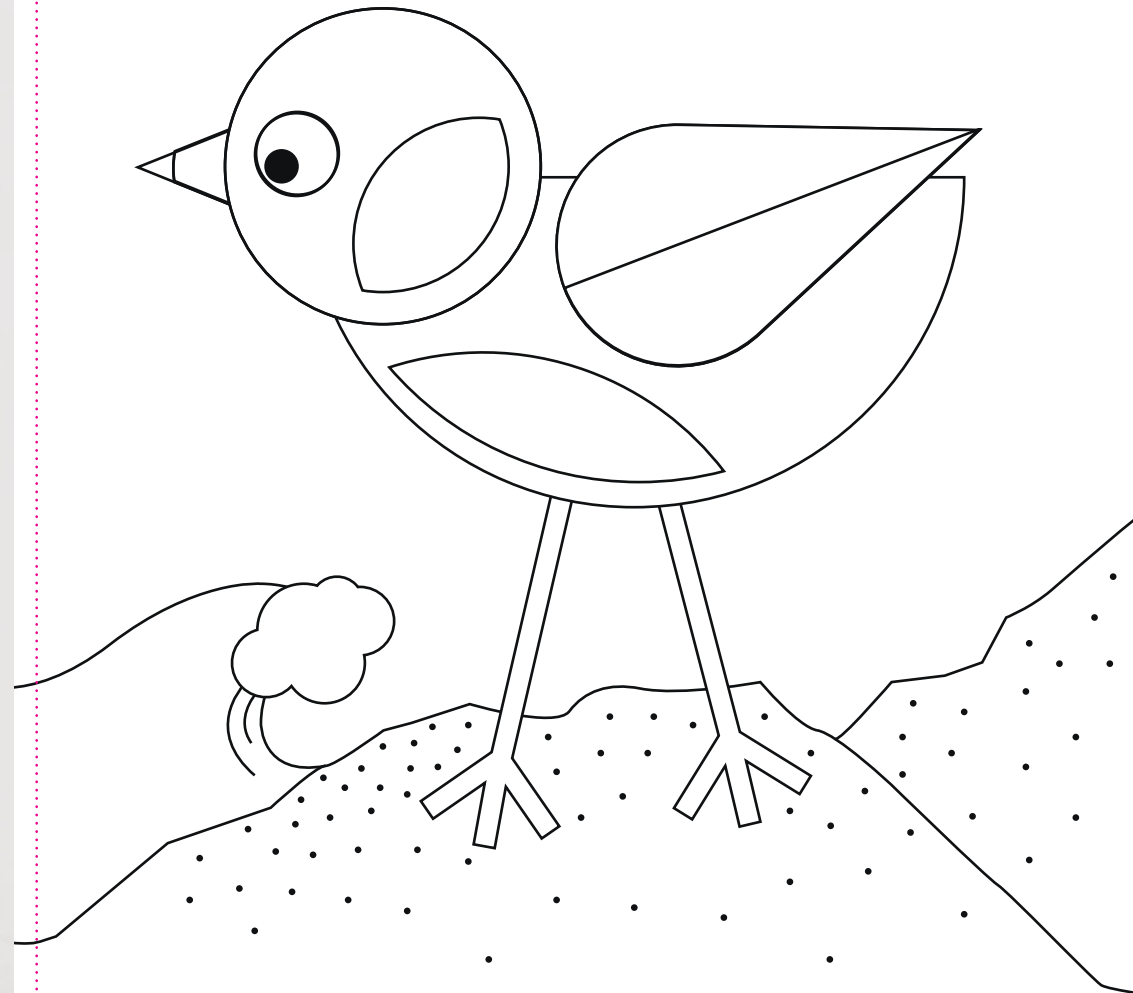
Tear out Hamish and hand it into the office with your name and contact for a chance to win a prize!



Hooded Plover

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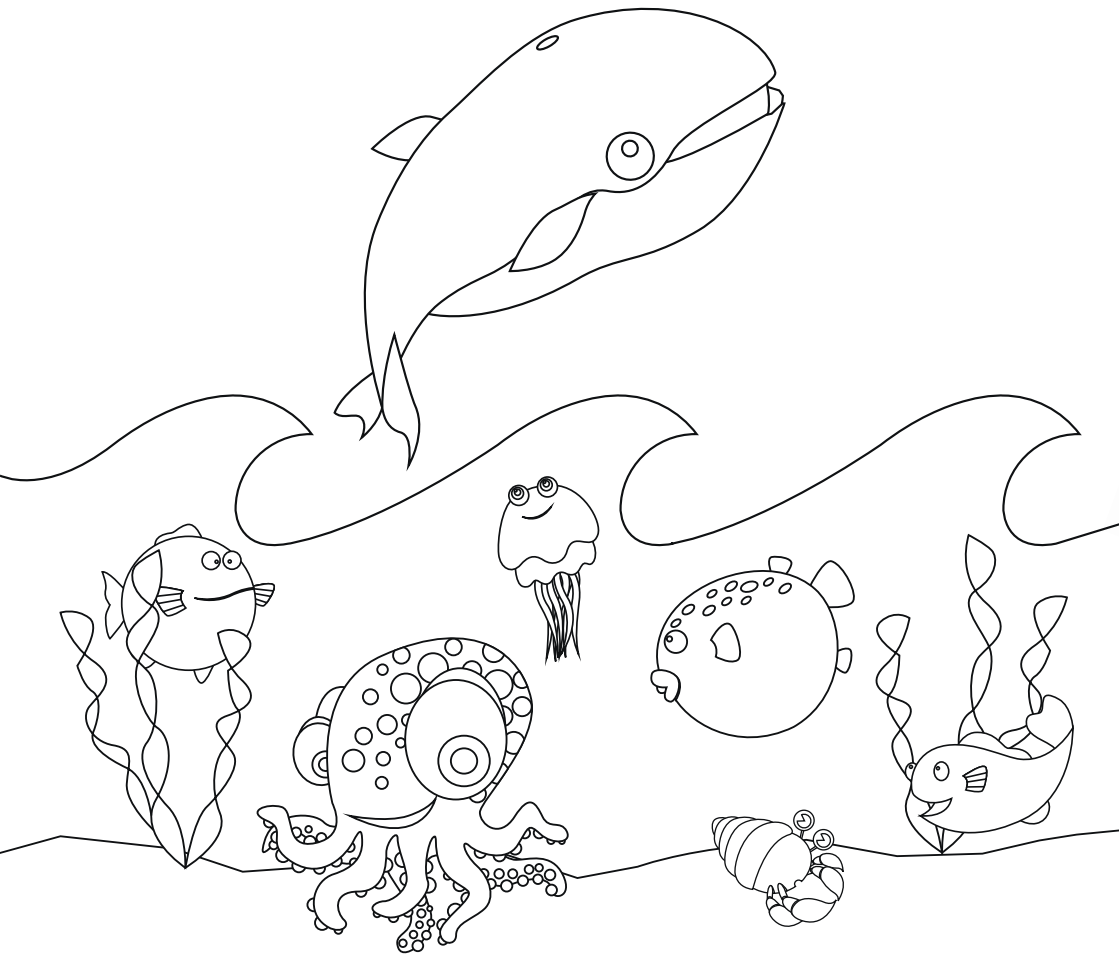
HAMISH THE HOODIE



Name:

Contact phone:

COLOUR IN



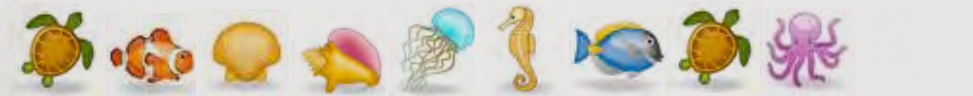
Colour in the
ocean creatures!



COASTAL

CODE-BREAKER

Match the letters to the animals. Can you solve this message?



Use the key to decode the secret message!

KEY



A



C



D



E



F



H



O



P



R



S



T



U



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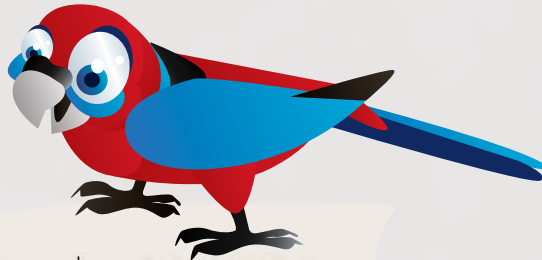


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What is the answer?

GAMES

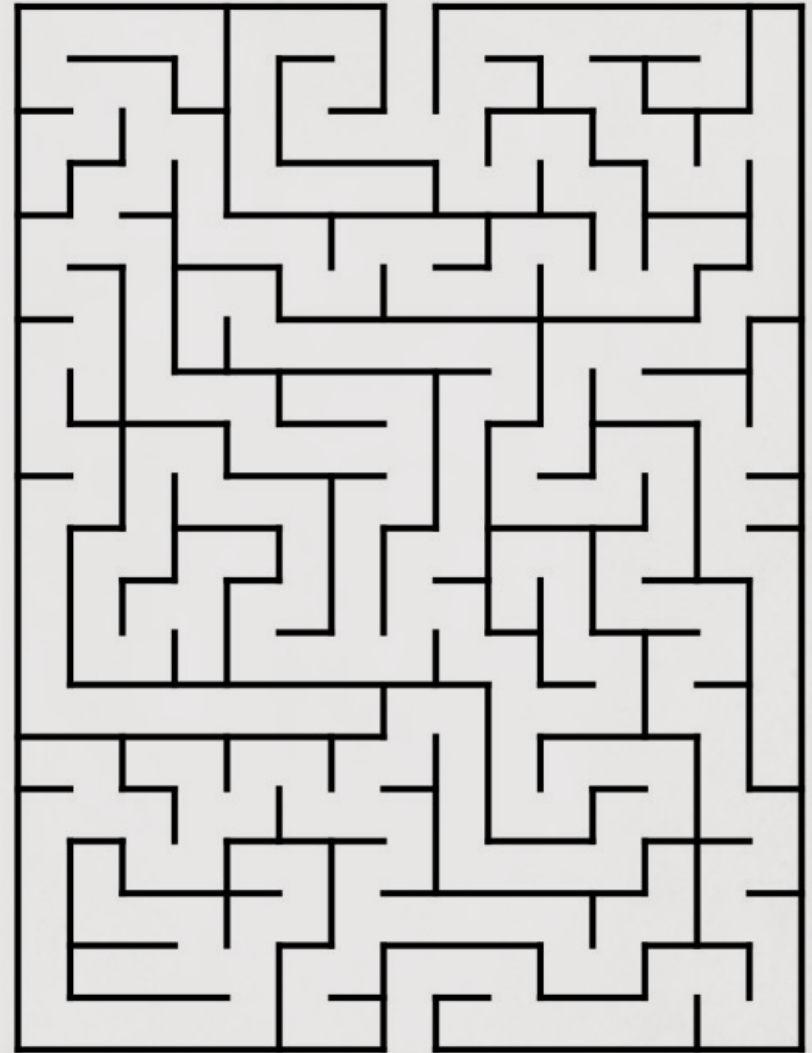
Can you find
all the hidden
words?



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i a w a m o d d t h q a o
t a m t f c n i e l w n x
c l l r w w y a h v b d l
h y k e d g o r c c e d c
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s a s p r i n g c r e e k
m d r i b e l t s i r b a
p o s s u m r j r x n c m
t o o c i d n a b x e g t

hoodedplover
moonah
sanddune
springcreek
teatree
twitcher
bandicoot
bristlebird
echidna
erskine
fox
gorcc
possum

Help Hamish get
back to his nest!



SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2017

Please wear your hat and sunscreen and shoes on all activities.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1	2 No sessions (Public Holiday)	3 Beachcomb and Games w/ Hilary - 9.40am Low Tide Craft Day with Marquee w/ Hilary & Pete - 12-3pm	4 Things up Close w/ Pete - 9.30am - 12.30pm, 3-5pm	5 Games in the Park & Nature Treasure Hunt w/ Hilary - 9.30-11am Night Market - Pete & Hil	5 Fossil Walk w/ Pete - 10.30am-12pm	7/8 Lorne Pier to Pub
WEEK 2	9 Bird Twitch Tour w/ Hilary - 9am Beach Games w/ Hilary - 2-3pm Stargazing w/ Pete - 9pm-late	10 Things up Close w/ Pete - 1-3pm Water the Plants - 10-11am	11 Things up Close w/ Pete - 1-3pm Beachcomb and Games w/ Pete - 3-4.30pm	12 Queens Park Loop Hike w/ Pete - 9-12pm Craft Day w/ Pete & Hil - 2-4pm Nightwalk w/ Pete - 8.30-10pm	13 Craft Day w/ Pete & Hil - 2.30-4.30pm Bush Food w/ Pete & Hil - 9.30-11am	14/15
WEEK 3	16	17 Beachcomb and Games w/ Hilary - 9.30-11am Stargazing Queens Park w/ Pete - 9pm-late Water the Plants 10-11am	18 Bird Twitch Tour w/ Hilary - 9am Bush Food & Botany Walk w/ Pete - 1-3pm	18 Erksine Guides Walk w/ Pete - 9.30-11am Night Market - Pete & Hil	20	21/22
WEEK 4	23 Games in the Park w/ Hilary - 9.30-10.30am Fossil Walk w/ Pete - 10.30am-12pm Nightwalk w/ Pete - 9pm-Late	24 Things up Close w/ Pete - 1-3pm Evening Bird Twitch Tour w/ Pete - 7.30-9pm Water the Plants - 10-11am	25 Beachcomb w/ Pete - 3-4.30pm Jan Juc Cliff Walk w/ Pete - 9-11am Beachcomb and Games w/ Hilary - 2.30-4pm Things up Close w/ Hilary - 11am - 12.30pm	26 No sessions (Public Holiday)	27	

● Kids
 ● Family
 ● Adult
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 T Torquay
 L Lorne

*Subject to change due to weather.

*No activities on fire danger days.

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“The holiday activities were great for the kids, and I learned a lot too!”

- Ellen Doxey, Castlemaine

“I didn't realise what a special environment we were staying in at Torquay”

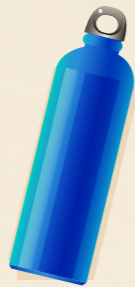
- Huey, age 6

COASTAL CRAZE

BOARDGAME

Make it from the campground to the coast in this Coastal Craze game.

Roll a dice and follow the instructions all the way to the beach!



START



1

Oops, forgot to slip, slop, slap!
BACK TO START

2



3

Plant indigenous plants in your garden for the Jacky Dragon.
2 STEPS FORWARD

4

Forgot your water bottle.
2 STEPS BACK

5



6

Collected your friends for your Coastal Craze adventure!
1 STEP FORWARD

9

Joined a Coastcare group.
2 STEPS FORWARD

8

Kept your dog on a leash to protect wildlife.
2 STEPS FORWARD

10



11

Walked on the path not on the sand dunes.
2 STEPS FORWARD

12



13

Accidentally dropped some rubbish.
1 STEP BACK TO PICK IT UP

14

Slid down the sand dunes where a Pobblebonk Frog lives.
4 STEPS BACK

15



16

Picked up rubbish.
2 STEPS FORWARD

17

Put a shell in your pocket to take home.
2 STEPS BACK

18



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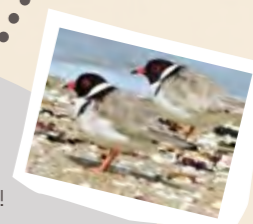
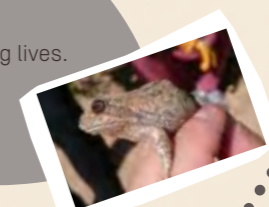
Put old fishing line in the Seal the Loop Bin.
1 STEP FORWARD

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Ouch!
Stood on a Sea Urchin.
BACK TO FIRST AID TENT ON #10.



Centrostephanos rodgersii
Black Sea Urchin Spines

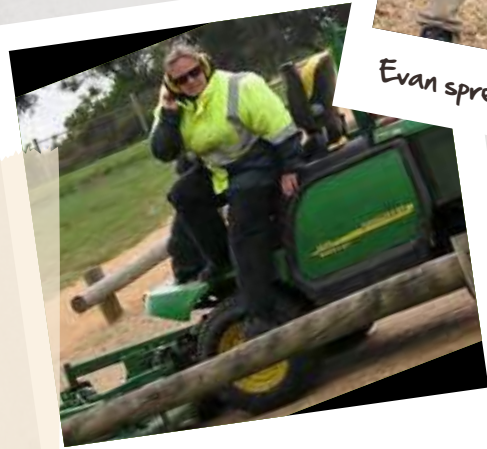


WE LOOK AFTER THE COAST



What can you do to help look after the coast?

Evan spreads mulch to help the plants



Sue mows the grass



Trent cleans the coast



Georgie plants trees



Protecting the coastal environment is extremely important to all of us at GORCC. The area is home to animals and plants that don't live anywhere else on Earth.

If you could become an environmental protector during your stay and help us keep these plants and animals healthy into the future, then you are being the best visitor you can be.



ACTIVITY CONDITIONS:

- Children attending an activity under the age of 6 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- For unaccompanied children over 6, parents or guardians must be contactable during activity times and be in a 10 minute radius of the activity location.
- Appropriate footwear should be worn on all activities – sandals or shoes.
- All activities are capped at no more than 20 participants per activity leader.
- Please wear sunscreen and your hat!

