

INSIDE SCOOP

The latest news and fantastic facts from around the globe...

AUSSIE TEEN ADVENTURER!

 Melbourne teenager **Jade Hameister** has become the **world's youngest** person and the **first Australian woman** to ski solo from the coast of **Antarctica** to the **South Pole**!

The **16-year-old's** epic **37-day journey** also set three other **world records** – Jade has become the first woman in history to set a new route to the **South Pole** unsupported and unassisted, the youngest person to ski to both Poles, and the youngest person to complete the **Polar Hat Trick** travelling through the **North Pole, South Pole**, and the **Greenland** ice sheet. Wow!

Jade's snowy expedition saw her cover almost **600km** across the **37 days** in temperatures as low as **-50°C** with windchill.

Jade and her team named several features of the unexplored **Kansas Glacier** after Australian icons, including the **Opera House Ridge** and the **Anzac Steps**. What a story to tell friends at school!

Jade arrives at the icy South Pole!

Jade's sled and her gear weighed 100kg!

Jade in action!

MEET RILEY THE BUG DETECTOR!

Riley the **weimaraner** puppy is training to be a working scent-dog at the **Museum of Fine Arts in Boston**!

Riley's job will be to search for **insects** and **pests** that can destroy precious objects and artworks. There are **moths** that munch on delicate textiles, **silverfish** that can ruin books and **beetles** that can burrow into wood in the collection of nearly **450,000 works of art**! Good boy, Riley!

Don't bug Riley!

SLOW DOWN ANDY!

A scientist at work with Andy!

Off he goes!



A **tiger shark** nicknamed **Andy** is proving to be unstoppable, becoming the **longest-tracked tiger shark ever**!

Andy was tagged **four years ago** in **Bermuda** by scientists from Nova Southeastern University's **Guy Harvey Research Institute (GHRI)** in the US. The voracious hunter has since travelled nearly **60,890km** off the east coast of the US and around **Bermuda**, the **Bahamas** and **Turks and Caicos**.

After travelling for more than **1,240 days**, the shark shows no sign of slowing down! Tracking data from Andy and other tagged sharks will help scientists to study **sharks' migration patterns** between summer and winter.

Want to know where Andy is right now? You can follow him online in near real-time at nova.edu/sharktracking. Wicked!

HARRI'S HOLIDAY!



A pet bird named **Harri** caused a flap when she escaped her home in **Brisbane** and landed on a **two-week luxury cruise ship** headed to **New Zealand's South Island**!

Kiwi authorities were concerned the eight-year-old **galah** – a **rose-breasted cockatoo** native only to **Australia** – was a biosecurity risk and carrying avian diseases that could potentially harm the local native bird population. So Harri was captured and secured in one of the ship's empty cabins until the ship returned to Brisbane. Not much of a holiday after all!

Harri, the stowaway had a cabin to herself!

CITY TO GO PLASTIC-FREE!

The **Queen of England** may be taking steps for **Buckingham Palace** to go plastic-free, but there's one entire Australian city aiming to reduce its plastic pollution footprint.

Wollongong on **NSW's South Coast** has been rallying to end single-use plastic bags across the city. A group called the **Boomerang Alliance**, together with the help of **Wollongong City Council** and other community organisations, have launched '**Plastic Free Wollongong**' to educate businesses and event organisers about the problems with plastics and how they can end up in oceans and harm precious marine and wildlife.

The goal is to reduce **single-use plastic items** by **70%** before **2020**. Get inspired at plasticfreewollongong.org!

Plastic is so harmful to our oceans

Wollongong's beautiful coastline

An Australian green turtle diving in the Great Barrier Reef!

3 FAST FACTS

International Turtle Day!

On **23 May**, we celebrate and promote the protection of the habitats of turtles and tortoises around the world!

1 **International Turtle Day** recognises that some species of our shelled friends are nearly on the edge of **extinction** due to **environmental hazards** and issues with the **hunting** and **harvesting** of their eggs.

3 Australia is home to **23 species of freshwater turtles** and one of the country's **most endangered** species, the **western swamp tortoise**. They are tiny growing up to **15cm** and date back **15-20 million years ago**. Amazing!

3 Many people mistake **tortoises** for **turtles**. Tortoises **live on land** while turtles **live in the water** some or nearly all of the time. **Sea turtles** migrate long distances to feed, often crossing entire oceans.

MAKE IT A DATE



What's going on this month?

12 May



WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

Help conserve their habitats.

18 May



ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

Protect our animals and plants.

20 May



RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK

A day to fight animal cruelty.

21-27 May



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Celebrating making a difference.

27 May-3 June



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

A day for all to come together.

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