



BALANCING TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT



THE PHILLIP ISLAND NATURE PARKS

Putting Wildlife First

What does the nature parks manage?

Little Wonders
**PENGUIN
PARADE**



Wild Ocean
**ECOBOAT
ADVENTURES**



Bushland Escape
**KOALA
RESERVE**



Time Unwinds
**CHURCHILL
ISLAND**



Antarctic Journey
**NOBBIES OCEAN
DISCOVERY**



Where does the nature parks get their funding?

What is ecotourism?

Why is it important that the nature parks are eco-accredited?



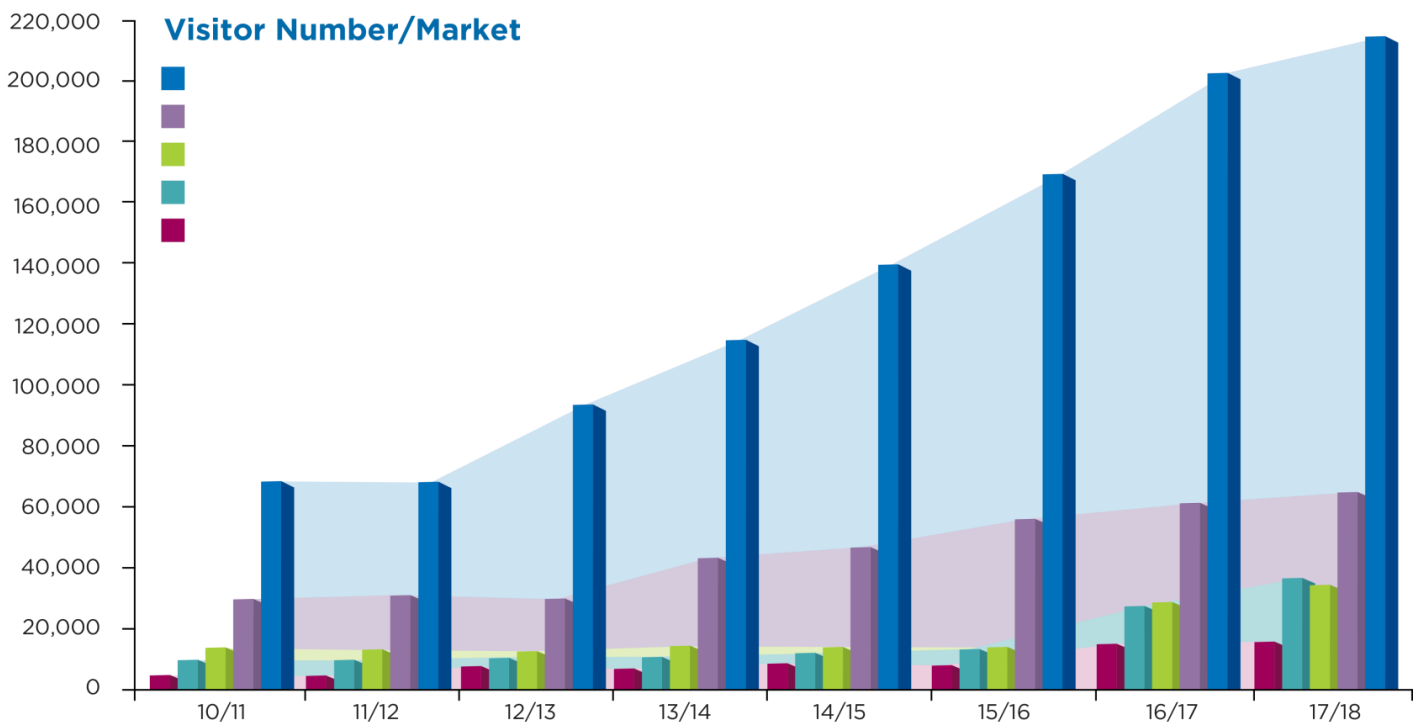
VISITATION

Which location attracts the most visitation? _____

What happened between the 10/11 & 11/12 financial years?

The nature parks' visitation is split into _____% international and _____% domestic.

Mark the countries of origin on the chart below:



ECONOMIC IMPACT

How many full time positions are available in Victoria due to the nature parks? _____

What direct economic impact did the nature parks have on Victoria in 2013/14? \$ _____

What direct and indirect economic activity occurred in Victoria due to the nature parks?

\$ _____

If the nature parks were required to shut down all operations tomorrow, what would the impacts be for the rest of Victoria? _____

HISTORY OF THE NATURE PARKS

When was the nature parks established? _____

The nature parks were created by combining the different areas of crown land on Phillip Island. These sites included:

- The Penguin Reserve (the Penguin Parade)
- Churchill Island
- Seal Rocks Fauna Reserve
- The Nobbies Centre (in 2005)
- Cape Woolamai State Faunal Reserve
- David Forrest Koala Reserve (the Koala Conservation Centre)
- Oswin Roberts Reserve
- Ventnor Koala Reserve
- Fishers Wetland
- Rhyll and Rowell Swamps
- Summerland Estate
- Newhaven Swamp
- Rhyll Inlet

Why were these separate areas combined to make the nature parks?

THE PENGUIN PARADE

The penguin parade started in 1928 with day picnics and small groups of tourists being taken down to the colony.



Mr Bert West the first honorary wildlife officer for the penguin reserve with tourists on the beach

The above picture was taken Australia Day long weekend in 1978 when 114 penguins crossed the beach in front of over 8000 guests.

What impacts were the growing numbers of tourists having on the penguin colony?

What management strategies were put in place to help mitigate negative impacts and restore the penguin colony?

MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

What information did you learn in Penguins world?



Why do we have these displays here?

As we walk down through the board walks you will see a number of different ways in which we manage people and penguins. List some of these strategies below and make notes about the hazards the strategies is trying to avoid, and the benefits the strategy provides.

Management Strategy E.g. boardwalks, penguin crossing	What is this strategy trying to prevent?	What benefits does this strategy give?

What different tour options do we offer at the Parade? What do the different options offer?

Tour	Offers...



Summerland Housing Estate

What work has been done to restore the Summerland Housing Estate to suitable penguin habitat?

What are the future plans for this area?

What impacts would large numbers of tourists have on this environment? What would we need to do to manage this?

Why do we use artificial burrows in the colony?



What research do we conduct when we do burrow checks?



Scotchman's Lookout

What do you think the future of the Penguin Parade holds?
