INTRODUCTION TO
GEOCACHING

Geocaching is a fun, family-friendly activity that has become a world-wide craze. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors, learn about your surroundings and revel in the thrill of the hunt.

At present there are more than 3 million active geocaches, hidden in 191 different countries on all seven continents, including Antarctica. There are over 9 million people actively participating in geocaching worldwide.

Explore Goulburn Australia with a game of Geocaching. Take a look inside this brochure for a step-by-step beginner's guide to get you started. Whilst you're in the region be sure to stop by the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre for local advice on creating a memorable trip.

WHAT DOES... MEAN?

There are a number of unique terms used in geocaching that you may not know of. The list below will help you to translate this 'geocaching speak'.

BYOP - Bring your own pen/pencil. An acronym often used by cache owners to communicate to other geocachers that you will need to bring your own writing utensil in order to sign the cache logbook.

FTF - First to find. An acronym written by geocachers in physical cache logbooks or online when logging cache finds to denote being the first to find a new geocache.

GPS - Global positioning system. Refers to a system of satellites that work with a GPS receiver to determine your location on the planet.

TFTC - Thanks for the cache. An acronym written by geocachers in physical cache logbooks or online when logging cache finds.

TFTH - Thanks for the hide. As above.

TNLN - Took nothing. Left nothing. Usually written in cache logbooks by geocachers who do not trade for material contents in a cache.

TNSL - Took nothing. Signed logbook.

GOING ON HOLIDAY?

Now that you've experienced geocaching in Goulburn, make sure you check for caches hidden at your next holiday destination.
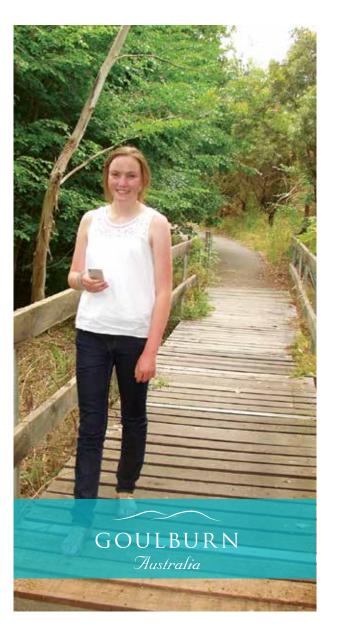
HIDE YOUR OWN CACHE

This is not as difficult as you might think.
Visit **www.geocaching.com** for instructions.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO
GEOCACHING
IN GOULBURN AUSTRALIA

GOULBURN
Australia

WHAT IS GEOCACHING?

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor 'treasure' hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache hidden at that location. Geocaching is often described as a 'game of high-tech hide and seek', sharing many similarities to orienteering.

WHAT IS A CACHE?

There are currently over 15 cache types, the most straightforward cache is the Traditional cache. These geocaches will be a container at the given coordinates. The size may vary, but at a minimum, all of these geocaches will have a logbook where the geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their established code name. Larger containers can also contain items for trading or trackables.

HOW TO PLAY ONLINE

1. Visit www.geocaching.com online
2. Register for a free Basic Membership
3. Visit the 'Hide & Seek a Cache' page
4. Enter your postal code and click 'search'
5. Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name
6. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device
7. Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache
8. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location
9. Share your geocaching stories and photos online

HOW TO PLAY USING THE APP

1. Download the Geocaching app from the App Store or Google Play Store
2. Create an account to view a map of geocaches near you
3. Select a nearby geocache on the map
4. Use the app to assist you in navigating to and finding the hidden geocache.
5. Once you find the geocache sign and date the logbook and return the geocache to its original location
6. Share your geocaching stories and photos online

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

The only essentials are a GPS device or a GPS-enabled mobile phone so that you can navigate to the cache, and a free Geocaching.com membership.

RULES

There are only 2 rules: do not move the geocache from its location and if you take something from the container make sure you replace it with an item of equal value.

WHERE ARE GEOCACHES LOCATED?

Geocaches can be found all over the world. It is common for geocachers to hide caches in locations that are important to them, reflecting a special interest or skill of the cache owner. These locations can be quite diverse. They may be at a local attraction, park, at the end of a long hike, underwater or on the side of a city street.

LETS GO!

We encourage you to explore the Goulburn region by searching for one of the many geocaches that are hidden here.

HIDDEN TREASURES OF GOULBURN ARTISTS

COORDINATES: S 34° 45.257 E 149° 43.413

This geocache is located conveniently near Gallery on Track. This is a beautiful local art gallery featuring a diverse range of art work by regional artists. Why not check it out while you are here? You will be impressed with the quality of the work and maybe even leave with a piece of your own treasure, or a gift for someone special.

Additional Hints: Amongst the many trunks of a tree.

STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD

COORDINATES: S 34° 44.478 E 149° 44.564

On the right side of the road you will find St Saviour's Cemetery 1830-1957 which is the resting place of the famous English explorer William Hilton Hovell (26 April 1786 - 9 November 1875). Hovell explored Australia along with his comrade Hamilton Hume.

The Hume and Hovell expedition was one of the most important journeys of exploration undertaken in eastern Australia. In 1824 the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Thomas Brisbane, commissioned Hamilton Hume and former Royal Navy Captain William Hovell to lead an expedition to find new grazing land in the south of the colony.

The party set out from Appin, near Sydney, in October 1824 and travelled south to the Murrumbidgee River near the site of Tumut. They crossed 'a noble stream' which they named the Hume (now the Murray River) near the site of Albury then advanced into what is now Victoria. Soon, streams of settlers were following their route, which is now the Hume Highway from Sydney to Melbourne via Albury.

Additional Hints: Tweet, tweet. Being tall is also a bonus.

GOULBURN RACECOURSE

COORDINATES: S 34° 42.864 E 149° 44.739

Goulburn has a long association with racing, with records indicating that racing commenced in 1838 when challenge races held by troopers took place in the vicinity of the Gordon Hotel. The oldest Goulburn Cup Trophy dates back to 1883 and is currently displayed at the Goulburn & District Racing Club, founded in 1969. In 1999 the club moved to its current premises in Racecourse Drive off Taralga Road. The club is focused on providing the best thoroughbred racing in Country New South Wales, with the highest quality facilities for trainers and horses alike.

Additional Hints: Camouflaged magnetic.

MARY MACKILLOP

COORDINATES: S 34° 44.876 E 149° 43.963

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in 1842.When she was in Penola she met Julian Tenison Woods, and together they opened the first St Joseph's School in 1866 and founded the Sisters of St Joseph to continue this work. Over the many following years, the number of Sisters grew as did their schools. Schools were opened as the needs arose: in country towns, mining towns and cities. The Sisters also became involved in other areas of need including setting up a refuge for women, orphanages for children, visiting prisons and working with the sick.

On 13 August 1882, the first five founding Sisters of St Joseph arrived in Goulburn by train from Bathurst. Upon arrival, the Sisters lived in a cottage in Lagoon Street which belonged to the Sheekey family. They lived there until 5 May 1883 when the Convent opened. Today the Sisters have a commitment to rural communities. They look to help families and the aged through education and service in parishes.

Mary died on 8 August 1909. She was declared Australia's first Saint in 2012. The cache is located near Mary MacKillop Rose Garden, across the road from St Joseph's Convent and St Joseph's School.

Additional Hints: Base of tree.