



AUSTRALIA – IT'S AWESOME

Alex's story behind the facts

With the finish of the school year, I thought we would be heading to our favourite beach-side caravan park for our camping holiday. Yay -I love the beach!

However, over dinner, Mum and Dad discussed that it might be fun to go somewhere completely different for our camping holiday this time.

Whyyyy! And... what kind of 'different' please?

Dad and Mum discussed perhaps going 'bush' and having a 'real' camping holiday this year. Mum added that we could catch some fish from a river or lake for our dinner and make a 'real' fire to cook them.

Why would we do that when beach-towns have perfectly good fish and chip shops!

Iggy was already heading for the shed to fetch his fishing rod and humming, "Fishy, fishy, I'm going to catch a humungous fishy!" Sooooo annoying!

Then I heard, what I couldn't quite believe, Dad said that it might also be fun if we fixed up a make-shift shower and toilet in the bush too!

Noooooo! I want the lovely loos and showers at a beach-side caravan park!

Iggy, with fishing rod in hand, said he thought it would be fun to poop in the bush like the animals do.

Dad at least said THAT wasn't going to happen. He said we would be leaving the bush site exactly as we found it - and that meant absolutely no pooping in the bush.

I knew I needed a strategy to change Dad and Mum's minds because - I definitely still wanted a holiday at the beach, in a caravan park that has all the usual amazing facilities, like a swimming pool (with slides), trampolines and play equipment for my age group (not just Iggy's - if you know what I mean!)

I decided to investigate Australian beaches. I was looking for an awesome beach, not too far away, and that we hadn't camped at before.





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I thought Dad and Mum might be happy to try a new beach instead of a completely new (and random) location!

This led me to discover just how many beaches there are in Australia, and I was amazed! At the same time, I also found some really cool facts about Australia in general that I didn't know before.

I was so busy 'investigating' that I didn't realise Mum and Dad had eventually decided that we would still have a camping holiday in a caravan park at the beach, but we would go to a beach that we hadn't been to before.

I'm happy with that! I then announced that I'd found some great new beaches that we could visit. We all agreed on one of the beaches I chose - woohoo!

Iggy asked if we could still go fishing, and the answer was, "Yes".

Not me - I will be off to the fish and chip shop.

Then Iggy asked if we could still have our own 'bush' shower and toilet near the tent? That was a resounding "NO!"

So, it was settled - another fabulous beach camping holiday with lots of swimming in the surf, walks along the beach and exploring rockpools. YES!

Why not check out my 'Australia - it's awesome (including who the first police officers were) favourite fast facts' to discover fascinating facts you may not know about Australia. You will also discover how many amazing beaches there are around Australia!