



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Don't Forget Egg or Ted!**

**With Easter rapidly approaching, the NSW Crown Holiday Parks (NSWCHPT) Group is offering a 'Kids Stay Free' package over the April School Holidays across its 36 NSW Holiday Parks and reminding families to not forget their Easter Eggs or Teddys.**

The NSWCHPT group manages 36 holiday parks and boutique accommodation on Crown land throughout NSW and while many parks have Easter Hunts and activities to enjoy, an extra supply of eggs to prevent disappointment is recommended.

NSWCHPT CEO Steve Edmonds said earlier this year park managers banded together to list some of the most common things left behind at their parks by guests with treasured teddys and toys (and a poor child called Hamish) topping the list.

"Working in reverse, we would like to ensure parents talk to the Easter Bunny to make sure that all Easter essentials make their way to our parks," Mr Edmonds said.

"We also want to make sure that essential holiday items like a child's favourite 'sleeping' companion like 'Ted' aren't left behind and that families prepare for a fun holiday experience.

"Our park managers within the group represent decades of experience in the caravanning and camping industry and have much wisdom to share on how to get the most out of your cabin, caravanning or camping holiday experience this Easter.

"Some of our parks even offer complimentary caravan parking which prevents a lot of conflict and is jokingly referred to as a 'marriage-saving' service, while other parks will help set up tents which have a mind of their own."

Top tips shared from the North Coast, South Coast and Inland Waters Holiday Parks range from serious safety advice to fun ways to make the most out of your holiday experience including:

1. Practicing reversing your caravan or trailer and setting up (and packing away) your tent to ensure a quick set up or getaway.
2. Testing your gear, including camping stoves and lights, etc to ensure you identify missing equipment or faults at home rather than on your adventure.
3. Preparing a comprehensive checklist of what you will need to bring with you, including Easter eggs and companion Teds.
4. Never storing a gas bottle indoors and opting for a shady, well ventilated position outside which is away from ignition sources.
5. Carrying a fire extinguisher on board your caravan.
6. Wearing a life vest when rock fishing, boating or engaging in water sport activities.
7. Leaving a rubber doormat at the entrance of your tent or caravan to minimise dirt or and from entering your camp area.

8. Storing food in containers or coolers outside your tent to prevent attracting nocturnal critters to your campsite and always keeping your tent zipper closed to keep bugs out.
9. Putting glow sticks in water bottles for fun night time bowling or giving your kids glow sticks at night to ensure you know where they are, especially when located near water.
10. Finding a rock every time you go camping and writing a memory on it.

“We had 10,408 bookings made at our parks last Easter break and we want to ensure everyone has the best holiday experience they can with us,” Mr Edmonds said.

“Our guests are in true holiday mode when they stay at our parks and delays, tears and tribulations from forgotten or missing items can impact on that.

For more information about the coastal and inland holiday parks managed by the Trust and to plan your Easter caravanning and camping adventure visit [www.northcoastholidayparks.com.au](http://www.northcoastholidayparks.com.au), [www.southcoastparks.com.au](http://www.southcoastparks.com.au) or [www.inlandwaters.com.au](http://www.inlandwaters.com.au).

The ‘Kids Stay Free’ promotion applies to the April School Holidays only and ends 9:00am, 26 April 2017. The promotion applies across all accommodation types; subject to availability and usual minimum night stay restrictions apply. Book via phone and quote Booking Source “April School Holidays 2017”. For online bookings use Discount Code “April17”.

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