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## Australia's First Green Caravan Park

*Australia now has its first officially "green" caravan park.*

The BIG4 Anglesea Holiday Park has just been benchmarked by Green Globe 21. This international organisation is the global leader in setting standards for environmental friendly, sustainable tourism.

*According to Tim Bone, manager of the park on Victoria's Great Ocean Road, going green can not only help save the planet, but also save a lot of dollars.*

"The positives of going through the process were a realisation of what we were spending on our electricity, water and gas usage," he said. "We found

there were enormous savings to be made.

"Another area was waste removal. Changes we've implemented have seen a dramatic drop in the amount of waste that goes to landfill. We have purchased a mulcher so that all green waste garden clippings be used on site for gardens.

*"Worm farms have created a great attraction and educational facility for the children staying within the park. All cabins have buckets for worm scraps and the children can bring the buckets to a central point and feed the worms.*

"There is a large education process within the park so

that guests are fully aware of what we are trying to achieve. Water saving devices have been trialled throughout the park and will be very effective for reducing water usage."

Tim Bone said as well as saving money, going green had to capacity to generate more income.

*"As the first park in Australia to be benchmarked under Green Globe we plan to use it for marketing ourselves as a park that is going above and beyond the expectation of our guests and our local council in regards to caring for the environment."*

Geelong Otway Tourism's Kate Robertson congratu-



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lated Tim Bone the BIG4 Anglesea Holiday Park.

"GOT was the first tourism body in Australia to undergo Green Globe 21 benchmarking and we are well aware of the advantages," she said. "I am pleased for Tim that he has found it such a positive experience and I would encourage others in the tourism industry to follow his initiative."

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