

Going Places



Year 3
2006

The Snowman



The snowman stood in the middle of the frosty driveway.
Mr Russell drove around it.

‘Funny place to build a snowman,’ he said, parking their car in front of the little holiday cabin.

Dion was first to get out. He wore his new red and blue snow-boots. It was his first ever visit to the snow.

He couldn’t wait to go skiing.

‘Dion,’ Mrs Russell said. ‘Could you take Molly inside, please.’

Molly was two. Dion held her hand as they walked up the sloshy path to the cabin. The snow came up nearly to her knees.

‘Cold!’ she said.

‘It will be nice and warm inside,’ he told her.



Molly turned and pointed back towards the road.

‘Snowman come inside?’

Dion shook his head. ‘He has to stay outside.’

‘Snowman cold!’ wailed Molly.

‘Snowmen like to be cold,’ Dion said.

Scott Park Cinema presents

'Lucy's Holiday'

*a new movie directed by
Lars Hoylen*

Starring
**Daniel Toppi and
Magda Lane**



Rating: (G) – recommended for all ages

Running time: 90 minutes

Prices: \$10 adults
\$5 children aged 5–15
Children under 5 free
\$15 families

Session times: Monday to Friday
1:00 pm and 4:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday
10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm



Puffins

Introduction

Puffins are small seabirds with black and white feathers and brightly coloured beaks. They have thick feathers because they spend a lot of time in icy waters hunting for fish. Their beaks can carry up to ten fish at a time.

Getting Around

Puffins are excellent swimmers and divers. However, they do not fly as well as most other birds and find it difficult to take off. They are quite clumsy when they are on the ground, and sometimes crash into other puffins when they are landing.

Breeding

The female puffin lays her single egg in a burrow that can be up to two metres long. The burrow is dug using the beak and feet.

Growing Up

Both parents take turns keeping the egg warm until it hatches after six weeks. After hatching, both parents feed the young puffin on fish for another six weeks. Then they leave the young puffin alone. When the young puffin is able to fly, it leaves the burrow and searches for food alone.



The Letter

22 March 2006

Dear Tommy,

Adelaide is fantastic! The houses here are beautiful and we have lots of things planned.

The bus trip was fine but it took ten hours so we were tired when we arrived.

Dean and Maria met us at the bus station and took us to our motel in Woodville, where I am writing this letter.

We have hired a car and tomorrow we are going to Glenelg Beach and the market if it stops raining.

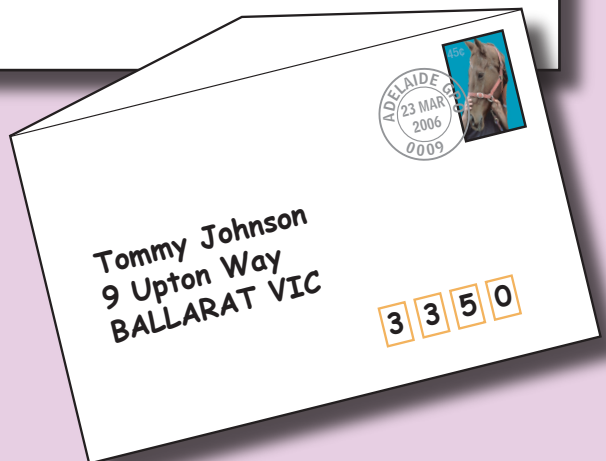
I can't wait to go to the museum with Maria, and Dean is taking Carl to see a cricket match at the Adelaide Cricket Ground on Saturday.

Adelaide has changed so much since I was here with your mother years ago.

Love

Aunty Diane

P.S. Would you like to come to Adelaide with us next year? We would love to show you around.



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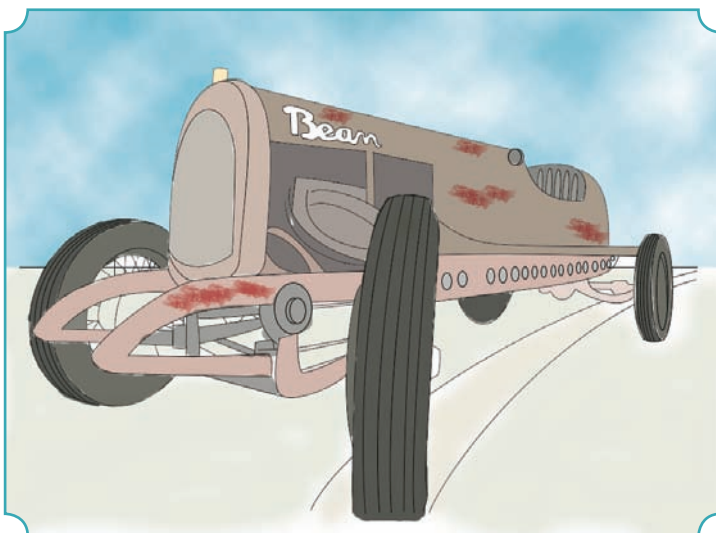
Birtles and the Bean Car

Between 1905 and 1941, Francis Birtles made some of the longest and most dangerous journeys across Australia's roughest country. Sometimes he flew a plane, sometimes he drove a car and sometimes he pedalled a bicycle. Why? Well because he was a great adventurer and a daredevil. Companies from all over the world sponsored Birtles' journeys so that he could test their new technologies in harsh physical conditions.

In 1926, Birtles set a new record by driving a car made by Bean Cars Limited of England from Darwin to Melbourne in just eight days and 13 hours.

The Bean Car was donated to the Australian Government in 1929, 'to be placed in the Museum at Canberra'. It lived, a bit sad and neglected, at a workshop until 1962, when it was restored for the Canberra Day procession.

In 2001 the Bean Car sputtered and pattered again on its final journey. National Museum conservators drove it – v-e-e-r-r-y carefully – to their new Museum building. And that's where it is right now.



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