

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8.30am to 4.30pm  
Tel: 5443 9319

## UNIFORM SHOP

Closed for the time being.  
Please call the office with  
any enquiries or orders.

## AFTER THE BELL

AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
PH: 0448 375 923

## TERM DATES

This term finishes  
Friday 18th September.  
T4: 5/10/20 - 18/12/20  
2021  
T1: 28/1/21 - 1/4/21  
T2: 19/4/21 - 25/6/21

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**Friday October 23**  
Thank You Day  
(Day before AFL Grand Final)

**Wednesday 28 October**  
Bendigo Cup



Webex Schedule:		Time
Mummumburra	Thu	12pm
Duan	Wed	10am
Mur Murra	Thu	10.30am
Balam Balam	Tue	12pm
Yulawil	Thu	10am
5/6 Unit	Fri	10am

## Good afternoon families

### Congratulations!!

We have made it to the end of another very different looking term. We would like to thank all our staff, students and families for the way you have all participated and engaged in remote learning - whatever that has looked like for all of you. It has been strange and weird and different - and we made it!! Thank you!!

We hope you all enjoy the holidays - whatever we are allowed to do. Have a break from home learning, and just relax and enjoy the amazing weather we are having - hopefully it will last throughout the holidays and you have an opportunity to enjoy a picnic with some family and friends.

We are hoping and praying that next term looks a little more 'normal'.

### Term 4:

Week 1 - October 5th - Remote Learning continues - Learning Packs to be collected from school at 9am on Monday morning October 5th. The same criteria applies for the first week of Term 4 as for Term 3 with the students supervised at school.

Week 2 - October 12th - ALL CLASSES RETURN TO ST PETER'S from Monday October 12th.

We will still have some safety measures in place - including parents and carers staying in their cars and not coming up into the school. Adults will still have to wear masks and we will continue with social distancing at all times. Again - we will have lots of staff down at the carpark in the mornings for children who will need a little encouragement returning to school. Last time the children were brilliant at returning and settled in immediately - let us hope and pray that it is the same this time around.

### Casual Clothes Day

To celebrate the end of term - those who are attending supervision at school are invited to wear casual clothes for the last day - this Friday - the 18th of September. Those learning from home - you are invited to wear your uniforms for the day!! :) School will finish the normal End of Term time at 2.15pm for those attending.

### Learning Pack Collection

The Learning Pack for Week 1 of Term 4 will be available for collection from 9am on MONDAY the 5th of October. You will be given a pouch that will be for one week only. We are all back onsite from Monday the 12th of October. Please remember to return your "Spoony" when you collect the new pack.

### Summer Uniform

All children and staff are expected to wear a hat from the start of Term 4. We appreciate that lots of kids are going to need new pieces of summer uniform and new hats. Please call the office for all uniform orders and enquiries. Hats are still able to be embroidered with the child's name.

## What we are praying for

Loving God,  
Help us to care for your creation, to protect and look after it.  
Help us to appreciate the wonder of your work, the animals, plants, fish and birds.  
Help us to continue to be awed by the stars, moon, sun and planets.  
Help us to look after your greatest creation - your people.  
Guide us in your love and mercy.  
Bless us all, today and always.  
Amen. St Kilian - Pray for Us. St Peter - Pray for Us.

*Stay safe, God bless, Jen & Mick*



St. Peter's Primary School

# Wellbeing

Stacey Frost & Kristy Dupille

Despite school being a little different at the moment, Stacey (school social worker) and Kristy (wellbeing worker) are still available and ready to provide any support to our families, especially in these uncertain and challenging times. We can be contacted at: [wellbeing@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au](mailto:wellbeing@spbendigo.catholic.edu.au) or you can call the school during regular school hours to speak to one of us or the principals. *Take Care, Kristy & Stacey.*

If you're looking for a great app to help with you and your child's mindfulness, we highly recommend checking out "Smiling mind". It's free and has some great resources like daily mindfulness and meditation activities for: Meal times, After school, On the go, Bedtime and Weekends, Family Toolkit, Digital Care Packs to support kids' mental health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, The smiling mind podcast and so much more.



## Try our free mindfulness app.

Practice your daily meditation and mindfulness exercises from any device.

Smiling Mind is a unique tool developed by psychologists and educators to help bring balance to your life.

We suggest 10 minutes a day.

What are you waiting for?

**DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!**



# SMILING. MIND

## Questions to ask yourself every day...



**What am I grateful for today?**



**Who am I checking in on or connecting with today?**



**What expectation of 'normal' am I letting go of today?**



**How am I getting outside today?**



**How am I moving my body today?**



**What beauty am I either creating, cultivating or inviting in today?**



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Something to Think About

We sometimes develop the idea that being forgiven requires us to do something - we somehow must earn God's love and acceptance. The Law would condemn us and have us live under fear of punishment. Mercy means that we don't get that punishment we deserve. Because of Jesus, we receive Heaven instead of punishment! He gives us all that we need, and we want to pass that forgiveness along to other people, as well.



"To be forgiven,  
you must *Forgive*"

## The Scriptures

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go."

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded."

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened."

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



# St. Peter's Primary School

# Ecological

## STEWARDSHIP PROJECT



Mrs. Lauren White - Eco-Stewardship Coordinator

*"The koala suffers not only the ravages of habitat destruction, disease, drought and bushfires, but from humans who allow their dogs to attack, their cars to speed and kill them on the roads and also, unfortunately, public apathy." (Barry Scott OAM, Australian Koala Foundation, 2020)*

### WHY DO WE NEED KOALAS?

The Koala is an iconic Australian animal, known globally and much loved. Koalas are also ambassadors for many other Australian bush species because trying to protect bushland areas to save Koalas also protects the habitat of other animal and plant species. Koalas also have great cultural significance to Aboriginal Australians and feature in Dreamtime stories, songs, and rock art. They were an abundant food source until European arrival, which saw the numbers drastically depleted. It is now estimated by the Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) that there are only 40,000 - 80,000 Koalas left in Australia and numbers are decreasing at an alarming rate. Much of their habitat has already been lost, making it vital to save what is left now.



### WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR KOALAS?

Habitat loss is the main threat due to land clearing, bushfires and diseases of the eucalypts, like 'dieback' which cause the trees to die. It is also estimated that 4,000 Koalas are killed each year by cars and dogs due to losing their habitat. Habitat loss is increased due to Australia having one of the highest land clearing rates in the world and 80% of Koala habitat has already been cleared. Koalas have 'Home Trees' which they visit regularly in areas called 'Home Ranges.' Unless breeding, they do not visit another Koala's Home Tree which makes them more vulnerable to habitat loss. Different species of eucalyptus trees grow in different parts of the country so Koalas can not move around due to their specific dietary needs. A forest can only feed a certain amount of Koalas due to a limited 'carrying capacity' which again means Koalas can not just move. Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia are the only states where Koalas are found naturally in the wild.

### AREN'T KOALAS PROTECTED?

Although Koalas themselves are protected by law, around eighty percent of any remaining habitat occurs on privately owned land and almost none of that is protected by legislation. There is currently no legislation to protect Koalas and Koala habitat in Australia. The listing of the koala as "vulnerable" under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act in 2012 changed nothing. This is supposed to be the premier law for protecting Australia's environment, yet it is powerless. By the time you read this page the bulldozers may already be working, but it is not too late to take action.

### WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP KOALAS?

Join the Koala Army at the Australian Koala Foundation to help the introduction of a Koala Protection Act. This would provide real legislative protection for koalas. Let the media know about the plight of our Koalas- write letters to local and national newspapers. Let your local member of Government know we want to protect Koalas and their habitats and get them to commit to saving them.

\*RESOURCE: <https://www.savethekoala.com/about-koalas/interesting-facts>

## Upcoming Events

## SEPTEMBER

### Save the Koala Month

Sharing the love of our Koalas for all of September to raise awareness and Get more information at <https://www.savethekoala.com/how-to-help/save-koala-month>.

### Sunday 13th

**National Bilby Day** - Celebrates and educates the community on the 'Save the Bilby Fund' and saving the species from extinction. <https://www.planeta.com/national-bilby-day/>

### Wednesday 16th

#### International 'Ozone Day'

United Nations Environment Programme educates the world on the preservation of the Ozone Layer. <http://www.unep.fr/ozonaction/events/ozoneday/index.htm>

### Sunday 20th

**Sustainable House Day** - explore inspiration and unique homes from all over the country with 30 virtual sessions.. <https://sustainablehouseday.com/>

### Tuesday 22nd

**World Car-Free Day** - a showcase for just how our cities and towns might look, feel and sound without cars. Leave the cars at home and ride, walk, skate or scoot. <https://www.infocarfreeday.net/>

### Thursday 24th

#### World Maritime Day

Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet - raising awareness of the need to reduce pollution, manage water better, protect the polar regions, reduce marine litter. <http://www.imo.org/en/About/Events/WorldMaritimeDay/>

### Sunday 27th

**World Rivers Day** - a celebration of the world's waterways- and encouraging the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. <http://worldriversday.com/>

### Tuesday 29th





**International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction** - Raising awareness that one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally while more than 820 million people in the world continue to go hungry every day. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-food-waste-day>

### Colouring competition

attached to the back of this newsletter, if you'd like to enter it please return it to Mrs White when you return to School by Wednesday Oct 14th.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE LONG GULLY PUMP TRACK PLAN

Please tell us what you think! You can help by **circling or answering the following questions**. Fold, stick or staple this form together and post it for free. Please post or drop it off to the Long Gully Post Office by Monday September 21, 2020.

Should we have an easy loop for younger riders?		If yes, should the easy loop be separate from the harder loop?		How much do you like the new design?					
Yes	No	I don't know	Yes	No	I don't know				

What do you like most about the new design?

What would you change if you could?

Anything else you would like to add?

**Delivery Address:**  
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BENDIGO VIC 3552



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if posted in Australia

Long Gully Pump Track  
Active and Healthy Unit  
City of Greater Bendigo  
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## HAVE YOUR SAY LONG GULLY PUMP TRACK



Healthy Heart of Victoria and the City of Greater Bendigo are excited to announce upgrades to the Pump Track located on Energetic St in Long Gully and would like members of the community to have a say.

The upgrades are being funded by the Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative to encourage Long Gully residents to be more active and healthy.

The concept plan features:

- A new raised starting ramp for both the easy and medium-hard loops
- A new easy loop
- Better flow, dips and peaks to provide fun and excitement for riders on both loops
- New seats
- New shade trees
- Gravel paths to connect the track to nearby footpaths
- New fencing and signs

This is an exciting project for Long Gully and we want to make sure the community has input into the project.

### HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

You can help by answering the questions on the back page and add any more comments you have. Fold, stick or staple this form together and post it for free. Please post or drop it off to the Long Gully Post Office before Monday September 21, 2020.

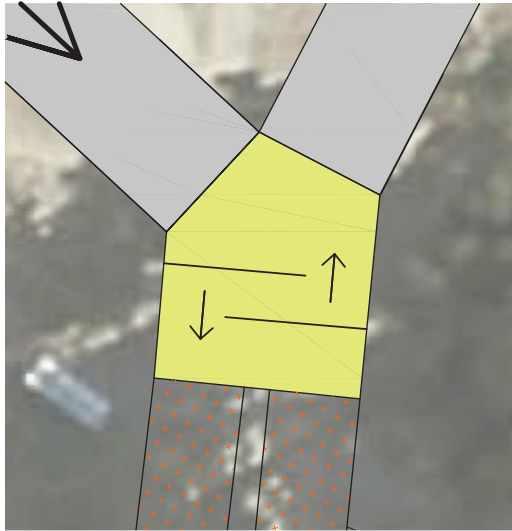
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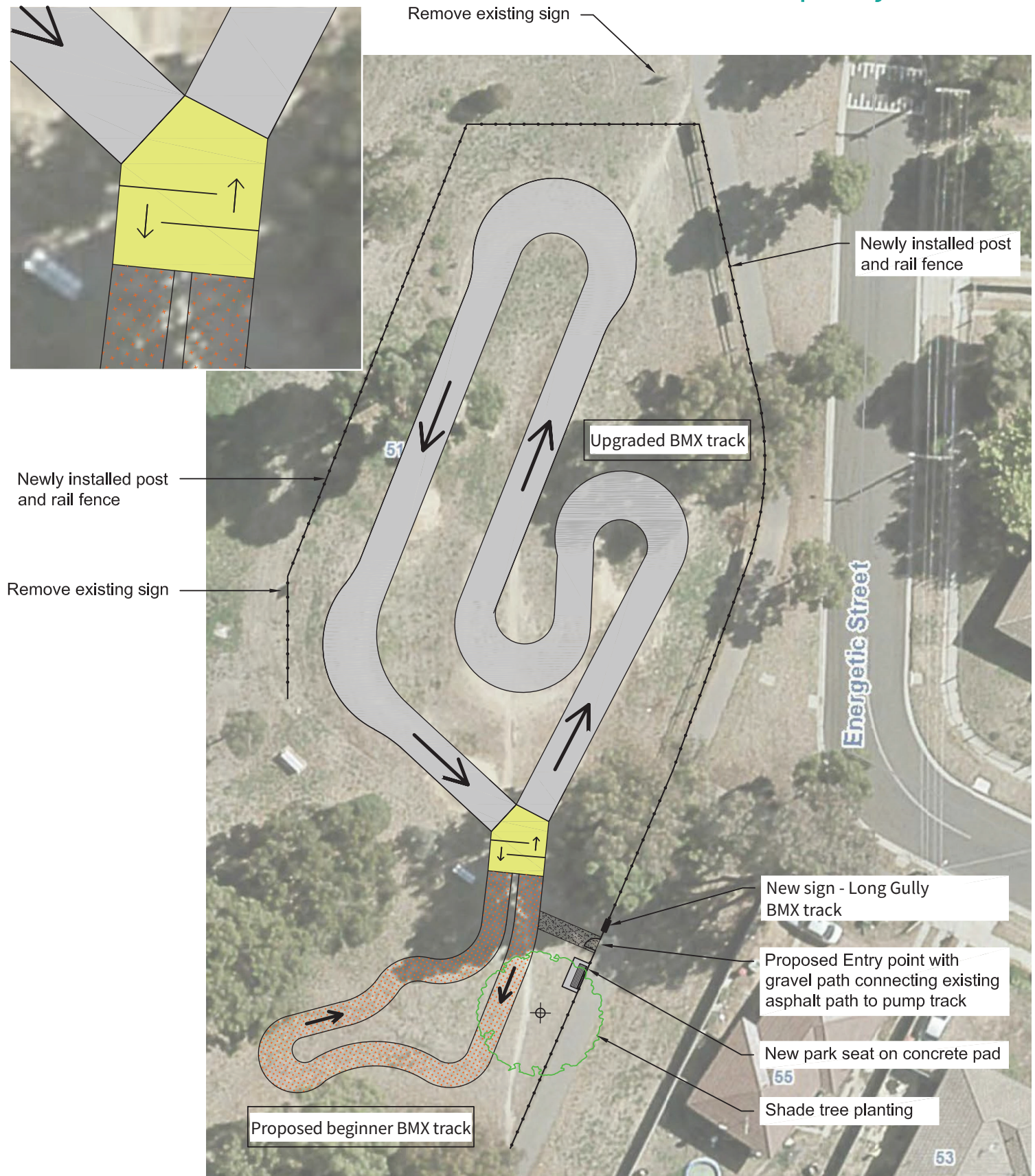
## Start Ramp

Staggered fences to separate tracks and direction



# LONG GULLY PUMP TRACK

## Concept Layout Plan



## PROJECT TIMELINE

The following is the anticipated timelines for the BMX Pump Track Upgrade:

- Consultation on the concept – **to September 21, 2020**
- Consideration of feedback, concept revisions – **September 2020**
- Request for Quotes – **October 2020**
- Commence building – **November 2020**
- Anticipated completion – **before Christmas**



after the  
**BELL**  
GROWING CURIOUS MINDS

# St Peter's OSHC Newsletter

## EXCITING PROGRAM AHEAD

Monday- Let's make some paper plate flying saucers

Tuesday- Monster or alien Bookmark creations

Wednesday- Design and make a monster or alien book

Thursday- Using Michele's monster dies let's make some birthday cards

Friday- Last Day Of Term Fun and Games



## JUNIOR LEADER GOES TO

Lochlan is this weeks junior leader. He had been away on remote learning and came back into OSHC and straight back into designing with Lego. Well Done!

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What happens when you tell an egg a joke?

A: It cracks up!

## JOIN THE FUN OF OSHC

Registration is FREE all you need to do is visit our website at

[www.afterthebell.com.au](http://www.afterthebell.com.au)

and complete the online Registration Form.

Please feel free to contact our head office as we are happy to help you out with the process.

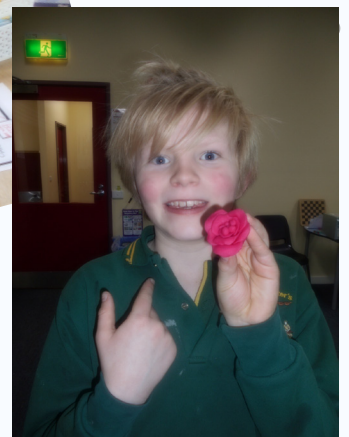
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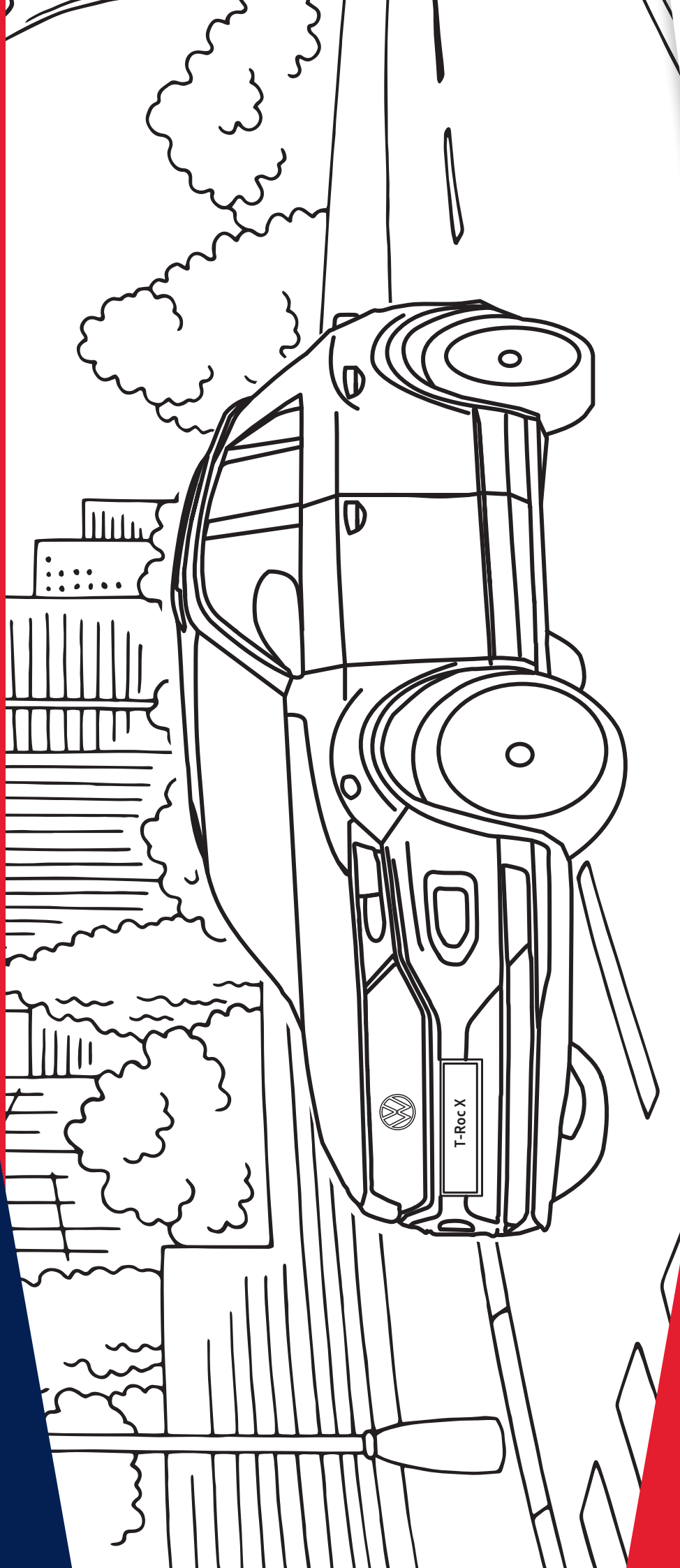
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Program Leader- Michele

## HIGHLIGHTS







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For your chance to win, upload your completed worksheet to  
[www.sydneyswans.com.au/vwfootyfit](http://www.sydneyswans.com.au/vwfootyfit)