



POSTCARD VICTORIA

## Sun-drenched beach for all seasons

THERE'S an air of LA beaches about the Geelong waterfront. The bayside town, an hour west of Melbourne, seems perpetually sun-drenched (thanks to a north-facing outlook) and shares kilometres of palm tree-lined promenade, a historic pier and Giant Sky Wheel. People jog,

walk and ride bikes; they buy ice-creams and hot doughnuts. Eastern Beach is where the city's best swimming and picnicking can be found, centred around art deco sea baths with diving boards and floating pontoons contained by a semi-circular overwater boardwalk. Warm summer eve-

nings, when the setting sun turns palm trees golden, are especially beautiful but then so are crisp mornings when the sun rises from the water where scores of yachts are anchored. The light is always beautiful - it's a photographer's dream.

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**100**

Approximate number of artfully painted pylons on Geelong's waterfront Bollard Trail