

# sites&sounds

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## sites

**Great Australian Road Trips** is operated by Tourism Australia and offers information about driving holidays around the country. From the home page, the user can select the region that they would like to explore and they will then be given an overview of the attractions of that area and a suggested itinerary for their road trip.

Visit: [www.australianroadtrips.com](http://www.australianroadtrips.com)

**The Young Driver Factbase** is an online resource that contains information about the most recent research into the safety of young drivers on our roads. It provides details of studies that evaluate strategies to reduce risk for young drivers, such as passenger restrictions, night curfews and driver-education programs.

Visit: [www.youngdriverfactbase.com](http://www.youngdriverfactbase.com)

**Child Safety Australia** offers advice and information about many different safety issues for children and the community. Topics include everything from bicycle safety and safety in the home to online safety and protection from bullying.

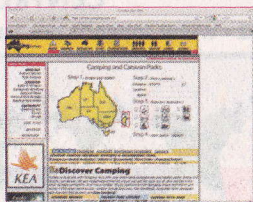
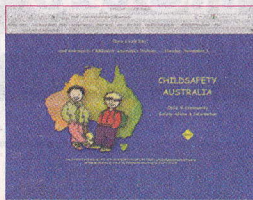
Visit: [www.childsafetyaustralia.com.au](http://www.childsafetyaustralia.com.au)

**Smarttraveller** is operated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and offers information about travel health and safety. It includes sections about children's travel issues, travel advisories for specific countries, visas, passports and embassy details.

Visit: [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au)

**Camping.com.au** provides a search facility to locate camp sites and holiday parks around Australia, and information about national parks and the permits required in order to camp in them. The site also has a forum for camping enthusiasts to discuss their favourite destinations and ideas.

Visit: [www.camping.com.au](http://www.camping.com.au)



## sounds

**A Family Christmas**, Putumayo World Music, RRP \$24.95

This is a collection of family Christmas songs that includes some well-known carols as well as other lesser-known tracks, all with an upbeat festive sound. As with all Putumayo albums, the songs draw on music styles from around the world.

**Dorothy the Dinosaur meets Santa Claus**, The Wiggles, ABC for Kids, RRP \$14.99

This album features 24 original songs from the new animation *Dorothy the Dinosaur Meets Santa Claus*. The CD showcases all of the favourite characters from The Wiggles, as well as Christmas characters such as Washington the Elf and, of course, Santa Claus. **Christmas Carols in Fairyland**, The Fairies, ABC for Kids, RRP \$14.99

Harmony and Rhapsody, otherwise known as The Fairies, sing popular Christmas carols and some original tunes on this album. Young children will enjoy the narration between tracks that will inspire their imaginations.

**The Wheels On The Bus: Great Travelling Songs For Kids**, ABC for Kids, RRP \$14.99

With many families heading off on summer holidays, this CD will be useful to keep children entertained on road trips. The songs are ideal for singalongs, since many of them will be familiar to families. Popular tracks include 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', 'She'll Be Coming 'Round The Mountain' and the title track 'The Wheels On The Bus'. The 36 songs on this CD are most suitable for children under 10.

**Everything's Gone Green! The Fabulous Lemon Drops**, [www.fabulouslemondrops.com.au](http://www.fabulouslemondrops.com.au), RRP \$19.95

The Fabulous Lemon Drops are children's entertainers who aim to teach kids about protecting the environment. The original songs on this album promote concepts such as recycling, environmental conservation, reducing waste and saving water, all in a way that is entertaining and easy for children to understand. This CD is ideal for introducing young children to the importance of making their own contribution towards protecting the environment.

