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This bimonthly magazine for May-June 2020 covers a broad range of natural science subjects centred on all things Australian.

This issue provides 10 tips for coping with isolation (maybe of interest to those in COVID-19 isolation) from explorer Tim Jarvis. Tim draws on his expedition experiences pushing himself to the limits of physical endurance.



Dr Karl Kruszelnicki explains why pandemics occur and the devastations they have caused in human history. Dr Karl discusses that they will continue to occur and how we should be prepared for the future.

Ancient Aboriginal settlements discovered in the Budj Bim National Park in SW Victoria reveal evidence of sophisticated use of materials for building, fish trapping and agriculture. Not so far away are the ancient volcanoes that are part of a string of them from Cape Hillsborough QLD to the coast of Victoria, ending in the active Cosgrove hotspot just off NW Tasmania under the sea. These were created by the land mass moving steadily and slowly northwards over a molten rock hotspot, creating the longest continuous chain of volcanoes in the world.

The annual migration of spider crabs from Bass Strait into Port Phillip Bay to moult and form new external shells each winter is revealed with fascinating photos and descriptions. The bizarre and wonderful world of jellyfish from 40cm to 2 metres across in size and their importance in the ecology of the sea makes interesting reading.

Finally, The Recycling Revolution article takes you through how new technology is addressing our throwaway culture to become a more sustainable circular economy that eliminates waste and reuses materials.

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