

It's just not cricket

Not to be unpatriotic, but there is other fun to be had on the sand...



Quits, \$99 for set of 6, Riversdale Ropes from Remo General Store, (02) 9130 1590, remogeneralstore.com. *Up the stakes with a beach tournament — media run for the loser?*

Paddle set, \$19.95, SunnyLife, (03) 9421 6325, sunnylife.com.au. *Whether you whip up a makeshift ping-pong tournament or hit the water for aqua tennis, it's all good, clean, competitive fun.*

Frisbee, \$5, Target, 1300 130 000. *Have a throw just for the '80s nostalgia kick.*

Game, \$49.95, Suck UK from Until, 1300 668 818, until.com.au. *The vests turn red when they get wet so there'll be no mistaking the last player standing.*

Ball, \$7.50, Kiosk from Third Drawer Down, (03) 9534 4088, thirddrawerdown.com. *Wiffle ball is kinda like a lightweight baseball — throw, smack or bounce it anywhere (except on bushes/sandcastles).*

Kite, \$24.95, Ridley's from Until, 1300 668 818, until.com.au. *Get your Mary Poppins on with this teeny kite that even a reebee can handle.*

Game, \$9.99, Waboba from Rebel Sport, (02) 8866 6500, rebelsport.com.au. *The aim of this one is to keep it off the ground. Not only fun, it's also great for your hand-eye coordination.*



Thongs, \$69.95 (35/26-41/42), Missoni ♥ Havaianas, (02) 9369 0500. *The comfiest thongs in the world have teamed up with the Italian mega-label.*



Shu Uemura Tribal Patch False Eyelashes, \$52, (02) 9931 8888. *Comp the drama with these festive falsies.*

FOR BEACHY HAIR (SANS SURF)

For sexily tousled locks without the usual salty crunch, this mist is super-light and adds tons of texture without feeling sticky. The honey and tangerine essences leave hair smelling heavenly-tropical too.

Kevin.Murphy Hair.Resort.Spray, \$34.95, 1800 104 204.



How to... get sand out of your phone

Try to blow out the grit first — believe it or not, your breath is more forceful than a hairdryer. Not budging? Get your hands on a can of compressed air, which IT types use to get dust out of keyboards. If all else fails pull it apart, but be warned: you have to put it back together.



M.A.C Optical Bronzer, \$76, 1800 613 828, maccosmetics.com.au.

For cheeks that shimmer and glow.



Lamp, \$499 and shade, from \$130, both Ada & Darcy, 0410 281 988, adaanddarcy.com.au.

Add a pop of pattern to a plain room.

Print Of The Season: Zig-zag

Move over snakeskin, summer's gone graphic.

Plate, \$52, Summer & Eve, 0410 500 316, summerandeve.com.au. *Serve up fresh salads in style.*



One fine day...

All the essentials you need for guaranteed good times..

...at the beach.

STAKE OUT THE PERFECT SPOT AND SOAK UP THAT VITAMIN D...

1. *Surfboard*

This is the year to get lessons.
\$750. Roxy. 1800 805 506. roxy.com.

2. *Esky*

Just big enough to get through a day's worth of drinks and sushi rolls.
\$27.99. Esky from Bunnings Warehouse, (02) 9846 7100.

3. *Towel*

Bag yourself extra space on the sand with a super-sized version.
\$59.95. Esprit from Myer, 1800 811 611. myer.com.au.

4. *Music*

Because sand is an iPod's nemesis, it'll be safe inside this retro case with waterproof speakers.
Speakers. \$49.95. SunnyLife. (03) 9421 6325. sunnylife.com.au.

5. *Beach bag*

Roomy enough for all that sunscreen we know you'll be using.
Bag. \$14.95. Choose My Life Instyle. (02) 9388 0779. Banana Boat Sport SPF 30+ Trigger Spray. \$15.75. 1800 810 310.

6. *B2O bottle*

Saves you coin and helps you do your bit for the earth too.
\$14.95. Bobble from Officeworks, 1300 633 423. officeworks.com.au.

7. *Goggles*

With an inbuilt video camera for underwater Leibowitz-ing.
\$199. Liquid Image from Active Outthere. (03) 9553 3447.

8. *Throw rug*

Sit on it while your towel dries.
\$79.95. Eb&Ive. 0411 589 113.

