

Place of the Sting Ray

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Place of the Stingray is a very special place on the Limestone Coast of South Australia. It has been important to the Boandik people for thousands of years. It is also known as The Caves.





The Boandik people lived here for thousands of years. They lived off the food from the sea. Many of them hunted the stingray, which is how the place got its name. The ocean had more than enough food for everyone.





Lobster and abalone were hunted and seaweed was eaten. Cockles and whelks were collected off the rocks. The lakes and land provided lots of food. Eels and freshwater fish were caught and bird's eggs were collected. Fruit and yams were also gathered.





For many years, the Boandik people lived peacefully here. They looked after their land and ocean, only taking what they needed. However, things started to change in the early 1800's. Whalers and sealers arrived from other countries and hunted along the coast. Other settlers then arrived and started grazing cattle and sheep.

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Place of the Sting Ray is a true survival story as told by John Livingstone Senior, one of the original 1850's settlers. Also known as The Caves, it is a very important place in history for South Australia's First Nations people. The Boandik people lived peacefully off the land and the ocean until the European settlers arrived.



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