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## **Stockland partners with the National Theatre for Children to educate students to treasure natural resources**

This winter over 10,000 students across Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth will enjoy live theatre designed to make a difference. Stockland has partnered with The National Theatre for Children to create *The Treasure Trove of Conservation Cove: A Pirate's Tale*, an educational play about natural resource conservation.

*The Treasure Trove of Conservation Cove* uses colourful characters such as Captain Doorknob, Cece Starfish, and Merv Maid to teach students what natural resources are, how we use natural resources, how those resources are sometimes wasted and what each student can do to use them more wisely.

The Australian tour is performed by professional actors and supplemented by student workbooks filled with activities and educational games, teacher guides to be used in the classroom and interactive digital learning materials that reinforce the educational points of energy conservation, all of which is brought to each school completely free of charge.

The thorough nature of the multiplatform program is the result of time-tested experience. Tobias Benn, the Managing Director of NTC Australia explains. "We've been operating in the USA for over 35 years and our Australian team has 15 years of local experience educating millions of students," he says. "A huge part of our success is the fact that once the students get fired up about the topic—in this case, energy efficiency and conservation—they can't wait to get home and share what they learned. It's a way for our sponsors to spread these important messages into the greater community. We get to help kids to help the world, and that's very rewarding."

Penny Courtie, Stockland Sustainability Manager, said: "Stockland is proud to be a world leader for sustainability in real estate and this goes hand-in-hand with the highest standards of environmental preservation, protection, rehabilitation and stewardship within our communities and across our portfolio. We strongly believe that we have an important role to play in helping to educate the next generation, who we know care deeply and have a strong interest in preserving and protecting our environment for the future. We are very pleased to partner with the National Theatre for Children in their presentation and tour of this fun and educational play."

*The Treasure Trove of Conservation Cove* will launch its national tour in Melbourne during the week starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

### **About Stockland**

Stockland (ASX: SGP) was founded in 1952 and has grown to become Australia's largest diversified property group – owning, developing and managing a large portfolio of shopping centres, residential communities, retirement living villages, office and industrial assets. Stockland was recognised by the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) with a Gold Class Award for 2014-15, which recognises companies that score within 1 per cent of the Global Real Estate Industry Group Leader. Stockland was also named one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in 2014, for the fifth consecutive year. [www.stockland.com.au](http://www.stockland.com.au)

### **About NTC**

In 1978, NTC dedicated itself to delivering entertaining and highly educational programs to positively motivate families, students and educators. We inspire young people – and their families – to explore important and timely curricular subjects including: wise energy use, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), financial literacy, health and nutrition and environmental literacy, among others. Originally focused on delivering its programs via live theatre, NTC is now an award-winning educational content provider whose repertoire includes print and digital curriculum and extracurricular events. We have developed the art of teaching through educational story-telling into a science of its own, and are currently the largest in-school touring educational production company in the world. [www.ntccorporate.com.au](http://www.ntccorporate.com.au)