

A beach of a job, but someone had to do it!

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THE miles and miles of Eurobodalla's beaches can now fit in a glovebox.

A tantalising guidebook on the shire's coast, *Beaches of Batemans Bay and the Eurobodalla Coast*, has just been launched by Hyams Publishing.

The glossy 240-page book showcases more than 80 beaches from South Durras Beach to Wallaga Beach and includes town maps for the entire Eurobodalla.

In it are details on amenities, boat ramps, barbecues, camping, bush walking, surfing and more.

It took creators Manuela and Peter Henry nine months to collate, from their first footprint in the sand to final publication. Words, photographs, design - the Henrys were behind it all.

It was the Henrys' second guidebook, the first being *Beaches of Jervis Bay and the Shoalhaven*.

"We wanted to produce a practical guide to the beautiful Eurobodalla beaches to complement the Shoalhaven beaches book," Mr Henry

said.

"Each beach has its own double-page spread featuring beautiful photos, full descriptions, maps and an easy-find legend to quickly identify the essentials."

The book is easy to use, robust and would be at home on both coffee table and dashboard. It's well-researched, and likely to educate even the most knowledgeable locals.

"The hard part is getting the local information spot on, you don't want to make a guidebook that's misleading," Mr Henry said.

"We tried not to miss any beaches, as long as they have reasonable access."

The Henrys doorknocked many residents during their research, and met few people who didn't want to share their local beach with others.

"In fact, quite the opposite, most people are really proud," he said.

BEAUTIFUL BEACHES:

Guidebook creator Peter Henry composes a shot on Malua Bay Beach on Monday.

