

# Animal Tales of Golden Bay

Photo Edition

Written and illustrated  
by Claire Rose

## Children's Book

Educational, fun, quirky and beautifully illustrated children's book, narrated by Toni the Tui bird, with 24 animals telling their own stories and 24 drawings and photos to enjoy. Incorporating Te reo, suitable for school, Sunday school and home education.

## Synopsis

Meet the pets and animals around Pakawau and surrounding areas of Golden Bay and listen to their amusing tails, including Ruby, the Australian terrier cross with her stealing ways, Duke, the huge Rottweiler dog who loves to wield large branches in his mouth, and Eddy, the interesting eagle ray with electric sensors in his head.

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Claire Rose is a wife to Nigel and mother to 7 children, she is a talented artist in Golden Bay, New Zealand, publishing her first book. *See a sample page on back.*



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# Eddy

eagle ray - whairepo

Hi, my name is Eddy and I am an eagle ray. I can be found swimming around the estuary of the Aorere river in Collingwood, which is such a beautiful part of the world.

We are named eagle ray because of the interesting shape of our heads. Some people say we have a face like a frog or a duck or an eagle. Did you know that our tails are longer than our body? Our wing span can grow up to 2.1 metres wide helping us to sometimes fly out of the ocean, jumping and splashing as we go, making quite a show.

We are not known to be aggressive, but we can give you a nasty sting. If by chance you do get stung by me, then the best thing to do is submerge the area into hot water. This will help reduce the pain.



We are going over the road now to the Old School Cafe to meet Chai.  
So be careful and watch out for the cars when you cross the road.



One day, I was found washed up on the beach at Pakawau by a man called Wolfgang going for his daily walk taking photographs of the sea and the sky. He thought to himself: "Wow! That's an interesting-looking sea creature. I will take a photo of you and give it to my neighbour Claire, so she can do a pencil drawing of you."

**Let me see you gracefully flap your eagle-ray wings, pretending to be under water.**

We are great diggers, making large holes in the sand, blasting jets of water out of our gills, to help us hunt down hermit crabs, scallops and worms for dinner. Another cool way we can find our food is by using jelly filled electric sensors in our head, detecting electric currents made by the muscles of other animals.

In general, people do not catch us for food but we do accidentally get caught in their nets. Usually fishermen cut off our tails so they don't get hurt. We can live without our tails but the only trouble is, when the big orca whales come to eat us, we have no means of defence. Unfortunately, some of mine got chopped off!