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## Sun, Sand and...Pigs!

What the? Is that a pig I see wading trotter deep along the shores of St Kilda beach? With many beachgoers giving their eyes a rub and thinking they may have had just one too many glasses of sherry on the big day, Hamish Pig was totally oblivious to all the commotion he was causing.

The recent balmy weather has seen many folk flocking to Melbourne's beaches to cool down and Sunday was no different except that for those who made the foreshore at St Kilda their destination. It seems Hamish Pig, humble ambassador for his porcine cousins had decided, along with his human companions, that it was a good place for a little piggy R & R.

"I guess some people may think it kind of strange to see a piggy trotting along the promenade, happily stopping for a chat and posing for a photograph" said Hamish's guardian Pam Ahern of Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary. "But really pigs are not that much different from people's beloved dogs. Okay they may get a little larger and our laws certainly treat them a little differently but pigs are very intelligent, clean, fun loving and really do get a kick out of human company"

And get a kick those who met Hamish certainly did. The pint sized porker just loved playing in the sand with his new doggy friends and amazed one and all with his obedience and sense of humour. We guess it just goes to show, you never know who you'll meet on the streets of St. Kilda.

To find out more about Hamish and all his farmyard friends go to [www.edgarsmission.org.au](http://www.edgarsmission.org.au) Edgar's Mission is a not for profit sanctuary for rescued farmed animals and their outreach work aims to expand the public's circle of compassion to include all animals.

Photos attached for media use: large file photos available upon request

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why wouldn't we?"*