Current Affair

Beachgoers in Melbourne were shocked to find a metre tall emperor penguin waddling around their beaches. And what makes it so amazing was the journey it took to get here.

Emperor penguins are exclusively Antarctician, meaning that their natural habitat is always Antarctica. An emperor penguin has to have swum 3400km to Australia, or the equivalent of around 55,000 swims around an Olympic sized pool for us. It is also far more unusual that it would go to a far warmer climate despite it being Spring and close to Summer. The penguin was malnourished, making a feat like this even harder to pull off.

When he reached the beach, many beachgoers were shocked as the penguin, nicknamed Gus, began trying to toboggan on the sand thinking it was snow, only to land on it’s face. The penguin was unfazed, however and began to explore the beach.

The penguin was in terrible condition, however, so malnourished that you could see his bones. He only weighted 23 kilograms.

I think this is most likely a bad thing =, as Gus most likely headed in the wrong direction because there was no ice to be found due to global warming. I got my news from ExplorersWeb.