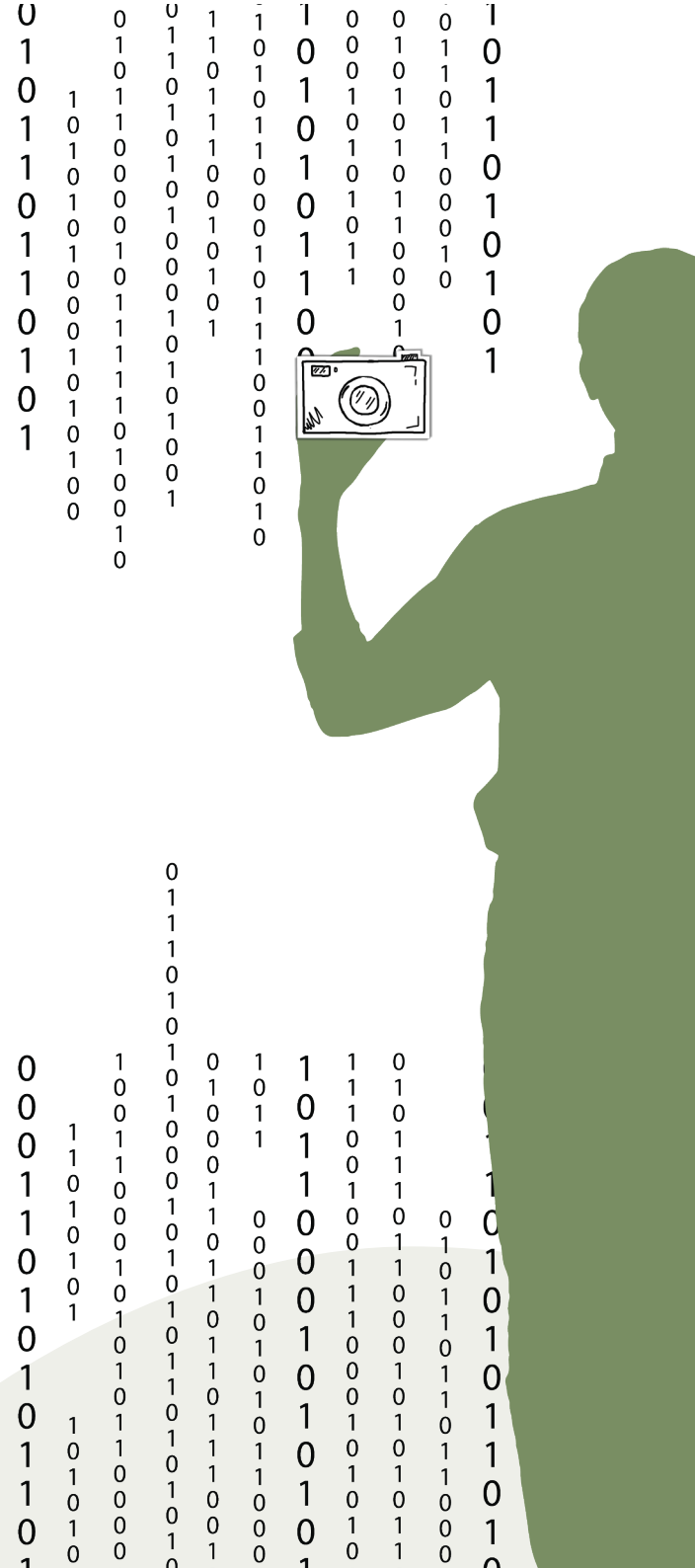


THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN <VIRTUAL> RACE



Epilogue

You huddle around your laptop and wait for the livestream to start.

‘Allow me to introduce myself. I’m Chekar, the host of The Great Australian <Virtual> Race. The only reason you have made it this far is that you are excellent at solving puzzles. So many of you will have already rearranged the letters of my name and realised that I am also Hacker.’

You and Ruby nod at each other knowingly.

Chekar continues, ‘Not only have you demonstrated

excellent knowledge of Australia’s national symbols, you have also solved every problem and challenge I’ve thrown at you these past few days. So congratulations! Your team is through to the final phase of the competition.’

‘Yes!’ Ruby is making those happy little fists again.

‘The race is virtual so you will play online. All instructions will be given in the game but I can promise you now – there will be no more hacking.’

‘Thank goodness,’ sighs Beau beside you.

You will need to use all of the knowledge you’ve learnt through the three rounds to complete the race. But the clock will be counting down. Good luck.’

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