

Eugarie/Pipi

Donax deltoides



Adaptation to environment

- Protects itself from predators & wave action with hard shell & by living just below the sand
- Powerful muscles hold shells together when disturbed.



Feeding relationships

Where do I live? Sandy Beaches

What do I eat?

- Microscopic algae & animals caught by pumping water through a siphon over fine sticky filters.

What eats me?

- Sand Snails drill holes in shell to eat them
- An important food source for Aborigines – huge piles of shells form middens along the coast
- Still collected for food & bait
- Oyster catchers.

- To 6 cm • Rounded triangular clam hinged along one side • Muscular “foot” for digging • Most common surf-beach shell.