

4x2 A piece of wood measuring 4 inches by 2 inches

A

Ace! Excellent! Very good!

Aerial ping-pong Australian Rules football

Agro Aggressive

Aluminium The correct way of saying aluminum

Amber fluid Beer

Ambo Ambulance or ambulance driver

Ankle biter Small child

Apples, she'll be It'll be all right

Arvo Afternoon

Aspro Short for aspirin

Aussie (pron. Ozzie) Australian

Aussie salute Brushing away flies with the hand

Avos Avocados

B

B & S Ball Bachelors' and Spinsters' Ball; A very enjoyable party usually held in rural areas for young single people

Back chat Back talk, like when you're talking back to your mum in an argument, like being a smart arse

Back of Bourke A very long way away

Bacon wagon Police car

Bail (somebody) up To corner somebody physically, detain them for longer than they would like

Bail out Depart, usually angrily

Banana bender A person from Queensland

Barbie Barbecue

Barrack To cheer on or to support or follow a team, especially used in reference to Australian Football

Barracker The person who supports/cheers for a team

Bathers Swimming costume

Battler Someone working hard and only just making a living

Beaut Beauty, great, fantastic

Bee's knees To be the best, perfect: "don't you think you are the bee's knee's"

Bible-thumper A religious person

Big-note oneself Brag, boast

Bikie Biker

Bikkie Biscuit (also "it cost big bikkies" - it was expensive)

Billabong An ox-bow lake or watering hole

Billy Teapot, metal container for boiling water over an open fire

Bingle Motor vehicle accident

Bities Biting insects

Bitzer Mongrel dog ("bits of this and bits of that")

Bizzo Business ("mind your own bizzo")

Black stump, beyond the A long way away, the back of nowhere

Bloke Man, guy

Bloody Very (bloody hard yakka)

Bloody oath! "That's certainly true "

Blow in the bag Have a breathalyser test

Blowie Blow fly

Bludger Lazy person, layabout, somebody who always relies on other people to do things or lend him/her things

Blue Fight ("he was having a blue with his wife")

Blue Make a make a mistake

Bluey Heavy wool or felt jacket worn by mining and construction workers

Bluey A redheaded person

Bluey Blue cattle dog (named after its subtle markings) which is an excellent

Bluey Bluebottle jellyfish

Bodgy Of inferior quality

Bog in Commence eating, to attack food with enthusiasm

Bog standard Basic, unadorned, without accessories (a bog standard car,

Bogan Person who takes little pride in his appearance, spends his days slacking

Bogged Stuck in mud, deep sand (a vehicle).

Bondi cigar See "brown-eyed mullet"

Bonkers Gone crazy

Bonnet Hood of car

Bonzer, Bonza Great, ripper , excellent

Boogie board A hybrid, half-sized surf board

Boomer A large male kangaroo

Boonies In the middle of nowhere

Boot Trunk of car

Booze bus Police vehicle used for catching drunk drivers

Boozer A pub, a person who drinks a lot

Bored shitless Very bored

Bottle shop Liquor shop

Bottle-o Liquor shop (originally a man with hessian bags going around picking up

Bottler Something excellent

Bottling "His blood's worth bottling" = He's an excellent, helpful person

Bourke Street, he doesn't know Christmas from He's a bit slow in the head. (Bourke Street is a brightly lit main road in downtown Melbourne)

Bowl of rice "Not my bowl of rice" = I don't like it

Brass razoo "He doesn't have a brass razoo" = He's very poor

Brekkie Breakfast
Brick shit house "Built like a brick shit house" = Big and strong person
Brickie Bricklayer
Brisvegas Brisbane, state capital of Queensland
Brizzie Brisbane, state capital of Queensland
Brown-eyed mullet Human solid waste in the sea
Brumby A wild horse
Buckley's "Buckley's chance" = No chance ("New Zealand stands Buckley's of
Buck's night Stag party, male gathering the night before the wedding
Budgie smugglers Tight-fitting men's bathing costume
Bugger Exclamation of frustration; "Bugger it!" = darn it; "you cheeky bugger" = someone who is cheeky, full of back talk
Bug-a-lugs An affectionate term for a loved one, usually an infant
Bull bar Alloy bar work fixed to the front of a vehicle to protect it against hitting kangaroos (also **Roo bar**)
Bundy Short for Bundaberg, Queensland; Brand of brown rum made in Bundaberg
Bunyip Mythical outback creature
Bush The hinterland, the Outback, anywhere that isn't in town/city
Bush bash Long competitive running or motorcar race through the bush
Bush oyster Nasal mucous
Bush telly Campfire
Bushie Someone who lives in the bush, i.e. out of town
Bushman's hanky Emitting nasal mucous by placing one index finger on the
Bushranger Highwayman, outlaw
Butcher Small glass of beer in South Australia
BYO Bring Your Own

C

Cab Sav Cabernet Sauvignon (a variety of wine grape)
Cactus Dead, not functioning ("This bloody washing machine is cactus")
Cane toad A person from Queensland
Captain Cook Look ("Let's have a Captain Cook")
Cark it To die, cease functioning
Cat burying shit "As busy as a cat burying shit" = very busy, working hard
Cat's piss "As mean as cat's piss" = mean, stingy, uncharitable
Chewie Chewing gum
Chippy Fish & chip shop
Chips French fries
Chockers Full, particularly a person after eating a meal
Chokkie Chocolate
Chook Chicken

Chrissie Christmas

Chuck a sickie Take the day off sick from work when you're perfectly healthy; Also "hang a sickie"

Chuck a wobbly Throw a tantrum.

Chunder Vomit

Clacker Anus

Clayton's Fake, substitute

Cleanskin Bottle of wine without a label; unbranded cattle

Cleanskin Cattle that have not been branded, earmarked or castrated.

Clobber Clothing, equipment

Clucky Feeling broody or maternal

Coathanger Sydney Harbour Bridge

Cobber Friend, mate

Cockie Cockatoo

Cockie Cockroach

Cockie Farmer, station owner

Cockroach A person from New South Wales

Coldie A beer

Come a gutser Make a bad mistake, have an accident

Compo Workers' Compensation

Conch (adj. conchy)

Cooe A bushman's call, usually used when someone is lost

Cooe "Couldn't get within cooe of him" = Could not get close

Cook, The The wife

Corker Something that is excellent

Corroboree An aboriginal dance festival, social meeting

Counter lunch/Country Pub lunch

Cozzie Swimming costume

Crack a fat Get an excited

Crack onto To hit on someone, pursue someone romantically

Cranky In a bad mood, angry

Cream Defeat by a large margin

Crook Sick, badly made, angry

Cross Angry

Crow eater A person from South Australia

Cubby house Child's playhouse

Cut lunch Sandwiches

Cut lunch commando Army reservist

Cut snake "Mad as a cut snake" = very angry

D

Dag A funny person, nerd, goof

Daggy Anything that is uncool, usually pertaining to something being retrogressive

Dairy Convenience store

Daks Trousers

Damper "The rain has put a damper on it" = created a disappointing situation

Damper Bread made from flour and water, usually cooked in the ashes of a fire while camping

Date Arse, arsehole

Dead dingo's donger "As dry as a dead dingo's donger" = very dry

Dead horse Tomato sauce

Deadset True, the truth

Deli Delicatessen, convenience store

Dero Derelict, tramp, hobo, homeless person

Dickhead See "whacker"

Digger An Australian soldier

Dill Idiot

Dingo's breakfast A yawn, a leak and a good look round (i.e. no breakfa

Dinkum, fair dinkum True, real, genuine

Dinky-di The real thing, genuine

Dipstick A loser, idiot

Divvy van Police vehicle used for transporting criminals

Dob in Inform on somebody

Dobber A tattler-tale

Docket A bill, receipt

Doco Documentary

Dodgy Unsure, not good, dubious

Dog Unattractive person, useless item (usually a vehicle i.e. "a dog of a car")

Dog's balls/dog's nuts "Stands out like dog's balls" = obvious

Dog's eye Meat pie

Dole bludger Somebody on social assistance when unjustified

Donger Penis

Donkey's/Donkey's years A long, long time

Doodle Penis

Doona Duvet

Dork Nerd

Down Under Australia and New Zealand

Drink with the flies To drink alone

Drongo A dopy, stupid person

Dropkick See 'dipstick'

Drum "I'll give you the drum" = Information, tip-off

Duchess Sideboard

Duff "Up the duff" = Pregnant

Duffer Cattle rustler
Dummy Pacifier or soother
Dummy "Spit the dummy" = Get very upset at something , throw a tantrum
Dunny Lavatory
Dunny budgie Blowfly
Dunny rat "Cunning as a dunny rat" = very cunning; Also "shithouse rat"
Durry Cigarette

E

Earbashing Nagging, non-stop chatter
EFTPOS Point-of-sale debit, equivalent to Canada's Interac
Ekka The Brisbane Exhibition, an annual show
Engaged The busy signal on a phone
Esky An insulated cooler box for putting food/drink on ice for picnics, barbecues etc. (NZ friends would call it a 'chilly bin')
Exy Expensive

F

Face "He was off his face " = Drunk
Fair dinkum True, genuine
Fair go A chance/opportunity
Fair suck of the sav! See "Fair go"
Fairy floss Candy floss, cotton candy
Feral A utility vehicle sporting a large bullbar, numerous aerials, large truck mudflaps, and stickers on over the rear window and tailgate, sometimes seen with a Mack truck hood ornament and always with many large driving lights
Feral A hippie
Figjam Acronym for "Fuck I'm Good, Just Look At Me" and a nickname for someone with a high opinion of themselves
Fisho Fishmonger
Flake Shark meat sold in fish & chip shops
Flannel Facecloth
Flat An apartment
Flat Out "Flat out like a lizard drinking" = Very busy
Flatmate Roommate
Flick "Give them the flick" = Get rid of it or him/her
Flick it on To sell something, usually for a quick profit, soon after buying it
Fly wire Gauze flyscreen covering a window or doorway
Footy Australian Rules Football
Fossick Search, rummage

Fossick To prospect, e.g. for gold
Fossicker Prospector, e.g. for gold
Four-wheel drive A sports utility vehicle
Franger Condom
Freckle Anus
Fremantle Doctor The cooling afternoon breeze that arrives in Perth from the general direction of Fremantle
Freo Fremantle in Western Australia
Frog in a sock "As cross as a frog in a sock" = Sounding angry
Fruit loop Fool
Full Drunk
Furphy False or unreliable rumour

G

Gabba Woolloongabba, the Brisbane cricket ground
Gander To have a look at something or to look around
Garbo Municipal garbage collector
G'Day Hello
Gear Clothing, equipment
Get up somebody Get angry at someone, rebuke someone
Giggle Box Television
Give it a burl Try it out
Gob Mouth
Gobsmacked Surprised, astounded
God-botherer Priest
Going off An exceptionally good time, as in an event or location
Good oil Useful information, a good idea, the truth
Goodonya Good for you, well done
Googy/Googy-egg An egg
Grinning like a shot fox Very happy, smugly satisfied
Grog Liquor, beer, alcoholic beverage
Grouse Great, terrific, very good
Grundies Underwear
Gut-full Had enough
Gyno Gynaecologist

H

Handle Beer glass with a handle
Harold Holt "Do a Harold Holt" = To bolt/runaway; Also "Do the Harold"

Heaps A lot, e.g. "thanks heaps"

High horse A position of arrogance

Hooley-dooley! An exclamation.

Hoon Hooligan, a rowdy person usually in a motor vehicle

Hooroo Goodbye

Hotel Often just a pub

Hottie Hot water bottle

I

Icy pole Popsicle

Idiot box Television

J

Jackaroo A male trainee ranch manager or ranch hand

Jag A lucky break

Jillaroo A female trainee station manager or station hand

Joe Bloggs The average person someone you usually do not know, Also "Joe Blow"

Joey Baby kangaroo

Journo Journalist

Jug Electric kettle

Jumbuck Sheep

Jumper A sweater, usually made of wool or something similar

K

Kark it To die; Also "Cark it"

Kelpie Australian dog used in driving livestock

Kero Kerosene

Kerfuffle Some sort of commotion, disagreement

Kindie kindergarten

Kip Nap; Also the board used to toss coins when playing Two-up

Knackered Tired, exhausted

Knock To criticise

Knock back Refusal, refuse

Knock off Finish work; Also "A knock off" = false, fake, not genuine

Knocker Somebody who criticises

Kombi A Volkswagen van

L

Lair A hooligan
Larrikin A bloke who is always enjoying himself, harmless prankster, someone who has spunk, Australian-style charisma
Lippy Lipstick
Liquid laugh Vomit
Lizard drinking "Flat out like a lizard drinking" = very busy
Lob in Drop in to see someone
Lollies Sweets, candy
Lolly "Do your lolly" = lose your temper, throw a tantrum
Long paddock The side of the road where livestock is grazed during droughts
Longneck 750ml bottle of beer in South Australia
Lucky Country, The Australia
Lunch "Who opened their lunch?" = Who farted?
Lurk Underhanded racket

M

Maccas (pron. "mackers") McDonald's Restaurants
Mallee bull "As fit as a mallee bull" = Very strong
Manchester Household linen, e.g. bed sheets, towels etc.
Mappa Tassie Map of Tasmania = A woman's pubic area
Mate Buddy, friend
Mate's rate A discounted rate for a friend
Matilda Swagman's bedding, sleeping roll
Metho Methylated spirits
Mexican A person from south of the Queensland or New South Wales border
Mickey Mouse Somewhat of poor quality
Middy 285 ml beer glass in New South Wales
Milk bar The local convenience store or corner shop that sells bread, milk, confectionery, daily newspapers, and takeaway food, usually privately owned and operated
Milko Milkman
Mob Family of kangaroos
Mob Group of people, not necessarily troublesome
Mongrel Despicable person
Moolah Money
Mozzie Mosquito
Mrs. Have-a-chat Someone who just keeps talking and wont shut-up
Muddy Mud crab (a great delicacy)
Mug "Have a go, ya mug" = Take a shot, you dope
Mull Marijuana
Muster Round up sheep or cattle
My oath It is the truth

Mystery bag A sausage

N

Nappy Diaper

Nasho National Service (compulsory military service)

Naughty "Have a naughty" = Have sex

Never Never The Outback, centre of Australia

Nipper young person, often an infant

No drama Same as 'no worries', not a problem, "you're welcome"

No worries! See "No drama"

No-hoper Somebody who'll never do well

Not the full quid Not bright intellectually

Nuddy Naked

Nun's nasty "As dry as a nun's nasty" = very dry

Nut out Hammer out or work out (an agreement, say)

O

O.S. Overseas

Ocker An unsophisticated Australian

Offsider An assistant, helper

Old fella Penis

Old geezer An old person

Oldies Parents

Onya "Good on you" = Well done

Op shop Opportunity shop, thrift store, place where second hand goods are sold

Outback Interior of Australia

Oz Australia

P

Paddock A field for livestock to graze; see 'long paddock'

Paddy wagon Police vehicle used for transporting criminals

Pash A long passionate kiss; "pashing on" = making out

Pav Pavlova - a meringue-like dessert first made in Australia to commemorate the performance of a Russian ballerina in the early-1900s

Perve Ogling, looking lustfully at a member of the opposite sex

Petrol Gasoline

Picker Lazy

Piece of piss Easy task

Pig bait Something (usually a motor vehicle) that is customised to the point where it will attract

unwanted attention from the police

Pig's arse! "I don't agree with you "

Piker Someone who leaves parties early, or says they will attend an event but don't show up

Piss Beer; "Hit the piss" = "sink some piss" = go out drinking beer

Plaster Band-Aid; Also "get plastered" = get drunk

Plate "Bring a plate to the barbecue" = Bring some food, usually snack items or a salad

Plonk Cheap wine

Pokies Poker machines, fruit machines, gambling slot machines

Polly Politician

Pom/Pommy An English person

Pommy bastard An English person

Pommy shower Using deodorant instead of taking a shower

Pommy's towel "As dry as a pommy's towel" = Very dry

Porky A lie, untruth

Pork pie A lie

Port Suitcase (portmanteau)

Postie Postman, mailman

Pot 285 ml beer glass in Queensland and Victoria

Pozzy Position

Pram A carriage for wheeling babies, similar to a stroller

Prang Crash

Prezzy Present, gift

Primemover Truck to which large container trailers are attached to form a semi-trailer truck

Q

Quack Doctor

Quid A dollar

Quid "Not the full quid" = lacking intelligence, crazy

R

Rack off Go away

Rage Party

Rage on Continue partying

Rapt Rapturous, pleased, delighted

Ratbag An untrustworthy person

Raw prawn "Don't come the raw prawn with me, mate!" = Don't lie

Reckon! Absolutely!

Reffo Refugee

Rego Vehicle registration

Rellie/Rello Relative
Ridgy-didge Original, genuine
Righto OK, alright
Ring To call someone on the phone
Ripsnorter Great, fantastic
Ripper Great, fantastic
Ripper "You little ripper!" = Exclamation of delight or as a reaction to good news
Rissole Meatball
Road train Semi-trailer truck with many trailers
Rock up To turn up, to arrive
Rock spider A pedophile
Rollie A cigarette that you roll yourself
Roo Kangaroo
Roo bar See "bull bar"
Roo loose in the top paddock Insane, crazy
Root (verb and noun)
Root rat Somebody who is constantly looking for sex
Root Have sex
Ropeable Extremely angry
Rorting Defrauding
Rotten Drunk
Rubber Pencil eraser , tyres for a car
Rubbish To criticize
Rubbish Garbage

S

Sack To be fire someone from a job
Salvos The Salvation Army
Sand shoes Runners
Sandgroper A person from Western Australia
Sanger A sandwich
Sav saveloy, a type of highly seasoned pork sausage, (see also "fair suck of the sav!")
Schooner Large beer glass in Queensland; medium beer glass in South Australia
Scratchy Instant lottery ticket
Screamer An amazingly athletic catch in cricket or football
Seppo Septic tank = yank = an American
Servo Petrol (gasoline) station
Shag on a rock "Stands out like a shag on a rock" = Very obvious
Shark biscuit Somebody new to surfing
Sheila A woman

She'll be right It'll turn out okay

Shithouse Toilet, lavatory, of poor quality

Shonky Dubious, underhanded, of poor quality

Shoot through To leave

Shout "It's your shout" = Your turn to buy (usually a round of drinks)

Show A party, particularly in Melbourne

Show pony A show off

Sickie A day off due to illness

Skite Boast, brag

Skull/Skol To drink a beer in a single draught without taking a breath

Slab A carton of 24 bottles or cans of beer

Sleepout A verandah on a house converted to a bedroom

Smoko Smoke or coffee break

Snag A sausage

Snake in the grass An untrustworthy person

Sook Person or animal who is soft, tame, inoffensive, whiney

Spag bol Spaghetti bolognese

Spanner Wrench

Sparrow fart "She was up at sparrow fart" = First thing in the morning

Spewing Very angry

Spiffy, pretty spiffy Great, excellent

Spit the dummy Get very upset at something, throw a tantrum

Sprung Caught doing something wrong

Spunk A good looking person (of either sex)

Squizz "Take a squizz at this" = Take a look

Station A big farm/grazing property, an Australian ranch

Stickybeak Nosy person

Stoked Very pleased/happy, ecstatic

Stonkered Drunk

Straight away Right away, right now

Strewth! Exclamation

Strides Trousers

Strife Trouble

Strine Australian slang and pronunciation, Australian mode of speech

Stubby A 375ml beer bottle

Stubby holder Neoprene holder for a stubby

Stuffed Tired, exhausted; "Get stuffed!" = Piss off

Sunbake Sunbathe

Sunnies Sunglasses

Supper Tea at night time/small snack before bed but not dinner (varies depending on the region)

Surfies People who go surfing, surfers

Swag Rolled up bedding carried by a swagman

Swaggie Swagman

Swagman Tramp, hobo who wanders between farms looking for food in return for odd jobs & manual labour

T

Ta Thank you

Tall poppies Successful people

Tall poppy syndrome The particularly Australian tendency to criticize successful people

Tallie 750ml bottle of beer

Tomato sauce Ketchup

Taswegian Term for a person from Tasmania

Tea Dinner

Technicolor yawn Vomit

Tee-up To arrange (an appointment)

Thingo /Thingummy

Thongs Cheap rubber backless sandals

Throw-down Small bottle of beer which you drink quickly

Tickets "He has tickets on himself" = A high opinion of oneself

Tinny Can of beer

Tinny Small aluminium boat, dinghy

Tinny Lucky

Tits on a bull "As useful as tits on a bull" = Thoroughly useless, a waste of time

Togs Swimming suit

Tonk Big hit, particularly in cricket

Ton One hundred

Too right! Definitely, absolutely

Top End Far north of Australia

Tosser Someone who masturbates, an idiot

Trackie daks Tracksuit pants

Trackies Track suit

Troppo Insane

Trough lolly The solid piece of perfumed disinfectant in a men's urinal

Truckie Truck driver

True blue Real, genuine

Tuck shop A store selling food, usually at a school

Tucker Food

Tucker-bag Food bag

Turps Turpentine, alcoholic beverage

Two up Gambling game played by spinning two coins simultaneously

Two pot screamer A person who gets drunk easily

U

Undies Underwear

Uni University

Unit Flat, apartment

Up oneself Have a high opinion of oneself

Ute Utility vehicle, pickup truck

V

Vegies Vegetables

Vee-dub Volkswagen

Veg out Relax in front of the TV (like a vegetable)

Vejo Vegetarian

Vinnie's St. Vincent De Paul's (charity thrift stores and hostels)

W

WACA (pron. whacker) Western Australian Cricket Association, cricket ground

Waffle To talk a lot of nonsense

Wag To skip school or work

Waggin' Playing truant

Walkabout A walk in the Outback by Aborigines that lasts for an indefinite amount of time

Walkabout It's gone, lost, can't be found

Weekend warrior Army reservist

Whacker/whacka An idiot

Whinge Complain

White pointers Topless (female) sunbathers, usually at a beach

Whiteant Erode, criticise something to prevent someone from buying it

Windcheater A sweater

Wobbly A tantrum

Wobbly boots Drunk

Wog Derogatory term for an Italian person

Wog Flu or trivial illness

Wombat Somebody who eats, roots, then leaves (see "root")

Woop-Woop A place that is unknown, never heard of, or very far away, usually an unimportant place

Wowser Straight-laced person, prude, puritan, spoilsport

Wuss Coward, nervous person (rhymes with "puss")

X

XXXX pronounced "Four-X", brand of beer made in Queensland

Y

Yabber Talk (a lot)

Yabby Inland freshwater crayfish found in Australia (*Cherax destructor*)

Yarn A chat

Yewy U-turn in traffic

Yobbo An uncouth person

Yonks A long time

Z

Zack Sixpence (5 cents)

Zebra crossing Cross walk, pedestrian crossing

