

Aussie Slang Dictionary

Aussie
Australian

Dogs breakfast
A big mess

Fang it
To drive very fast

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About

Aa

A few cards short of a full deck	Not intellectually bright
A few sandwiches short of a picnic	Not intellectually bright
Ace!	#1, Excellent! Top, Good! OK
Aggro	Aggressive, ticked off, spoiling for a fight
Aerial ping-pong	Australian rules football
Agro	Angry or aggressive
Airy-fairy	Not without doubt, dubious, stretches the truth a bit
Akubra	Iconic Australian hat brand
Alkie	Alcoholic
Alice	Alice Springs, a town in the N.T.
Amber fluid	Beer
Ambo	Ambulance officer
Ammo	Ammunition
Anchors	Brakes of a vehicle
Ankle-biter	Baby
Ants in his pants	To move around or be hyper-active
Any tic of the clock	Very soon
A.N.Z.A.C.	Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
Apples	State of being OK
Arse	Bottom
Arse over tit	To fall over
Arvo	Afternoon
As a crow flies	In a straight line
As a pig falls	In a straight line
As plain as the nose on your face	Obvious
Aussie	An Australian
Aussie salute	Brushing away flies from the face with the hand
Av-a-go-yer-mug	Suggesting someone have a go

Understanding Aussie Slang

As happy as a bandicoot in a biscuit tin

Used to express when someone is very excited or happy over an event or circumstance.

The premise being that a bandicoot would be extremely happy and excited to find himself in a biscuit tin with a good supply of tasty biscuits to eat at his own speed.

"old Tom was as happy as a bandicoot in a biscuit tin after receiving his reward"

David Hibbert

Bb

Baccy	Tobacco used for roll-your-own ciggies
Back of Bourke	Outback, used to say a long way away
Bad case of the trots	To have a case of diarrhoea
Bail	To leave or depart
Banana bender	Queenslander
Bandicooting	To take something you may not own - much as a bandicoot does
Bangers	Sausages
Barbie	Barbecue or B.B.Q.
Barney	Argument or verbal/physical fight
Barra	Barramundi fish
Barrack	To cheer loudly
Bathers	Swimsuit
Battler	Someone struggling financially
Bean counter	Accountant
Beanie	Woollen cap or hat
Beaut	Beautiful or good
Bee's knees	Perfect
Bees to a honey pot	To hang around or keep close company
Belted up	To be beaten up or hit repeatedly by someone
Berk	A fool
Betcha	Shortened version of 'I bet you!'
Big bik-kies	Lots of money
Big-Note	Boast about yourself
Big smoke	City
Bikey	Motorbike rider
Bik-kie	Short for biscuit or saying it is expensive (big bikkies)
Billabong	Place to drink
Billy	Tin used to boil water for beverages
Bingle	Car accident
Birthday suit	To have no clothes on
Bitzer	Mongrel dog (bits of many breeds combined)
Blind as a badger	To have poor eye sight
Blind as a bat	To not be able to see anything
Bodgy	A fake or not genuine
Bold as brass	Extremely bold in nature - stands out for their boldness
Boob tube	A strapless brassiere made of a stretch fabric
Boot	To get sacked
Brothel	An untidy area

B b

Bitie sticks	Snakes
Bities	Biting insects - fly's mozzies - spiders etc
Blackfella	Native Aborigine
Black stump	A long way out in the outback
Bloke	Male
Bloody oath	True
Blotto	Drunk
Blow-in	Newcomer
Blow in the bag	Police breathalyser test
Blowie	Blow fly
Bludger	Lazy person
Blue	Argument or fight
Blue	A mistake
Bluey	A redhead
Bluey	Blue-Bottle jellyfish
Bluey	Australian blue healer cattle dog
Bodgy	Inferior quality work
Bog in	To start to eat or helping out
Bogged	When a vehicle is stuck in mud or sand
Boofhead	Idiot
Bonza	Great
Boogie board	A half surf board
Bomb	A vehicle that is of low quality and likely to break down
Boomer	Large male kangaroo
Booted out	To be forcibly removed
Booze bus	Police vehicle used for Breath Testing
Boozer	Local pub
Brass razoo	Used to designate having no value
Brekkie	Breakfast - the first meal of the day
Brickie	A bricklayer who lays bricks for a living
Bring a plate	To bring some sort of food
Brinnie	A stone or pebble that is smaller than a yonnie
Brizzie	The city of Brisbane in Queensland
Broke	To have no money
Brownnose	Someone who crawls up to other people
Brumby	A wild horse
Buckley's	Having no chance
Buck's night	Boys only stag party

B b

Budgie smugglers	Men's fitted swimsuits
Bugged	Exhausted
Bull Bar	The protective metal bar at the front of a vehicle bar!
Bumper crop	A very good or highly profitable crop
Bun in the oven	To be pregnant
Bunch of fives	Fist or to punch
Bunyip	Mythical Australian creature from the outback
Burl	To give it a go
Bush	Anywhere outside the city
Bushed	Exhausted
Bush bashing	Driving a four wheel drive or bike in bushland
Bushie	An Australian bushman
Bushie	Member of the Country Fire Brigade
Bushman's clock	A kookaburra
Bushranger	Outlaw
Bush telegraph	Word-of-mouth
Bush tucker	Food gathered from the Australian outback
Bushwacker	Bushranger
Bust a gut	To work hard
Buzz off	To leave someone alone
B.Y.O.	Bring Your Own food or drinks

Understanding Aussie Slang

Bandicooting Potatoes

An old term used to describe the act of scratching around in a potato patch and nicking/pinching a couple, often before they were quite ready to harvest - just like bandicoots do. From memory, the term was more generally used as a word to minimise the fact that you were actually going to steal a few potatoes, apples, oranges or whatever.

As kids we used to say "let's go bandicoot a few apples from that orchard." Sounds much better than saying, "let's go steal a few apples from that orchard." After all stealing was a crime, but bandicooting had to be OK, as that's what bandicoots do :)

Kid's logic!

Fred & Robin C.B.

Cc

Cabbie	Taxi driver
Cactus	Dead or broken
Cakehole	Mouth
Call it a day	Knock off or finish work
Call it Quits	Knock off or finish work
Cancer Stick	Cigarette
Captain Cook	Alternative for 'have a look'
Carbie	Vehicle carburettor
Cark It	Die or cease working
Cheerio	Goodbye
Cheesed Off	Angry or annoyed
Chew the Fat	To have a conversation with someone
Chewie	Chewing gum
Chin Wag	To have a conversation with someone
Chips	Hot potato fries
Chippie	Carpenter tradesperson
Chockie	Chocolate
Chook	Chicken or hen
Chrissie	Christmas
Chuck Up	To vomit
Chuck Up	To throw something upwards
Chuck a Sickie	Take a day off work sick (often used when not sick)
Chuck a Spas	To be verbally and physically upset
Chuck a U-ie	To do U-turn (180 degrees)
Chuck a Wobbly	To be verbally and physically upset
Chunder	To vomit (or of the vomit itself)
Ciggies	Cigarettes
Classic	Good example or one of a kind
Clayton's	Non alcoholic or light alcoholic drink
Clayton's	To be fake or not real
Cleanskin	Unbranded uncastrated cattle
Click	Equal to 1 kilometre
Clobber	Clothing
Clobber	To punch
Clucky	Feeling maternal like a hen
Coat Hanger	Sydney Harbour Bridge
Cobber	Friend or companion
Cockie	Cockatoo bird

Cc

Cockie	Australian farmer
Come a Gutser	Have an accident
Compo	Worker's Compensation pay
Cooking with Gas	Proceeding as expected or even better
Coo-ee	A call used to locate in the bush
Cootee	A long distance away
Corroboree	Aboriginal dance festival
Cossie	Swimsuit
Couch Potato	Someone who watches TV too much
Counter Lunch	Lunch at a hotel
Cranky	Moody or angry
Crash	Fall sleep quickly (often at another's house)
Cream	To defeat well or kill
Crim	Criminal
Croc	Crocodile
Croc	Load of rubbish
Crook	To feel sick
Crook	Thief
Crown Jewels	A mans reproductive organs
Cubby House	Small house in the garden used by children
Cuppa	Cup of drink
Cut Lunch	Sandwiches
Cut Snake	Mad or very angry like a snake that has been cut

D d

Dag	Fool or unfashionable person or a sheep's tail
Daks	Men's and boy's pants or underpants
Damper	A bush bread made from flour and water
Darn it	Expression of frustration
Dash	To travel quickly - usually used of a short distance
Dead cert	A definite or sure thing
Dead horse	Tomato sauce
Dead ringer	An exact copy, replica or likeness
Dead set	The absolute truth or definitely true and factual
Dero	Homeless person
Dial	Face
Didgeridoo	Aboriginal musical instrument made from hollow wood
Digger	An Australian soldier
Dill	Fool or someone lacking intelligence
Dimwit	Someone of low intellect
Dingo	An Australian wild dog
Dinkie-di	Being genuine, honest or genuinely Australian
Dinkum	Real honest and genuine (shortened version of Fair-dinkum)
Dinkum dunny	Outdoor toilet with use of an actual dunny can
Dipstick	A fool or a loser
Divvy Van	Police wagon used for transporting criminals
Doco	Documentary
Dob in	To inform on someone or to give them to authorities
Does that site OK with you?	Are you comfortable/happy with this outcome/understanding?
Dogs breakfast	A big mess
Dog's Eye	Meat pie
Dole bludger	Welfare recipient who is not rightfully due welfare payments
Dollop	A small portion often used in relation to a small amount of cream
Donger	Male sexual organ
Donk	The engine of a car, truck or boat
Don't let the grass grow under your feet	Get on with the job or task quickly
Doodle	Male sexual organ
Doona	A bed spread usually filled with synthetic material or feathers
Dough	Money
Down under	Australia (being at the bottom of the world)
Drongo	A fool or a loser
Dud	No good or of no value

Dd

Duds	Male and female pants
Duffer	Cattle rustler or a foolish person
Dummy	A childish or immature person
Dunny	Toilet (especially of an old style outdoor toilet)
Dutch oven	Cast iron pot and lid used for cooking over an open fire
Dux	Top of the class

Understanding Aussie Slang

to see a man about a dog

A common response given to a child by an adult, if asked where they were going.

I think that during those years, there was a mentality that believed a 'child should be seen and not heard' and hence rather than give informed answers to an enquiry, they were given nonsense instead.

I can recall often hearing adults say "children should be seen and not heard." I don't know if this was only an attitude that was common amongst country folk. Maybe city children were treated differently?

Fred & Robin C.B.

Ee

Eagle Eye	To have good eyesight or capacity to see small details
Ear bashing	To be talked at long and hard from a persistent talker
Eating with the flies	To eat alone
Egg on	Encourage or persuade someone to do something
Elbow Grease	Hard work
Esky	Portable insulated cooler for keeping things cold
Exercise Book	School workbook

Ff

Fag	A cigarette
Fag	A homosexual
Fair dinkum	Good, truthful or good in quality
Fairy floss	Cotton candy
Fair crack of the whip	A statement expressing concern or feelings of unfairness
Fair go	A statement expressing concern or feelings of unfairness
Fair suck of the sav	A statement expressing concern or feelings of unfairness
Fang It	To drive very fast
Five finger discount	Shoplifting theft
Flake	Shark's flesh fried or baked and sold in fish and chips shops
Flat out like a lizard drinking	Very busy, quick or under pressure
Flick	To get rid of
Flicks	The movies
Flog	Physically abuse someone
Fly wire	Flyscreen mesh covering windows or doors
Fossick	Rummage or search for
Fossick	To Prospect for precious rocks or minerals
Footy	Australian Rules Football or Rugby League
Fridge	A refrigerator or ice box
Fruit loop	Fool
Fuddy-duddy	An old fashioned pompous person
Full as a boot	Intoxicated to the point of being drunk
Furphy	A falsehood, rumour or yarn

Gg

Gabba	Brisbane Cricket Ground in Woolloongabba
G'day	Abbreviation for Good Day
Galah	Noisy or silly person
Gander	To look at
Garbo	Garbage man or a collector of rubbish and refuse
Get a handle on something	Find a way to understand a situation
Give it a burl	To give it a try or to have a go at something
Gizmo	Simple name for something when you cannot remember its name
Go for Broke	To take a big risk or chance on something
Gobful	To give someone a full amount of abuse
Gobsmacked	Surprised
Good-on-ya	Short for 'Good on You' or a way of saying well done
Good-on-ya-mate	Short for 'Good on You Mate'
Good nick	Good condition
Good oil	Useful information
Good stick	A good person
Googie egg	A chicken's egg
Goose	A silly or immature person lacking in foresight
Greenie	An environmentalist or nature activist
Grog	Alcohol
Grouse	Great
Grot	To be dirty or untidy
Gurgler	Plughole in a sink
Gutful	To have had enough of something or someone
Gyno	Gynaecologist

Hh

Hair of the Dog	Drink taken to relieve hangovers
Half Your Luck	Congratulations
Handle	A person's name or call sign (especially on a two-way radio)
Hang On	Wait a moment
Happy as a pig in mud	Very happy
Happy-go-lucky	A person without cares that is easily happy
Hard Yakka	Hard work
Heart-starter	First alcoholic drink of the day
Heave	Act of vomiting
Hit the sack	Go to bed
Hold your horses	Wait and see, slow down or wait a little
Hoof	Foot
Hoof it	Walk it
Hoon	Hooligan
Hoo roo	Goodbye
Hunky Dory	Everything is good or ok

li

Icy pole

Idiot box

I didn't come down in
the last shower?

I kid you not

I wasn't born yesterday

In the altogether

Ice block or popsicle

Television

Expression indicating someone is not fooled
I'm telling you the truth

Expression indicating someone is not fooled

In the nude

Jj

Jackaroo	A male station hand or stockman
Jelly	Flavoured water based gelatine desert
Jiffy	A very short time
Jillaroo	A female station hand
Joe Blogs	Any average person (usually a male)
Joe Blow	Any average person (usually a male)
Joey Baby	Baby Kangaroo still in mums pouch
Jolly	To be happy or joyful
Journo	Journalist
Jug	Electric water jug
Jumbuck	A sheep

Kk

Kangaroo	Large Australian marsupial
Kark it	To die
Keep you posted	To keep you up-to-date with events or information
Kelpie	Australian - Sheep or Cattle Dog
Kept in the dark	Not given information
Kero	Kerosene
Kick the Bucket	To die
Kindie	Kindergarten
Kip	Short sleep
Kiwi	New Zealander
Knee High to a Grasshopper	Short
Knock	To criticise
Knock Back	To refuse permission
Knocker	Somebody who criticises
Knuckle Sandwich	Punch with a closed fist

L l

Lamington	Square pieces of sponge covered with chocolate and coconut
Larrikin	A prankster
Lay By	Buy something from a store & pay it off by instalments
Lead foot	Someone who drives too fast
Legend	Someone who is considered a hero or great
Lino	Linoleum floor covering
Lippy	Lipstick cosmetic
Loaded	To have lots of money
Lob in	To drop in to see someone unannounced
Local rag	Local newspaper
Lollipop lady or man	Children's crossing supervisor
Lolly Water	Soft drink
Lollies	Confectionary
Loo	Toilet
Loonatic	A crazy or very unreasonable person
Lubra	Adult female Aborigine
Lucky country	Nickname for Australia

M m

Macca's	McDonald's
Make a Quid	Earn money
Make Do	Cope with what you have
Malley Bull	Fit and strong
Mate	Friend or someone close to you
Mate's Rates	Discounted rate for friends
Matilda	Swagman's swag/pack
Metho	Methylated spirits
Milk Bar	Local corner general store
Milko	A milkman who delivers milk
Mob	A group of people or a group of kangaroos
Mollycoddle	To pamper or create a fuss over
Molly Malone	On your own
Mongrel	A bad person or a mixed blooded dog
Moolah	Money
Mozzie	Mosquito
Mucking Around	Playing around
Muddy	Mud crabs
Mug	Gullible person
Mulga	The outback scrub
Muster	To round up sheep or cattle

Nn

Nasho	National Service
Nappy	Diaper
Never never	The Australian outback
New Australian	An immigrant to Australia
Nick	To steal something
Nick	To move quickly (nick around the corner)
Nick	Nude
Nick Off	Leave
Night-owl	Someone who prefers to stay up late at night
Nipper	Baby or young child
No hoper	Someone who is bound to fail in life
Noodling	Prospecting for opals
Not the full quid	Not intellectually bright
Not the sharpest tool in the shed	Not intellectually bright
No worries	Everything is good and there are no problems
Noggin	A person's head
Nong	Foolish or silly person
Nut out	To sort out something or to create a plan
Nuddy	In the nude

O o

Ocka	Genuine Australian behaviour
Ocker	Typical Australian male
Off his / her rocker	Gone mad
Off one's face	Intoxicated to the point of being drunk
Off the back of a truck	Stolen property
Off the beaten track	Not on a main roadway
Off sider	Assistant
Off sider	Spouse of partner
Old as the hills	To be very old
Old cheese	Father or Mother
Old-fogey	An older aged old fashioned person
Old-kodja	An older aged old fashioned person
Old Man	Father
Old woman	Mother or wife
Oldies	Parents
On the ball	When someone is very aware of events and circumstances
One foot in the grave	To be very old or very sick
Op shop	Opportunity shop (thrift shop)
Open slather	Anything goes
On for young and old	A fight or an argument that includes many people
On the nose	Smells terrible
One of a kind	A very distinct, unusual or valuable individual or object
Outback	Remote countryside/bush often towards Central Australia
Out in the sticks	Away from metropolitan or built up rural areas
Outhouse	Toilet located away from the main house
Oz	Australia
Ozzies	Australians

Pp

Pack a wallop	To punch someone with great force
Packed it	To be afraid
Paddock	A field or meadow
Pain in the butt	A nuisance or a problem to be around
Pain in the neck	A nuisance or a problem to be around
Panel beater	Automobile panel repair shop
Pash	Passionate kiss
Pav	The rich cream topped Australian pavlova dessert
Pencil pusher	Typical office worker without actual experience
Perve	To look or gaze, especially sexually
Pester	To annoy someone
Pictures	Movies
Pigs might fly	It won't happen
Pinch	To steal
Pink Slip	To be fired from a job
Plain Jane	A simple minded and / or average looking girl
Plant your foot	To drive a vehicle faster
Plodder	A worker who is slow but gets the job done
Plonk	Cheap wine or alcoholic drink
Pokies	Poker gambling machines
Polish Off	Finish or complete
Polly	Politician
Pom	Englishman
Pommy Shower	To use deodorant instead of taking a shower
Porkie	Lie
Postie	Mailman
Pozzie	Position, seat of a certain location
Prang	An accident or crash
Pretty as a picture	Very attractive - usually used of a female
Prezzy	Present or gift
Pub	Hotel
Puffed	Tired, or out of breath
Push Bike	Bicycle

Q q

QANTAS

Australian airline operating domestically and internationally
(Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services)

Quack

A doctor, [GP] especially a bad one

Quid

Slang for pound note £1 before decimal conversion

Rr

R.S.L Club	Returned Services League-Social Club
Rack Off	Go away or get lost
Rack and ruin	Broke of without any money
Rag	Local newspaper or a woman who sleeps around
Rage party	Organised Party
Raining cats and dogs	When rain is extremely heavy
Ratbag	Obnoxious untrustworthy person
Rattle trap	Old rattly car
Raw Prawn	Not the truth
Razoo	A fictitious coin made from brass
Reffo	Refugee or non-local
Rego	Registration for road use
Rellies	Relatives
Ridgy-didge	Genuine and honest
Right as rain	It is correct or it is good
Ring In	Someone brought in
Rip Snorter	Great
Ripper	When something is great
Road Train	Semi with trailers
Roadie	A takeaway beer
Rock Up	To turn up
Rollie	A cigarette you roll yourself
Ron	Short for later on
Roo	Kangaroo
Roo Bar	Bar fixed to the front of a vehicle to protect it from kangaroos
Ropeable	Extremely angry
Rort	A defrauding of the system
Round About	A circular traffic intersection
Rouseabout	Labourer in a shearing shed
Rubber	A pencil eraser or a condom
Rubbish	To criticize or put down someone
Run around like a house on fire	To run around crazily

Ss

Sack	Bed
Sacked	Fired from a job or position
Salvo	Salvation Army worker
Sand shoes	Basic sneakers made from canvas
Sanger	Sandwich
Sav	Saveloy
Scallops	Deep fried potato slices, and scallops are also small shellfish
Scarce as hen's teeth	Scarce or very rare
Schoolie	Teenager at school or a student who has graduated that year
Scorcher	A very hot day
Scratchy	Instant lottery ticket
Scrub	Native bush primarily made up of short trees with low branches
Scrub up	How you look after you dress up
Septics Tanks	A person from the USA (yank)
Servo	Petrol/gas service station
Shang-eye	A sling shot made from a forked stick or from wire, with rubber bands (often old rubber bicycle tubes).
Shanghai	To steal something, especially using questionable methods
Shark biscuit	A surfing newbie
Sheila	A young attractive female woman
Shoddy	Of low quality, not meeting reasonable standards
She'll be Jake	It will be ok
She'll be right	Everything will turn out well
Shifty	Of dubious honesty and untrustworthy
Shonky	Of dubious honesty and untrustworthy
Short Fuse	To have a quick temper
Shoot through	To leave quickly without prior warning
Shout	To purchase the next round of drinks
Shut Eye	Sleep
Sickie	Paid day off work because of a real or pretended illness
Sick as a dog	Very sick
Silly as a snake	Foolish person who moves around a lot
Silly Bugger	Foolish person
Singlet	A sleeveless cotton undershirt (especially of the Bonds brand)
Skippy	Kangaroo
Skite	To boast or brag of ones own achievements
Skull	Drink an entire glass or bottle of beer without taking a breath
Sky larking around	To mess around, play up or show off to others

Ss

Slab	24 bottles or cans of beer
Slacker	Someone who is a poor worker
Sleep in the nick	To sleep with no clothes on
Sly as a fox	Smart and sneaky
Smoko	A break from work
Snag	Sausage
Snag	Problem
Snow job	A con job involving misdirection and miss-truth
Sook	Someone who is emotionally weak and gives up easily
Spag bol	Spaghetti Bolognese
Sparky	Electrician
Spew	Be physically sick
Spew	To be upset or mad
Spiffy	Dressed up and looking good
Spit the dummy	To be very upset at something or someone - to give up
Spot on	Perfect or exact
Spruiker	A person outside a business trying to persuade people to buy
Sprung	To be caught doing something you should not be doing
Spunky	Good looking, very attractive, sexy or sensual
Squizz	Look
Standover man	Someone who threatens people with physical violence for gain
Station	A large grazing property
Stickybeak	A person who makes other people's business their own
Stoked	Happy
Strides	Pants or trousers
Strewth	An exclamation expressing surprise
Storm-Stick	Umbrella
Strong as an ox	Extremely strong or powerful
Stubby	Short necked 375ml bottle of beer
Stubbies	A brand of men's shorts sold in Australia
Stuffed	Physically tired
Stunned mullet	A facial expression for having no idea what you are talking about
Sunbake	To bathe in the sun to get a sun tan
Sucked-in	To be taken advantage of or conned
Sunnies	Sun glasses
Surfer	Someone who surfs more than the average person
Swag	Thin bedding rolled up so it can be easily carried
Swaggie	Swagman

Ss

Swagman

Homeless person, tramp or hobo

Sweets

A served sweet food eaten after main course

Sweets

Lollies

Tt

Ta	Thanks
Tailgate	Drive just behind the vehicle in front of you
Take Away	Food you take away to eat
Take-on-board	To consider or act upon
Tall poppy	An above average successful person
Tally Ho	Brand of cigarette paper for rolling tobacco
Tally Ho	Goodbye
Taxi rank	Taxi Stand
Tea	Dinner
Tee-up	To line up or organise something
Telly	Television
Gabba	Cricket grounds at Wooloongabba, Brisbane
The Runs	Diarrhoea
Thingo	A name given to a thing when you cannot think of a thing's name
Thingumabob	A non-descript tool, item or object that is not easily definable
Thingumajig	A non-descript device or contraption that is not easily definable
Thongs	Rubber or leather open flip-flop footwear
Throw up	Vomit
Thunder box	Toilet
Tickets on yourself	To think you are better than you are
Tight-as	Overly cautious or extremely selfish with money or belongings
Tinnie	A can of beer
Tinny	Small aluminium runabout boat usually used for fishing
Toey	Touchy or over sensitive
Toey	On the move or restless
Togs	Swimming bathers
Tomato sauce	Australian version of ketchup
Top end	Far northern Australia
Torch	Flashlight
Trackies	Sporting tracksuit often worn as casual home wear
Treat us like mushrooms	Kept in the dark, especially about matters going on
Troppo	Go crazy due to the humidity
Truckie	A driver who drives medium to large sized trucks
True blue	Genuinely Australian
True blue	Genuine or patriotic
Tub	Bath
Tucker	Food
Turn	An event or function being held which you can attend
Turps	Turpentine, a chemical used for cleaning paint brushes

Tt

TV

Twinkle

Twit

Two-up

Tyke

Television

A wee

A fool

Gambling game involving the throwing up of two coins into the air

Small child who is especially cheeky and mischievous

Understanding Aussie Slang

Thingumajig

A term used to describe any sort of contraption under construction, or completed, for which the right term/name could not readily be recalled or remembered.

Thingumabob

A term used to cover the name of a tool or gadget for which the right term/name could not readily be recalled or remembered.

(Please pass me that there *thingumabob*
so I can finish the *thingumajig*)

The term 'thingumajig' was recently brought back to memory when reading an old Herman and Katnip book to our Grandson. The book was first published 1961.

Fred & Robin C.B.

Uu

U-ee	'U' turn
Ugg Boots	Australian boots made form sheepskin
Undies	Underwear
Uni	University
Unit	Block of flats
Up a Gum Tree	To be stranded or in a difficult position
Up and down like a YoYo	To repeatedly get up and down
Ups a daisy	To get up on your feet or on something
Ute	Utility vehicle with tray

Vv

VB	Victoria Bitter beer
Vedgies	Vegetables
Vee Dub	Volkswagen Car
Veg Out	Relax
Vegemite	Sandwich spread made from extract of brewers yeast
Vejo	Vegetarian
Vinnie's	St. Vincent De Paul's Society (charity)

Ww

Wagged School	Did not go to school
Walkabout	Walk in the Outback by Aborigines
Waltzing Matilda	Bush wander and the unofficial Australian National Anthem
Wally	A person that makes numerous mistakes
Water Hole	Local pub or hotel
Weekend Warrior	Army reservist
Wharfie	Dock worker
Whinge	To complain incessantly
White-anted	Completely eaten out or ruined
White Ants	Small ant-like insect that eats wood
White as snow	Extremely white - usually used of someone's complexion
White Pointer	Topless female sunbaker
Willy Nilly	Without thought or organisation
Willy Willy	A small whirl wind
Wineo	Alcoholic - drunk
Wishy-washy	Not very clear or easy to understand
Witchetty Grub	White wood boring grubs
Wog	Flu or viral illness
Wog	A Middle Eastern/Mediterranean foreigner
Wombat	A simple person who eats, roots and leaves
Woop Woop	A name for any small unimportant town or place
Word-of-mouth	News spread by talking directly to someone
Wowser	A person who disapproves of people enjoying themselves, particularly if that involves alcohol
Wuss	A scared or nervous person

Understanding Aussie Slang

Wigwam-for-a-geose's bridle

During the 50s, this was a comment given to a child, when they asked what it was they observed an adult making or doing?

I can remember my father always responding with, "making a wigwam-for-a-geose's-bridle" when asked, "what are you making or doing".

In fact, going by the number of people at History Café who identified with this remark, I gather that it must have been a saying widely used.

According to most sources, this was a gentle way of saying: "none of your business".

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Four X - Brand of beer made in Queensland and originating at Woods Point in Victoria

Yy

Yabber	To talk too much
Yabbie / Yabby	Australian - Fresh Water Crayfish
Yack	Talk to each other
Yakka	Hard Yakka or hard work
Yank	An American
Yarn	A long entertaining story
Yobbo	A loutish youth
Yonnie	A stone or pebble that is larger than a brinnie
Yonks	A long period of time
You had better nip that in the bud	Get onto the problem quickly before it grows bigger
Your Shout	Your turn to buy (often said of a beer)

Zz

Zack
Zebra Crossing
Zonked

Pre decimal currency - sixpence (5 cents)
A pedestrian crossing where the road is painted with stripes
Exhausted or worn out

What is Aussie Slang

'Slang'

Slang is a type of language consisting of words and phrases that are less used in general conversation while being more common in speech than writing. Slang words are often not in common dictionaries.

'Aussie Slang' is the term given to Australia's informal language. While every country has informal language, we consider it an art-form and use it in everyday life.

Informal language can be fun, however it can also be offensive. In this eBook we have avoided offensive slang, instead endeavouring to give an overview of the more family friendly and fun slang terms.

Contributions welcome.



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Word count: **6 3 2** and growing.

This is a family friendly collection of Australian Slang. It is not a definitive resource, rather just a free educational database of the more popular slang terms used in Victoria and Australia.
We add words as time allows.

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