the unofficial student guide

YOUR ONE-STOP GUIDE TO THE LAND DOWN UNDER
WITH TIPS & TRICKS FROM STUDENTS JUST LIKE YOU
Welcome.

This coming Fall, you will have the opportunity to snorkel in the Great Barrier Reef, hike through pristine rainforests, explore muddy mangroves, and experience the cosmopolitan city of Sydney on your journey through Australia. Nothing can truly prepare you for the experience, but this guide can hopefully help.

You will receive an official information handbook from BOSP in the next few months with essential information including flight details, a comprehensive packing list, expenses, and everything else you need to know before traveling down under. This unofficial guide, on the other hand, is meant to provide you with everything else you might want to know from students who went to Australia in past years. On the next page, you will find instructions on how we intend for you to navigate through this guide and make the most out of the information provided. We hope you find the unofficial guide helpful in making the most out of your time in Oz and as always, feel free to reach out to your fellow Student Ambassadors with any questions or concerns you might have!

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About the Australia Program

The program in Australia is Stanford’s only traveling program, meaning that you’re not in any one location for more than two to three weeks. Each location is unique and gives you the opportunity to explore a new city or ecosystem—whether it be coral reefs, rainforests or mangroves. While the moving nature of the program is exciting and allows you to see more of Australia, it adds an extra burden when considering packing and unpacking your gear more than other programs. We encourage you to be ready for this fast-paced program and to pack lightly for your convenience.

We strongly encourage you to be willing to go with the flow of the program and to be down for absolutely anything. Crazy things are bound to happen when you’re traveling and living in the middle of nowhere on remote research stations, so make the most of every situation, even if it doesn’t necessarily seem ideal.

Lastly, don’t be afraid of the unknown. We understand that you’re going to have a ton of questions regarding specifics of the trip, but part of the Australia experience is making the trip your own and discovering these locations (and yourselves) independently. The staff at BOSP and UQ will ensure that everything falls into place and that the logistics are taken care of—we promise! Make the most of your time down under and have the time of your life.
Managing your Personal Budget

• Before you leave, be sure to take a look at X-Rates to see the current exchange rates.

• **Credit cards are widely accepted and there are ATMs all over the country** (the obvious exceptions are the remote islands and isolated rainforests that you’ll be staying in half the time but why would you need money there?).

• Commissions and ATM fees can add up over time (they’re about $3 per transaction), so take out as much as you are comfortable carrying at any one time. If you have a debit card through Bank of America, the ATM fees will be waved when withdrawing money from a Westpac Bank ATM. Try to exchange currencies at banks in order to avoid heavy commission at exchange bureaus.

• Many foods may cost more than in the US. Think of a McDonald’s burger: here it is $3.00 and there it might be $4.95, meaning you end up paying slightly higher than back home.

• Backpacking is very popular in Australia and hostels are plentiful. When traveling before or after the program, you can probably get by on about $40-50 per day (if you stay at budget accommodations and make your own meals—many hostels have kitchens and cooking supplies)

• During the program, you will usually get **19 meals per week**, but on weekends and during free days you will receive a **stipend** to purchase your own food. The stipend covers groceries more so than eating out, so be mindful of how you’re spending your money.

• Always consider general everyday expenses like snacks, souvenirs, coffee, etc.

• If you choose to go out at night in either city, you may pay for uber and club/bar cover charges, so keep this in mind as you think about your possible expenses.
Before/After Program Travel

There are many places to visit after your program ends! You will have summer and winter vacations sandwiching your time in Australia, so we highly recommend that you take advantage of this unique opportunity to explore the other side of the world. On the next page, you will find a list of potential destinations to explore.

Traveling around Australia is fairly cheap, especially if you make your travel arrangements while you are there. Australia has reasonable in country airlines such as Virgin Blue or QANTAS (similar to Southwest Airlines) and a quality bus system (Greyhound). Backpacking and staying in hostels is easy and fun if you don’t want to spend a lot. Of course, there are places not too far from Australia that may be worth the extra money. Go to the local STA Travel on the UQ campus to help plan a trip alone or with others. They will have great deals and suggestions for your travel adventures. See below for more detailed information about travel.

Plane Tickets

Make sure you **buy your tickets early** to get the best prices but if you are planning to travel after the program, buying *flexible* tickets may be a good option. Tickets at very low prices may be inflexible, making it expensive and difficult to accommodate changing travel plans. You may want to plan out your course of travel before you leave for Australia, but many students change their plans to travel with friends after the program. It is recommended to buy the expensive tickets traveling between two different countries (i.e. USA to Australia to New Zealand) before you leave, and then **plan travel within the country once you arrive in Australia**. Many people wait to buy post quarter tickets *until they are in Australia*. Most students will buy tickets to and from their post-program destination when they are on the program.
Potential Travel Destinations

Here is variety of some of the best places we think you might want to check out. Take some time to explore the endless possibilities of places you can explore before or after the program!

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Snorkeling/Scuba Information

Australia and New Zealand boast an amazing wealth of diving and snorkeling opportunities, and you will definitely be snorkeling as you study the beautiful reef ecosystems of Heron Island and North Stradbroke Island. While SCUBA is not a required aspect of the program, it can be a fun and exciting experience. There will be chance to go diving within the program itself (if you are scuba certified) and you can plan other diving adventures after the program ends.

For diving after the program, each diving trip may cost you between AUD 80-300, although you can find special deals (including SCUBA training) for a packaged number of dives at a discount.

Places to go diving

The Great Barrier Reef has too many diving locales to name. The beaches of the Whitsunday Islands are incredible. Many tour companies will also take you out to the outer reef by boat from Port Douglas in Cairns. Straddle also offers incredible opportunities to SCUBA with manta rays via the Manta Lodge and Scuba Centre.

Diving in the Southland of New Zealand is unique because tannin runoff from the mainland reduces the light penetration of the water. The result is an amazing black coral ecosystem, with spectacular organisms usually found at a much greater depth. If you can’t dive, visit the undersea observatory when you’re touring Milford Sound. For ten bucks you can see the incredible corals, and you don’t even have to get wet.
Sydney, New South Wales

The biggest and most well known city we visited, Sydney is filled with cool tourist destinations and great museums. We stayed in a hostel (Big on Elizabeth), which is in the city. This was the portion of the program where students take the Australian Studies classes, taking daily field trips to museums, monuments, and visiting indigenous communities. With two free days in this location, we recommend doing some prior research and talking with your peers to determine how to make the most of your time! Our professors also encouraged us to “observe” the city nightlife…

Some things to keep in mind:

• Check out Bondi and Manly Beaches, the “Rocks” region, Paddy's Market (giant indoor flea market with cheap gifts), and Darling Harbour.

• The Royal Botanic Gardens and the Domain are only a short walk from the hostel you might stay in and they are very beautiful. Great place for a picnic, stroll, etc. Check out the conservatory for beautiful orchids, ferns and other plants.

• Taronga Zoo; world famous and totally sweet. You need to take a ferry to get there, and you’ll want to spend more than just an hour or two.

• Aquarium and wildlife park; If you can’t make it out to Taronga, but still want to see platypus, echidna, and all sorts of undersea creatures check out the Sydney Aquarium

• For outside travel, check out the Blue Mountains, which are 2 hours away by train
Cairns, Far North Queensland

Cairns (pronounced Cans) is a popular travel destination for tourists because of its tropical climate and access to the Great Barrier Reef. You will likely be staying in a hostel along one of the main strips with tons of restaurants and GELATO. While Cairns is a small town, there are a ton of opportunities to explore the amazing forests and beaches nearby.

Some things to keep in mind:

• DON’T GO IN THE WATER—there are crocodiles that will eat you.

• Use your stipend wisely. Instead of eating out every night, use this opportunity at the beginning of the program to cook with each other in the hostel

• Corea Corea in Orchid Plaza has some awesome food—just saying

• The hostel will have tons of different opportunities available for you during free days. Quicksilver Cruises offers amazing opportunities for introductory diving and scuba on the Outer Great Barrier Reef

• Ellis Beach is one of the prettiest beaches in Australia. About 30 minutes North of town, with one small café, and miles of nearly deserted beach, it offers some incredible views.
Wetherby Station (Costal Forest Ecosystems Terrestrial)

Wetherby Station is a cattle ranch in Far North Queensland where you will be staying during this portion of the program. It is absolutely amazing! You will be working with Dr. Claire Baker who will see to it that you have the BEST time in Australia. During this portion of the trip, you will be quasi-glamping in tents and will spend a lot of time hiking through the various types of forests in Far North Queensland. There will also be a trip to Chillagoe where you will get to explore caves and experience the rugged Australian outback! We are certain your time at Wetherby will be unforgettable.

Some things to keep in mind:

• go bird watching with Claire—she is incredibly knowledgable and will teach you a ton about the birds in the area

• go on night hikes with Marcus and see pythons and other nocturnal species!

• Fun fact: horse flies are attracted to darker blue/green clothing, so don’t wear these colors if you don’t want to get bitten! Be knowledgable of the native species.

• Use wifi at night when others are sleeping in order to get faster internet speeds—otherwise, you’re really going to have a hard time getting online. If you’re going to need big files (for your TRP), download them in Cairns before you go.
Heron Island (Coral Reef Ecosystems)

Say hello to your tropical paradise! It only takes 30 minutes to walk around all of Heron Island. When we were there, we slept in rooms with 8 people in a bunk style accommodation. It can get quite hot during the daytime, but it is easy to find shade and stay cool. Night time temperatures are perfect.

- **SNORKEL!** Seriously—this is a once in a life time opportunity. If you’ve never snorkeled in your life, Heron is a great place to start. We spent most of our free time checking out the corals, watching schools of fish, and getting really, really, really excited when a (harmless) shark or green turtle passed us by.

- It is possible that mama sea turtles will be laying their eggs late at night on Heron, so that would be something fun to go see, so long as you don’t frighten the turtles.

- Night Reef Walks: some people liked exploring the shallow areas of the reef at night

Jellies, sharks, and octopi, oh my! The main danger concern here is actually sunburn. When you’re snorkeling, you want to stay in the water as long as possible because it’s so much fun. However, don’t forget about adequate protection. Wear a rash guard or wetsuit while snorkeling to protect you from prolonged sun exposure while in the water. Make sure you are always with a buddy, and take breaks and stay hydrated. Jellies are in the water, but you’ll learn to separate the ones that sting you from the ones that don’t. Also, there will be sharks and stingrays in the water, and although intimidating, the sharks are used to people and are quite harmless. And just don’t antagonize the stingrays.
North Stradbroke Island (Costal Forest Ecosystems Marine)

This relatively temperate island is big enough to need a bus to get around, but small enough that within the time you are there, you will become familiar with much of the area. Accommodation is at the Moreton Bay Research Station. There are 8 people in a room (pretty tiny—get excited to get know each other well!), and we are responsible for dividing ourselves up into the rooms. The meals are catered, but you might want to buy some snacks for between times if you want more than just three meals a day. Interestingly, Stradbroke Island does not have platypus, one of the distinguishing animals of the Australian east coast.

Some things that we did during our free time:

• Main Beach: an incredible, long sandy beach with great opportunities for surfing! Be careful of massive swells and strong rip currents.

• Convince the TA’s to take you out dugong-searching on the research boat—they are awesome!

• Point Lookout: the biggest town on the island and has some amazing scenery.

• Myora Springs: beautiful short walk down to where the stream meets the ocean. Ten or so minutes away from the station.

• Little Ship Club: pub near the Morton Bay Research Station that some of us frequented quite often. We even went and drank with professors.
Brisbane (Freshwater Resource Management)

The site of The University of Queensland’s campus, Brisbane served as the “headquarters” of our trip and is a city that you will visit several times. After Heron Island, students will go to Brisbane and stay at the Brisbane Backpackers Hostel, which has usually been a huge hit with students for its cheap food and bar, and central location. This city is the capital of Queensland and is situated along the Brisbane River, thus giving it the designation of a “river city.”

The UQ campus itself has all the markings of traditional college grounds, complete with tennis courts, a track and plenty of fields for ultimate Frisbee and soccer. Although we took classes virtually each day, we had ample free time during the afternoons and evenings to check out the following locales:

- **South Bank** – Opposite the city along the Brisbane River, this park features a man made beach and pool, eateries, gardens and a movie theater.

- **Indooroopilly** (pronounced “In droop pill ee”) and Toowong Shopping centers – Here you’ll find your best bet at a movie theater, groceries, gifts, and cheap clothes (Cotton On).

- **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** – Located in a suburb known as Fig Tree Pocket, you’ll be able to see kangaroos, cassowaries, platypuses, and hold your own koala!! PAY TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH THE KOALA

- Clubbing—downtown, the hotspots are in “**The Valley**”, a district filled with clubs and pubs. Remember the rules of attire (girls: no open toed shoes; guys: collared shirts), and make sure someone has a cab company number in case you can’t hail one from the designated taxi stops.
TRP Information

While the TRP may seem like a daunting task, it’s important to realize that you will have ample time to work on the TRP in Australia. These projects are integrated into the program, meaning that you will have allotted time and resources to work on them at the different locations.

Be cognizant that choosing a location for your TRP means you will be doing research on your TRP at that location. Each location has its trade-offs, so be sure to consider where you will be doing research vs. spending free time exploring each of these environments.

Overall—don’t stress, especially now! Plenty of information will be available to you in the months to come.

Things to keep in mind:

- don’t procrastinate! The more you get done earlier on, the more free time you will have to explore and the less stressed you will be

- Practice your TRP presentations before the actual thing—don’t let your presentation be your first run through.

- Use this opportunity as the chance to do novel research. People have published their TRPs in the past, so keep this in mind!
Map of Relevant Locations

- Cairns
- Wetherby Station
- Heron Island
- North Stradbroke Island
- Brisbane
- Sydney
AUSSIE SLANG DICTIONARY

A

Ace! : Excellent! Very good!
Aerial pingpong : Australian Rules football
Ankle biter : small child
Apples, she ll be : It ll be alright
Arvo : afternoon
Aussie : Australian
Aussie salute : brushing away flies with the hand
Avos : avocados

B

B & S : Bachelors and Spinsters Ball a very enjoyable party usually held in rural areas
Back of Bourke : a very long way away
Bail (somebody) up : to corner somebody physically
Bail out : depart, usually angrily
Banana bender : a person from Queensland
Barbie : barbecue (noun)
Barrack : to cheer on (football team etc.)
Bastard : term of endearment
Bathers : swimming costume
Beaut, beauty : great, fantastic
Bikkie : biscuit (also it cost big bikkies it was expensive)
Billabong : an ox bow river or watering hole
Bities : biting insects
Bizzo : business ( mind your own bizzo )
Bloke : man, guy
Bloody : very (bloody hard yakka)
Bloody oath! : that s certainly true
Bludger : lazy person, layabout, somebody who always relies on other people to do things or lend him things
Blue : fight ( he was having a blue with his wife )
Blue, make a : make a mistake
Bluey : bluebottle jellyfish
Bodgy : of inferior quality
Bog in : commence eating, to attack food with enthusiasm
Bondi cigar : see brown eyed mullet
Bonzer : great, ripper
Boogie board : a hybrid, half sized surf board
Boomer : a large male kangaroo
Boozer : a pub
Bored shitless : very bored
Bottle shop : liquor shop
Bottle o : liquor shop
Bottler : something excellent
Bounce : a bully
Brekkie : breakfast
Brisvegas : Brisbane, state capital of Queensland
Brissie : Brisbane, state capital of Queensland
Buck s night : stag party, male gathering the night before the wedding
Bull bar : stout bar fixed to the front of a vehicle to protect it against hitting kangaroos
Bundy : short for Bundaberg, Queensland, and the brand of rum that s made there
Bunyip : mythical outback creature
Bush : the hinterland, the Outback, anywhere that isn t in town
Bushie : someone who lives in the Bush
Bushranger : highwayman, outlaw
BYO: unlicensed restaurant where you have to Bring Your Own grog, also similar party or barbecue

C
Chokkie: chocolate
Chrissie: Christmas
Chuck a sickie: take the day off sick from work when you're perfectly healthy
Chunder: vomit
Clacker: anus (from Latin cloaca = sewer). Also the single orifice of monotremes (platypus and echidna) used both for reproduction and for the elimination of body wastes.
Click: kilometre it's 10 clicks away
Clucky: feeling broody or maternal
Cobber: friend
Cockroach: a person from New South Wales
Coldie: a beer
Corroboree: an aboriginal dance festival
Counter lunch: pub lunch
Coozie: swimming costume
Crack onto (someone): to hit on someone, pursue someone romantically
Cranky: in a bad mood, angry
Cream (verb): defeat by a large margin
Crook: sick, or badly made
Crow eater: a person from South Australia
Cut lunch: sandwiches

D
Dag: something gross or off
Daks: trousers
Dead dingo's donger, as dry as a: dry
Deadset: true, the truth
Digger: a soldier
Dill: an idiot
Dingo's breakfast: a yawn, a leak and a good look round (i.e. no breakfast)
Dipstick: a loser, idiot
Dob (somebody) in: inform on somebody. Hence dobber, a tell tale
Docket: a bill, receipt
Doco: documentary
Dog: unattractive woman
Dole bludger: somebody on social assistance when unjustified
Donger: penis
Doodle: penis
Down Under: Australia and New Zealand
Drink with the flies: to drink alone
Drongo: a dope, stupid person
Dropkick: see dipstick
Drum: information, tip off (I'll give you the drum)
Dummy, spit the: get very upset at something
Dunny: outside lavatory

E
Earbashing: nagging, non stop chatter
Ekka: the Brisbane Exhibition, an annual show

F
Face, off one's: drunk (He was off his face by 9pm)
Fair dinkum: true, genuine
Fair go: a chance (give a bloke a fair go)
Fairy floss: candy floss, cotton candy
Feral (n.) : a hippie
Flake : shark s flesh (sold in fish & chips shops)
Flick : to give something or somebody the flick is to get rid of it or him/her Fly wire : gauze flyscreen covering a window or doorway.
Footy : Australian Rules football
Fossick : search, rummage (fossicking through the kitchen drawers) Fruit loop : fool
Full : drunk

G
G Day : hello!
Gabba : Wooloongabba the Brisbane cricket ground
Galah : fool, named after the bird of the same name which flies south in the winter a bloody silly thing to do in the Southern Hemisphere
Give it a burl : try it, have a go
Gobful, give a : to abuse, usually justifiably (The neighbours were having a noisy party so I went and gave them a gobful)
Going off : used of a night spot or party that is a lot of fun the place was really going off
Good onya : good for you, well done
Greenie : environmentalist
Grog : liquor, beer (bring your own grog, you bludger)
Grouse (adj.) : great, terrific, very good
Grundies : undies, underwear (from Reg Grundy, a television person)
Gutful of piss : drunk, he s got a gutful of piss
Gyno : gynecologist

H
Handle : beer glass with a handle
Heaps : a lot, e.g. thanks heaps, (s)he earned heaps of money etc.
Holy dooley! : an exclamation of surprise = Good heavens!, My goodness! Good grief! or similar
Hooroo : goodbye
Hotel : often just a pub

I
Icy pole, ice block : popsicle, lollypop

J
Joey : baby kangaroo
Journo : journalist
Jumbuck : sheep

K
Kero : kerosene
Kindie : kindergarten
Knock : to criticise
Knock back : refusal (noun), refuse (transitive verb)

L
Lend of, to have a : to take advantage of somebody s gullibility, to have someone on (he s having a lend of you)
Lollies : sweets, candy
Lucky Country, The : Australia, where else?
Lurk : illegal or underhanded racket


M

Maccas (pron. mackers) : McDonald's (the hamburger place) Mate : buddy, friend
Mate's rates : cheaper than usual for a friend
Matilda : swagman's bedding, sleeping roll
Metho : methylated spirits
Mickey Mouse : excellent, very good. Beware though in some parts of Australia it means inconsequential, frivolous or not very good!
Middy : 285 ml beer glass in New South Wales
Milk bar : corner shop that sells takeaway food
Mob : group of people, not necessarily troublesome
Mob : family or herd (?) of kangaroos
Mongrel : despicable person
Moolah : money
Mozzie : mosquito
Muddy : mud crab (a great delicacy)
Mug : friendly insult (have a go, yer mug), gullible person
Mull : grass (the kind you smoke)

N

Never Never : the Outback, centre of Australia
Nipper : young surf lifesaver
No drama : same as no worries
No worries! : Expression of forgiveness or reassurance (No problem; forget about it; I can do it; Yes, I'll do it)

No hoper : somebody who'll never do well
Not the full quid : not bright
intellectually
Nuddy, in the : naked

O

O.S. : overseas (he's gone O.S.)
Offsider : an assistant, helper
Oldies : parents I'll have to ask my oldies
Outback : interior of Australia
Oz : Australia!

P

Pash : a long passionate kiss; hence pashing on
Pav : Pavlova a rich, creamy Australian dessert
Perve (noun & verb) : looking lustfully at the opposite sex
Piece of piss : easy task
Pig's arse! : I don't agree with you
Piker : Someone who doesn't want to fit in with others socially, leaves parties early
Pint : large glass of beer (esp. in South Australia)
Piss : beer. Hence hit the piss, sink some piss
Plate, bring a : Instruction on party or BBQ invitation to bring your own food. It doesn't mean they're short of crockery!
Plonk : cheap wine
Pokies : poker machines, fruit machines, gambling slot machines
Pollie : politician
Pom, pommy : an Englishman
Port : suitcase (portmanteau)
Postie : postman, mailman
Pot : 285 ml beer glass in Queensland
and Victoria
Pozzy: position; get a good pozzy at the football stadium
Prezzy: present, gift

Q
Quid, make a: earn a living; are you making a quid?
Quid, not the full: of low IQ. [Historical note: quid is slang for a pound. £1 became $2 when Australia converted to decimal currency]

R
Rack off: push off! get lost! get out of here! also rack off hairy legs! . Rage: party
Rage on: to continue partying; we raged on until 3am
Rapt: pleased, delighted
Ratbag: mild insult
Reckon!: you bet! Absolutely!
Reffo: refugee
Rellie: family relative
Ridgy didge: original, genuine
Right: okay (she'll be right, mate)
Rip snorter: great, fantastic; it was a rip snorter of a party
Ripper: great, fantastic; it was a ripper party
Ripper, you little!: Exclamation of delight or as a reaction to good news
Rock up: to turn up, to arrive; we rocked up at their house at 8pm
Roo: kangaroo
Root (verb and noun): synonym for f*ck in nearly all its senses: I feel rooted; this washing machine is rooted; (s)he's a good root. A very useful word in fairly polite company.
Ropeable: very angry
Rort (verb or noun): Cheating, fiddling, defrauding (expenses, the system etc.). Usually used of politicians
Rotten: drunk I went out last night and got rotten
Rubbish (verb): to criticize

S
Salute, Aussie: brushing flies away
Sandgroper: a person from Western Australia
Sanger: a sandwich
Schooner: large beer glass in Queensland; medium beer glass in South Australia
Screamer: party lover; two pot screamer somebody who gets drunk on very little alcohol
Servo: petrol station
Shark biscuit: somebody new to surfing
She'll be right: it'll turn out okay
Sheila: a woman
Shit house (adj.): of poor quality, unenjoyable (this car is shit house, the movie was shit house)
Shit house (noun): toilet, lavatory
Shonky: dubious, underhanded. E.g. a shonky practice, shonky business etc.
Shoot through: to leave
Shout: turn to buy a round of drinks usually (it's your shout)
Show pony: someone who tries hard, by his dress or behaviour, to impress those around him
Sickie: day off sick from work (chuck a sickie = take the day off sick from work when you're perfectly healthy)
Skite : boast, brag
Skull/Skol (a beer) : to drink a beer in a single draught without taking a breath
Slab : a carton of 24 bottles or cans of beer
Snag : a sausage
Sook : person or animal who is soft, tame, inoffensive. Hence sooky (adj.)
Spewin : very angry
Spiffy, pretty spiffy : great, excellent
Spit the dummy : get very upset at something
Spruiker : man who stands outside a nightclub or restaurant trying to persuade people to enter
Sprung : caught doing something wrong
Spunk : a good looking person (of either sex)
Squizz (noun) : look take a squizz at this
Stickybeak : nosy person
Stoked : very pleased
Strewth : exclamation, mild oath
( Strewth, that Chris is a bonzer bloke )
Strides : trousers
Strine : Australian slang and pronunciation
Stubby : a 375ml. beer bottle
Stubby holder : polystyrene insulated holder for a stubby
Stuffed, I feel : I’m tired
Sunbake : sunbathe
Sunnies : sunglasses
Surfies : people who go surfing usually more often than they go to work!

T

Tall poppies : successful people
Tall poppy syndrome : the tendency to criticize successful people
Tallie : 750ml bottle of beer
Taswegian : a person from Tasmania
Tee up : to set up (an appointment)
Thingo : Wadjamacallit, thingummy, whatsit
Thongs : cheap rubber backless sandals
Tickets, to have on oneself : to have a high opinion of oneself
Tinny : can of beer
Tinny : lucky
Togs : swim suit
Too right! : definitely!
Top End : far north of Australia
Trackie daks/dacks : tracksuit pants
Trackies : track suit
Troppo, gone : to have escaped to a state of tropical madness; to have lost the veneer of civilisation after spending too long in the tropics.
Trough lolly : the solid piece of perfumed disinfectant in a men’s urinal
True blue : patriotic
Tucker : food
Tucker bag : food bag

U

Uni : university
Unit : flat, apartment
Up oneself : have a high opinion of oneself he’s really up himself
Up somebody, get : to rebuke somebody the boss got up me for being late Ute : utility vehicle, pickup truck
V

Vedgies : vegetables
Vee dub : Volkswagen
Veg out : relax in front of the TV (like a vegetable) Vejjo : vegetarian

W

WACA (pron. whacker) : Western Australian Cricket Association and the Perth cricket ground Walkabout : a walk in the Outback by Aborigines that lasts for an indefinite amount of time Walkabout, it's gone : it's lost, can't be found Whacker, whacka : Idiot; somebody who talks drivel; somebody with whom you have little patience; a dickhead Whinge : complain White pointers : topless (female) sunbathers

Wobbly boot on, he's got the : drunk Wog : flu or trivial illness Wombat : somebody who eats, roots and leaves (see also root) Woop Woop : invented name for any small unimportant town he lives in Woop Woop Wowser : straight laced person, prude, puritan, spoilsport Wuss : coward; nervous person or animal

X

XXXX : pronounced Four X, brand of beer made in Queensland

Y

Yabber : talk (a lot) Yakka : work (noun) Yewy : u turn in traffic (chuck a yewy at the next traffic lights) Yobbo : an uncouth person Youse : you (plural)