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Create, compile, adjudicate and administer all national and world records. Promote national and world record breaking opportunities for all people living in Australia and Australians living overseas. Provide a platform to showcase human excellence and encourage everyone to strive for their best.

Notes to this edition

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Welcome to country

**The Australian Book
Of Records (TABOR)
acknowledges the
Traditional Custodians
of the various lands on
which we are located.**

We pay our respects to Elders
past and present.

We also celebrate diversity
and are committed to provide
inclusive services.

We offer our services to all
people without judgement.

Why The Australian Book Of Records?

- Aussies demanded a record institution that has integrity, knowledge, encourages people to believe in themselves and work hard to reach their goals
- A record institution that puts people before profit
- That has staff with expertise and professionalism to adjudicate all records

A message about the founders

The Taylors are a married couple, slightly different to the run of the mill duo.

Helen holds 93 world records and John holds 96 world records. They get immense joy out of helping others to achieve their record goals.

In 2004 while living in Singapore, because of their wealth of knowledge in the record area, they began The Singapore Book Of Records (SBOR), where hundreds of thousands of Singaporeans became national and world record holders, including Prime Minister Lee, who held office at the time.

The Singapore Book Of Records is still going strong today.

The Taylors then embarked on many successful global projects, one of which was driving around the world, 29,717 kilometres using only 24 standard tanks of a newly developed Shell fuel, for a fuel economy world record.

In 2012 they returned home to live in Melbourne Australia to be close to their family. This is when The Australian Book Of Records (TABOR) was born and continues to thrive today.

The point of difference between the Taylors and other record organisation facilitators is that they recognise national and world records. They assist record applicants through the process, individuals, groups and corporations all get encouragement and support personally delivering them the best possible outcome. They support neurodiverse and physically disabled persons in achieving their record goals.

Let this just be the beginning of your record breaking journey, keep challenging yourselves, embrace every opportunity and live life to the full, without any regrets.

Yours in record breaking,

Helen and John Taylor

Co-founders of The Australian Book Of Records

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**SPECIAL
PROFILE**

Michael J. Clarke OAM
History of Boxing

Australia's leading boxing historian

Michael J. Clarke, OAM, aged 90 years old, commenced researching and studying the history of boxing when he was only 6 years old. He has gone much further than any other historian by studying the social impact of the sport on society in Australia.

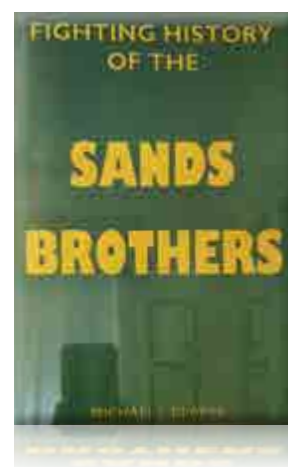
He has researched and compiled the complete record of the sport in Australia commencing from 1800 to the present day, a mammoth task never before attempted by any other boxing writer in Australia. That project took about 8,000 typed A4 pages and covered a period of almost 200 years.

Michael commenced writing articles on Australian boxers in 1956 for The Australian Ring, and continued providing other magazines with articles and information, these include:- Fighter, Small Glove News, Square Ring, Australian Boxer, The World of Boxing, Boxing News (England) and The Ring (USA).

Michael has written 6 books on Australian boxing, which is more than any other Australian author, and probably the world. They included a four volume series "Boxing", then "The Fighting History of the Sands Brothers" and "The Legends of the Ring." Copies of those books are kept in the National library of Australia in Canberra.

Michael has an encyclopaedic knowledge on most things dealing which have an historical bent, but in particular boxing.

In the year 2004 he was awarded the prestigious Medal of the Order of Australia and received further honours later that same year in being placed on the Wollongong Council's Board of Honour.



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It is a fact that from post World War II 1945 through to 1996, nearly 5.5 million immigrants settled in Australia.

AUSTRALIAN FACT FILE



Australia's oldest town

Australia's oldest town is George Town, a Tasmanian coastal town on the east bank of the mouth of the Tamar River.

First settled in November 1804.



Our largest rock

Mt. Augustus, the world's 39th largest rock, sits in the outback of Western Australia east of Carnarvon. The rock of the mountain is estimated to be one billion years old, sitting on a granite rock said to be 1.65 billion years old.

Mt. Augustus is approximately two and a half times the size of Uluru.

It rises to a height of 717 meters. Its central ridge is around 8 kilometres long. It covers an area of some 11,860 acres.





The first Australian to become a European Queen

Tasmanian, Mary Donaldson, as Crown Princess Mary of Denmark, has risen to the rank of Queen when her husband, Crown Prince Frederik, was proclaimed king of that European nation Sunday, the 14th of January, 2024.

Largest nuclear bomb detonation

Taranaki is the site of the largest nuclear bomb detonation (by the British army) at Maralinga, South Australia.

It was larger than the bomb that devastated Hiroshima.

There were two major tests, Operation Buffalo in 1956 and Operation Antler the next year.

The 550 minor trials were said to generate far more contamination than the major tests.





The lowest point on the Australian mainland is the dry bed of Lake Eyre SA; It is 15 metres below sea level.

The most decorated soldier in Australia's history

The most decorated soldier in Australia's military history is Tasmanian born Henry William (Harry) Murray, aka 'Mad' Harry. Indeed, Murray was the most highly decorated infantry soldier during World War I throughout the British Empire. He served in both World War I and World War II, rising from the ranks to Lt Col in WWI and serving as Lt Col in WWII.

During World War I, Murray was awarded the following honours: Victoria Cross, March 1917, Gueudecourt, France; Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG), June 1919, France; Distinguished Service Order (DSO) and Bar, November 1916, Mouquet Farm, France, and June 1917, Bullecourt, France; Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM), August 1915, Gallipoli; Croix de Guerre, January 1919, France. He was also mentioned in despatches four times during the French campaign.

In World War II and the following years, Murray added the following medals to his already formidable list: War Medal 1939-45, Australia Service Medal 1939-1945, King George VI Coronation Medal, Queen Elizabeth Coronation Medal.



Largest system of waterways in Australia

The Murray-Darling Basin is the largest system of waterways in Australia. It covers an area of France and Germany combined.

The Basin is divided into two parts. Water in the Northern Basin runs into the Darling River and water in the Southern Basin runs into the River Murray.



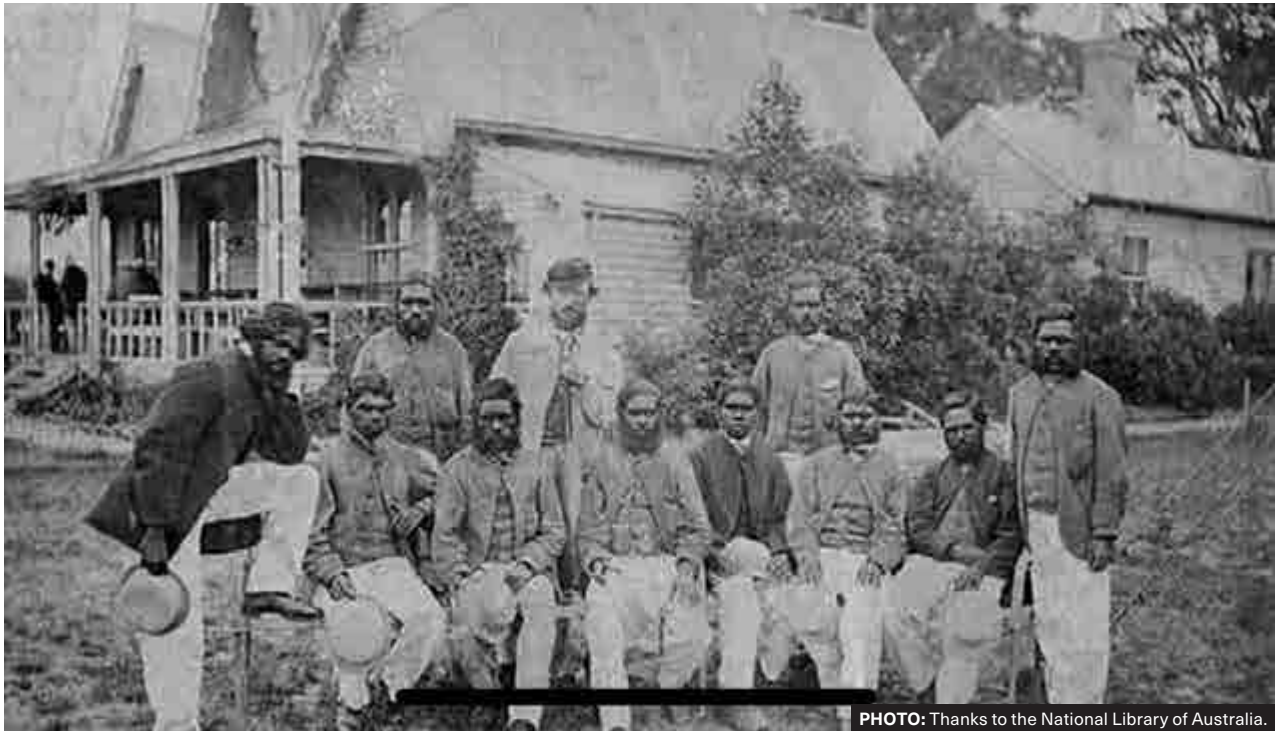


PHOTO: Thanks to the National Library of Australia.

The first Aboriginal cricket side

The first Aboriginal cricket side was formed in 1867, this was also the first organised group of Australian sports people to travel overseas.

In May 1868 they arrived into England for a series of matches.

The team consisted of 13 Aboriginal men from the western district of Victoria.

The Jardwadjali, Gunditjmara and Wotjobaluk men. They were coached and captained by an ex all-England cricketer Charles Lawrence.

The team played 47 matches against intermediate-level English amateur teams between May and October 1868.

Leader of the Women's Suffrage of Australia

Vida Goldstein, born in Portland Victoria in 1869, was leader of the Women's Suffrage of Australia.

Vida won extraordinary rights for women and spread her influence across the world.





The lifts at the Eureka Tower Southbank, Melbourne, are the fastest in the Southern Hemisphere and travel at more than 9 metres per second. It takes just 38 seconds from the ground to the 88th floor.

FEATS OF ENGINEERING



Fastest speed achieved using a biodiesel propelled one off built motorcycle

On the 19th of February, 2013, on a custom built motorcycle Paul Carter achieved a top speed of 98.2 mph (158.04 kph).

The successful record attempt took place at Lake Gairdner (Dry Salt Lake) S.A.



The longest freight train in the world

On the 26th of June, 2001, BHP claimed the world's longest freight train. The route was between Newman and Port Headland WA, a distance of 275km and the train consisted of 682 loaded iron ore wagons and 8 GE AC6000 locomotives giving a gross weight of almost 100,000 tonnes and moved 82,262 tonnes of ore, the train was 7,353km long.

First car manufactured in Australia

The first car manufactured in Australia was on the 29th of November, 1948. It was a Holden 48-215 (commonly known as the FX), the vehicle officially rolled off the General Motors-Holden assembly line at Fishermen's Bend Victoria. It was then sold for £500 to Essington Lewis, an Australian who was the director of munitions during World War II.



PHOTO: Courtesy National Museum

Feats of Engineering



On the 9th of March, 2024, Cameron Obst successfully completed 145 take offs and landings in his Kangawallafox 19-1678 at Chinchilla Airport, Queensland, during daylight hours. Cameron beat the previous record of 140 take offs and landings, whilst raising funds for charity.

The longest bar

The longest bar in the southern hemisphere and possibly the world is at The Trust hotel Flinders Lane Melbourne, measuring at an incredible 40.02 metres.



Australia 108 is ranked the tallest building in Australia

Based on the second CTBUH method (highest occupied floor), where the highest occupied floor stands at 312.4 metres, (1,025 feet).



Australia's highest post box

On the top of one of Australia's highest buildings, the Eureka Skydeck (nearly 300m tall, 91 floors), is Australia's highest post box. From here you can send letters globally.



In 1903, the Australian Motoring Association was formed in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria to protect the interests of motorists. In 1924, this was followed by the Australian Automobile Association.

FEATS OF ENGINEERING



The most engine horsepower at a car show



With 16,492 horsepower from 141 cars, 14 motorbikes and 4 boat engines revving for one minute, at the 'HORSEPOWER IN THE HIGH COUNTRY EVENT', presented by the Delatite Drivers Car Club Inc. in aid of the Mansfield Autism Statewide Services M.A.S.S. on Saturday, 27th of January, 2024.



Feats of Engineering





World record for the longest married couple was Herbert Fisher (USA, born 1905) and Zelmyra Fisher (USA, born 1907). The couple had been married for 86 years 290 days as of 27 February 2011.

**HUMAN
BEINGS**

Australia's longest married living couple

Daphne and John Partridge married on October the 31st, 1942 and remain happily married 81 years, 5 months and 19 days later, which is 29,756 days, up until April 19th, 2024.



Oldest living woman

Lorna Henstridge from Adelaide SA turned 110 on the 6th of June, 2024. Lorna was born in 1914.

Lorna has 7 children, 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren who were all together to share in her birthday celebrations.

Lorna lived through two world wars and two pandemics. She played a lot of sport. Her key to a good life is to always be respectful to people and continue to keep learning.



Fastest time to sort ten books into alphabetical order

At the Big Red Bash, Birdsville, on July 2nd, 2024, Molly McClean was given ten assorted books to sort into alphabetical order.

The clock started immediately the books were passed to Molly and it took her a speedy 29.1 seconds to complete the task.



The fastest time to say the alphabet backwards

Suzy Haley, completed the fastest time to say the alphabet backwards, from Z to A in a remarkable time of 3.62 seconds, in September, 2024.



HUMAN BEINGS

The largest freeze frame dance

17/8/2024

6,248 people danced like no one was watching to music until the music abruptly stopped.

The ruling states each individual is required to stop immediately, once the music stops, in whatever pose they land and keep that pose for 3 seconds. The music starts up again and the dance resumes and continues the same theme. In aid of the Royal Flying Doctor Service South Eastern Section.



PHOTO: Tim Gimbert Images



Big Blue Day

15/8/2024

Big Blue Day signifies a special celebration at the Mundi Mundi Bash, Broken Hill, NSW. On this day it raises much needed funds for Beyond Blue.

7,243 record breakers dressed in as much blue imaginable singing out loud together our iconic Aussie song, 'I am Australian'. The platform for this was the largest human image of a country.



The largest simultaneous ice bucket challenge'

On the 16th of June, 2024, at Berwick Junior Football Club in Victoria, 252 players, coaching staff and parents took the plunge for MND research in front of Jan Daniher, by pouring cold icy water over their heads raising money for a very worthy cause.



Longest hair in Australia

July the 15th, 2024

Shamima Akter Anika Maya from Sydney, is 26 year old and stands 155cm tall.

Shamima's hair measures an Australian record figure of 210cm in length, her hair stretches an additional 55cm longer than her height.



Most woodfire pizzas cooked in the Simpson Desert

From 2022 until 2024 at The Big Red Bash in the Simpson Desert, Birdsville, Queensland, the remarkable team at Pellegrino Pizza have cooked an incredible 3,500 woodfire pizzas.



BRISBANE

A new world record in the home state of Bluey

The biggest Keepy Uppy game played simultaneously across the greatest geographical distance, 2,000 kilometres

Hundreds of Bluey fans have set a world record for the biggest game of Keepy Uppy in Queensland, Australia, the home state of Bluey on Sunday, the 2nd of June, 2024. Spanning an almost 2,000km playing field, 702 Keepy Uppy 'experts' joined in the epic game made famous in the much-loved television series, Bluey, determined to keep a sea of red balls from touching the ground.

Families and friends of all ages gathered the length of the state as adjudicators from The Australian Book of Records oversaw three official games played simultaneously at Brisbane's South Bank, as seen in Bluey, Gold Coast's sparkling shores of Main Beach and Cairns Esplanade, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.

Delighted cheers rang out across the state as families, friends and neighbours came together at the same time to embrace the fun with mini games of Keepy Uppy popping up in cities, by the beach and in country towns, from the Queensland coast to the Outback, including at the world-famous Whitehaven Beach in The Whitsundays.

Tourism and Events Queensland CEO Patricia O'Callaghan stated

"In a globally competitive market, Queensland must show the world what makes us special. Bringing the Bluey's World Brisbane immersive experience to Queensland means fans from around the world have a chance to experience Queensland's world-class icons and landscapes, such as our beaches, rainforests, the outback and our Great Barrier Reef. We could not be more excited to be working with BBC Studios to invite the world to experience Bluey's world for real life, right here in Queensland."

PICTURE BELOW SHOWS: Helen Taylor, TABOR, Queensland Premier Steven Miles MP with daughter Bridie and Tourism and Events CEO Patricia O'Callaghan.



Tourism and Events Queensland Record Gallery 2024





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GOLD COAST



Gold Coast and Cairns Queensland Record Gallery 2024



CAIRNS





THE AUSTRALIAN BOOK OF RECORDS

Australia is the only continent without any living species of land tortoise

LIVING THINGS



The corpse flower

On the 6th of January, 2016, a corpse flower in far north Queensland smashed the record for the tallest of its kind in an Australian botanic.

The flower, nicknamed Spud, was displayed at the Cairns Botanic Gardens.

The corpse flower was officially measured by the curator at 282 centimetres tall.

World's largest crayfish

The world's largest crayfish is the Tasmanian giant freshwater crayfish, measuring up to 76cm long and weighing 4.5kg.



The only herbivorous marine mammal in Australia, feeding on sea grass in coastal areas

The dugong is an endangered marine species that inhabits the waters of north-eastern and north-western Australia, particularly the Torres Strait. It can grow up to 3 metres long and weigh as much as 400kg. The dugong is the only herbivorous marine mammal in Australia, feeding on sea grass in coastal areas.



The largest male funnel web spider measures close to 8cm and can kill you in less than 15 minutes



World record price for a yearling filly

On April 10, 2024, it was a day of staggering drama, global records and the most incredible bidding and theatre ever witnessed in a thoroughbred sales ring as the much anticipated daughter of **Pierro** and **Winx** set a world record price for a yearling filly at **Riverside**.

Lot 391 – as the **Winx** filly had become affectionately known in the lead-up to her sale – sold for a staggering \$10m to **Woppitt Bloodstock** on Day 2 of the **Easter Yearling Sale**, having been offered in the **Coolmore** draft.

On a day of amazement at Riverside:

*The **Pierro x Winx** filly's price of \$10m eclipsed the previous world record for a yearling filly set in 2013 and decimated the Southern Hemisphere yearling record price of \$5m.

A millepede with 1306 legs has broken the previous most limbs world record of 750

Eumillipes persephone, set a new record for a species of millipede from Western Australia, measuring (0.95mm wide and 95.7mm long) animal with 330 segments, a cone-shaped head, enormous antennae, and a beak for feeding.

This millipede was found in the Goldfields of WA, deep under ground.



Most grafted tree with five fruits

On the 6th of October, 2021,

Hussam Saraf from **Kialla** in **Victoria** most cleverly and successfully grafted five different types of stone fruit almond, peach/nectarine, plum, cherry and apricot/peachcot onto one tree, the only person in the world to do so.



Australia grows three species of oysters - three native species Rock, Angasi and Akoya

LIVING THINGS



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Jill, the world's heaviest oyster

04/05/24

Australia's and the world's heaviest oyster is like a pet parade but for giant oysters! A favourite at Australia's biggest rock oyster shellabration, Narooma Oyster Festival, this competition formally recognises the impressive weights that the Pacific Oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*) can reach in the rich estuaries of the south coast of New South Wales.

Australia's Biggest Oyster is decided by weight, and The Australian Book of Records (TABOR) recognises this world record set by weight. At 3.01kg growers Sharryn & Bernie Connell, from Batemans Bay surpassed the world record by a whopping 1.9kg.

- Rules:**
1. Must be a single oyster – nothing piggybacking on it.
 2. Must be alive.
 3. Winner is the heaviest oyster.
 4. If a draw, then length will determine the winner.

This event is proudly supported by Australia's Oyster Coast, Australia's largest producer of Rock Oysters and the Narooma Rocks team.

Did you know?

The Rock Oyster grows almost exclusively in NSW and exhibits 'merroir', the taste of place and cultivation much like wine!

An adult oyster can filter 120 litres of water in a day.

Living Things



PICTURE CREDIT: Ian Rowlett

Ian runs a stud in Marrabel, South Australia's South East.

Most lambs birthed by a merino ewe

The oldest cat (verified) was a Burmese lady, 27 living years, Kataleena Lady, born in Melbourne.

In June 2024, Ian Rowlett, a South Australian merino farmer was surprised to find one of his stud's merino ewes gave birth to six lambs, believed never to have happened in Australia before.

Generally merino sheep give birth to one to three lambs once or twice a year. The lambs were conceived through artificial insemination and were a decent size giving them a favourable chance of survival.

Australia's largest carnivorous marsupial and endangered species

There are four species of quoll, or native cat, all of which are threatened species. The Spotted Quoll is mainland Australia's largest carnivorous marsupial and an endangered species.



Australia's First Non Native Animal

The Dingo is the first non-native animal introduced to Australia and its origin is still the subject of debate although it is thought to have descended from the Indian Wolf.





MATERIAL WORLD



World first 3D playable harp

Taras above made the world's first 3D printed playable harp.

The harp was made and played on the 24th of July, 2023. This invention was created between UOW Industry 4.0 Hub and his house in Wollongong NSW.

Australia's only precious metals refinery The Perth Mint

The Perth Mint operates Australia's only precious metals refinery. As one of the highest throughput refineries in the world, and the largest facility in the Southern Hemisphere, The Perth Mint refines between 300 and 400 tonnes of precious metals each year, though its capacity far exceeds this level of output.

The only operating mint from the early goldrushes

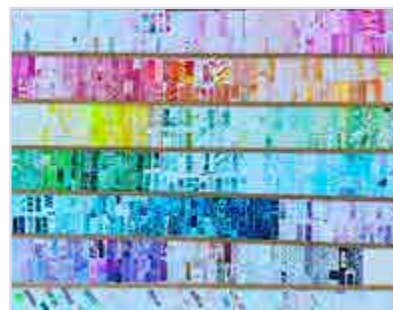
The Perth Mint opened in 1899 as a branch of Britain's Royal Mint.

Most number of handmade bookmarks

Congratulations to students from outer Gippsland schools on achieving the national record, for the greatest number of handmade bookmarks by students, celebrating Book Week 2024. The total made was 658 counted on the 23rd of August, 2024.

The schools who participated are: Heyfield Primary school - Maffra Secondary college - Newmerella Primary school - Nambrok Denison Primary school - Loch Sport Primary school - Stratford Primary school - Araluen Primary school.

Local libraries will distribute the book marks to lucky borrowers, keeping their last read page safe in their book.





The first Australian winemaker to become Sparkling wine maker of the year 2024

For the first time ever, an Australian Winemaker was named Sparkling Winemaker of the Year at the International Wine Challenge (IWC).

The award was presented to House of Arras chief winemaker Ed Carr, who attended a special ceremony held at The Oval in London.

It speaks volumes about the exceptional sparkling wine produced from Tasmania's cool climate and ancient soils and is equal to the world's best.

The win for Australian sparkling wine producer House of Arras also marks only the second time in the competition's 40-year history that a winemaker outside of Champagne has received the award.

The sparkling wine makers are judged by more than 500 experts from more than 38 different countries.





**MATERIAL
WORLD**

**Australia's
tallest
residential
door**

Date: 14/10/2024

Standing at
6.115m (20.06
feet), Australia's
tallest residential
door belongs to
Arash Kouhi in
Wahroonga, NSW.



The largest comic book collection

Date of Record: up to 22nd of February, 2024

It has been calculated that Brett 'The Comic Guy' Chilman has a comic book collection of 103,700 comics, made up of comics, magazines, Trades paper backs, little digests and phantom comics.

Brett's entire collection including cards, statues, figurines, movie memorabilia etc has more than 250,000 items.

A special vault was purposely built for Brett to store his collection now and into the future.



The largest recorded fine black opal nodule (or 'nobby') "halley's comet"

On the 3rd of November, 1986, this incredible stone of nearly 2000 carats was found by a group of five opal miners known as "The Lunatic Hill Syndicate". The partnership was named for the location of their open-cut mine that was the size of a football field on the Leaning Tree Claim in the 3-Mile Black Opal Field in Lightning Ridge NSW.



Heaviest watermelon

Australia's heaviest watermelon weighs 107kg and was grown by Darryl Morris in Dalby, Queensland on the 22nd of March, 2024.

Heaviest fruits

- Australia's heaviest citron/pie melon weighs 29.78kg and was grown by Geoff Frohloff in Queensland in 2018
- Australia's heaviest cantaloupe weighs 10.5kg and was grown by Ned Katich in Western Australia in 1982
- Australia's heaviest tomato weighs 3.7kg and was grown by Bryan Lai in Victoria in 2024
- Australia's heaviest eggplant weighs 1.738kg and was grown by Sam Trotta in Victoria in 2011





MODERN WORLD



The biggest coins

Is a group of sculptures located in Deakin, Australian Capital Territory next to the Royal Australian Mint, depicting the coins of the Australian dollar. The circle on the left is not a coin, but shows "Est. 1965", denoting the year the Royal Australian Mint was opened.



The big Fred Flintstone

Since 2010, Fred Flintstone has been homed in Mackay, Queensland.



The big ant

Was built at the Stephens Creek Hotel, and was designed by artist Pro Hart. In 2011 The statue was eventually moved to Broken Hill, NSW.



Giant boxing crocodile

This seven tonne, six metre tall boxing crocodile was built in 1988 and is displayed in Humpty Doo, Northern Territory.



The big apple

Was built in 1978 by local tradesman John Ross and erected by Brian Wilmot at Vincenzo's, a popular tourist spot near Stanthorpe in Queensland.

In 1895 South Australia was the first place to allow women to stand for parliament

The largest ever salt water crocodile in Australia

Back in July 1957, Australia's largest known crocodile, Krys, 8.64 metres long, was killed with a single shot on the banks of the Norman River, Queensland.



The big knight

Stands at 6.5 metres tall and has been protecting the good people of New South Wales since 1985.



The big pick, sieve and shovel

Are based in Sapphire, a rural mining location in the Central Highlands Region of Queensland.



The big rum bottle

Stands 6 metres tall and is located at the Bundaberg Rum Distillery, Queensland. It was built in 1988.



MODERN WORLD

The big wicket

The big wickets were installed in 2009, in honour of Tasmania's first Test cricket player, Jack Badcock. The wickets are an astonishing six-metres-tall.



The big coffee pot

Was creatively designed from a grain silo base found four kilometres out of Deloraine town along the Deloraine-Chudleigh road in Tasmania, in 1990.



The big beer can

Stands at 5m tall x 2.5m wide and was built in 1990. Located in Cobar, NSW. If filled it would hold approximately 22,000 litres of beer.



The big mango

The 10 metre high mango was built in 2002 and is displayed in Bowen at the top of the Whitsundays, Queensland.



The big olive

The two big olives were built on the 15th of April, 2005, and can be seen at Tailm Bend, South Australia.

Modern World

The big soldier is located in front of Hassett's Military Museum in Uralla, NSW.



The big hat

Is located in the Banjo Paterson Bush Park in Yeoval, between Parkes and Dubbo, NSW. Standing at 6m tall and weighing six tonnes, it is one of the tallest bronze sculptures in Australia.



The big bowling ball

The Big Bowl is the world's largest bowling ball. This giant blue bowling ball can be found in Lake Cathie, near Port Macquarie, New South Wales, since 2011.



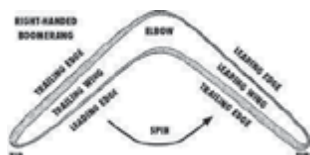
The big bull

Stands at 14 meters tall and measures more than 20 meters long, the big bull is located in Wauchope, NSW.



Katherine Bennell-Pegg has been an employee of the Australian Space Agency since 2019. Katherine is Australia's first female astronaut

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



One of our greatest inventions

The invention of the boomerang, unique in its own right, was phenomenal and one of our greatest inventions.

Based on the principle of boomerang flight, aboriginal David Unaipon anticipated the helicopter as early as 1914. His scientific insight and brain saw the promotion of his ideas. He was commemorated on Australia's \$50 note from 1995.



CSIRO was the first organisation in Australia to start using the internet which is why their domain name is csiro.au opposed to csiro.org.au or csiro.com.au



Significant achievements by The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

- Discovering rotavirus, the cause of a deadly form of severe gastroenteritis, over 40 years ago (Ruth Bishop)
- Using chemotherapy for the first time on leukaemia patients, in the world's first controlled trial of the drug
- Performing surgery on Australia's first paediatric intestinal transplant
- Undertaking the first heart transplant on a child
- Being the National Paediatric Heart Transplant Centre
- Becoming the first tertiary hospital in Australia to launch a hospital-wide Electronic Medical Record (EMR) in one day

Fastest time to solve a 40 x 40 mental multiplication

Pepe King performed a 40 x 40 mental multiplication in the shortest amount of time, on an A4 piece of paper, under observation, in 35 minutes, 22 seconds on March the 13th, 2024, at Forde, ACT.



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Science & Technology

Longest view of a total solar eclipse from onboard a commercial aircraft

On the 11th of July, 2010, a chartered Airbus A319-115 LR/ACJ, remained within the umbral shadow of a total solar eclipse for 9 minutes and 23 seconds. The flight was organised by Eric Brown and astronomer Glenn Schneider (both USA) and executed by Skytraders Australia. It carried 36 passengers and 7 crew members to view totality over the Pacific Ocean some 1,500 miles east off Tahiti, at an altitude of 39,000 feet.



First country to ban the sale of incandescent lights

On the 1st of November 2009, Australia led a global revolution in banning the sale of incandescent light bulbs in favour of more energy-efficient lighting. The phasing out of old-fashioned bulbs made Australia the first country in the world to embrace energy-efficient globes.

Bastille Day 14 July 2024

The first ever direct Australia-France flight took off from Perth for Paris by QANTAS airlines carrying 236 passengers.

The flight took passengers from Perth WA to Paris in only 17 hours and 20 minutes, the fastest way to get to Paris from Australia.



PHOTO CREDIT: QANTAS Australia



Introduced the use of photography into geological work

Richard Daintree was born in 1832 and was a member of the Geological Survey of Victoria 1854-56, as a field surveyor.

His extensive knowledge led to the opening of many Queensland gold fields. An accomplished photographer, he introduced the use of photography into geological work. The Daintree River and Daintree Rainforest in North Queensland are named after him.



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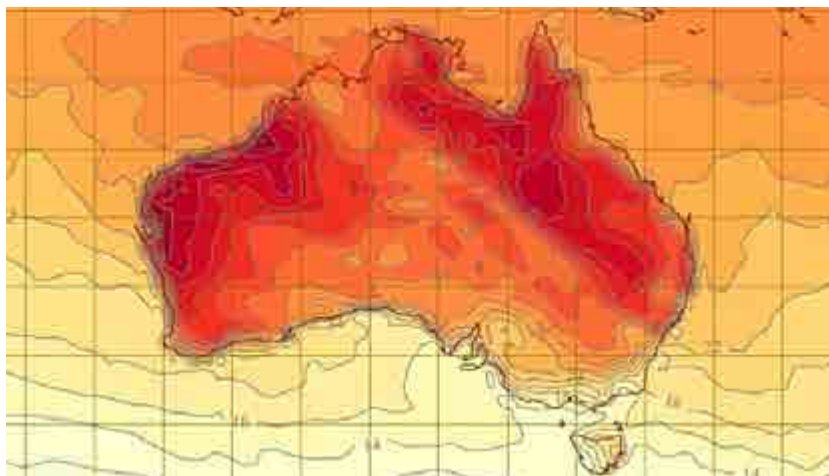
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Highest temperatures recorded in Australia's history

At Oodnadatta,
South Australia
on the 2nd of
January 1960, the
temperature peaked
at 50.7 °C (123.3 °F).

At Onslow, Western
Australia on the 13th
of January 2022, the
temperature peaked
at 50.7 °C (123.3 °F).



Hottest summer

The summer of 2012-13 will go down as
Australia's hottest on record and January
2013 as the nation's hottest month. Mean
temperatures for the summer were 1.11 °C
above normal, 0.13 °C above the previous
record set in 1997-1998.

Records were set in every state. Fourteen of the 112
sites used by the Bureau for long-term monitoring
had their hottest day on record during the heatwave,
the most sites ever to do so in a single summer. This
included Sydney and Hobart, which set all-time records
with 45.8 °C (on January 18th) and 41.8 °C (on
January 4th), respectively.

The highest temperature of the summer was 49.6 °C
on January 12th at Moomba in the far north-east of
South Australia.

Most consecutive days above 37.8 degrees celsius

The most consecutive days above 37.8 celcius was
in Marble Bar, WA from the 31st of October 1923
until the 7th of April 1924.

A 160 day world record.

Marble Bar is known for its arid climate and very
hot summers and mild to warm winters.





Lowest national record temperatures by state and territory

NSW in Charlotte Pass (Kosciuszko Chalet) on the 29th of June 1994 temperature dropped to -23.0 C

Tasmania in Tarraleah Village, Butlers Gorge and Shannon HEC on the 30th of June 1983 the temperature dropped to -13.0 C

Victoria in Falls Creek on the 3rd of July 1970 and Omeo Comparison of the 15th of June 1965 the temperature dropped to -11.7 C

QLD in Warwick , (The Hermitage) on the 12th of July 1965 and in Stanthorpe (Leslie Parade) on June the 23rd 1961 the temperature dropped to -10.6 C

SA in Yongola on the 20th of July 1976 the temperature dropped to -8.2 C

NT at Alice Springs airport on the 17th of July 1976 the temperature dropped to -7.5 C

WA in Eyre on the 17th of August 2008 the temperature dropped to -7.2 C

In May 2023, Artificial Intelligence (AI) was recognised to help accelerate mammogram screenings.

A world first discovery is the result of the collaboration between University of Melbourne and Breast Screen Melbourne and the Cancer Council Victoria.

The test uses artificial intelligence to examine mammograms.

This information can alert those at high risk earlier.

The new test can determine how breast cancer is diagnosed in the future.



THE ARTS



The largest gathering of Mary Poppins themed characters in one location

On Sunday the 30th of June, 2024, at the Mary Poppins Festival, Maryborough, Queensland, 182 participants dressed as Mary Poppins themed characters, setting the largest gathering record.

PHOTO'S: Mary Poppins Festival.
Courtesy of Fraser Coast Tourism & Events



Australia's longest-serving DJ For almost eighty years Bob Rogers

Bob worked at multiple stations over his career including 2SM, 2UE, 2GB and 2CH where he finished up in 2020 after two-and-a-half decades. He began working in radio as a teenager with Melbourne's 3XY.

Bob was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in June 2010 for service to the media as a radio broadcaster.

PHOTO CREDIT: National Art Gallery





Song most streamed on Spotify

Tones and I (Toni Watson) became the first lead female artist in the world to overtake three billion song streams in Spotify history, with the song she composed herself, Dance Monkey.

Dance Monkey, released in May 2019, broke the record for being number one 24 times on the ARIA Singles Chart by any artist since its release. It reached number one in over 30 countries.

Dance Monkey holds the world record for the most Shazams in history, music lovers shazamed the song over 36.6 million times.

Toni is from Mount Martha in Victoria and spent many years busking in different locations throughout Australia.





Australia's first comic came off the press in Melbourne in May 1934 and was called Fatty Finn's Weekly

THE ARTS

Fastest selling non-fiction book sold in one week and overall

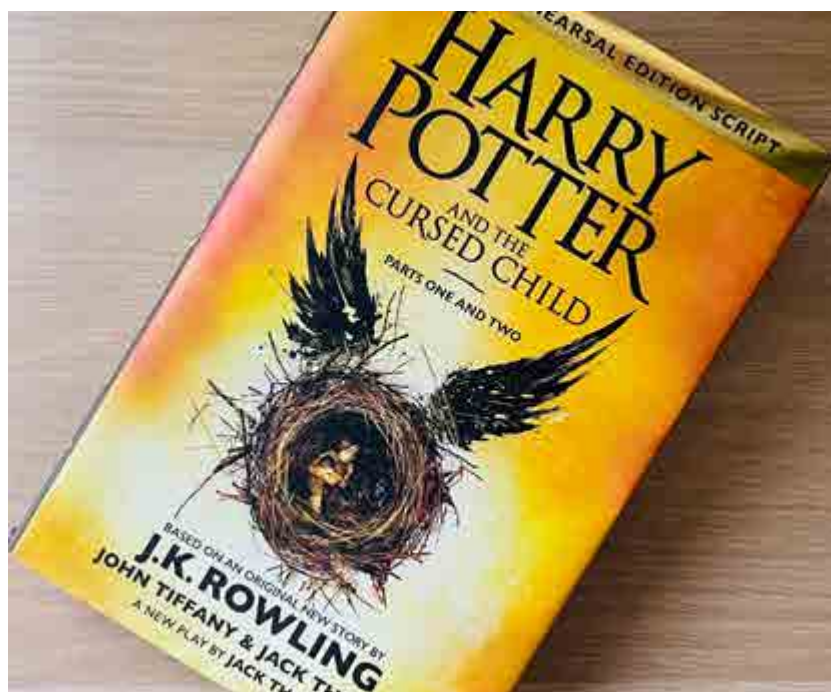
The Barefoot Investor, written by Scott Pape, is Australia's number #1 best selling non-fiction book to date with more than 2 million copies sold.

Scott's next book The Barefoot Investor for Families sold 74,600 copies in the first week, the fastest selling of any non-fiction book in Australia.



The fastest selling script book in Australia's history

Script books Harry Potter And The Cursed Child Parts One and Two were bought by 170,000 enthusiastic readers in the first three days of their release. The book was published at 9.01 am on the 7th of June, 2016, after its stage debut on London's West End.



The first colour feature film made in Australia

The Premiere of the film Jedda was shown on the 3rd of January, 1955.

Jedda was directed and produced by Charles Chauvel. It was written by Charles Chauvel and Elsa Chauvel. Audiences around the world were entranced by the Australian bush and Indigenous actors.

The storyline: Raised by a white ranching family from infancy, an Aboriginal girl gives up her fiancé and a life of privilege when a tribesman seduces her with the lure of the wild.

The Arts

The biggest selling movie

Barbie the movie is the biggest selling movie. The new movie with female Director Greta Gerwig and starring our own Margot Robbie as the doll Barbie and Ryan Gosling as Ken surpassed the 1.5 billion dollar mark worldwide.



For the first time, everyone on the dance floor, including every attendee and Musicland staff member setting a record!

On Sunday the 15th of September, 2024, every single person attending the Musicland Neil Diamond Tribute Band 'Hot August Night' and Musicland staff members all got on the dance floor and danced and sang their hearts out to the classic song 'Sweet Caroline', setting a new record of 185 participants.



The most popular stage play in the history of Australian theatre

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child is the most popular stage play in the history of Australian stage theatre. It broke the record having an audience of about 326,500 patrons in the first year.

Eventually one million viewers overall were lucky to see the stage play in Australia even though there were tough restrictions with the COVID pandemic in Melbourne.

Longest serving Aussie soap star

Date of Record:

1987 to present

Ray Meagher joined the Home and Away soap opera in 1987 and has starred as Alf Stewart since the first episode in January 1988, making him the longest serving actor in an Australian series.

Longest serving brass band radio presenter

Geoffrey McGregor was born in April 1960 and his association with brass bands commenced at the age of 7, some 57 years ago.

The first programme Geoffrey produced and presented went to air on the 13th of June, 1982 (42 years, and 4 months ago). The programme is called "Brass Encounters", aired on 2NUR-FM 103.7 a Community Radio Station located at the University of Newcastle, Callaghan, New South Wales.

The programme is worldwide via the net and is broadcast weekly on a Sunday night. The stations website also has episodes available for listening.

Geoffrey supplies his own recordings which he accesses from all over the world at his own expense.





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and photograph

SPORT

Scott Pendlebury most disposals in VFL AFL history

As of April 25th, 2024,
Scott Pendlebury holds the most
disposals record in VFL AFL
history with 10,000 disposals,
at the Collingwood v Essendon
ANZAC Day match.

From the end of the AFL 2024
season, Scott extended his most
disposals to a total of 10,278 in
403 games.



Sport

The oldest living past Aussie rules player is 105 year old Jim Miller, of the Western Bulldogs, born on the 30th of May, 1919. During world war 11 he served in both the army and the RAAF. Jim was born in Footscray. He played in Footscray District Football League before he was recruited by Footscray Football Club. He made his debut in 1938 and played 131 games for the club in the next 11 years.



On the 15th of July, 2024, 21 year old Travis Bazzana from Wahoonga NSW was selected as number ONE pick in the 2024 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft by Cleveland Guardians.

He is the first Aussie ever to be taken in the first round of the MLB draft.



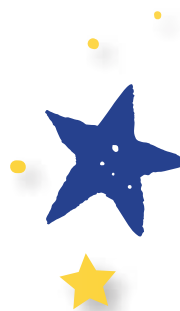
Mark O'Connor completed 113 consecutive diamond push ups in one minute, 8.22 seconds at Coburg Leisure Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, on Wednesday the 6th of March 2024, beating the previous world record of 101 diamond push ups.

Only two team AFL competition in the country

The AFL Ravensthorpe and Districts Sports Association play on the isolated South coast of Western Australia, they are the only two team competition in the country.

Sharks and Ravensthorp Tigers face off each and every week for the season.

The competition is made up of players from the farming towns of Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun and Lake King.



Cricket

12th of June, 2024

It was all over in 24 minutes! The lowest ever T20I score for an Australian opponent vs Namibia, who were bowled out for 72 runs. Australia won by 9 wickets at Antigua's Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

At this game spin bowler Adam Zampa became the first Australian to take 100 T20I wickets. Adam took 100 wickets in 83 matches with an economy rate of 7.20.

Youngest Australian to win a Formula 1 Grand Prix

On the 21st of July 2024, at the Hungaroring Racetrack near Budapest Hungary, at just 23 years of age, Team McClaren's Oscar Piastri has made history as the youngest Australian to win a Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Largest female soccer crowd ever

On the 3rd of June, 2024, Australia's female soccer team, the Matildas, had their largest crowd ever when 76,798 fans packed into Accor Stadium Sydney to see Australia win 2-0 against China PR.



Australia and Greece are the only two nations to have participated at every summer Olympic Games of the modern era

SPORT

Youngest Olympian

Arisa Trew is the youngest Australian Olympic medallist in history. Arisa won a skateboard park gold at the age of 14 years and 86 days at the Paris Olympics 2024, she scored a phenomenal 93.18 to become winner. On the 14th of May, 2024, Arisa became the first female skater to land the first 900. (2-1/2 rotations) trick.



Most Olympic Games

Andrew Hoy – Equestrian with a phenomenal 8 to his name.

Los Angeles 1984, Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, London 2012 and Tokyo 2020. Andrew was also selected for Moscow 1980 but unfortunately the Equestrian section was boycotted.



Abbey Caldwell won the first ever Olympic repechage heat in Athletics, taking out repechage Heat 1 of the women's 800m in 2:00.07.

Repechage is a French word meaning 'rescuing', so athletes who don't advance from the first round to the semifinals have another opportunity to move forward based on their repechage performance.

Edwin Flack won gold medals in the men's 800m and 1500m at Athens 1896, thus becoming the first Australian to win a medal at the Olympics. Meanwhile, Fanny Durack is the first Australian woman to win a medal at the Olympics after bagging gold in the women's 100m freestyle swimming event at Stockholm 1912.

OLDEST EVER OLYMPIAN:
Bill Northam 59 years 26 days
(Tokyo 1964) Yachting 5.5 class

LOGO: Courtesy IOC



CREDIT: World Aquatics

Olympic gold medals

Emma McKeon is the first Australian to win six Olympic gold medals, surpassing Ian Thorpe's five gold medal wins.

Emma is Australia's most decorated Olympian ever with twelve medals overall.

An Olympic swimming pool holds 2.5 million litres of water. The weight of this water is equivalent to 416 African Bush Elephants. 2.5 million litres of water weighs 2,499,999 kilograms.

PICTURE CREDIT: Delli Carr/Swimming Australia.

Winners of three gold medals in the same event

- Cate Campbell Swimming Womens 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
London 2012 Rio 2016 Tokyo 2020
- Dawn Fraser Swimming – 100m Freestyle
Melbourne 1956 Rome 1960 Tokyo 1964
- Rachelle Hawkes Womens hockey
Seoul 1988 Atlanta 1996 Sydney 2000
- Andrew Hoy Equestrian 3 day event
Barcelona 1988 Atlanta 1996 Sydney 2000

Australia became the first country in the Southern Hemisphere to host the Olympic games, hosting the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, before hosting the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney. Australia is due to host the Summer Olympics for the third time at the 2032 Summer Olympics in Brisbane.

The 2024 Australian Paris Olympic team had the highest percentage of women in Australian Olympic history with 55.6%. Comparing this to the 1924 Paris Australian Olympic team, where there was no women representation in the Australian team.

DIVING

Melissa Wu is the first Australian diver to go to five Olympics.

Melissa debuted at just 16 years of age in 2008 at the Beijing China Olympic Games. She competed in the 10 metre synchronised diving with Briony Cole where they finished in second place, making Melissa the youngest Australian to ever win an Olympic medal in diving.

Melissa also participated in:
London 2012, Rio de Janeiro 2016, Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.





Four eagles golf round, shooting a 10 under par, 61

On the 7th of March, 2021, Australasian Tour player Andrew Martin made a world record four eagles in his final round to snatch the biggest win of his career to that stage.

Aged 36 and then ranked world No.836, Andrew shot the round of his life with a 10-under 61 at Bonnie Doon Golf Club to win the Players Series Sydney tournament. Andrew began the day eight strokes adrift, but ended up winning by two shots with an 18-under 266.

AFL star player Patrick Cripps won his second Brownlow Medal, with a record-breaking number of votes 45. On the 23rd September, 2024.



2000 metre world record

Jessica Hull has smashed the women's world record in the 2000 metres at the Monaco Diamond League on Friday the 12th of July, 2024.

The 27-year-old NSW middle- and long-distance runner clocked 5 minutes 19.70 seconds, beating the previous world record by 2 seconds in this rarely contested distance over five laps.

Five days earlier, she had set a new national record in the women's 1500m at the Eugene Diamond League in Paris, France and became the fifth-fastest runner in the history of the event.

Jessica set an Australian mile record of 4:19.89 in Portland on July 2, 2024.

Australian soccer referee wears headcam for the first time in history

Jarrold Gillett made history as a soccer referee when he wore a camera during the Premier league clash between Crystal Palace and Manchester United on Monday the 6th of May, 2024, at Selhurst Park, London. Crystal Palace running out winners 4 v 0.

Mounted to his head and connected this usual communications system, it was the first time that one had been worn by an official in the EPL top flight.

The scheme was been approved for educational purposes by both clubs, the International Football Association Board, the Professional Game Match Officials Limited and the Premier League.





World record for the longest run in the Polar region – 1402km in Antarctica

An Australian woman, Donna Urquhart, has been the first woman in history to attempt to run the longest distance in a polar region.

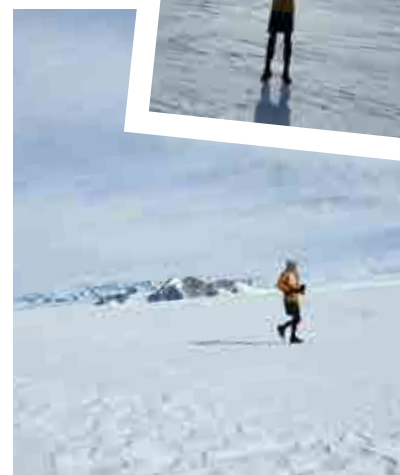
Donna ran 1402.21km in 28 days in Antarctica, the coldest, windiest and driest desert on earth. She ran an average of 50km per day over 28 running days between the 15th of December, 2023 and the 14th of January 2024.

Her momentous run was completed at Union Glacier Camp in Antarctica and Donna was supported on the ground by her husband Rhys, and team members, Anthony Lance, Annie Ting, and Tom Phillips.

The team also launched a campaign to raise awareness of the high dropout rate of teenage girls from sport and raise funds for a number of sport charities to help increase female participation.

Donna said "By pushing my own physical boundaries in this world record attempt I want to show young girls and women what's possible when you harness the power of the body and mind."

Donna's son Max, who is 11 years old, said, "What Mum has achieved is awesome. I want to support her on her next adventure and I hope one day I can break her world record in Antarctica."





Jenny Doan our own multiple hula hoop world record holder

How do you spend 100 hours in your typical week? For most of us, the obvious answer is work and sleep. However, in November 2019, Jenny Doan had other plans. At a brewery in Chicago, she set a world record for the longest marathon hula hooping at 100 hours.

Why hula hooper to such extremes? Funnily enough, she wasn't always a hula hooper; at the time, she was a data analyst at Uber. Raised by Vietnamese immigrants, she inherited a strong work ethic and followed their path to success by getting a degree and a good job.

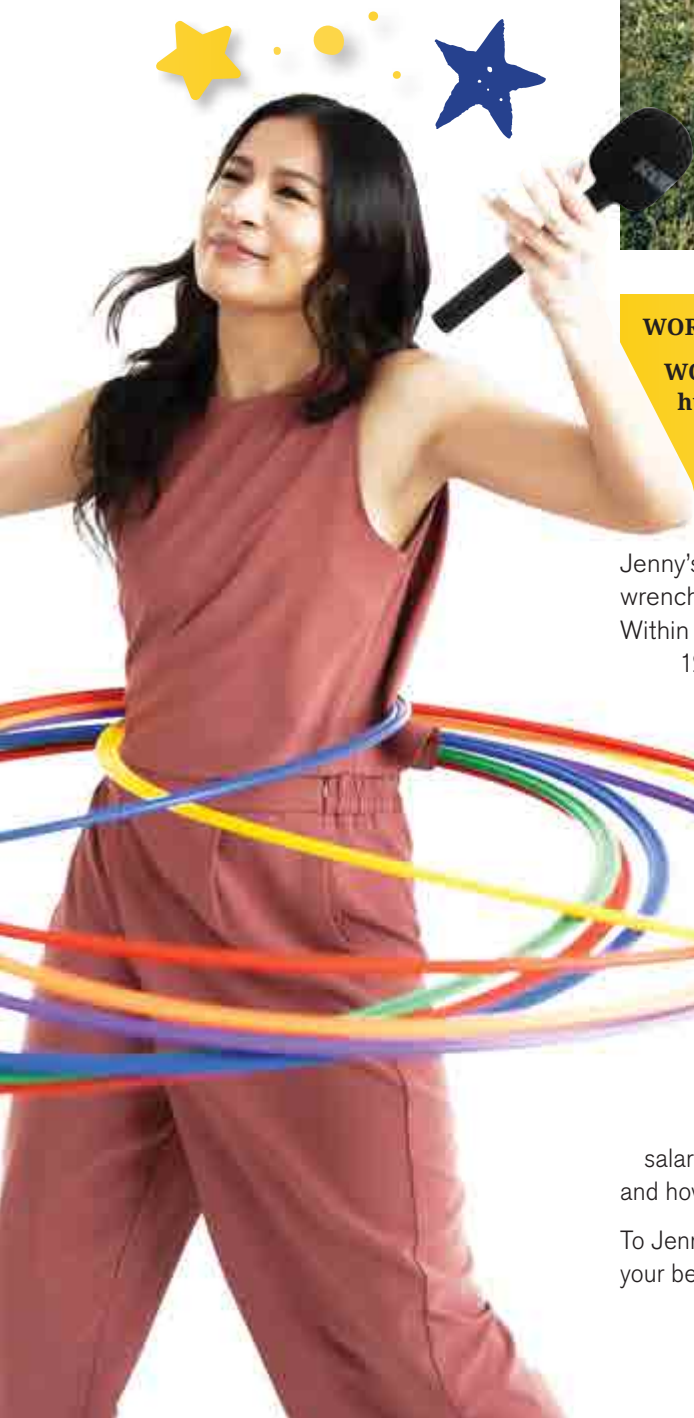
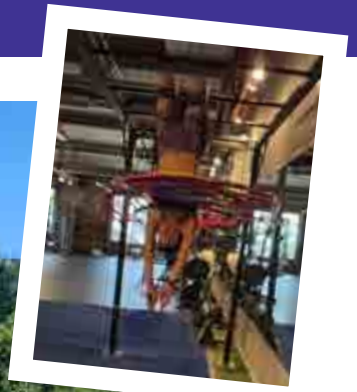
But something was missing; she wasn't happy, and life felt mundane, the same thing day in and day out. She had no idea what she wanted, so in her mid-20s, Jenny started her adventure to discover what she enjoyed.

Despite being the kid picked last at sport, she cycled 20,000km across 21 countries. It turns out endurance was her superpower, but she had never taken the chance to explore it before.

Getting out of her comfort zone inspired Jenny to rediscover herself and pursue opportunities abroad. She moved to the US and began her endurance hula hooping training.

After her 100 hour world record, she broke two more: Most consecutive stairs climbed while hula hooping 10,241 stairs and most hula hoops spun while suspended upside down - 23 hula hoops.

Sport



WORLD RECORD for the longest marathon hula hooping at 100 hours

WORLD RECORD for the most consecutive stairs climbed while hula hooping 10,241 stairs

WORLD RECORD for the most hula hoops spun while suspended upside down - 23 hula hoops

Jenny's time in the US came to a sudden stop when she received a gut-wrenching call from her mum. Her dad had been diagnosed with leukaemia. Within days, she packed up her life and returned home, spending the next 12 months supporting her dad and family through his chemotherapy treatment. Tragically, he didn't make it; at the age of 65, he peacefully passed away, surrounded by his family.

Losing her father reminded Jenny that life is short and unpredictable. She began thinking about her legacy and the impact she wanted on the world. She decided to share the lessons she learned through her experiences of self-discovery, building resilience and overcoming adversity.

She embarked on the next big journey in her life: becoming a motivational speaker. Reflecting on her life, she realised it's not the official things that bring us joy, like a job title or salary. Instead she celebrates what we do for fun, our hobbies, our passions, and how we express ourselves.

To Jenny, enjoying life isn't about being the best in the world, it's about being your best self, exploring who you are and what matters to you.



Swimming Australia

The Australian Swim Team - the Dolphins – had an historic year with eleven world records broken. In particular, Olympian Kaylee McKeown and Paralympians Jack Ireland, Alexa Leary and Paige Leonhardt had standout years, claiming two individual world records each.

The Paris 2024 Games will forever be etched in Australian swimming history: McKeown became the first Australian to win a total of four individual Olympic gold medals after triumphing in the women's 200m backstroke and in doing so, surpassed the likes of greats Ian Thorpe, Dawn Fraser and teammate Emma McKeon.

Weeks later; Paralympians Alexa Leary and Benjamin Hance added to the Dolphins success and international standing with world records of their own at La Defense Arena.

World short course record women's 4 x 100m freestyle relay

Mollie O'Callaghan, Madi Wilson, Meg Harris and Emma McKeon (Leah Neale) smashed the world short course womens 4 x 100m freestyle relay in a world record time of 3 minutes 25.43 seconds.

PHOTO: Courtesy Delli Carr/Swimming Australia



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W 50m BK – Kaylee McKeown – Budapest World Cup Oct 2023 - 26.86

During the opening night of the 2023 World Cup in Budapest, Kaylee McKeown rocketed to a new world record in the women's 50m backstroke, clocking 26.86 to dismantle the previous mark that had stood for five years.

W 100m BK – Kaylee McKeown – Budapest World Cup Oct 2023 – 57.33

Twenty-four hours after breaking the 50m backstroke record, Kaylee McKeown broke her own 100m backstroke record with a winning time of 57.33, shaving .12 seconds off her 2021 mark.

M 100m FR S14 (Short Course) Jack Ireland - Aus Short Course Champs Sept 2023 – 51.11

Jack Ireland set his second world record at the 2023 Australian Short Course Champs, clocking 51.11 in the men's 100m freestyle S14.



PHOTO: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia



PHOTO: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia

M 200m FR S14 (Short Course) – Jack Ireland Aus Short Course Champs Sept 2023 – 1:51.55

On opening night of the 2023 Australian Short Course Championships, Jack Ireland smashed his own S14 record to win the men's multi-class 200m freestyle in 1:51.55, bettering his old mark of 1:52.49.



THE AUSTRALIAN BOOK OF RECORDS

M 100 BK S14 - Benjamin Hance - Paris Paralympics Sept 2024 - 56.52

Benjamin Hance broke his own world record at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games during the heats of the men's 100m backstroke S14, setting an impressive new time of 56.52. Benjamin went on to win gold in the final and became the first to claim consecutive golds in the event.



PHOTO: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia



W 100 FR S9 Alexa Leary Paris Paralympics Sept 2024 - 59.53

Alexa Leary broke the world record in the women's 100m freestyle S9 twice at the 2024 Paralympic Games, first in the heats with a time of 59.60. Alexis earned her first individual gold medal of her Paralympic career when she broke the record again in the final – setting a new world mark of 59.53.

PHOTO: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia

W 200 FR - Ariarne Titmus Aus Trials June 2024 - 01:52.23

At the Australian Swimming Trials in June 2024, Ariarne Titmus went head-to-head against teammate Mollie O'Callaghan in the women's 200m freestyle. Both Dolphins broke O'Callaghan's previously held world record however, it was Titmus who touched first to claim the title with a world record time of 1:52.23.



PHOTO: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia.



PHOTOS: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia

W 100m FLY S14 (Short Course) **Paige Leonhardt - Queensland SC** **Championships Oct 2024 - 1:05.31**

Only a couple of days before flying to the Paris Paralympic Games, Paige Leonhardt set a new world record time of 1:05.31 in the women's 100m butterfly S14 (short course) event at the 2024 Queensland SC Championships.

W 100m FLY S14 (Short Course) - Paige Leonhardt - Queensland SC Championships Oct 2024 - 1:05.31

W 100m BR SB14 (Short Course) **Paige Leonhardt - Queensland SC** **Championships Oct 2024 - 1:13.31**

Paige Leonhardt broke a second world record at the 2024 Queensland SC Championships when she touched in at 1:13.55 for the women's 100m breaststroke SB14 (short course) event.



M 200m IM **S9 – Timothy** **Hodge Aus** **Trials June** **2024 – 2:12.03**

Tim Hodge broke the men's 200m individual medley S9 world record when he touched in at 2:12.03 at the Australian Swimming Trials in June 2024. Tim later went on to claim the Paralympic record, winning gold in Paris 2024.

PHOTOS: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia

50m men's freestyle

30 year old Cameron McEvoy is the first Australian male swimmer to qualify for four Olympics after winning the 50m freestyle in 21.35 seconds at the Australian swimming trials, Brisbane, on the 12th of June, 2024.

Cameron won Gold at the Paris Olympics for the 50m freestyle in a time of 21.25 seconds.

PHOTOS: Courtesy Delly Carr/Swimming Australia





World Records Broken by Australian Dolphins in 2023 -2024



EVENT	COMPETITION	DATE	ATHLETE	TIME
Women's 50m Backstroke	2023 World Cup, Budapest	20/10/23	Kaylee McKeown	26.86
Women's 100m Backstroke	2023 World Cup, Budapest	20/10/23	Kaylee McKeown	57.33
Men's 200m Freestyle S14 (Short Course)	2023 Australian Short Course Championships Sydney	13/09/23	Jack Ireland	1:51.55
Men's 100m Freestyle S14 (Short Course)	2023 Australian Short Course Championships Sydney	15/09/23	Jack Ireland	51.11
Women's 200m Freestyle	2024 Australian Swimming Trials, Brisbane	12/6/24	Arianne Titmus	1:52.23
Men's 200m Individual Medley SM9	2024 Australian Swimming Trials, Brisbane	12/6/24	Timothy Hodge	2:12.03
Women's 100m Butterfly S14 (Short Course)	2024 Hancock Prospecting Queensland SC Championships	10/8/24	Paige Leonhardt	1:05.31
Women's 100m Breaststroke SB14 (Short Course)	2024 Hancock Prospecting Queensland SC Championships	11/8/24	Paige Leonhardt	1:13.55
Women's 100m Freestyle	2024 Paralympic Games, Paris	4/9/24	Alexa Leary	59.60
Women's 100m Freestyle	2024 Paralympic Games, Paris	4/9/24	Alexa Leary	59.53
Men's 100m Backstroke S14	2024 Paralympic Games, Paris	6/9/24	Benjamin Hance	56.52

Sport

Most aerial hoop somersaults in one minute

Kingsley Just, aged 51, broke the world record on the 16th of June at Circus Nexus, Preston, Victoria.

Kingsley set the world record with 57 aerial hoop somersaults in one minute by a male.

As there was no male record, Kingsley was required to surpass the previous female record of 47 hoop somersaults, which he did, with 57.



Most aerial hoop somersaults in a minute Longest scapular hang

Charli Meath aged 23, broke two world records on the 26th of May, at Circarts, in Breakwater, Geelong, Victoria.

Charli completed the most aerial hoop somersaults in one minute by a female (53), the previous record was 47.

Charli also completed the longest duration scapular hang (63.18 seconds) (the previous record was 30 seconds).

To learn more of Charli in action, visit her Instagram: @charli_circus



Melbourne based John Taylor, in his 60s, completed a 1,500km triathlon from Darwin to Alice Springs, with Faye Lanyon, also in her 60s. Swimming 3.8km in Darwin, running 320km to Katherine and finishing off with a 1,176km cycle to Alice Springs. The triathlon was in aid of Jaxon Joseph Taylor to raise awareness about congenital melanocytic nevus (CMN).

On the 28th of September, 2024, Chris Fagan, Brisbane Lions became the oldest coach in history aged 63 and the first premierships coach not to play a single VFL/AFL game to win the AFL premierships.

Largest and richest poker tournament in the Southern Hemisphere

The largest and richest poker tournament in the Southern Hemisphere is the Crown Australia Poker Championship, commonly known as the Aussie Millions. It is the largest and richest live poker tournament held in the Southern hemisphere and the sixth largest poker tournament in the world.

First female jockey to win the HK12 million classic mile

29/1/2023

Jamie Kah became the first female jockey to win one of Hong Kong's principal feature races. Ricky Yiu Poon-fai trained front runner Voyage Bubble who led the HK\$12 million Classic Mile under the Australian rider.



JUNIOR RECORDS



Most skips forward in 60 seconds

Vesper Smith 12, broke the junior skipping record, skipping 110 skips in one minute using a standard skipping repeat the Big Red Bash.



Most skips forward in 30 seconds

Fletcher Hughes, 11 years of age, is an ardent record breaker who has a very competitive spirit. He skipped 78 times in 30 seconds, surpassing the previous record.



Fastest time to sort 50 lego blocks into colour order

Lily Stokes, at the age of 11, managed to separate 50 8x2 coloured lego bricks into their individual colour order in just 11.10 seconds at the Mundi Mundi Bash.



Fastest time for ten hula hoop flips to be completed

Ruby Sealey was happy to show off her hula hoop trick learnt at the Mundi Mundi Bash, she is a very quick learner! 10 year old Ruby managed 10 of these tricks in 29.85 seconds.

Fastest time to build a Lego tower

Cooper Warner from Woodend, Victoria put 19 Lego bricks in place in cross cross order in 30 seconds.



Mundi Mundi & Big Red Bash Junior Records



The fastest time to put 6 socks on one foot

The fastest time to put 6 socks on one foot in a sitting position was Ella Yeo. Ella was lightning quick and had all socks on in 13.66 seconds. Ella is 12 years old.



Fastest time to sort 10 books into alphabetical order

At the Big Red Bash, Ruby McClean was given 10 assorted books to sort into alphabetical order. The clock started immediately, the books were passed to Ruby and it took her a speedy 36.9 seconds to complete the task.



Fastest time to sort Just Sweets jelly beans

The fastest time to sort 30 Just Sweets jelly beans into colours using chopsticks was achieved by 9 year old, Milla Warner. Milla conquered this difficult feat in 61.4 seconds.



How to become a record breaker

The Australian Book Of Records (TABOR) encourages all Australians to have the opportunity to become a record breaker. Stretch your limits to a higher place and be winners. Every Australian has the attributes to do this. TABOR is here to make it happen. TABOR looks forward to receiving requests from all Australians to nominate a record they wish to attempt.

Record application process

- Please complete the application form to apply on line www.theaustralianbookofrecords.com.au
- You will be supplied with a TABOR reference number and a unique set of rules and regulations relating to your record
- Record attempts and applications are free of charge. Because of TABORs very thorough record research assessment process, please allow up to 4 weeks for TABOR to respond to your record application
- For more urgent cases TABOR offer a 72 hour PRIORITY processing facility, there is a cost attached to this service, please advise if you require further details

Adjudication

Every record attempt must be observed in its entirety by an independent witness or adjudicator, e.g. police, armed forces, person of good standing in the community, or by a professional in your record attempting field, e.g. nurse or doctor for medical records.

TABOR are able to provide

professional adjudicators who can witness your record attempt and make an official TABOR certificate presentation 'on the spot' giving you a great PR opportunity.

This service is charged on a case by case basis. We suggest you make your request early, to avoid disappointment.



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Certificate presentation

Any record attempt that is successful can be awarded an exclusive TABOR certificate, in recognition of the achievement.

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Completion of record attempt

Once you have finished your record attempt, complete the 'backup materials being submitted to TABOR in relation to record attempt form'.

Carefully check you have collated all information to verify/support your record attempt. Clearly mark all correspondence (including photographs, dvds, etc) with your reference number, name and address, stating which record has been attempted and send to:

The Australian Book Of Records, 77 Siena Ridge, Wallan, Victoria 3756.

On receipt, TABOR research team will analyse this information and advise you of the official outcome.

Record verification

Signed statements of authentication by two independent witnesses of some standing in the local community, who have attended the event and can confirm the validity of the claim. Where indicated in the individual record breaking rules, there will be occasions where an official must be qualified in the subject area e.g. nurse or doctor for medical checks.

The witness in his or her own handwriting must sign the statement. If possible the statement must be submitted on the witnesses official letter headed paper and contain full contact details. The statement must contain the fact that the specific rules relevant to the record attempt have been strictly followed. They must also explain how the exact results were quantified i.e. dimensions, participants involved and so on.

All forms of available media coverage: Newspaper cuttings, photos, magazine cuttings, television and radio coverage on video/cd/dvd social media. Please send quality hi-res photos of your record for TABOR's website and publications.

Where indicated in the individual record-breaking attempt rules and guidelines, a signed and dated log book showing that the record attempt has been the focus of constant scrutiny. Time and duration of rest breaks where relevant should be indicated in the log. Measurements should be made by suitably qualified individuals and witnessed by the independent witnesses, where necessary. Accurate measuring equipment must be used and all relevant measures must be logged. Failure to provide the requested information can lead to delays in the processing of your claim. Please check carefully prior to forwarding your claim to prevent unnecessary inconvenience.



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Record registration checklist

Does your claim contain all the necessary items?

Use the checklist below:

- ☐ Cover letter
- ☐ Two witness statements, on letter headed paper
- ☐ Hi-res photographs
- ☐ Video or YouTube footage
- ☐ Additional evidence listed in record specific guidelines
- ☐ Signed agreement regarding supporting materials

Please note your record claim cannot be assessed unless you have supplied all relevant materials.

Please send all documentation to:

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*Please note, TABOR does not return materials, so please keep a copy on file for your record, thank you.



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THANK YOU so much for the lovely email and the words of congratulations to our team – we had an AMAZING RFDS team on the ground and everyone had such a wonderful time.

We also again enjoyed working with John and Helen and loved their energy and enthusiasm toward the crowd.

They are a joy to work with!

RFDSSE...

HI TABOR, your gold leafed certificates are the best I have seen and they are displayed proudly on my bar at home and office wall. Great fun records, thank you.

Mike...

THANK YOU for your response and taking the time to reply. Can't wait to be part of this amazing country and hopefully get my name in the record books!

Willie...

IT IS so exciting that you are recognising our records. It is a real buzz.

Kingsley...

MY SISTERS and I appreciate how personable and kind your whole team was. Over the three days we always looked forward to visiting your tent. Thank you so very much.

Ruby...

THANK YOU for showing my husband and I how to do the nutbush dance, because of your kindness, time and encouragement we learnt, participated in the most fun filled five minutes with thousands and left for home contented that we had both become world record holders, something we never believed was possible, thank you.

Debbie and David...

HI TEAM!

Wow – what an amazing time that was. Huge results.

We cannot thank you enough for the hard work you and your whole team put into the world record.

Georgia...

HELLO JANE,

Thank you for your reply. I am very taken with the idea that I may have Australian Records as I have never done anything in my life to gain recognition.

I am sorry to say I actually do not have a Picture of myself starting at the Radio Station. Back in 1982 cameras were not things one had ready access to. Mobile Phones with cameras had not even been invented. When I think of how things were it seems like I was in the "Olden" days of Radio.

Geoffrey...

I'M SO excited for the opportunity to be featured in the next edition of The Australian Book of Records.

Jenny...

TAKE CARE and thank you again very much for coming to see us and presenting the certificate.

I loved meeting you both and hearing your wonderful story.

Valleda...