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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



The Taylor duo: World record holders in an unmatched marriage

Imagine most couples chasing the same dream together, like starting a business or raising kids. Now picture a pair where each one breaks records on their own, yet they cheer louder for each other than anyone else. That's Helen and John Taylor a married duo who stand out from the usual high-achievers.

With 94 world records for Helen and 97 for John, their story shows how personal wins can build a rock-solid bond. This isn't just about numbers; it's about finding joy in pushing limits side by side.

The unprecedented record portfolio: A statistical overview

World records aren't easy to snag. They demand focus, grit, and years of work. The Taylors have turned that into a family affair, amassing a total that few can match.

Helen Taylor: The reigning champion

Helen Taylor grips 94 world records tight. These span feats of speed, strength, and skill that test the human body. She didn't stumble into this; each one comes from sharp training and smart risks.

Think of her as a force in her field. Holding that many means she's mastered routines most folks can't dream of. It takes daily push to keep those titles - proof of her steady drive and love for the challenge.

Her records highlight pure dedication. You see it in the way she breaks barriers, one attempt at a time. This volume sets her apart as a true leader in record-breaking circles.

John Taylor: The parallel powerhouse

John Taylor counters with 97 world records of his own. His picks often mirror Helen's in spirit but carve their own path, like feats in endurance or precision. He builds on her energy, creating a mix that covers wide ground.

Final thought: Inspiration for the next attempt

Grab your goal today. Like Helen and John, find joy in the push. Your record awaits - what's your first step?

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Winning gold at the Australian Tourism Awards



A message from Greg Donovan

(Founder Big Red Bash & Managing Director, Outback Music Festival Group)

Winning gold at the Australian Tourism Awards is a proud and humbling moment for all of us at the Big Red Bash. It's incredible recognition of the hard work, passion and resilience that goes into creating something truly special out on the edge of the Simpson Desert.

What began as a wild idea to stage a music festival at the base of Big Red has grown into something far bigger than I ever imagined, a celebration of music, mateship, and the adventurous Aussie spirit.

This award belongs to our hardworking team, our dedicated volunteers, the incredible artists, and of course, our loyal Bashers who make the journey each year.

While we took a short breather in 2025, the Bash spirit was very much kept alive with our very special John Williamson Big Red Sunset Concerts in July. And we can't wait to welcome everyone back for more unforgettable moments under the desert sky.

| Thanks for being part of the ride - we're just getting started - *Greg Donovan*



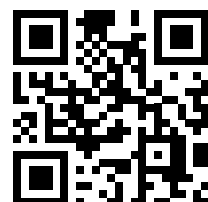


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The colony of NSW printed its (and Australia's) first bank notes in 1817 and on it featured an assurance from the Bank of New South Wales.

AUSTRALIAN FACT FILE

Australian Federal Police first female Commissioner

Krissy Barrett, APM, is the ninth Australian Federal Police commissioner, and the first woman to lead Australia's federal police force. She replaced Reece Kershaw as the Australian Federal Police Commissioner on the 4th of October, 2025.



World's youngest Cardinal

On the 7th of December, 2024, at the age of 44, Cardinal Mykola Bychok was made a Cardinal by the late Pope Francis, making him the youngest member of the College of Cardinals, Australia's highest ranking Catholic and the youngest elector in the 2025 papal conclave.

Australia is the
smallest of the
world's continents.
It is also the lowest,
the flattest and
(apart from
Antarctica)
the driest.

The mainland and Tasmania are surrounded by many thousands of small and large islands.

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

The highest point on the Australian mainland is Mount Kosciuszko NSW. At 2,228 metres above sea level.

Australian Fact File



Oldest operating library in Australia

The State Library of New South Wales is the oldest continuously operating library in Australia.

It was established in 1826 as the Australian Subscription Library. The State Library Victoria is the oldest public library in Australia. It was established in 1854 as the Melbourne Public Library.

Australia's oldest zoo

Melbourne Zoo, modelled on the famous London zoo is Australia's oldest zoo. It was opened on the 6th of October, 1862, at the Royal Park site of 55-acre (22 ha) on land donated by the City of Melbourne. Prior to the zoo opening, the animals were housed at the botanical gardens in Melbourne.



Australia's Oldest living married couple

As at Wednesday the 5th of November, 2025, Howard Gerald Willey and Mavis Webber from Portarlington, Victoria, are the oldest living married couple in Australia.

They have been married for 80 years, 7 months and 11 days.

Nearly 40 per cent of Australia's total coastline length comprises of island coastlines.

Nearly 20 per cent of Australia's land mass is classified as desert.

There are over 13,000 libraries around Australia servicing this great countries population.



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The largest desert in Australia is the Great Victoria Desert, which covers around 348,750 sq km.

First female Opposition and Liberal Party leader

In May 2025 Sussan Penelope Ley became the first female Australian politician to serve as the Leader of the Opposition and leader of the Liberal Party, the first woman to hold either role. Prior to becoming the party leader, she was the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and deputy leader of the Liberal Party.

Sussan also served as a cabinet minister in the Abbott, Turnbull and Morrison governments. Additionally, she served as a parliamentary secretary in the final term of the Howard government. Sussan was born on the 14th of December, 1961.

Females in politics: Women make up 46.0% of the House of Representatives, 56.6% of the Senate and 49.6% of parliament as a whole, this is the closest to parity in Australia's history.



World's largest cattle station



Australia's largest cattle station is Anna Creek Station, owned by the Williams Cattle Company, with a total area of 2.3677 million hectares (5.851 million acres). Located near Coober Pedy in South Australia, it is also the largest cattle station in the world.

Anna Creek station was first established in 1863, and later in 1935 became part of the Kidman cattle empire. It is known for its vastness, covering an area larger than some countries. Despite its size, the arid climate means the station has a relatively low cattle density, with around 10,000 to 17,000 head of cattle at any given time. The station's operations are crucial to the Australian beef industry, and it utilizes sustainable and ethical farming practices.

Smallest drive-in, in the Southern Hemisphere

In Jericho, located in the Barcaldine region of Queensland, is the home to the smallest Drive-in theatre in the Southern Hemisphere with the capacity for 32 cars. When it is full you can always find a seat in the old canvas layback chairs. The Drive-in screens movies once a month. Jericho at last count has a population of just 229 residents.



Who travels to Australia the most?

Australia's top 5 international markets to the end of 2024 were New Zealand with 1.3 million trips. With 97 per cent of these trips made in December 2019

- China with 829,000 trips.
With 62 per cent of these trips made in December 2019
- USA with 669,000 trips
- United Kingdom with 605,000 trips
- India with 421,000 trips



Australia's largest State

Situated in the Southern Hemisphere, Western Australia occupies around one-third of Australia's total landmass.

It covers the western third of the continent which totals a huge 2,645,615 km² or 1,021,478 sq mi.

The oldest living rainforest on earth

The Daintree rainforest is the oldest living rainforest on earth, older than the Amazon Rainforest by 65 million years!

Housed by the Daintree National Park, it has often been referred to as a "living museum".

How many immigrants does Australia accommodate each year?

In the 2023-2024 financial year, Australia granted approximately 210,000 permanent visas and 7.9 million temporary visas. This included 190,000 places under the Migration Program and 17,875 humanitarian visas. The total net overseas migration was 446,000, a decrease from 536,000 the previous year.

Which city has the most tourists?

Sydney remains the leading city visited by international visitors.

What race dominates Australia?

The British make up the largest ethnic group in Australia. This is followed by the Irish. The largest non-white ethnic group consists of Asians.

Do we all have passports?

In the financial year 2023-2024, over 55% of Australians had a valid passport, with approximately 15 million Australians in possession of the official document.

How many immigrants since world war two?

It is a fact that from post World War II 1945, a massive influx of immigrants has shaped Australia's population and society. Between 1945 and 2000, immigration accounted for 59% of Australia's population increase, which grew from 7.4 million to 19.1 million. Australia 2025 population is estimated at 26,974,026 people.

Thanks to www.tra.gov.au for statistics.





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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



The first Australian manufacturer to win the World Series in the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) championships

Pulse Race Boats is an Australian manufacturer of Jet Sprint Boats located in the regional town of Kilmore, Victoria.

They have achieved phenomenal results at the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) World Series this year.

Pulse Race Boats had 7 boats/teams entered in total.

Over the three classes these were the results:

LS Class: 1st and 3rd Place

International Group A: 2nd and 3rd Place

Unlimited class: 1st Place on points, making Pulse Race Boats the number one jet sprint boat manufacturer in the world.

Additionally, the boat that won the Unlimited Class (Ramjet Racing) is the first boat to ever win the World Series with an Australian boat (Pulse), Australian engine (GM Motorsport), Australian Jet Unit (GM Motorsport) and an Australian driver Phonsy Mullan.



Feats of Engineering



Most consecutive loops in a glider

On Australia Day, 26 January, 2025, Superintendent Dave Scutchings APM and his co-pilot (and son) broke a world record for the most consecutive loops in a flight in a glider. Dave and Max smashed the previous record of 24 by completing 45 loops.

As part of his 50th birthday celebrations Superintendent Scutchings set himself the target of 50 weeks of 50 challenges, each week seeing him doing something memorable, challenging and unique.



Most take offs and landings by a single plane during daylight hours

On the 12th of October, 2025, 17 years and 10 months old Sophie Scutchings successfully completed 150 take offs and landings in her Bristell N65 24-8761 at Chinchilla Airport, Queensland, during daylight hours from 6.13am until 2.03pm. Sophie beat the previous record of 145 take offs and landings.



The Nullarbor Links 18-hole par 72 golf course spans 1,365 kilometres with one hole in each participating town or roadhouse along the Eyre Highway, from Kalgoorlie in WA to Ceduna in SA. Each hole includes a green and tee and somewhat rugged outback-style natural terrain fairway.

Youngest pilot to fly solo around Australia

Jennifer Hunt aged 15 years and 8 months, is the youngest pilot to fly 17,000km around the coastline of Australia.

Jennifer with her three month old puppy Bella set off from Emkaytee (MKT) Darwin, Northern Territory at midday on September the 7th and in her Super Petrel LS aircraft, registration 23-2777 an amphibious biplane she concluded her circumnavigation at 4.30pm on September the 30th, 2025.

Feeling a mixture of pride, gratitude and amazement Jennifer had achieved her goal and the dream that she had worked so hard for.



Australia's youngest female pilot

On the 1st of June 2025, at EMKAYTEE (MKT) airstrip Noonamah, Northern Territory, Jennifer Hunt aged 15 years and five months old, became Australia's youngest female pilot an outstanding achievement for someone so young. Well done, Jennifer.

Jennifer has flown several light aircraft including the Savannah, Foxbat, and Bushcat and has trained many hours under the guidance of experienced instructors Bill Haynes and Kane Mattsson, with 77.3 hours flying time to date.

Jennifer also holds an A and B certificate in gliding.



Feats of Engineering



FLINDERS STREET STATION

Australia's busiest with the longest platform, platform one

Flinders Street station is Australia's oldest metropolitan train station. Originally opened on the 12th of September, 1854, as the Melbourne Terminus. It was a simple weatherboard building with one platform.

It is listed in the Victorian Heritage Register.

Changes came in 1909, after an architectural competition.

The winners of the competition were J.W. Fawcett and H. P. C. Ashworth and the station was remodelled to its current form.

By 1923 it was believed to be the busiest station on earth, with 2,300 trains and 300,000 passengers daily.

It also has the longest platform. Platform number one, it is 708 metres in length. The platform is the longest in Australia and the fourth longest in the world.





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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.



The steepest railway in the world

The steepest railway in the world is located at the Blue Mountains NSW and is the Katoomba Scenic Railway.

It was originally built in 1945 to be part of the Katoomba mining tramways that were constructed in the late 1800s. With a measure of 52 degrees incline (128 percent incline), it is the world's steepest railway. The 84-seat train has a glass roof. The custom designed carriages allow you to add to your adventure by adjusting your seat up to 20 per cent (this is the cliffhanger option). This 5th generation train has transported over 25 million passengers.



The most horsepower by motorbikes in one location

The most horsepower by motorbikes in one location is 6,725 horsepower, hosted by the Kawasaki Z Owners Club, QLD. Inc. at the West Tigers Rugby League Club, Mackay, Queensland, on Sunday, the 17th of August, 2025.



The most Kawasaki Z motorbikes in one location

The most Z motorbikes in one location displaying 1972 to 1983 models, is 64 Z motorbikes.

Hosted by the Kawasaki Z Owners Club, Qld. Inc. at the West Tigers Rugby League Club, Mackay, Queensland, on Sunday, the 17th of August, 2025.

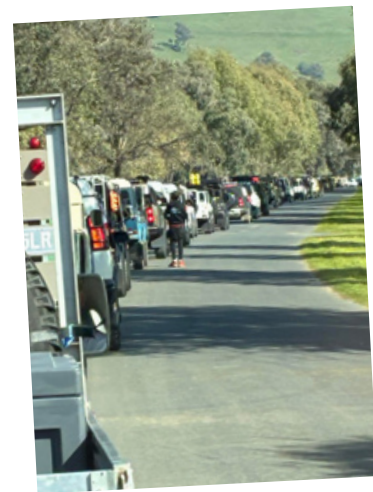


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The largest number of Land Rovers in convoy, over the greatest distance

Land Rover Defenders of Australia Club set a new world record for the largest number of Land Rovers - 174 - in convoy, over the greatest distance, as part of the 77th Anniversary Gathering Australia 2025, from Gundagai to Gundagai Showgrounds, NSW, on Friday, the 26th of September, 2025.





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HUMAN BEINGS



The longest pram pushing conga line

On the 10th of May, 2025, at the Queanbeyan NSW Pramathon 2025, First Steps Pregnancy Support set the record for the longest pram pushing conga line in one location, with 86 prams and 220 people taking part. They were proudly supported by Bendigo Bank.



Community Bank Braidwood,
Bungendore and Crookwell



Human Beings



The most people wearing bandannas at the same time and location

On Friday the 13th of June, charity, Canteen Australia organised a fabulous event at the Gold Coast Titans VS Manly Sea Eagles game in Qld.

3,488 spectators proudly wore their bandannas and supported kids with cancer, a very worthy cause. They were kindly supported by The Lottery Office and the Gold Coast Titans.



Australia's oldest living woman

On the 6th of June, 2025, Lorna Henstridge of Bordertown, South Australia, enjoyed her 111th birthday.

A lot of candles for one cake!

Lorna is known as Australia's oldest living woman and was born in 1914.





World's youngest female to scale Mount Manaslu

On September the 25th, 2024, 16-year-old Australian mountain climber Bianca Jane Adler, born on February 1st, 2008, scaled the world's 8th highest Mt. Manaslu (8,163m). Bianca became the world's youngest female to scale Manaslu, alongside her climbing guide, Jangbu Sherpa, with support from her father Paul as part of the SST Expedition. An outstanding record for someone so young.

The greatest distance covered using a hand-cranked cycle

Ben Beare, from Strathfieldsaye, Victoria, using a Training Peaks Virtual System, covered the greatest distance of 301km using a hand-cranked cycle in 24 hours, from June 11th to June 12th, 2025.



The largest Nutbush dance took part on the 23rd of August, 2025. 6,779 people danced the very last nutbush dance at the Mundi Mundi Bash, dancing like no one was watching! The 5 minute Nutbush City Limit track played and the Crackup Sisters lead the way with their energetic demonstrations. The previous record was beaten and vital funds were raised, in aid of the Royal Flying Doctor Service South Eastern Section.

PHOTO : Andrew Gosling

Human Beings



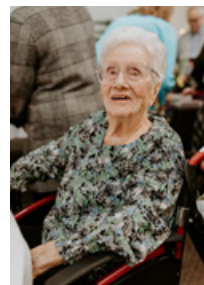
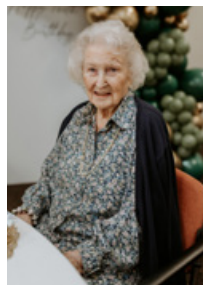
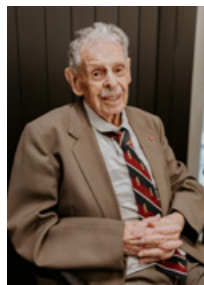
Big Blue Day 21/8/2025

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. 9,161 record breakers dressed in as much blue imaginable singing out loud together to our iconic Aussie song, I am Australian. The platform for this record was the largest human image of a country.



Our oldest craftsman

Wadih Yacoub is a remarkable 96 year old gentleman who has continued his craft of sewing, helping to produce the finest shoes one could dream of purchasing.



Five centenarians raise a glass to toast 500 years

On the 18th of July, 2024, five Bolton Clarke Walkerville, South Australia, aged care residents marked their 100th birthdays at a special joint celebration. With 500 years under their belts collectively they enjoyed a morning of pampering followed by an afternoon soiree for this very special occasion.

Residents from left to right below are Patricia Wald, Donald Wills, Kathie Beasley, Joy Roder and William Hilton and each marked their 100th year around the same time in 2024.

It is believed that this is the first time in aged care, that five centenarians have celebrated being 100 years old in one year.



Mates Puzzlin' Marathon, Mooloolaba, Qld. 20th to 21st July, 2024



The most 500 piece puzzles completed in 28 hours by a team of four, relay style puzzle marathon, is 28 puzzles by team Dekt, beating the 25 hour world record.

Team Members - Denise Lim, Emma Wyeth, Tamara Jarrett, Kate Urmston. With 159 x 500 piece puzzles completed by ten teams of four in 28 hours.

FASTEST TIME TO COMPLETE A 300 PIECE BOTOP BRANDED PUZZLE:

Kate Urmston
in 36 minutes,
3 seconds.



FASTEST TIME TO COMPLETE A 5000 PIECE BOTOP: VAN GOGH PUZZLE TEAM OF EIGHT:

Team: Katrin King, Fiona James, Kate Urmston, Tamara Jarrett, Emma Thompson, Marilyne Henault, Rachel Devitt, Sarah McIntosh.

Completing this jigsaw in 4 hours,
15 minutes and 45 seconds.



28 Hour Jigsaw Record Gallery 2025

The longest jigsaw puzzle marathon is 28 hours, beating the 25 hour world record

Team Member Name

Missing Pieces: Lynda Devitt, Michelle Bagtas,
Renee Watts, Janelle Creighton

Puzzle People Rock: Cathie Collins, Nikki Savage,
Cherry Northam, Lily Bienke

Pieces of Eight: Shyra Simpson, Rachel Devitt,
Rebecca Devitt, Melissa Richards

Easy as 3.14159: Fiona James, Katrin King,
Joanne Blundell, Jess Graham

Let's Get Jiggy With It: Veronika Schreiber,
Lorena Ortiz, Bronwyn Riley, Kerry Hooper



We Come In Pieces: Regi Krist, Alicia Duffell,
Ashlea Cummins, Holly Bushing

Pieces Galore: Mon Pfingst, Sarah McIntosh,
Hanna Pfingst, Brendon McIntosh

Four Corners: Xena Irvin, Alice Holmes,
Emma Thompson, Marilyne Henault

DEKT: Denise Lim, Emma Wyeth, Tamara Jarrett,
Kate Urmston

Puzzle Fam: Megan Wilcox, Karen Wilcox,
Melissa Harvey, Nicole Harvey



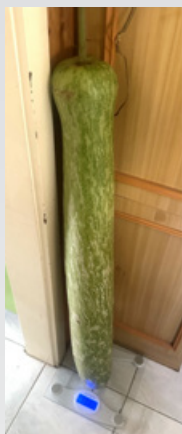


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The most dangerous ant in the world is the bulldog ant (*Myrmecapyriformis*) found in our coastal regions. In attack it uses its sting and jaws simultaneously. There have been several victims who didn't survive following the ant's fatal attack.

LIVING THINGS

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



Heaviest bottle gourd

Minh Thi Cao submitted a claim for the heaviest bottle gourd grown in Australia.

Gourd Details:

Weight: 10.9kg (excluding container weight of 100g)

Length: 110cm

Location: Noble Park VIC

Date harvested:
The 6th of June, 2025

Growing Story: The gourd was grown by hanging from a tree in Minh's backyard. He has been reusing the same family of seeds for several years, but he had no idea how it could grow this big, now being recognised as a new Australian record.



Our heaviest beetroot

Three beetroots, all weighed exactly the same at three kilograms each.

A new Australian record.

The beetroots were grown in a family backyard in Kangaroo Flats, Victoria, and were harvested on the 24th of May, 2025.



Living Things



Location: The Good Old Days Festival, Barellan, NSW, Australia, on October 4 & 5, 2025, held by the Barellan Working Clydesdales Incorporated.

Number of horses: 62 - a total of 15 spans of four with two in the shafts.

Drivers: Aleks Berzins, Bruce Bandy, and Steve Johnson.

Brake: Shane Carroll.

Waggon: Bennett tabletop wool/wheat wagon built by James and George Bennett, St Mary's, NSW, Australia, and now owned and provided by Ian Dahlenburg, Murrumbidgee, NSW.

Waggon weight unloaded: 3800kg.

Load: 32 bales of Merino wool weighing 200kg each supplied by the Flagg family, Moobooloolool, NSW. Total weight of load 6400kg.

Total weight of waggon and load: 10,200kg.

Length from leaders to drivers: 76 metres.

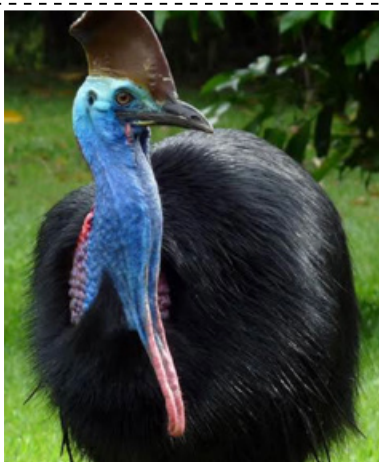
Length of chain: 500m.

Horses contributed by: Aleks Berzins, Bruce Bandy, Steve Johnson, Jason Gavenlock, Allison Prentice, and Heather McFarlane.

Leaders: Hank, Lady, Digger and Margaret were guided by voice commands.

Breeds involved: Australian Draught Horse, pure and part bred Clydesdale, Suffolk Punch, Percheron and Shire.

The team travelled twice around the 800m trotting track of the Barellan showgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 + 5, 2025 with two outriders at the rear of the vehicle. There were no assistants leading the horses.



Australia's heaviest bird

Australia's heaviest bird is the Southern Cassowary weighing between 58-76 kilograms.

It is heavy but still quick, the cassowary can run up to 50 kilometres per hour and can jump up to 1.5 metres high. It is a flightless bird. It is very important for the well being of our ecosystem dispersing seeds.



Australia's tallest bird

Old man Emu can be up to 2 metres tall. They are gangly and smart.



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.

LIVING THINGS

Australia's oldest professional rodeo rider

95 year old Bob Holder, from Cootamundra NSW, is Australia's oldest professional rodeo rider. Bob has been competing for 79 years and is a member of the Australian Rodeo Hall of Fame. Bob enjoys passing on his knowledge and passion to young riders.



The first whale sighting in the Yarra River Melbourne

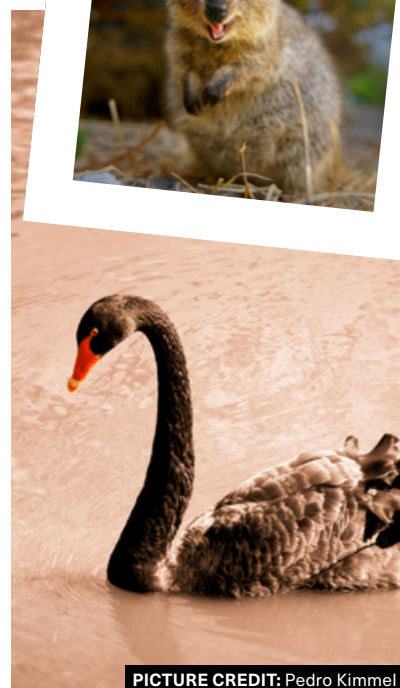
On the 22nd of July, 2025, there were two whales cruising along the Yarra River, under the Westgate Bridge, on a mini adventure before redirecting out to Port Philip Bay. This is the first time in history whales have been sighted in the Yarra River.

The Black Swan and the Quokka are only native to Australia

Black Swans are found throughout Australia excluding Cape York Peninsula, being seen more in the south.

The Noongar people of southwest Australia have co-inhabited with the Black Swan for tens of thousands of years, and it features in a number of Dreamtime traditions.

The Quokka often called 'the happiest animal in the world' can be seen on Rottnest Island, off the coast of WA, near Perth. They also inhabit Bald Island, near Albany, and if your luck is in you may spot one in the forests between Nannup and Denmark.



PICTURE CREDIT: Pedro Kimmel

Living Things



Our most decorated horse coat

On Anzac day, 2024, in Kalinga Qld, a diligent group of crafters, at The Community Place, created the Purple poppy horse coat.

With donations of 930 poppies from volunteers and the girls from, The Exchange Program, the coat was meticulously put together over a period of 140 hours.

The Nest contributed purple yarn, embellishments and buttons bringing this exceptional garment together.

Visit the Redlands RSL museum to see this beautiful coat. It is a tribute to the animals that served in war, in collaboration with the AWAMO (Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation).

Australia's smallest dog

At Keen Street Veterinary Clinic in Lismore NSW, Dr. Graeme Purvis-Smith had the job of measuring Baby, Australia's smallest dog.

The body dimensions are weight 0.95kg, Baby's height at shoulders is 14.3cm. The length from the base of the neck to the base of the tail is 17cm.





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MATERIAL WORLD

THE WORLD'S FIRST LUNAR COIN INSPIRED BY THE CHINESE ZODIAC:

The Perth Mint released this Australian Lunar Bullion coin set. In 2007 the Perth Mint was responsible for the first lenticular coin to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



THE LARGEST COIN COLLECTION EVER RELEASED BY A HOST COUNTRY:

The Sydney Olympic Coin Program is the largest coin collection ever released by a host country, the biggest selling Olympic collector coin program in history, and the most significant collector coin program in Australian history, with sales totalling 5.5 million coins in some 50 countries.



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 2025. The total made was 667 counted on Thursday the 21st of August, 2025.

The schools who participated are: Heyfield Primary school, Nambrok-Denison Primary school, Stratford Primary school, Yarram Secondary School, Airly Primary School, Gormandale Primary School, St Michaels Primary School (Heyfield) and Cowwarr Primary School.

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



Cherry auction claims the most expensive cherries ever for brain trauma

Donna Mercurio was crowned 2024 Cherry Queen as an auction raised \$100,000 for Brain Tumour Research SA.

A winning bid of \$100,000 crowned Donna Mercurio of Bache Bros 2024 Cherry Queen, following the cherry auction held at the South Australian Produce Market. A 5kg box of South Australian grown cherries came in at a premium of \$20,000 per kg! To celebrate the 2024 South Australian cherry season, South Australia's wholesale fruit and vegetable market community went head to head in an auction bidding war to raise money for Brain Tumour Research SA.

Brain Tumour Research SA's Chair Prof Stuart Pitson said the proceeds from the auction will make a real difference to improving outcomes for brain tumour patients.





MATERIAL WORLD



World's longest sculptor trail

The Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail is the world's longest sculptor trail and covers a 200 kilometre circuit that loops between Aramac, Lake Dunn and Jericho, Queensland. There are 40 sculptures installed along this route highlighting outback elements and life, from emu families to jackaroos.

Milynda Rogers a local artist started this trail by creating a sculptor piece and didn't have a place to put it. So, she simply placed it out by the road. Thereafter, over the years she would create new pieces and place them at different locations along the local geographical route.

The sculptors are created from rusting odds and ends found locally at the dump or around Barcaldine, these artworks are both beautiful and evocative. The original piece, a three-metre-plus bottle tree brought to life with steel drums wrapped in barbed wire with cattle tags for leaves, was put in place in 2013.

The fastest time to change a pool light without emptying the pool

On the 27th of October, 2024, Daryl Bancroft completed the fastest time to change a pool light without draining any water in a time of 2 minutes, 49.14 seconds, in Ipswich, Queensland.





World's most expensive surf and turf

4/6/2015

Groupon partnered with The Lord Dudley Hotel, enhanced by the creativity of Executive Chef Paul Medcalf, delivering this record pie with a hefty \$2000.00 price tag.

The Posh Pie Ingredients:

- 2kg David Blackmores brisket
- 2kg David Blackmores beef tenderloin marble score
- 2 x Western Australian whole rock lobsters
- 1 x pack German gold leaf
- 2 x Penfolds Grange Reserve bottles
- Dried Italian porcini mushrooms
- Puff pastry
- All organic vegetables eschalot, carrot, celery, leek, vine ripened tomatoes, crushed tomatoes, tomato puree, thyme
- Veal sauce



World's youngest board game creator

Mia Grace Takos at the age of 6 years, 83 days, became the world's youngest board game creator, on the 21st of March, 2023, creating OUTFOX THE GAME, at the family home in Geelong, Victoria.



The first manufactured chocolate bar

The ripe juicy cherries and moist coconut smothered in rich Old Gold dark chocolate ensures a unique taste experience.

It was Introduced in 1924 by MacRobertson's, a respected Australian confectionery manufacturer, who for decades were the largest confectioner in Australia before Cadbury acquired them in 1967.

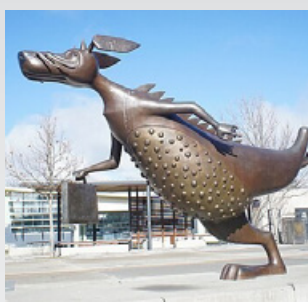


In 1895 South Australia was the first place to allow women to stand for parliament.

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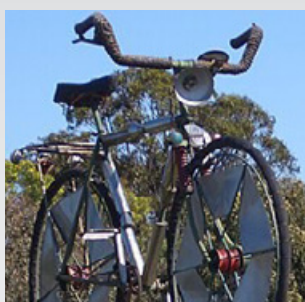
Noongar face

In February 2019, artists, Alex and Nicole Mickle, and engineer Mike Kimble, took one year to make the 5m high x 6m wide piece of art, representing a Noongar face and it can be seen at Koombana Drive, Bunbury, Western Australia.



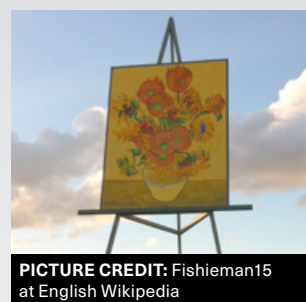
The big bunyip

In 2011 the big bunyip based on Alexander Bunyip from the 1972 children's book, *The Monster That Ate Canberra*, by Micheal Salmon, was built and erected on the corner of Hibberson and Gozzard Streets, Gungahlin, ACT.



The big bicycle

In 1997 Jonh Ridley, Andy Lugiz and Phillip Becker built a 9m x 6m bicycle that sits at the entrance to the Chullora Waste Transfer Station, Chullora, New South Wales.



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The big easel

The big easel was built in 1977 and holds a 7m x 10m reproduction of one of Van Gogh's *Sunflower* paintings. Located in Morton Park, Emerald, VIC.

The big red elephant

The big red elephant is located in Hatton Vale, Queensland and is part of the Jumbo shopping centre.



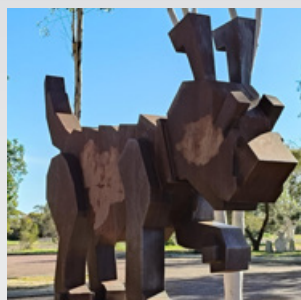
The big lobster

The big lobster is 17 metres high, 15.2 metres long and is 13.7 metres wide, with an approximate weight of 4 tonnes. The big lobster was opened on the 15th of December, 1979, after six months of construction. The big lobster is a tourist attraction located in the town of Kingston SE, South Australia, known locally as Larry the lobster.



The big chair lift

The big chair lift is on the river walkway overlooking the Snowy River, in Jindabyne, New South Wales. It is a 400% replica of a normal double chair seat.



Rusty the tin dog

Rusty was born in 2004 when children from the Dowerin District High School developed a project initiative encouraging folk to stop in Dowerin, WA.



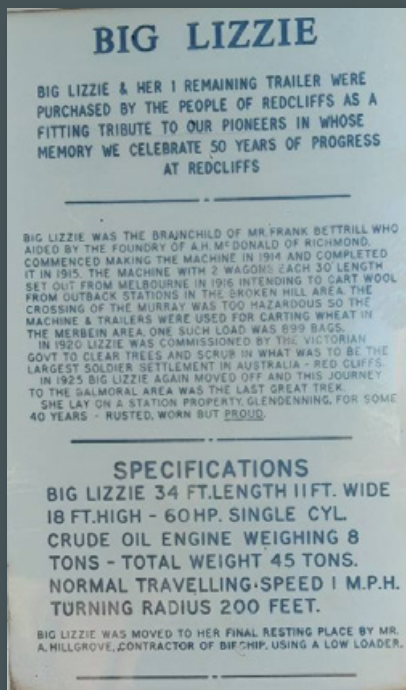
The big rubik cube

In 2008 a cement rubik cube was built on top of a storm water drain on Maroubra Beach, eastern suburbs, NSW. In December, 2023, the big rubik's cube was solved after being repainted by the original artists.



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The big lawn mower

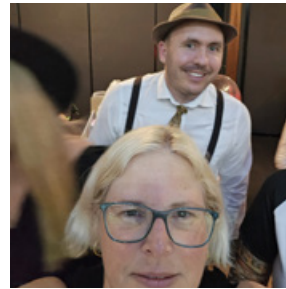
Was built in 1974 and measures 11m x 3.6m. It is displayed in Beerwah, Sunshine Coast, Hinterland, Queensland.

The biggest water barometer

From 1985 at the Denmark visitor center, WA, a working water barometer measuring 12.5m tall. It was the largest water barometer in the world, until this monumental history making barometer was removed in 2011.



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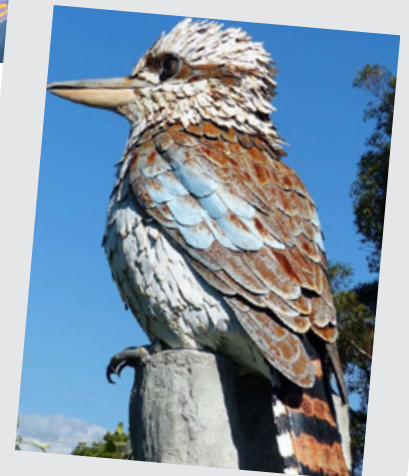


The most selfies taken in three minutes by a group

The most selfies taken in three minutes by a group is 8,770 selfies, by 210 participants in one location, at The Business Blueprint Conference, UNSW Roundhouse, Sydney, NSW, on Tuesday 12th of November, 2024.



The big balthasar: The Big Balthasar is a large, prominent statue located at Draytons Family Wines in Pokolbin, NSW.



The big kookaburra

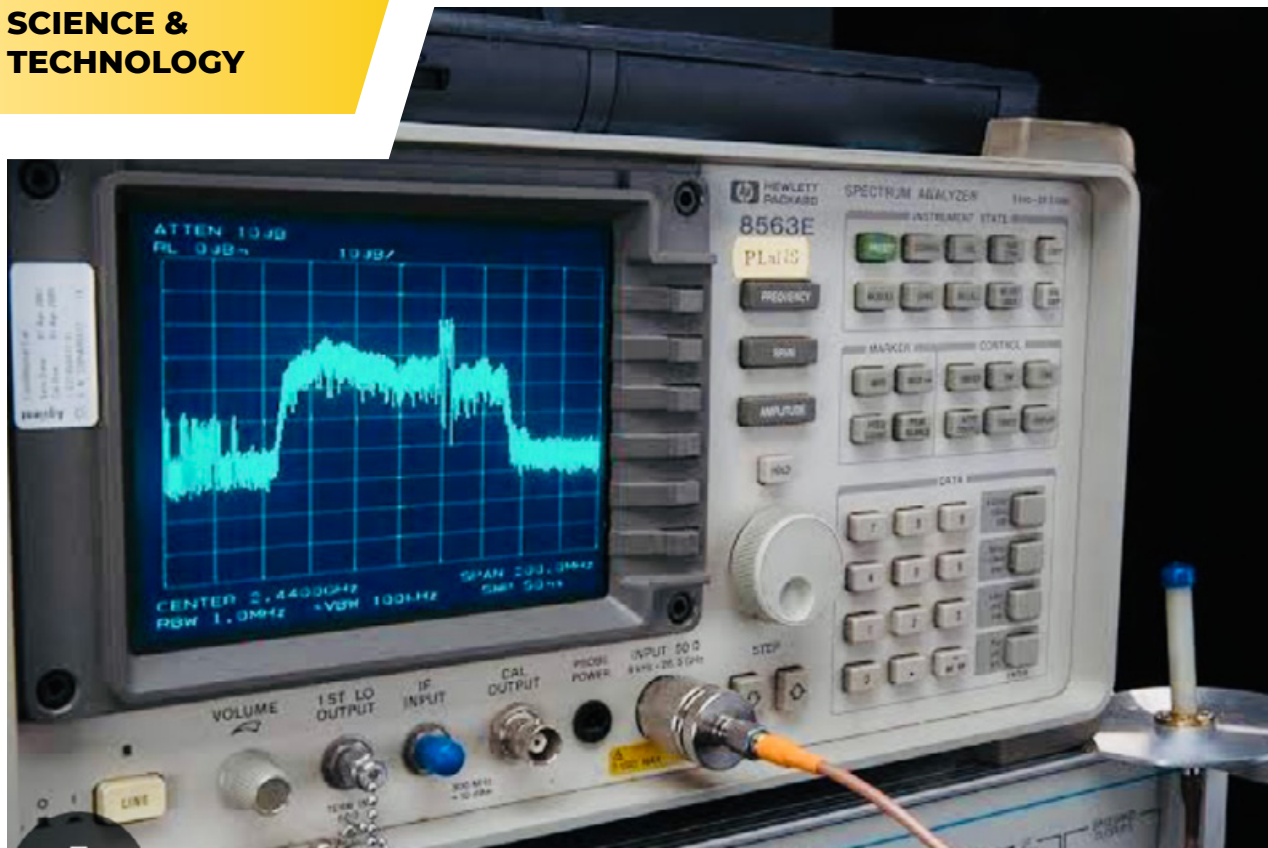
The kookaburra was built in 2009 and measures 4.5m. Sculptured by Chris Fussell, it is located in Rotary Park, Kurri Kurri, New South Wales.



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The largest wave recorded off our shores was registered by a wave-rider buoy at Cape Sorell, off the west coast of Tasmania near Strahan on the 6th of August, 2012. The measurement of this extreme wave was over 20 metres.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



WIFI: The Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organisation (CSIRO) developed the foundational technology for Wi-Fi. In the 1990s, they patented a wireless local area network (WLAN) technology that addressed signal distortion, forming the basis for Wi-Fi we use globally today. Key inventors were: Dr. John O Sullivan, Diet Ostry, Graham Daniels, John Deane and Terry Percival.



Wine in a cardboard box

Cardboard wine casks were invented by Thomas Angove, a winemaker who patented the design in 1965. His invention consisted of a plastic bag inside a cardboard box which was inspired by the ancient method of storing wine in goat skins.

Automatic record changer

In 1925, Eric Waterworth from Hobart, designed the world's first automatic record changer. His design was distinguished by a central spindle, a feature later adopted in many subsequent record changers.

He licensed his patent to a British company in 1928 but it wasn't widely marketed at the time.



The clapper board

In 1930 the clapper board was invented by F. W. Thring. It is used to synchronise sound and picture cues for filming.

Science & Technology



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First moon landing signal

On the 21st of July, 1969, it was one giant leap for mankind, taken at 12.56 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Three tracking stations were receiving the signals simultaneously. They were CSIRO's Parkes Radio Telescope, the Honeysuckle Creek tracking station outside Canberra, and NASA's Goldstone station in California.

NASA alternated between stations seeking the best signal for the telecast, it turned out that our very own Parkes in NSW was superior and owned the entire 2-1/2 hour telecast.

Inflatable escape slides for aircraft

In 1965 John Grant, from Sydney, came up with the idea of combining the escape slide and the life raft into one smooth safety escape route on an aeroplane. John was working at Qantas as a safety superintendent when he invented this life saving device.



Secret ballot

In December 1855, a Bill was brought to the Victorian Legislative Council calling for a secret ballot to be made law. There was opposition to this until Henry Samuel Chapman came up with a plan that pleased the majority. In 1856 the Bill was passed. Other states followed suit and then the plan was adopted by Britain in 1872 and the US in 1884. Prior to this votes were publicly displayed leading voters wide open for intimidation and bullying.



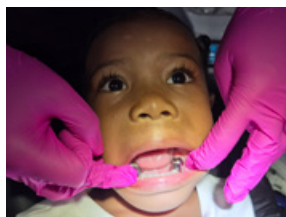
The world's leading pain killer

In 1917 Aspro was recreated by Australian pharmacist George Nicholas and his brother Alfred Nicholas, after the First World War. George managed to successfully synthesize acetylsalicylic acid. Aspro ended up being the number one product for pain relief around the world.



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Brisbane scientists have launched the world's largest epilepsy study for the quarter of million sufferers nation-wide. Thousands of Australians have been recruited to help unlock new treatments.



Most dental and medical procedures completed by a volunteer team in 5 days

From the 7th to the 11th of April, 2025, under the visionary leadership of Ajitha Sugnanam (AJ), Esesson's team of volunteers returned from Papua New Guinea after one of the most impactful health and humanitarian missions ever undertaken in the region.

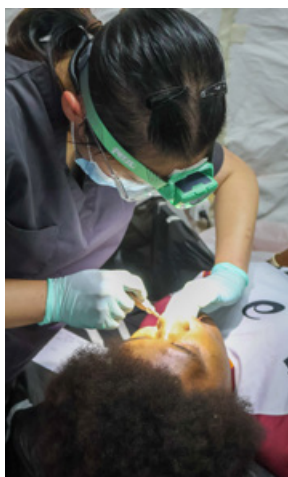
In just 5 days, a multidisciplinary team delivered:

- 2,415 dental procedures
- 619 medical consultations/procedures
= A total of 3,034 conditions addressed

The estimated value of the treatment provided equated to \$910,000 AUD (2.3 million PGK) and all delivered to deserved communities at no cost.

This extraordinary effort was powered by 21 Australian healthcare professionals and a group of committed local volunteers, working more than 14 hours a day in difficult conditions to serve the people of PNG with compassion, expertise, and love.

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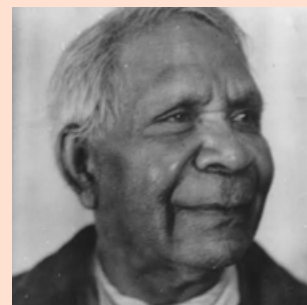
On the 2nd of August, 2027, the world will stand still for six minutes and 23 seconds while daytime darkness reigns due to a solar eclipse, the longest known eclipse in history. The moon will cover the sun showing its fiery outer layer corona.



New generation heart life saving technology

In May 2025, at St Vincents Hospital Sydney, the world's first-in-human implant of a new generation of heart lifesaving technology was trialled. It was led by cardiothoracic and transplant surgeon Dr. Paul Jansz, with monitoring by Professor Chris Hayward.

The device serves as a temporary measure to support a heart until a donor heart becomes available.



First advanced sheep shearing invention

It was a great year in 1917, when Ngarrindjeri author, inventor and public lecturer, David Unaipon, secured a patent for an advanced sheep shearing machine. His invention helped reduce labour demands and rationalised the wool industry, improving efficiency.



Microchip for animals

In 1998 Central Animal Records became the largest companion animal microchip in Australia, with over 5 million animals listed in the database. It has been responsible for facilitating over 2.3 million reunions of lost pets with their owners.

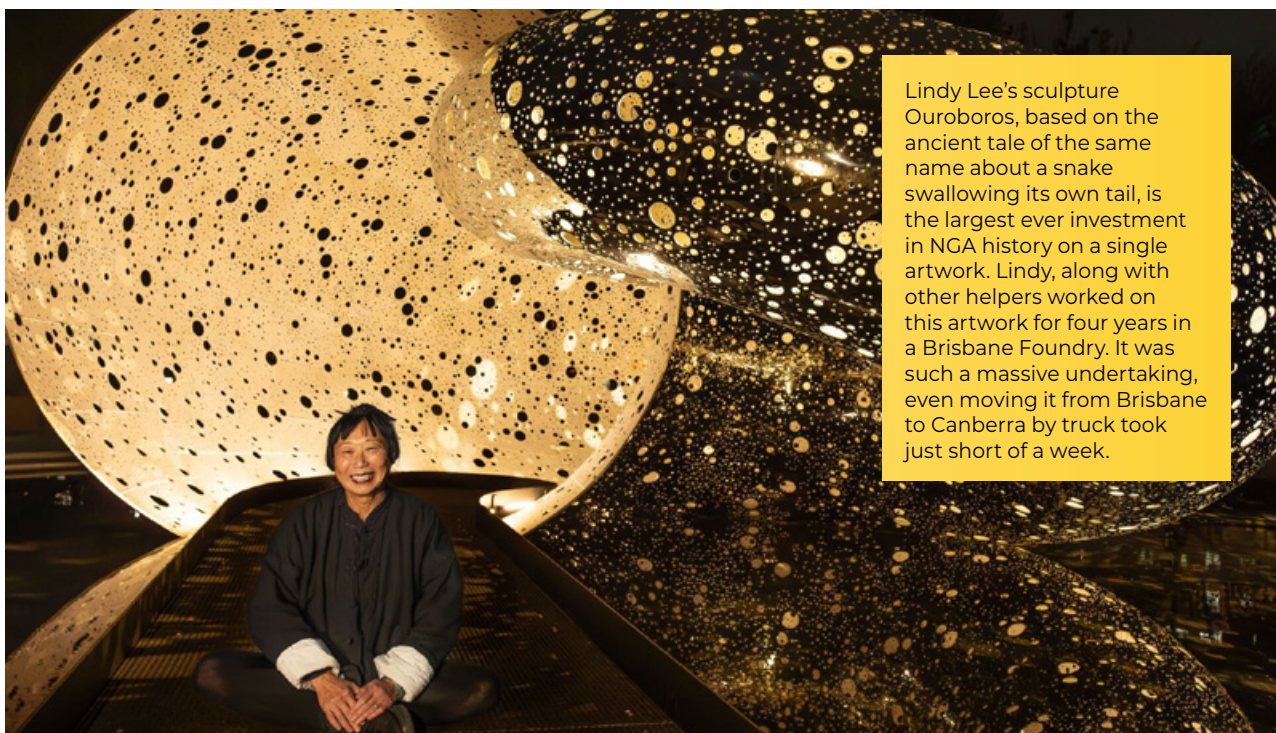


THE ARTS

The Nutbush

On the 31st of October 2025, 565 students aged under 13, from Pacific Pines Primary School (Gold Coast, Queensland), danced to Tina Turner's the Nutbush (after much practice of the dance steps) and what a lot of fun they had doing it, following the below additional rules.

1. That the dance would take place within the outline state of Tennessee (to reflect where Tina Turner was born and raised).
2. Students would be dressed in full school uniform.



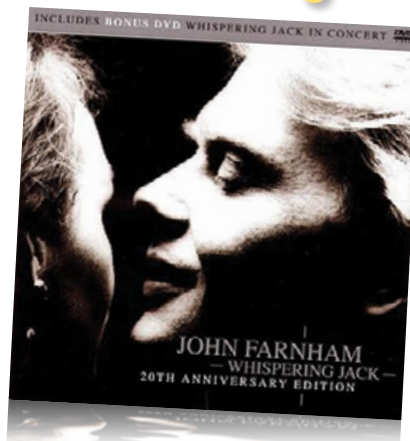
Lindy Lee's sculpture Ouroboros, based on the ancient tale of the same name about a snake swallowing its own tail, is the largest ever investment in NGA history on a single artwork. Lindy, along with other helpers worked on this artwork for four years in a Brisbane Foundry. It was such a massive undertaking, even moving it from Brisbane to Canberra by truck took just short of a week.

The Arts

Highest selling album by an Australian artist in Australia (40th anniversary 2026)

Whispering Jack album by Australian pop idol John Farnham was released on the 29th of September 1986, peaking at No. 1.

Whispering Jack became the highest-selling album in Australia by an Australian artist. The sales were 24 x platinum, indicating over 1.68 million copies have been sold. It spent 25 weeks at the No. 1 spot on the albums chart during 1986–1987 and it was awarded the 1987 ARIA Award for Album of the Year. It was the best-charting album for the decade of the 1980s in Australia. It was the first Australian made album to be released on compact disc within Australia. One of John's biggest hits, "You're the Voice", was issued as the lead single from the album.



Highest tight rope walk
Kane Petersen twice crossed 21 metres between two peaks on the north-western side of the Eureka Tower (tallest residential building) with a terrifying 300m drop.

Kane had the support of a harness attached to a wire for safety whilst balancing a three-metre-long, 25 kg pole Kane battled an unexpected leg cramp during the walk but pushed through it to achieve his goal.

Longest-serving female star actress in an Australian drama

Lynne McGranger, the actor who plays Irene Roberts in *Home and Away*, is the longest serving female actor in an Aussie drama. Lynne began playing the role in 1993 and left after a highly successful 33 year tenure.



First country star to headline a full stadium tour in Australia

Luke Combs record in Australia included a major stadium tour in February 2025, selling an estimated 260,000 tickets at four stadiums in Brisbane and Sydney and making him the first country artist to headline a full stadium tour here. On the charts, his album *Growin Up* debuted at #2 on the ARIA Album Chart and #1 on the ARIA Country Chart. Additionally, he achieved his first #1 on the TMN Country Airplay Chart with *Beer Never Broke My Heart*.





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



PICTURES: STEINWAY & SONS



A Melbourne family has purchased a limited-edition grand piano for \$1 million, the highest price paid for a piano in Australia.

Steinway Galleries Australia head Mark O'Connor said the Black Diamond piano is one of eight in the world, designed by Chinese pianist Lang Lang and US designer Dakota Jackson.

Each of the eight pianos took two years to build.

The macassar ebony piano, built in Hamburg, Germany was delivered to a Toorak, Victoria family, February 2020, mainly for the buyer's young daughter.

Longest serving Aussie male soap star

Date of Record:
1988 to 2025

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 male actor in an Australian series.

The youngest poet in Australia

On the 17th of January, 2025, at only 8 years 10 months and 30 days, Anika Garg published a book of poems titled Blossoms of Childhood. This makes Anika Australia's youngest poet.

Anika is from Camden Park in South Australia.



The Arts



The Fastest time to read 300 books

Martha Rengith Mathew, aged 8 years, 9 months, read 300 books in 106 days, at Hallett Cove, South Australia, from May 22nd until September 3rd, 2025, becoming the fastest junior to do so.

The first female Indigenous chef being honored with the world 50 best restaurants award as champion of change 2025

Mindy Woods, Chef, Restaurateur, Author, Educator & Advocate for Indigenous Australian Cuisine.

Mindy Woods is a proud Bundjalung woman, celebrated for her culinary expertise and unwavering commitment to promoting Indigenous Australian ingredients. Mindy's passion for food was ignited in childhood, inspired by her nan and long walks along the beach collecting pipis, foraging native plants and spices, and cooking them with her mob on Country.

In 2020, Mindy founded KARKALLA Byron Bay, named after a native succulent, as a space to connect diners with Aboriginal culture through food. With the desire to bring an immersive cultural experience to her offering Mindy re-launched Karkalla On Country, offering immersive outdoor dining experiences that honour Country and celebrate native ingredients in their natural environment.

Mindy is also the author of Karkalla At Home, a cookbook encouraging Australians to use native ingredients in everyday meals. Her favourite ingredients include finger limes, lemon myrtle, wattleseed, warrigal greens, and of course, karkalla.

In 2021, Mindy proudly represented Australia at the World Expo in Dubai, returning to the global stage recently at the World Expo in Osaka, Japan, 2025 to continue championing Indigenous Australian cuisine.

About the Global Award

The World's 50 Best Restaurants has celebrated global culinary excellence since 2002, offering a snapshot of the world's finest dining destinations through a rigorously audited voting process involving over 1,000 industry experts. What began as a UK-based magazine feature quickly evolved into an internationally respected awards program, highlighting gastronomic innovation and trends across 27 global regions.



Four Australians have played
in the NFL Super Bowl.

SPORT

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 McLaren's Oscar Piastri has made history as the youngest Australian to win a Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Only two team Aussie Rules 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.

First Australian to win the Super Bowl

On Sunday February 9th, 2025, Jordan Mailata became the first Australian to play for a winning team in the Super Bowl.

Mailata helped the Philadelphia Eagles thrash the Kansas City Chiefs 40-22.

Mailata, who is also the first Australian to play in two Super Bowls, enjoyed revenge against the Chiefs, who beat his Eagles for the Vince Lombardi Trophy in 2023.



Sport

CRICKET

It was the 12th of June, 2024 and 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.



First Aussie soccer coach to win a Europa League Cup

Australian Ange Postecoglou became the first Australian soccer coach to win the Europa League Cup when his Tottenham Hotspur Football Club beat Manchester United Football Club 1 v 0 in the Europa League Cup Final in San Mames Stadium in Bilbao, Spain, on Wednesday the 21st of May, 2025.

On the 15th of July, 2024, 21 year old Travis Bazzana from Wahroonga 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.



Most pull ups in 60 seconds, wearing a 5kg weight plate

On Tuesday, 29th July, 2025, Mark O'Connor at the Coburg Leisure Centre, Bell Street, Coburg, Victoria, completed 22 pull ups, whilst wearing a 5kg weight plate in less than 60 seconds. Great effort for someone in their 60s to achieve 22 pull ups for the over 60s age category.



Pull up wearing a 35kg weight plate

Mark continued his incredible success on Friday the 8th of August, 2025, at the same venue. He completed a pull up with a 35kg weight plate attached to his body. Mark weighs 70kg and to complete a pull up with half of his body weight is remarkable.



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The oldest player to ever play in the VFL/AFL was Vic Cumberland, who played at the age of 43 years and 50 days. He played for St Kilda in 1920, on return from WW1.

The 80,000th VFL/AFL goal scored at the MCG

Nick Watson, Hawthorn, scored the 80,000th VFL/AFL goal at the MCG on Friday 30th of May, 2025, versus Collingwood. Collingwood won the game 16.11 (107) v 8.8 (56).

Twins both ace holes- in-one on the same day on the same course

Twin brothers Ken and Don Baker on Monday the 28th of May, 2018, both scored a hole-in-one at Hidden Valley Golf Course, Victoria. Don was first on the 144m 4th hole, Ken birdied this hole. Ken's was on the 18th hole, Don birdied this hole. Both brothers birdying the hole their twin aced, an effort you can only dream of.



AFL RECORDS

The youngest players to ever play in the AFL is Claude Clough, for St Kilda, when he was 15 years and 209 days old, on debut in 1900.



The most disposals in AFL history belong to Scott Pendlebury, who amassed 10,301 disposals for Collingwood as of the end of the 2025 season. He broke the previous record held by Robert Harvey, a St Kilda great, in July 2023.

At just 155 cm (5 foot 1 inch), Jim Bradford (Nipper) was Collingwood's smallest ever player, and still believed to be the shortest ever to play in the VFL/AFL.

The record for most goals kicked in a single AFL game belongs to Fred Fanning who kicked 18.1 for Melbourne against St Kilda in Round 19, 1947 at Junction Oval.

The record for most goals kicked in a single AFL season is 150, shared between Bob Pratt (1934) and Peter Hudson (1971). There have been 57 100-goal seasons, the most recent by Lance Franklin in 2008.

The record for most handballs in an AFL season is held by Lachie Neale, who recorded 278 in 2019, playing for the Brisbane Lions.



The record for most AFL games played is held by Brent Harvey, who played 432 games for North Melbourne. Other players who have reached 400 games are Michael Tuck, Scott Pendlebury, Shaun Burgoyne, Kevin Bartlett and Dustin Fletcher.

A record crowd of 121,696 saw a grand final in 1970, in which Carlton overcame a 44-point half-time deficit to defeat Collingwood 14.17 (101) v 17.9 (111).

Highest score by a team in the VFL/AFL is Geelong 37.17 (239) against Brisbane 11.9 (75) at Metricon Stadium Round 7, 1992.



Alana King delivered a historic performance in the ICC Women's World Cup 2025, taking a record-breaking 7-18 as Australia defeated South Africa by seven wickets in their final group-stage match.



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1,001 is the number of Ashes wickets taken by an individual in the series history. This amount of wickets is also the highest by a bowler against one team in Tests.

- 138 is the most number of wickets taken by anyone in history in the fourth innings of a test.
- In 2005 Shane took 96 wickets the most by a bowler in any calendar year
- 1,440 days. This is how long it took Shane to reach 200 wickets in Tests, the quickest bowler in history to get there. He made his debut on January 2, 1992 and completed the double century of wickets on December 11th, 1995.
- In 2,196 days Warnie reached 300 wickets in Tests, in the fastest time in history, on the 5th of January, 1998.

Australia opener Travis Head broke Steve Smith's record of the fastest 3,000 ODI runs for the Men in yellow. He achieved the feat in the third ODI against India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on October 25, 2025. The southpaw took 76 innings, three less than Smith.

Most Test runs in Asia

In February 2025 interim Aussie skipper Steve Smith smashed his 36th Test century during the second Test against Sri Lanka and rewrote the record books, becoming Australia's highest Test run scorer in Asia.

Over 48 innings, Ricky Ponting amassed 1,889 runs at an average of 41.97. Nevertheless, Smith, who had an outstanding average of 51.08 in Asia, achieved the milestone in just his 42nd innings.



Ten time man of the match world record in the World Test Championship (WTC) cricket

Travis Head set a new world record when he was named man of the match for the 10th time playing in the World Test Championship (WTC). This mammoth achievement was recognised on June 27, 2025 at the Kensington Oval Barbados playing against the West Indies.

The first ever women's day/night Test match was played in 2017 at North Sydney Oval, Sydney, between Australia and England.

The first international women's cricket team to visit Australia was the English team, invited to tour in the summer of 1934-1935 to play a series against an Australian team captained by Margaret Peden.

Only one cricketer has scored a century and taken ten wickets in the same match, it was Betty Wilson against England in 1958, this was the first time this has been achieved in men's or women's cricket.

In men's cricket the first day/night Test match took place between Australia and New Zealand at the Adelaide Oval, Adelaide on the 27th of November, 2015, 36 years to the day from the first ICC-sanctioned day/night match in 1979. This match was between Australia and the West Indies.

200 Test catches

Australian batsman Steve Smith created history on Sunday, February 9, 2025, against Sri Lanka by becoming the first Australian player to take 200 catches in Test cricket. Overtaking Ricky Ponting's 196 catches. Smith is the fifth cricketer in the world to reach this remarkable goal.



First Australian brother and sister duo to win on the LPGA and PGA golf tours

Min Woo Lee's Houston Open win on Sunday, the 30th of March 2025, made he and big sister Minjee Lee the first Australian brother-sister duo with wins on both the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour and just the third brother-sister duo with wins to achieve this feat globally.

Minjee has two major championships to her name, and ten wins in total on the LPGA tour.



Hole-in-one

The oldest documented female golf hole-in-one in Australia was achieved by Brenda Thornell, who hit her fifth hole-in-one at the age of 90 on the 25th of March 2025, playing at Devilbend Golf Club in Victoria.

Brenda hit a 5 wood on the 122m 3rd hole, becoming the oldest female to shoot an ace.

BASKETBALL

The longest basketball match between two Mildura, Victoria, basketball teams is 120 hours, 15 minutes, at the Mildura Hothouse basketball stadium, Victoria from Thursday 20th, 11pm to Tuesday 25th August 11.15pm, 1972.

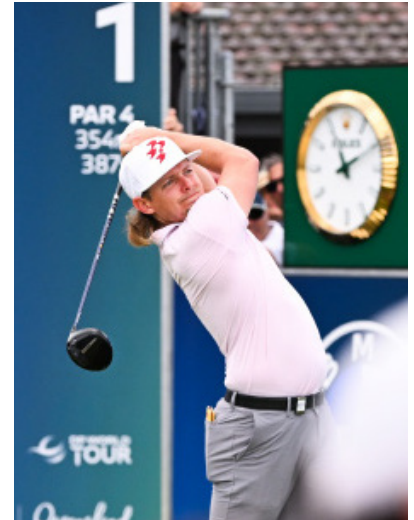


Alan Morris was part of two Mildura basketball teams that played the longest game of basketball of 120 hours, 15 minutes, back in 1972. Alan played 50 hours non-stop from the Thursday to Saturday and completed another 37 hours playing thereafter, giving an astonishing 87 hours playing time by an individual in total. Alan shot 1,686 points and made 1,670 passes during his epic time on court.



First Australian golfer to win the Masters

Australian Adam Scott became the first Australian golfer to win the Masters in 2013.



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Men's Major Championships:

- **Peter Thomson:** Won The Open five times (1954,1955,1956,1958,1965).
- **Greg Norman:** Won The Open twice (1986,1993).
- **Jason Day:** Won the PGA Championship (2015).
- **David Graham:** Won the PGA Championship (1979) and the US Open (1981).
- **Geoff Ogilvy:** Won the US Open (2006).
- **Steve Elkington:** Won the PGA Championship (1995).
- **Ian Baker-Finch:** Won The Open (1991).
- **Wayne Grady:** Won the PGA Championship (1990).
- **Kel Nagle:** Won The Open (1960).



Australian golfing achievements

Cameron Smith: Won The Open in 2022 and the Australian PGA Championship three times.

Min Woo Lee: Has achieved a course record-equaling 62 at Wentworth.

Greg Norman: Held the world No. 1 ranking for 331 weeks.

Australian Open: Greg Norman holds the record for most wins (5).

Australian PGA Championship: Nick O'Hern and Peter Lonard share the 72-hole scoring record relative to par (22-under).

August 22nd, 2025, Minjee Lee added the PGA to the US Open she won in 2022 and the Evian Championship in 2021 and now has three legs of the women's major grand slam among 13 worldwide wins in her career to date.

There are just four Australians to have ever won more than two major championships, Minjee Lee (three), alongside Karrie Webb (seven), Peter Thomson (five) and Jan Stephenson (three).



The challenge

So picture this, every year The Australian Book of Records (TABOR), receives letters from the USA, asking if driving records should be recognised when the law of the land has been broken?

Specifically, citizens have raised concerns that speed world driving records are being recognised on normal roads from USA coast to coast, illegally going over the countries stipulated speed limits, breaking the law and having no real consideration for other road user's safety.

What safety message does this project to young drivers?

TABOR were challenged to drive from New York to Seattle, a distance of 2,961 miles (4,768km), staying within the legal speed limit and strictly following the road traffic act driving laws to the letter, in the fastest time.

If there was no traffic on the roads, no traffic lights, or any obstacles, the fastest legal driving time for a perfect drive sitting within every legal speed limit zone would equate to 42 hours.

Every driver knows this is unrealistic!

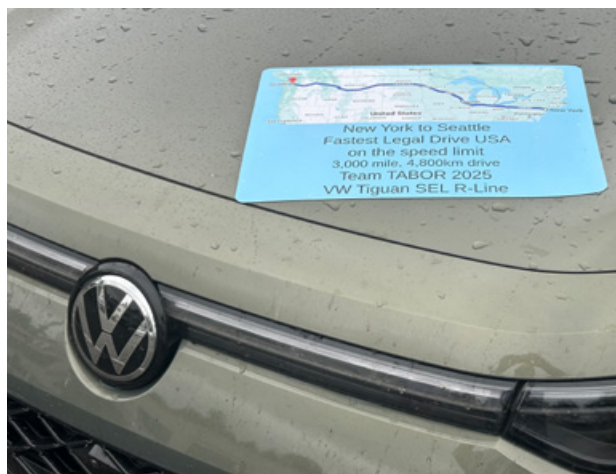
The team from TABOR drove this coast -to -coast journey to demonstrate to USA drivers when driving safely and efficiently what can be achieved.

The results are in: Team TABOR consisting of three experienced drivers completed a USA New York to Seattle coast to coast drive covering 2,961 miles, 4,768km in 45 hours and 20 minutes, sitting within the legal speed limit for the entire drive, with six independent adjudicators placed along the route for verification purposes.

The drive began in New York, in morning peak hour traffic, with many traffic situations en-route, taking the team down to 45mph and 55mph at times. Chicago created its own busy bumper to bumper traffic. The increased speeds from the half way mark, with speed limits rising to 75mph and 80mph with traffic flowing meant that team TABOR concluded an honest drive, only 3 hours and 20 minutes over the 42 hour mark.

For health and safety, the three drivers were restricted to driving a maximum 8 hours each per day and worked with military precision at refuelling, buying food and driver change. Each driver confessed they could not have completed this drive any quicker.

Team TABOR are grateful to Volkswagen America for providing the luxury, comfortable, powerful and efficient VW Tiguan SEL R-Line.



Sport

New York to Seattle, 2,961 miles, 4,768km drive completed in 45 hours, 20 minutes (42 hours is without any issues within the speed limit)

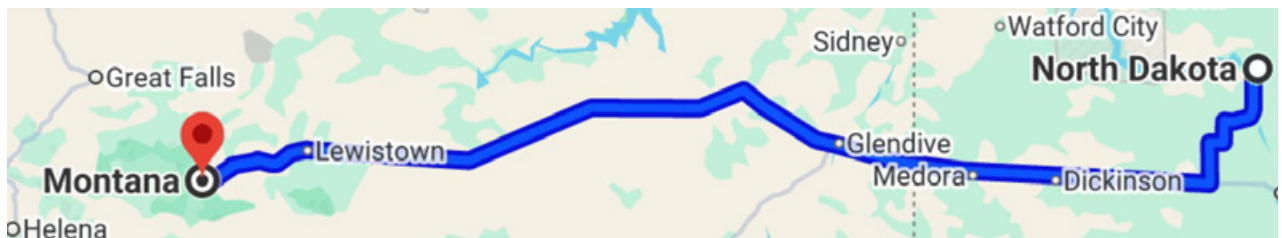


New York to Delaware to Pennsylvania to Ohio to Indiana to Illinois.

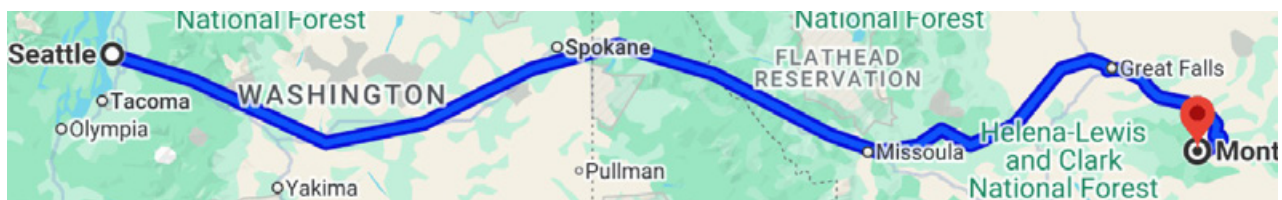


The fastest you can legally drive from coast to coast USA is 42 hours and that is with no traffic, sitting within the speed limit on a perfect run

Chicago to North Dakota 876 miles, 1,411km - Illinois to Minnesota to North Dakota.



North Dakota to Montana 524 miles, 844km.



Montana to Idaho to Seattle Washington.

Total Distance:

Distance: 2,961 miles (4,768km)

Time: 45 hours, 20 minutes

VW Tiguan SEL R-Line

Fuel cost: US\$261.89

Tolls: US\$42.00



**Ian
“Powerhouse”
Jacobs is an
Australian
kickboxer and
former 3 time
world kickboxing
champion**



Fastest knockout in kickboxing history

On Remembrance Day, 11 November 2009, a truly historic moment in Australian and world combat sports took place at the A1 World Combat Cup, held at Docklands, Melbourne, Victoria. The event was promoted by Tarak Solak, recognised as the world's number one kickboxing promoter, alongside Mick Gatto. Ian Powerhouse Jacobs, a three-time World Kickboxing Champion, faced off against Stanley The Headhunter Mandex, a four-time World Champion. The bout was called by legendary commentator Michael The Voice Schiavello renowned world kickboxing champion icon Stan The Man Longinidis.

What followed was a record-breaking moment:

Ian Jacobs delivered a jumping front kick knockout in just 1.8 seconds of the first round, setting the fastest knockout in kickboxing history. This record surpassed the previous world record held by Stan The Man Longinidis himself, who had claimed the title with a 7.8 second knockout that stood unchallenged for approximately 17 years. With Longinidis - the previous record-holder present and calling the match, the significance of Jacobs feat was recognised instantly and universally. But this moment carried deeper meaning. Ian Jacobs dedicated this fight to his father, who had been given only three days to live due to terminal cancer. In a remarkable testament to the power of love, inspiration, and the human spirit, his father reportedly said, If you're fighting, I'm fighting. He defied medical expectations, going on to live another three years. This record not only represents sporting excellence but also stands as a symbol of resilience, family, and the spirit of Remembrance Day.

Titles and accomplishments

- WKA World middleweight kickboxing title
- WKA World middleweight Muay Thai title
- ISKA World super middleweight Muay Thai title
- 2 x Commonwealth super middleweight title
- Commonwealth middleweight title
- Australia middleweight title
- Australia super light heavyweight title
- Queensland super middleweight title
- Queensland light heavyweight title
- National hardest hitting champion in both light & heavy weight divisions
- Best ever kick Knock Out award
- Inducted into the Kickboxing Hall of fame
- Best fight ever seen on FOX Sports
- Three-time winner of the open National Martial Arts League Hardest punch, hardest kick and hardest punch/ kick combination. Winner of both lightweight and heavyweight divisions, the spirit of Remembrance Day



Tug-Of-War

Australia's longest ever tug-of-war

On the 4th of August, 2025, at the Spirits Victoria 2025 Conference at RACV Cape Schanck Resort, Victoria, using a 120 metre rope, two teams of fifty-six (112 participants) took part in Australia's longest ever tug-of-war, smashing the previous record and creating a great deal of fun and excitement.

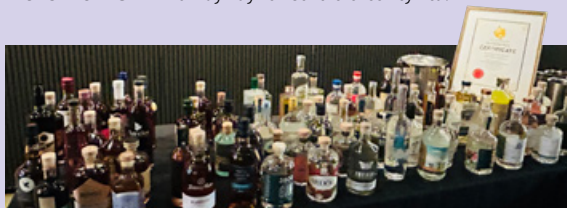


The most Victorian spirits tasted at one time

On the 4th of August 2025, at the Spirits Victoria conference, 'Spirits taste Victoria', a record was set.

115 of the Victoria Spirits Association attendees tasted 100 different Victorian spirits at the same time with a very emotional 'cheers'.

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SPORT

SPECIAL THANK YOU
to Swimming Australia
and World Aquatics for
your kind contribution
for the swimming
records and world
class photographs.

Swimming Australia

The Australian Swim Team had an historic year with sixteen world records, 11 Commonwealth records and 25 Oceania records broken. In particular, Kaylee McKeown, Ben Hance, Rachael Watson, Alexa Leary, Mollie O'Callaghan and Lani Pallister had standout years, claiming world records.



Women's 50m butterfly

Alex Perkins on the 18th of October 2025, completed the Women's 50m butterfly in 24.60 seconds at Westmont, Illinois, USA, at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup for a Commonwealth Record.

PHOTO: Courtesy World Aquatics and Swimming Australia

Womens 200m Kaylee McKeown

Kaylee McKeown broke the women's 200m backstroke world record twice in 2025.

Recording a time of 1:57.87 in Westmont, Illinois, USA, at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup on the 19th of October, 2025.

Kaylee bettered this world standard by recording 1:57.33 at the Toronto, Canada Swimming World Cup on the 25th of October, 2025.

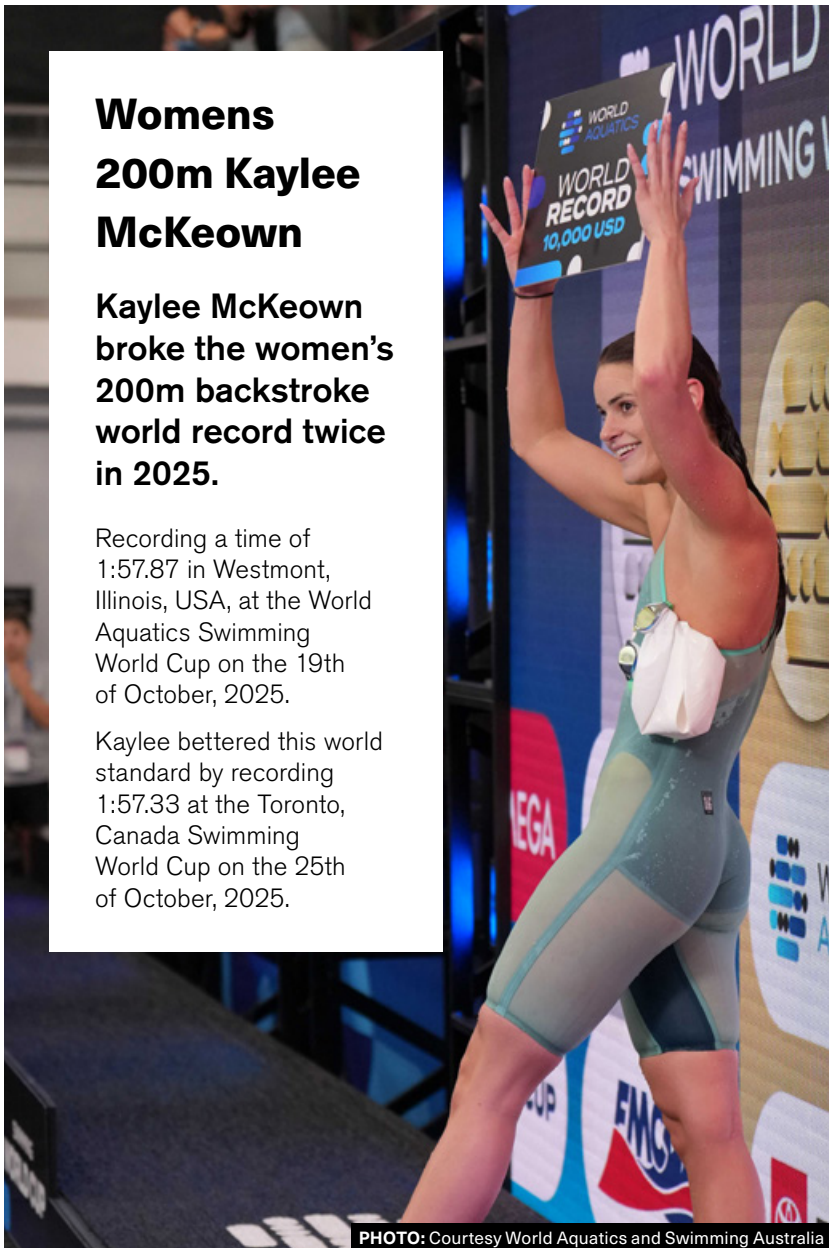


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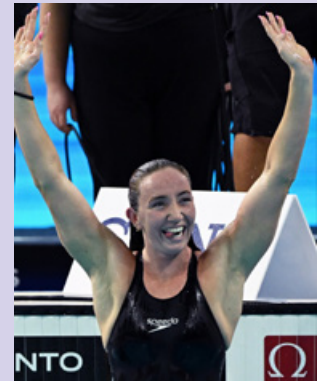


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Women's 800m freestyle

Lani Pallister broke the women's 800m freestyle world record on the 25th of October 2025, at the Toronto, Canada Swimming World Cup in a record time of 7:54.00.



Mens 100m S14 backstroke

Ben Hance broke the mens 100m S14 backstroke world record twice in 2025. Recording a time of 56.35 seconds in Adelaide on the 13th of June 2025. Ben bettered this world standard by recording 55.99 seconds in Singapore on the 22nd of September 2025.



PHOTO: Courtesy Swimming Australia



PHOTO: Courtesy World Aquatics and Swimming Australia

Alexa Leary six world bests in 2025

In 2025 Alexa Leary broke six women's freestyle world records in the S9 50m in Sydney in 27.23 seconds, S9 100m in Brisbane in 59.22 seconds, S9 100m in Sydney in 59.07 seconds, S9 100m in Sydney in 58.89 seconds, S9 200m in Sydney in 2:09.20 and the 4 x 100m mixed freestyle with team mates Chloe Osborn, Callum Simpson, Rowan Cruthers in Singapore at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup on the 27th of September, 2025.

Women's 200m Freestyle

Molly O'Callaghan broke the womens 200m freestyle world record twice in 2025.

Recording a time of 1:49.77 in Westmont, Illinois, USA, at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup on the 18th of October 2025.

Molly bettered this world standard by recording 1:49.36 at the Toronto, Canada Swimming World Cup on the 24th of October, 2025.



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Men's 4 x 100m freestyle relay

On the 27th of July, 2025, Flynn Southam, Kai Taylor, Max Giuliani and Kyle Chambers broke the men's 4 x 100m freestyle relay Commonwealth record in a time of 3:08.97 in Singapore at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup.

World records broken by Australians in 2024 - 2025

EVENT	COMPETITION	DATE	ATHLETE	TIME
Men's 100m Backstroke S14	2025 Adelaide, Australia	13/06/25	Ben Hance	56.35
Men's 100m Backstroke S14	Singapore World Aquatics Swimming World Cup	22/09/25	Ben Hance	55.99

Women's 50m Freestyle S3	Brisbane	25/01/25	Rachael Watson	39.11
Women's 50m Freestyle SC S3	Brisbane	26/07/25	Rachael Watson	41.68
Women's 100m Freestyle SC S3	Brisbane	26/07/25	Rachael Watson	1:34.29

Women's 50m Freestyle S9	Sydney	17/05/25	Alexa Leary	27.23
Women's 100m Freestyle S9	Brisbane	22/04/25	Alexa Leary	59.22
Women's 100m Freestyle S9	Sydney	18/05/25	Alexa Leary	59.07
Women's 100m Freestyle S9	Sydney	18/05/25	Alexa Leary	58.89
Women's 200m Freestyle S9	Sydney	16/05/25	Alexa Leary	2:09.20
Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle 34pt	Singapore World Aquatics Swimming World Cup	27/09/25	Alexa Leary Chloe Osbor Callum Simpson Rowan Crothers	3:58.40

Women's 200m Backstroke SC	Westmont, Illinois, USA, at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup	19/10/25	Kaylee McKeown	1:57.87
Women's 200m Backstroke SC	Toronto, Canada, World Aquatics	25/10/25	Kaylee McKeown	1:57.33

Women's 200m Freestyle SC	Westmont, Illinois, USA, at the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup	18/10/25	Mollie O'Callaghan	1:49.77
Women's 200m Freestyle SC	Toronto, Canada World Aquatics Swimming World Cup	24/10/25	Mollie O'Callaghan	1:49.36

Women's 800m Freestyle SC	Toronto	25/10/25	Lani Pallister	7:54.00
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A repeat record breaker, 12 year old Jedd Bloffwitch caught 5 balls in granny undies in a speedy 3.82 seconds on the 22nd of August, 2025.

JUNIOR RECORDS

The most star jumps in one minute by a female

The most star jumps side to side in one minute is an incredible 140 by 13 year old Willow Brooks on the 21st of August, 2025, at the Mundi Mundi Bash.



Most star jumps in 60 seconds

Our little man Jimmy Trimboli (left) successfully managed 157 star jumps in one minute to hold the male record.

Mixed alphabet cards

On the right we have Jedd Bloffwitch who sorted mixed alphabet cards into alphabetical order in 00:48.59 seconds. They are proudly holding their prizes from Just Sweets Altona [justsweets.com.au](https://www.justsweets.com.au)



Most hula-hoops in sixty seconds

On the 7th of May, 2024, Juan John a 3 and a half year old hula-hoop specialist, completed 119 full rotations of her body in a remarkable sixty second time limit. The future of Australian record breaking is in good hands, well done Juan.



The most jumps side to side in one minute

The most jumps side to side in one minute is an incredible 187 by 13 year old Willow Brooks, on the 21st of August, 2025, at the Mundi Mundi Bash.



Archie Lasker

In 2025 Archie Lasker aged 8, ran an Australian best time over 5 kilometres, of 19 minutes, 41 seconds at the NSWPSA Cross Country Championships Camden, NSW.

Mundi Mundi Bash, Big Red Bash and School Junior Records

The most people with linked arms standing up simultaneously

On Friday the 20th of June, 2025, at Shenton College, Shenton Park Western Australia the most people with linked arms standing up together record was broken. An incredible 800 year 7 and 8 students made it happen. They smashed the previous record with great team work and enthusiasm, well done Shenton College, great effort.



The fastest time to keep ten hats on your head

This was successfully completed by 13 year old Gracie Cotter at the Mundi Mundi Bash, on the 21st August 2025, in a quick time of 14.84 seconds.



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 grab 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 help 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 TABOR 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.



Become a Record Breaker

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:

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

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





Certificate presentation

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

Each certificate may be purchased for \$45.00 via www.theaustralianbookofrecords.com.au

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Become a Record Breaker



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 website and publications.



Largest bagpipe ensemble

On Wednesday the 12th of November, 2025, at Fed Square Melbourne, performing the iconic AC/DC song It's a Long Way to the Top (If You Wanna Rock n Roll), 374 bagpipers smashed the largest bagpipe ensemble world record playing together at the same time and location.

The new world record came nearly 50 years after the filming of AC/DC's iconic music video for It's a Long Way to the Top (If You Wanna Rock n Roll), which was filmed along Swanston Street in Melbourne's CBD. The video featured lead singer Bon Scott playing alongside bagpipers from the Rats of Tobruk Pipe Band.



98 -year-old Bruce Hocking (pictured with Helen Taylor, TABOR official). An extra record was set with Bruce Hocking becoming the oldest piper to participate in the largest bagpipe ensemble. Born in 1927 Bruce started playing the bagpipes aged 14 and has been playing for 84 years. Congratulations to every piper for providing the thousands of enthusiastic public with one of the greatest sights and sounds record breaking has produced in Australia, it was truly spectacular.



World Record Certificate Gallery 2025



WORLD RECORD SIGN UP 2026



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World Record Hypnotist Event

World renowned hypnotist Mark Anthony will be attempting two world records on the night of March 13th, 2026 at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne, Victoria.

His exciting world records include participants being hypnotised into a trance state.

Mark will then get everyone lined up, and then each participant with a touch to their forehead will fall backwards and be safely caught.

The current record is 37 participants falling backwards in 45 seconds. Mark aims to smash this record with 60 participants or more taking part on stage.

Towards the end of this 30 minute world record attempt, Mark will then put the hypnotised subjects through a series of commands, resulting in one world record being achieved when everyone on stage on Marks instruction will do something John Farnham related (record being most hypnotised people on stage simultaneous undertaking a John Farnham action).

Once you have signed up to join the World Record Sing-along of John Farnham songs you will be eligible to join this double world record hypnosis record by registering your interest to:

theaustralianbookofrecords@gmail.com

On the 13th of March, gates open at 7pm and you will be invited to join Mark by the stage from 7.15pm to 7.30pm to go through what the record entails.

Alternatively Mark will call you prior to the record night to discuss the record over the phone... Let's bring this world record home to Australia!

| Mark Anthony

