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*"Mate, give
this a burl!"*

*"You little
beauty!"*

"Grouse!!"



*"Cripes, fire up
the billy, pass me
a bickie and cop
a look at this."*



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"Whether you're a bloke or a sheila, have a go at our Aussie lingo. In an arvo, you'll be speaking like you're from Down Under!"



Australian English is justifiably notorious for its colourful and seemingly endless collection of slang terms and sayings. Some Australianisms such as “she’ll be right, mate” and “fair dinkum” are well known around the world, but these are just the start.

Many a visitor to the land Down Under has been more than a little mystified when told that it is his or her turn to “shout” while drinking with new mates at a pub; or that he or she has “Buckley’s of making the next bus to Brissie”; or that the “blowies” in Bullamakanka are as big as emus.

Many early Australianisms were words taken over by or derived from the languages spoken by Aboriginal tribes. Thus, words such as boomerang, billabong, kangaroo and cockatoo soon became part of the general language (lingo) spoken by all Australians.

Australian place names of Aboriginal origin can be another source of amazement to newcomers – especially tongue-twisters like Woolloomooloo, Mullumbimby, Wollongong and Wagga Wagga, names which simply trip off the tongues of the locals.

Not included in this collection, but something you are bound to encounter at some point during your stay, is the popular Aussie habit of nicknaming mates and coppers by embellishing the endings of their first names with an “o”.

For example, if your name is David, you may find yourself being called Davo; likewise, Stevens can expect to be called Stevo; and Johns to be called Johnno. Names ending in “ie” or “y” are often transformed by a “zza” ending. A Gary is almost invariably known as Gazza, Barry as Bazza, Sharon as Shazza.

While the terms which made it into this dictionary are as Australian as meat pie, we’d have to have more hide than Ned Kelly to suggest that this is the last word on the matter.

Like all languages, Aussie English is growing and changing with the times. And while you’ll be flat out like a lizard drinking if you try to make head or tail of all the local lingo, this book will, hopefully, give you the drum on some common ones you may encounter on your trip Down Under.

“Hold on to your esky and give this a burl.”



ace

Excellent

ANZAC

Members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps in World War I. Anzac Day, which falls on April 25, is a national holiday. Delicious biscuits (cookies), made with oats and golden syrup, are also known as Anzacs.

**Alice, The**

Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

amber fluid

Beer. "Lets have a quick transfusion of amber fluid."

ankle-biter

A small child. *See rug-rat.*

apples

Everything's under control, as in "She's apples."

Apple Isle, The

Tasmania, our only island state.

arvo

Afternoon.

Aussie

Australian.

Aussie salute

The backward and forward waving of hands before the face to shoo away the flies. *See blowie.*

back of beyond

Way out there somewhere; remote. *See the black stump and woop woop.*

bag of fruit

Rhyming slang for a man's suit.

"He was dressed to kill in his bag of fruit and he didn't care who knew it."

Balmain Bug

Small type of crayfish. Named after the trawlermen of the historic Sydney suburb of Balmain, who pioneered the industry. *See Moreton Bay Bug.*

"Pop in for arvo tea."

"He's a few snags short of a barbie."

barbie

Barbecue. "Let's go down to the beach and have a barbie." Also, "He's a few snags (sausages) short of a barbie" is used to describe someone who is a little crazy.

barney

An argument or a dispute.

barrack

To give encouragement to your sports team.

barramundi

Aboriginal name for a large tasty fish found in the waters of Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

battler

Someone who struggles hard to make ends meet or to overcome adversity. "He's a real Aussie battler."

beaut or beauty

Great! Terrific! Also pronounced beauty, or bewdy.

"You little beauty!"

bell

To call someone on the telephone. "I'll give you a bell from the back of beyond."

big-note

To boast and exaggerate one's wealth and power.

billabong

A water hole in a dry river bed. "Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong..."

bickie

A cookie.

bingle

A minor car crash or accident. *See prang.*

billy

A metal can, usually tin, enamel ware or aluminium used for making tea over an open fire.

black stump

An imaginary point dividing civilization and the Outback. "She's the biggest big-noter this side of the black stump." *See back of beyond and woop woop.*

blind freddy

The person who can immediately see the bleedin' obvious. "Blind Freddy can tell he's a bludger".

bloke

A male.

blowie

Blowfly. Sometimes jokingly referred to as Australia's national bird. See *Aussie salute*.



bludger

Someone who doesn't pull their weight at work and sponges off others.

blue

To have an argument or a fight.

bluey

Nickname for a bloke with red hair. Also, a swagman's blanket roll.

blue heeler

A nuggety cattle dog with a blue-flecked coat, popular with bushies and city folk alike.

boomer

A large male kangaroo. It is believed by some Aussie youngsters that Santa Claus' sleigh is pulled by six white boomers.

boot

Trunk of a car.

bombed out

Unsuccessful, also drunk.

bonzer

A great bloke or sheila. "He's a bonzer bloke to have on your side in a blue."

bottler

Someone (or something) who performs well.



bottle shop

Liquor store, often part of a hotel. Also known as a 'bottlo'.

breakkie

Breakfast.

broly

An umbrella.



brumby

From an Aboriginal word meaning a wild horse.

bubbler

A drinking fountain.

bucket, to

To dump on someone; to blame them for everything.

Buckley's chance

Absolutely no chance.

budgie smuggler

A tight men's swimming costume. Named after the budgerigar, a small colourful native bird.

bull artist

A teller of tall tales; a braggart. Closely related to a big noter.

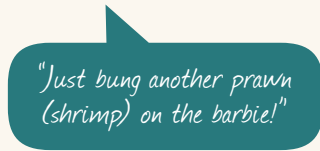
Bundy

The town of Bundaberg in Queensland. Also the name of a popular brand of rum.



bung, to

To put on an act; to throw. "There's no need to bung it on with me."



bush, the

Unspoiled land beyond the city with natural vegetation. Also, "to go bush" is to get away from all your troubles. "Bruce's gone bush."

bushie

Used to describe someone who lives miles from anywhere. "Bazza's a real bushie."

bushed, I'm

"I'm tired."

bushranger

An outlaw in early colonial days. Ned Kelly was one of Australia's most notorious bushrangers.

bush tucker

Native foods such as berries, roots and food stuffs, such as edible insects, known to Aborigines and only recently discovered by European Australians.

B.Y.O.

Bring your own. Unlicensed restaurant where you need to bring your own alcohol. Many party invitations include the B.Y.O. proviso.

cactus

Useless, broken.

Captain Cook

British navigator and explorer who mapped the east coast of Australia in 1770. Also, "take a Captain Cook" is rhyming slang for take a look.

cashed up

Having plenty of ready money.

cark it

To die.

cheese and kisses

Rhyming slang for wife, i.e.: the missus.

chemist

Pharmacy or drugstore.

chewy

Chewing gum.

chips

French fries or potato crisps. To "spit chips" means that you are very angry.

"John was spitting chips."

chook

Domestic chicken or hen. Some Australians keep chooks in the back garden in a chook house with a chook run. "He's running around like a headless chook," refers to someone who is over-excited or disorganized. Also a mild derogatory term for an older woman: "the dear old chook".

"He's running around like a headless chook!"

Chrissie

Christmas; Chrissie prezzie (present).

chuck a wobbly

To go berserk.

Clayton's

Name of a soft drink that was promoted as a substitute for alcohol. The term came to mean something that is not what it seems. "This is a Clayton's dictionary if ever I saw one".

coathanger, the

Term for the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Cobber

A close friend.

cocky

A cockatoo, native bird of Australia; can also mean a farmer. Boss Cocky means the boss; and someone who is cocky is over-confident.

**come a cropper**

To fall heavily or have an accident.

cooee

Originally a call used by Aborigines in the bush, it is now used by all Australians. To be "within cooee" is to be in earshot.

cop, to

Take a look at that! "Cop that." Also, "Cop it sweet" means to take bad news well or "on the chin."

Corroboree

Aboriginal dance ceremony or meeting.

cot case

A drunk or exhausted person, fit only for bed.

cozzies

Swimming costume. "I got some cozzies for Chrissie."

crikey

An expression of surprise.

crook

To be sick or no good; also angry.

crows, stone the

A mild oath.

cuppa

A cup of tea. "What you need is a good cuppa." The Australian antidote to all problems.

dag

Basically a nerd or even a little worse.

damper

Traditionally, unleavened bread baked in the ashes of a fire. The name comes from the practice of damping the fires so the bread can be cooked in the glowing embers.

dead-set

Absolute; genuine. "He's a dead-set mate," or "Is that dead-set?"

digger

Originally a miner in the goldfields, now used to refer to an Australian soldier.

dill

A simpleton or a fool.

dilly-bag

A small woven bag carried by Aboriginal women. Often used to describe a small bag of any sort.

dingo

A native dog.

dinky - di

Genuine.

dobber

An informant who has "dobbed in" someone.

dog's breakfast

A mess.

Dover

The brand name of a bushman's knife. "To flash one's Dover," means to open a clasp knife to begin a meal.

Down Under

Australia. "We come from the land Down Under..."

drongo

A real fool or a moron.

drover

A person who herds stock or sheep over a long distance.

*"A bloke wouldn't
dob in a mate."*

*"Don't spit the
dummy you drongo!"*

dummy, spit the

To lose one's temper.

dumper

The bane of all surfers, a dumper is a large wave that tosses you around like a piece of driftwood instead of carrying you in to shore.

dunny

Originally an unsewered toilet at the bottom of the garden, now used generally for the toilet.

**earbasher**

Someone who talks endlessly; a bore.

enzed

New Zealand. An Enzedder is a New Zealander.

Esky

Brand name but now used generically for a cooler to carry drinks and food to barbies and parties.

**fair dinkum**

True, genuine; an assertion of truth or genuineness. "It's true, mate, fair dinkum."

fair go

A chance, an equal opportunity. "Give us a fair go, Bruce."

fang

To drive around at high speed.

far out

Unbelievable.

first cab off the rank

To jump at an opportunity; quick off the mark.

flake (out), to

Collapse, fall asleep or change plans with your mates.

flat out

Very busy. "He's flat out like a lizard drinking."

flush

Having plenty of money.

footy

Refers to either Rugby League, Rugby Union, or Australian Rules football.

fossick

Originally meant to search or pick around for gold or gemstones, but is now used in the more general sense of searching for something.

Fremantle Doctor

Cool breeze that blows in off the Indian Ocean during the hot summer months of December to March in Fremantle.

frog and toad

Rhyming slang for road. "Let's hit the frog and toad" – leave.

furphy

Originally the brand name of a water-cart but now means a rumour or phony story.

galah

Native bird with a grey back and a pink front. Also, a fool.

"You're a bit of a galah!"

garbo

Garbage man.

g'day

Good day. "G'day, me old clobber, me mate."

Ghan, The

Nickname for the Afghani camel drivers who helped open up the Outback. Also, the name of the train running from Adelaide to Darwin.

give it a burl

Give it a try.

goodo

Good one.

googie

An egg.

grasshopper

A bush term for a tourist, especially in tourist groups: "They eat everything in sight and never have a drink". Also known as a grassie.

greenie

A mildly derogatory term for a conservationist.

"G'day!"

"Go on, give it a burl!"

"That's a grouse pie floater."

grouse

Very good.

grog

General name for all alcohol. A "grog-on" or "grog-up" is a drinking party.

gum tree

Eucalyptus tree. There are many different types of gum trees. To be "up a gum tree" means you are in trouble.

gutful

More than enough. "I've had a gutful". Also gut's full.

gutless

Lacking courage.

hard yakka

Hard work.

heaps, to give

To give someone a hard time.

hoon

A lout. Also, to hoon around.

**hooray**

Goodbye, so long. Also, Hooroo!

howzat!

How's that! Request for approval. In cricket it's used to request dismissal of a player. "Howzat?"

iceberger

Someone who swims during winter in unheated water, usually in the ocean. Members of the Bondi Icebergs Club are well known for their mid-winter frolics in a sea water pool filled with blocks of ice.

jackeroo

A young male station hand.

jillaroo

A young female station hand.

joey

Baby kangaroo or wallaby.

jumbuck

A sheep. A jumbuck barber is a sheep shearer.

jumper

A sweater.

kanga

Kangaroo. In the bush, to “have a bit of a kanga” is to have some cash. Kanga cricket is a form of the game designed for children.

**kelpie**

An Australian breed of short haired dog, used to herd sheep.

kick in

To help out with money.

knock, to

Criticise, find fault. A knocker is a person who makes derogatory remarks.

koala

A lovable nocturnal marsupial, often mistakenly referred to as a bear. The koala is found only in Australia where it spends much of its time eating a special type of gum leaf and dozing on a tree branch.

**kookaburra**

Australian kingfisher bird with brown and white feathers and a distinctive almost human laugh.

**kylie**

The West Australian Nyungar Aboriginal word for boomerang.

lamington

Sponge cake squares dipped in chocolate and coated in grated coconut. They are supposed to have originated in the Brisbane kitchens of Charles Wallace Baillie, and named after Baron Lamington, who was Queensland Governor from 1895 to 1901.

**larrikin**

An urban hooligan with a dash of style.

lash out, to

Spend money freely. Also, lashings, which means lots of something – especially food and drink.

legless

Someone who is so intoxicated they can't walk.

lilly-pilly

Bush tucker. An Indigenous purple berry.

lingo

Language.

loaded

Extremely wealthy. Also means drunk.

"She did her lolly!"

lolly

Candy or boiled sweet. Lolly water is soft drink. Also, “to do your lolly” is to lose your temper.

loo

The toilet; the bathroom.

Lucky Country, The

Title of a book by well known Australian academic, Donald Horne. Horne used the term ironically, but it's sometimes used in the literal sense.

lurk, to

To act suspiciously. Also, a “lurk merchant” is someone who is a shrewd operator.

mail, Mulga

Rumour or gossip. Also called the bush telegraph. “I heard it on the Mulga mail.”

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marge

Margarine.

mate

Friend, buddy. The great Australian leveller. Anyone can be your mate, from the Prime Minister to the bloke next door. Also, affectionate term for a close friend. “G'day, mate,” is a common Aussie greeting.

Matilda

A swag or bedroll. To waltz Matilda is to carry a swag.

mental, to chuck a

To lose one's temper.

"Kylie really chucked a mental at the barbie last night."

middy

A medium sized (9 oz.) glass of beer (New South Wales and Western Australia). "Let's go down to the pub for a couple of middies."

missus, the

Slang for wife.

moral

Tribe or group of emotionally connected companions: 'Is he one of your mob?'

moral

A sure thing. "A moral certainty."

Moreton Bay Bug

Small crayfish from the waters of Queensland and northern Australia.

mozzie

Mosquito.

muddie

Mud crab. Large, delicious crab found in the mangrove wetlands of Queensland and New South Wales.

mug

A fool.

Mulga, The

Type of acacia tree found in the dry inland areas of Australia. Generally used to describe the sparser inland areas.

"Hey mate, you look like a stunned mullet."

mullet, stunned

Someone who is dazed or uncomprehending.

nana

To be mentally deranged or to lose your temper. "He was off his nana."

neck oil

Common term for beer. Look out for other terms such as "sucking a tube"; "bending the elbow"; "cracking a coldie"; "tearing a tinnie".

never never, the

The remotest part of inland Australia.

nick, to

Steal.

**nipper**

A small child. Also the name for a trainee surf-lifesaver.

no-hoper

A fool or lazy, hapless person.

no worries

Don't worry, everything is okay. *See apples.*

nong

A fool or silly person.

nuggety

A short, thickset person.

nulla-nulla

An Aboriginal war club.

off

Many meanings such as tainted food is "off"; bad taste is also "off"; to leave in a hurry is to be "off"; and if someone is ill they are "feeling off". "Off like a bucket of prawns", means something has a very bad smell. Someone who is in a hurry can be said to be "off like a bride's nightie."

old man

A fully grown male kangaroo.

onya

Congratulations, short for "good on you".

orstralia

Australia in broad Aussie Outback dialect.

Outback

Inland Australia.

Oz

Australia.

paralytic

Extremely intoxicated.

Pat Malone

Rhyming slang for "own".
"I'm on my Pat Malone."

**pavlova**

Or pav.
A popular suburban dessert, named after the Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova. A pav consists of a large, soft-centred meringue filled with cream and topped with fruit.

perks

Little extras; the side benefits.

petrol

Gasoline.

pie floater

Meat pie floating in a bowl of pea soup. Some devotees believe a pie floater is the best hangover cure.

pokies

Poker or slot machines. Also, one-armed bandits.

pollie

Politician.

pommy

Someone from the British Isles. There are a number of explanations but the most common are: pomegranate for the ruddy red cheeks of British immigrants; the acronym P.O.M.E. stamped on early convicts' clothing, which stood for Prisoner of Mother England.

possie

A position or spot. "There's a good possie on the the beach to relax."

postie

Mail man or woman. Aussie posties carry the mail in a red rucksack.

P-plate

Newly licensed drivers in Australia have to display a (Provisional) P-plate for three years and are known as P-platers.

prang

A car crash or accident.

**prawn**

What Americans call a shrimp. Also, a fool. "Don't come the raw prawn with me," means don't try and pull a fast one.

"Don't come the raw prawn with me."

pub

Public house, hotel or bar.

pull your head in

Mind your own business.

Rafferty's rules

No rules at all.

rager

Someone who likes to party.

ratbag

A bit of a rogue or troublemaker. Ratbaggery is the act of being a ratbag.

ratty

Mad or deranged.

razoo

An imaginary coin of no value. Also, to have no money at all. "She didn't have a brass razoo."

redback

A small black spider with a red spot on its back. Potentially lethal. They hang out in outhouses (dunnies), or other dark places.

rego

Motor vehicle registration.

ring-in

Something replaced fraudulently. Also, someone who arrives at a party uninvited.

ringer

In sheep country a ringer is the fastest shearer; in cattle country he's the best stockman.

ripper

Someone or something really good.

ropeable

Angry or bad tempered.

"Cripes, me old china plate was ropeable when I turned up late this arvo."

rort

A fraudulent act.

rough

Originally the word referred to a bad shearing job, nowadays it means something unreasonable. "That's a bit rough, mate."

roughie

A cheat, someone who tries to "pull a swiftie". Also refers to someone who is uncouth.

"Mate, it's your round!"

round

Originally, to round up cattle, but nowadays refers to buying a "round" of drinks at the pub.

rubbish, to

To put someone down; to denigrate.

rug-rat

A small child. *See ankle-biter.*

sand-groper

Originally meant to walk in soft sand, it can also mean to bungle. A sand-groper refers to someone from Western Australia.

sanger

Sandwich. Also sango.

schooner

Large glass of beer (150z). "I'd love a few schooners of amber fluid."

**scorcher**

A very hot day. "She's a scorcher." *See stinker.*

servo

Abbreviation for service station. The servo is where you fill your vehicle with fuel.

shag on a rock

Being exposed or alone. "Left like a shag on a rock."

shandy

A drink composed mostly of beer and a dash of lemonade. Once regarded as a "refined" drink for ladies.

sheila

A young girl or woman.

she'll be right

Everything will be okay. *See no worries.*

sherbert

A beer.

"There's nothing better after a day at the beach than a few sherberts."

shonky

Poor quality.

shoot through

To leave or escape quickly, as in “to shoot through like a Bondi tram.”

shout

To pay for a round of drinks, also used when buying anything for another person. In an Aussie pub you’ll often hear, “It’s your shout, mate.”

sickie

To “chuck a sickie” is to take a day off work when you are not really ill.

silvertail

Someone with social aspirations; can also refer to a wealthy person.

singlet

Mostly worn by men under their shirts like a t-shirt but sleeveless. Sometimes worn alone with shorts. *See ocker.*

six-pack

Package of six cans or bottles of beer.

skerrick

A small amount.

skite

To boast or to brag.

slacker

Someone who avoids hard work.

sling-off, to

To ridicule or mock.

smoko

A break from work (originally for a cigarette).

**snag**

A light meal, but most commonly a sausage. *See barbie.*

snaky

Angry. Can also mean sneaky.

“Listen you drongo, don’t get snaky with me.”

soft drink

Soda or pop.

sook

Someone who is pouting.

sparrow fart

Very early in the morning.

“The kookaburras woke me at sparrow fart.”

spinner

Used in the gambling game, Two-up. The spinner is the player who tosses the coins. “Come in Spinner” is said to call up one’s luck as the coins are tossed.

sport

A friendly greeting. “G’day, sport.”

squatocracy

Modern day descendants of the original squatters who leased Crown land for grazing. Now referred to as a socio-economic group, a rural aristocracy.

station

A ranch where cattle or sheep are the major industry.

sticky beak

A nosy, prying person.

stinker

An objectionable person. Also a very hot day.

stir, to

To provoke someone. A stirrer is a troublemaker.

strides

Men’s trousers.

strike, to

A mild oath. “Strike me blue.” “Strike me lucky.” “Strike a light.”

“This arvo we’ll don our cossies and get a good possie at the beach.”

strine

Australian slang. Australians are masters at slurring words together, e.g., Emmachisit (how much is it), as well as shortening as many words as possible.

stubby

A short, squat bottle of beer. Look out for stubby coolers; small styrofoam or rubber holders shaped to fit a cold stubby or can (tinnie). Prevents frostbite caused by holding too many ice-cold beers in the hot sun.

**sunbake**

Sunbathe.

sundowner

Itinerant worker. Originally a tramp who wandered from station to station looking for work, making sure he arrived at sundown in time for dinner.

swagman

A tramp; an itinerant worker. Also known as a swaggie.

swimmers

Bathing costume.

ta

Thank you. "Ta ta" means goodbye, and to go "ta tas" means to go on an outing.

Tassie

Tasmania.

Taswegian

Tasmanian.

tea tree

An aromatic tree whose oil has healing qualities. Also, ti tree.

tin lid

Rhyming slang for kid.

tinnie

A can of beer.

togs

A bathing costume.

tomato sauce

Ketchup.



"Ta ta."

**too right**

Certainly!

toot

Toilet.

"Darwin is in the Top End."

Top End

The northern part of the Northern Territory. A Top-End-er is a resident of this area.

troppo

To "go troppo" is to be mentally disturbed. The original usage probably came from illness caused by too much time spent under the tropical sun of northern Australia and Papua New Guinea.

truckie

A long-distance lorry driver.

true blue

To be true blue means to be genuine. "A true blue Aussie."

tucker

To eat food. Can also mean to be tired out. "All this yarning has tuckered me out."

"Let's have a night on the turps."

turps

Alcoholic liquor.

two-bob

Cheap; of little value. Also, "as mad as a two-bob watch", means silly or mad.

two-pot screamer

Someone who is very susceptible to alcohol.

two-up

A gambling game in which two coins are tossed and bets are made on how they will fall.

uey

Also, uy and youee. To "chuck a Uey" is to make a U-turn while driving.

"Quick, chuck a Uey!"

uni

University.

up a gum tree

Confused, not sure what to do.

ute

Utility truck or pickup truck.



Vegemite

Sometimes referred to as Australia's national food. Loved by all true blue Aussies, Vegemite is a brown yeast extract spread on toast and sandwiches.

Waltzing Matilda

Australia's unofficial national anthem. Also means to wander around the country with a swag. *See Matilda.*

walkabout

To wander the countryside. When Aborigines "go walkabout", it means to live in the traditional manner of their ancestors.

westie

A resident of Sydney's western suburbs.

Westralian

Someone from Western Australia.

whacker

A fool. A general term of abuse.

whacko

A positive exclamation such as "whacko the diddle O" or "whacko the chook".

*"Whacko the diddle O,
Gazza's gone and bought
himself a flash new ute!"*

whinge, to

To complain a lot. A whinger is a person who whinges.

white ant, to

To undermine someone's reputation.

witchetty

In the language of the Aborigines of the Flinders Ranges in South Australia, a witchetty is a hooked stick to remove grubs from tree roots. Also, a witchetty grub is a large white grub that lives in the roots of certain types of gum trees. Aborigines value them as good tucker.

wobbegong

A New South Wales Aboriginal word for several species of sea-bed dwelling sharks. Also known as carpet sharks, they are harmless to humans.

woomera

An Aboriginal implement used to propel a spear.

woop woop

A fictional remote rural backwater. "That raving ratbag comes from somewhere out near Woop Woop." *See back of beyond and black stump.*

*"That raving ratbag
comes from somewhere
out near woop woop."*

"No worries, mate!"

worries, no

Not a problem!

wowser

Someone whose behaviour is puritanical or prudish.

write-off

Tired, or destroyed.

wuss

A spoilsport, a coward or a sissy. *See soak.*

yabby

Freshwater crayfish.

yahoo

Originally a New South Wales Aboriginal word meaning an evil spirit, now means a hooligan. *See hoon.*

yakka

Hard work. "She's a demon for hard yakka."

yam

An edible tuberous root.

yarn, to

To tell a bit of a tale.
Also, to talk, to chat.

yobbo

A hoodlum or bogan.

youse

Sland for plural you. "Why don't
youse come over for a cuppa
this arvo?"

zonked (out)

Tired, exhausted

*Now you're sounding
like a local, a fair
dinkum Aussie - it's
time to go walkabout
and give it a burl!*



"See ya later"

"Ta ta"

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