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## Foreword

The colloquial Workbook of Australian Idiom-Aussie Slang is a guide to the everyday language, which is peculiar to and used by Australian folk from all walks of life, no matter what or who they are or the level of success, education, credence or place in society they have attained.

The idiom and slang found in this Wordbook is used prolifically across Australia however, some slang words or idiom may differ slightly from state to state.

Australians whether they are aware of it or not, use much of this Australian idiom during their daily discourse, whether it be verbal or in writing.

Most people are unaware that they use it to the extent that they do. The idiom-slang is so well established it has now become a unique and colourful language that is recognised, world wide, for it's peculiarity and the difficulty in understanding its variety and complexity. Additionally there appears to be some complimentary balance between the idiom-slang and the distinctive Australian accent.

The Australian Idiom and Slang is based mainly on constriction of the English language. The slang component has been contrived over centuries of change in England and the decades of change by the early Australian pioneers, farmers, military personnel, and immigrants, particularly the English, Irish and German settlers, poets, writers, indigenous people, and working classes from all types of industries, all of these have had some influence in forming this beautiful language.

Over time some slang words fall into disuse and tend to be replaced by another of the same inference due to various changes of principals customs and technological or industrial and environmental change. The influx of new immigrants brings other languages and words of opportunity for the existing residents to extract new expressive idiom and in turn create many new slang words.

The Aussie idiom—slang is an inherent mix of metaphrases, derogatory exclamations, expressions of concern or amazement, insinuation, ridicule and jest. many words do have converse meanings, of which, defy further analysis and an accepted fact is, that there is no logic to the Australian language.

Given time and study you will discover that the Aussie language is challenging, not to be ridiculed but to be cherished and admired for its interwoven directness, complexity, eccentricity and under lying humour, Australians are known to be able to laugh at themselves, for ever humorously testing everyone be it in pleasant or adverse times’

For example the words bastard, bloody and bugger, are used mainly as intensifiers to emphasise or stress the strength of an exclamation or assertion such as, ‘*He’s an out and out bastard*’ inferring, he is a real bad or mean or selfish person (nothing to do with the legitimacy of his berth).

*Bloody oath* mate—indicating strong affirmation or agreement or confirmation of the completion of a task. *Don’t bugger about* mate—

‘Be serious, don’t procrastinate, and get on with it.

The Australian Lingo is prone to being one of mischief. It has the ability to undermine, confuses, belittle, degrade, malign and amuse with a propensity for laughing at oneself or someone else, without really meaning any disrespect.

For instance an Aussie might address somebody and say—

‘G’day Buggerlugs’, which is a mock abusive taunt used as a friendly or fond term or greeting or used at the moment when one can’t remember someone’s name—no disrespect intended.

If you think you understand the Aussie lingo, test your self with the following remarks from an aggressive supervisor addressing his gang or crew:

*G’day youse blokes ow ya goin’? It’s a mongrel of a day ya know, it’s all arse-up but I’m not in the flamin mood for any of youse coves or any othermongrel bastard ‘ere for that matter, to bloody well get on me wick, or piss me orf and if ya do I’ll dock or dong the first bloody mug bastard or any other drongo bludger ‘ere oo doesn’t get ‘is finga out and hop in for his fair chop of yakka.*

Now don't arse about or youse'll get the arse, now get ya flamin gear and get stuck into it. Cop ya later blokes.

The translation might go like this—

Hello how are you all? I know that the weather is bad and that we have some problems but every one needs to do his fair share of work don't procrastinate, and no malingering. If you do, I will be forced to take serious action and may reduce your payment or terminate your employment. Now, come on get your tools and start work.

The author has made little or no attempt to explain the origins of any particular idiom or slang word in this wordbook as it would extend the publication to a volume of at least 30 centimetres, say one foot thick, and that would make it, '*out of whack*' or it would be '*Im bloody possible*' to carry in a blokes kick or a sheila's purse.

It should be known and understood that Australians lean very much towards the underdog or the under privileged person, the battler the novice in sport, to others in times of disaster and need, and because of the strong sentiments, the following criteria has evolved and are virtually a national edict that—

(1) It is Un-Australian to bag yer mate

(2) It is Un-Australian to dob-in a mate

(3) It is Un-Australian not to pull yer weight

(4) It is Un-Australian *not to accept a persons performance*, when one has given their all..

The aim of this publication is to assist people such as visitors, tourists school children and immigrants and others to the land of Oz to broaden their knowledge, widen their vision of understanding this country the language and of the people.

We hope this record may be helpful in the preservation of some of the Aussie Idiom and slang for future generations, as at this time 2004, our society develops and expands further into one of a diversified multi national culture society of Australians.

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## A

a, the big a

Snub, Ignore, to be sacked—

(1) ‘He’s bloody rude ignore him, give him the big ‘A’ (the arse)’

(2) ‘The bludger was given the big A’ (the arse) he was sacked’

a bit strong

To speak assertively, with force— ‘I know he sacked ya, ya bastard, but to call you a lazy bludger and kick ya dog, now that’s a bit strong’

about

(a) Nearly there, not quite accurate, it will do—

(b)

(c) A reluctant indirect manner, admitting it is correct/a fact—

(1) ‘That’s about right pal, near enough’

(2) ‘Yeah! That would be about right, mate’

above board

To be openly honest with no hidden agenda—

‘Be fair dinkum no bloody trick-ups, mate’

ace

(a) I am alone, on my own—

(b) On the point of leaving somewhere—

(1) ‘Cobber on my ace’

(2) ‘I’m within an ace of going’

act, bung on

Lost one’s temper, a tantrum a rude out burst—

‘He did bung on an act’ **act-up**

To play up, act improperly as in amischievous child—

‘The kids did they act-up? Yes too right’

act-up

The car engine or machinery malfunctioned—

‘The flamin’ donk would always act-up’

**act-up**

The workers revolted, refused to work—

‘The lazy bludgers did act-up’

acid put the acid on

To exert pressure on someone, in a manner, that refusal of a request is near impossible—

‘He’s not a bad bloke; put the bloody acid on me he did, so I had to give him a loan’

acre

Do you want a kick in the anus / bottom / posterior?—

‘Do you want a kick in the acre?’

adultescents

Young people aged 25 plus who remains living with parents and because life is so good eg; no rent free food, amenities and maid service of cleaning washing and ironing no job as yet not married and no children.—

‘It’s their flamin life of luxury, mum and dads worst nightmare’

aerial ping pong

A nickname of Australian Rules football—

‘This code of football was founded in Melbourne it is Australia’s national game’ ‘Aussie rules’

agits

Testicles, balls—

‘He grabbed him by the agits’

aggro

Angry, Aggressive, agitated— ‘He was very aggro’

airhead

A desultory person, an ass, brainless— ‘He’s a real bloody airhead’

akubra

A fur felt Aussie bush hat—

‘He wore his Akubra or slouch hat, everywhere’ alkie

The man is an alcoholic— ‘This bloke is an alkie’

all-in

Everyone was involved in the melee, fight, or quarrel—

‘There was an all-in blue cobber’

all-in

Are you all participating, are you ready—

‘Are ya all in now’

all-in

The work was so hard and demanding, I’m tired-out

I am physically, mentally exhausted— ‘Mate it was bloody hard yakka, I’m all-in’

all right

Is he capable and competent? ‘What’s he like? ‘es allright’

all up

What is the total cost?—

‘What is it all up, what’s the damage?’

all right or Oh! too right

An exclamation of endorsement, happy gleeful approval—

(1) ‘Would ya like to work some over- time? Orright mate!’

(2) ‘Like to come for a drink mate? Oh! too right cobber’

amber fluid

Beer—

‘Givus a pot of amber fluid, mate’

ankle biter

A small child—

‘Be careful don’t step on the ankle biter’

ants in one’s pants

One is eager, hasty—

‘Don’t be impatient you’ve got ants in the pants’

ant’s pants the

Someone or something being the best in fashion, smart or clever— ‘She’s not only clever but she dresses beautifully, she’s the ant’s pants’

ape, shit

To lose control of one’s reasoning, to go mad—

‘The bastard did his block, he went ape-shit’

apples, she’s

Everything is alright, ok, acceptable or will turnout alright—

‘She’s apples mate or she’ll be apples now worries’

argue the toss

To continue arguing after a matter has been settled or a final decision has been made, or a lengthy discussion— ‘C’mon you people it’s over, stop arguing the toss’

are you right?

Enquiring about one’s circumstances or need—

‘How’s it goin’ are ya right?’

‘Yeah mate, I’m orright (all right), I’m sweet, mate’

arse, a nice bit

Admiring a woman’s posterior— ‘I’m pervin’ on a nice bit of arse’

arse, about

It is the wrong way around, in reverse of the desired position— ‘It is completely arse about’

arse, about face

It’s facing the wrong way, it’s backwards—

‘Mate, no question, it’s bloody arse about face’

arse, about face

Going the wrong way, in the opposite direction—

‘We’re flamin’ going arse about face’

arse, around

To mess or fool-about—

‘Get on with it, don’t arse around’

arse, boot up the

Castigate, punishment, a kick in the backside—

‘If ya arse about, you’ll get a kick up the arse’

**arse-covers ones**

To shield ones-self against criticism or adversity-

‘Be spot on, ya need to cover yer arse’

**arse, down on ones**

A state of poverty a hapless person- ‘Mate I’m down on me arse’

**arse, get the**

To be dismissed or sacked— ‘I don’t want to leave or get the arse’

**arse, given the**

To be snubbed ignored—

‘He didn’t want to know me, just gave me the arse’

**arse, into gear**

Come on organise yourself. Get ready to be involved

‘C’mon get ya flamin’ arse into gear’

**arse, kick in the**

An expression reflecting ones loss or misfortune—

‘What a blow, it sure was a kick in the arse’

**arse, kicked**

We defeat them, won with ease— ‘We kicked their arse, cobber’

**arse, kicked**

We rebuked, censured him—

‘He was orf his game so we kicked his arse’

**arse-kiss my**

An expression of mockery, scorn, ridicule—



‘Ah! Ya can kiss my arse’

**arse, over tit**

I was tipped head-over heels, I was upended—

‘When I fell, I went arse-over tit’

**arse, pain in**

He, it, that, they, this is annoying or boring—

‘I’m suffering, what a real pain in the arse’

**arse, smart**

A vain person a know-all— ‘Don’t be such a smart arse’

**arse, up**

The business became insolvent, it failed—

‘The business went arse-up’ arse, up

The object is facing the wrong side up— ‘The bloody thing is arse-up mate’

**arse, up**

Chaotic, confused state, awry, disorganised—

‘It is all totally arse-up’

**arsehole**

A loathsome, despicable, vile person— ‘This bastard is a complete arsehole’

arsehole, it’s from

In disorder, a mess, chaos—

‘I tell ya, it’s from arsehole to breakfasttime’

arse-licker

A servile person a groveller, a flagrant flatterer—

‘He’s an outrageous arse licker’ arsy

Someone who beats the odds, luck— ‘What an arsy bastard, he fluked that’

arvo

Afternoon— ‘We’ll see ya this arvo’

as thick as two planks

Someone who is unintelligent— ‘He’s a real live drongo this bloke, thick as two planks’

as useful as

Describing something that is really useless or is non-existent— ‘It’s about as useful as tits on a bull or of a left-handed lawn mower’

aussie, rules

A unique game—Australian rules football—

‘She’s beaut indigenous footy, is aussie rules’

aussie, salute

Waving one’s hands across one’s face shooing flies—

‘In the bush area one constantly does the aussie salute’

aussie, true blue

A true genuine type of Australian person—

‘Mate! She is a true blue aussie’

‘ave a go

Make an attempt, try harder— ‘Ave a go ya bloody mug, try and do something, ay mate!’

avagoodweekend

Have a good week-end, enjoy the break—

‘avagoodweekend, wontcha mate’

avagreatday

Have a good or great or nice day— ‘avagreatday’

awesome

It was formidable, an impressive performance—

‘It, He, She, was just bloody awesome, I tell ya’

## B

baccy

Tobacco or cigarettes—

‘Have ya got any baccy or weed on ya’

back of Bourke

Indicates a remote outback region somewhere—

‘We travelled a long way mate! Yeah! right-out past the back of Bourke’

backblocks

The outer suburban metropolitan or outback area—

‘They live in the backblocks of town and he lives out past woop-woop’

back, get off my back

Badgering, harassing—

‘Stop riding me, nagging me, get orf meback’ back, get one’s back-up

To become irritated, annoyed— ‘You’ve pushed me to far you’ve got me back-up”

back, out the back

The rear area of a house or site— ‘There’s a bonzer area out the back (the back yard)’

back to square one

Having tried to achieve or do something, but failed—

‘Yer back to square one try again, ‘ave another go’

backup

He caused me much aggravation, I resented it—

‘He was pushy, the mongrel got me backup’

bad blood

Intense dislike or hate of or fighting one another—

‘They’re bluing, there’s bad blood between them’

bag

To criticize someone or something— ‘I will bag them / I’ll bag it’

bag, carry the bag

To be accountable, liable— ‘Ensure it is correct, as you will carry the bag’

bag, in the bag

Guaranteed position, a positive result assured—

‘The deal is a certainty mate, it’s in the bag’

bag the

An alcohol detection Breathalyser machine—

‘The cops pulled me over and whacked the bag on me’

bagger

A cynic, one who always finds fault in others—

‘This bloke is a bagger, always bagging someone’

bags, as rough as bags

Rough in conduct, appearance, inexact ‘This bloke is like his work, as rough as bags’

bait layer

A cook—

‘This bloody cook is nuthin’ but a bait layer, what ever the tucker he cooks, would kill a brown dog’

ball of muscle

Fit, robust, well—

‘How ya feeling, mate? Yeah, I’m a ball of muscle’

ball, on the ball

Diligent, watchful, alert, sensitive— ‘She knows what she’s about; she’s really on the ball’

balls, do ones balls

To have instant deep affection or love for a woman—

‘Does he like her? Mate he’s done his balls over her!’

balls, to grab someone by the balls

To influence, impress someone- 'I can't say no to your offer as it grabs me by the balls'

balls, have somebody by the balls

To have someone under one's control 'He will do as he's told, coz I've got him by the balls'

balls something up

To create disorder in something— 'What a flamin' mess, it has all gone wrong, it's a balls-up!'

balls up

To blunder, make a mistake—

'You're bloody dill; you've ballsed this up properly balltearer

An inspiring result, something of success, a thrill—

(1) 'It was a hard and close fought match, a real balltearer'

(2) 'The annual profit was better than expected, a balltearer'

(3) 'It was a thrilling event it was a balltearer'

### **banana bender**

A resident of the state of Queensland— 'He's a bloody banana bender, that's were they grow 'em'

### **bang, to**

To have sexual intercourse—

'She's on, so I'll bang her in the cot mate'

### **bangs like a dunny door in a gale**

Relates to a male discussion on the sexual activities and the enthusiasm of the woman concerned— 'What a great root, she bangs like a dunny door in a gale'

### **bank of dunlop**

Relates to a dishonoured cheque— 'The bastard gave me a rubber cheque, drawn I think, on the Bank of Dunlop, it bounced'

### **bar, won't have a bar of it**

Non acceptance of a suggestion or consent—

‘I just won’t be in it, won’t have a bar of it’

**bar all over bar the shouting**

Almost finished, near completion of a task—

(1) ‘It’s been stressful; however it’s all over bar the shouting’

(2) ‘It’s been a bastard of a job, it’s all over but the shouting’

**barbie**

A barbecue, cooking of food on an open outside fire—

‘Come over, we’ll throw another prawn on the barbie’

**barge Pole**

Have no affinity with or no contact— ‘I don’t want to know him, I wouldn’t touch him with a barge pole; wouldn’t piss on him **barking up the wrong tree**

To miscalculate ones aim, to accuse or chase the wrong person— ‘He wouldn’t know shit from clay, he’s barkin’ up the wrong tree’

**barmy**

Silly, mad, wrong in the head— ‘Poor coot, ‘es quite barmy ya know!’  
bash—

To hit or strike someone—

‘Don’t push me or I’ll bash you, ya mug’

**bash**

To have a party—

‘They are putting on a real bash tonight’ bash

To have a go, to attempt to do something—

‘C’mon let me have a bash at it (or give it a bash)’

**bash, it**

Keep it—

‘I don’t want your help, ya can bash-it’

**bash, them**

Keep your problems to yourself, I’m not interested—

‘Don’t tell me yer problems—bash-’em’ bastard

The word bastard as used by Australians generally doesn't relate to one's legitimacy of birth.

The word is used as an intensifier to emphasise or stress the strength of an exclamation or an assertion and can be used in a jocular, rude, angry or descriptive manner.

The demeanour or stance of the user is often an indication as to whether good or bad intent is meant "There are all types of bastards— Little, small, big, fat thin, short tall, fast, slow, mad, stupid, crazy, quiet, rowdy, noisy, dumb, hungry, likeable, hasty, rude, bad, smart, all unbelievable bastards"

### **bastard**

A demonstrative expression of disagreement or dismissal— 'All you bastards can go and get stuffed'

### **bastard, bad**

Can relate to climatic/ business or badperformance day—

'It's just a bad bastard of a day'

### **bastard, descriptive**

A descriptive expression of a miserable or lonely person— 'He's not ok? No about as happy as a bastard on fathers day'

### **bastard, descriptive**

Descriptive of disapproval of badly behaved people— 'You slovenly bastards are flamin' mongrels'

### **bastard, good old**

A mate, a good friend (nothing to do with ones age)—

'Yer not a bad old bastard, cos yer me mate'

### **bastard-lousy**

A nasty, contemptible or mean person— 'That bloke is nothing but a lousy bastard'

### **bastard, of a thing**

It is terrible, a disaster, a loss, its awful— Mate, what can I say, it's a sure bastard of a thing'

### **bastard, old**

An endearing jocular greeting (to a male of any age)—

‘G’day ya old bastard, ‘ows it goin’

**bastard, ostentatious**

An over dressed, ostentatious, showy person—

‘Cop this flash looking bastard, would ya’

bastard, poor old

A hapless old man with no luck— ‘He’s a poor old bastard, can’t take a trick’

bastard, rude

A discourteous, impolite, rude person— Ah! ‘es just a course, crude bastard’

bastard, rude

A rude expression, used in disagreement of opinion—

‘Up yours for the rent ya bastard’

bat along

Hasten, move quicker—

‘If ya want this bloody job finished intime, we’d better bat along’

bat for, go into bat for

Speak on behalf of or defend somebody—

‘You’ll be ok mate, cos I’ll go into bat for ya’

bat, off one’s own bat

Self sufficient to act on one’s initiative, without direction— ‘She needs no advice or assistance, she can operate off her own bat’

bat, not bat an eyelid

He was calm and collected under duress, showed no fear— ‘He didn’t bat an eyelid; he’s a cool bugger, with guts’

bat on

Endure, persist in ones endeavours— ‘To obtain yer goal ya just hav’ta bat on’

bat, to carry one’s bat



To continue on in pursuit of finishing a long, hard, tedious or dangerous task— ‘Be dogged don’t give up, carry yer bat’

bathers

Swimming costume—

‘She has the latest gear in bathers (togs)’

battler

Someone who has little or nothing, has had a hard life, but has courage and integrity—

‘This poor bugger needs a break, is just a battler’

battling for a crust

Someone struggling for a livelihood— ‘He’s a goer but he’s battling for a crust’

batty

Quite unsound of mind, is crazy or eccentric—

‘Is this bastard batty or is he just queer’

beak, the

A judge or magistrate—

‘He did wrong ‘es goin to front thebloody beak’

beat, about the bush

To deviate from the main matter, avoid coming to the point— ‘Can’t you bloody tell it straight? stop beating around the flamin’ bush’

beat it

Go away, leave me now— ‘I said beat it now ya bloody mug’

beaut

Relates to good things or acceptable conditions—

‘Life is real beaut, my work is beaut, and it’s a beaut day’

beaut, blue

I made a bad mistake a faux pas— ‘Crikey, I got it wrong did I make a bloody beaut blue’

beaut, blue

An argument, a fight, a melee— ‘I caused the best beaut blue, ya ever seen’

beaut, point

To make a sound, valid point of view— ‘He made a beaut point’

beaut, that’s

That was outstanding food, beaut can mean an outstanding or remarkable example of its kind— ‘I must say that was beaut tucker tonight’

beaut, thing

A good thing, a good event, a good object—

‘That is a beaut thing’

beautiful

The occasion, it was excellent, it was outstanding—

‘The shivoo it was just bewdiful (beautiful)’

beauty, he is

An exclamation—he is the best, reliable, trustworthy—

‘ Ah! Mate what can I say, ‘e is a beauty’

beauty, what a

A remarkable result, one of elation— ‘What a bloody beauty mate!’

beauty, you

An exclamation of sheer delight or approval—

‘ We won again, you little beauty’

be in the chair

The person expected to buy the next round of drinks—

‘Who’s in the bloody chair? Whose shout is it?’

bell

Telephone me—

‘Don’t forget to giveus a bell’

bend the elbow

To drink alcoholic beverages—

‘He’s gone to the pub to bend his bloodyelbow’

bend one's ear

An incessant oration, usually with little meaning

'Yakety yak, Yakety yak, bending ones ear, he's an ear basher'

beer is known as

Amber fluid, a coldy, booze, grog, piss, sherbet, slops, suds, soup and turps'

better than a poke in the eye with a burnt stick

Events or conditions have turned around to be more favourable— 'Mate, we did win a few bob (bucks), yeah! it was better than a poke in the eye with a burnt stick'

bewdie

It is outstanding. Surpasses expectations—

'It's a bloody bewdie'

bewdiful

An occasion or something that is, good, great or fantastic—

'Mate it's awesome, it's just bloodybewdiful'

biccy

I like Australian biscuits / cookies 'In particular I love an "anzac" biccy'

biffing

To strike or punch someone— 'I should give that bastard a good biffing'

biff up

There was an all-in brawl— 'There was a terrific biff-up'

big

An outstanding result or an important event—

'Big! Mate it is real big'

big-headed

A conceited person—

'He is up 'im self a big-headed bastard' big smoke

An expression of country people describing large urban cities eg; Sydney- 'Mate, I'm going to the big smoke to try my chances'

bike

Can you ride a bicycle?—

‘Can ya ride a bike / a grid / a mangle?’

bike

To rant, rage, be angry, and lose control—

‘He has lost it; he is definitely on his bike’ bike

A retort of scorn, telling a boastful person to go-away

‘Ah! Rubbish, on ya bloody bike, take orf now’

billabong

A waterhole as found in a creek or small river—

‘He sprung into the billabong’

billy-can

A tin can to make tea in—

‘Bung on the billy and we’ll all have acuppa’

billy lid

Child, kid—

‘How are all ya billy lids goin, ay?’

billyo

Leave me, go far away-

‘Yer driving me mad ya drongo, I wish you’d go to billyo’

billyo or (billy-o)

To go very fast—

Strewth! ya should have seen them go, they went like flamin’ billyo’

bingy

Stomach—I am sick in the stomach— ‘Gawd! I’m crook in the bingy, too right I am’

bird, cagey-

Cunning / wily— ‘He’s a cagey old bird’

bird, queer

Eccentric, strange person— ‘He is a queer old bird’

bird, female

Woman—

‘She’s a nice looking bird’

bitch

A nasty troublesome type of woman— ‘She is a real nasty bitch’

bitch, problem

A difficult time a sad event a faulty machine that won’t operate properly or a non performance of some kind— ‘Mate it’s a bitch of a thing, a real problem’

bitching

Constantly complaining—

‘This mongrel never stops bitching, ‘es awhinger’ bite the bullet

Take some action, show resolve, and be unafraid—

‘We may be up shit creek, but let’s paddle our way out, c’mon lets bite the bullet and do it’

bite your bum

A rude rebuff expressing annoyance and telling someone to shut up and to go away-

‘Shut ya mouth, piss off and go bite ya bum ya mug’

black stump

The far outback, isolated desolate region—

‘He’s gone as mad as a cut snake after living alone in the never-never, out past the black stump there, mate’

blew through

Leave suddenly, a quick departure— ‘He just blew-through, took orf like a hot fart’

blind

Drunk, inebriated—

Blind as a bat, pissed as a newt’

blinder

To excel in record time, a sports feat— ‘She ran a blinder of a race’

blind Freddie

An expression that something is quite clear or easily understood— “Even blind bloody Freddie could see that’

block; knock someone’s block off

To strike, punch someone in the head— ‘Shut yer yapper or I’ll knock ya block off’

block, lose or do one’s block

To become enraged, furious, go berserk—

‘They pushed me to far and I done me block’

block, off one’s block

Mad, insane, abnormal—

‘Stay away from ‘im he’s orf ‘is flamin’

block, mate’

bloke

Man, fellow, chap—

‘Who did it? That bloke that codgerthere’

blondie

A nick name or a greeting to a blondheaded woman—

‘G’day blondie watcha know’

blood, worth

A commendable service to someone, a splendid job—

‘Ya did good, yer bloods worth bottling’ bloodhouse

A low class hotel a dirty establishment— ‘This flamin’ dump is a bloodhouse cobber’

blood oath

Yes, I am in agreement, yes I will do (something) also giving assurance of a satisfactory performance

(1) ‘My blood oath I agree’

(2) ‘Yes blood oath I will do it or I did’

(3) ‘Blood oath I did that and it was beaut’

bloody

The word bloody being the great Australian adjective is used to intensify, to enlarge or, give force, to strong descriptive language that of beings, of deeds, and events, in approval of or acceptance of something or of people or where ever one feels it should be inserted bloody, beauty

An exclamation of approval or acceptance of something— ‘You bloody beauty’

bloody, good

Giving strength of statement to good or bad—

‘It is bloody good or it’s bloody bad’

bloody, fool

He is a damn fool

‘He is a bloody fool, a drongo’

bloody, bastard

(a) Disapproval of a person

(b) Displeasing situation or action

(1) ‘Yer bloody bastard’

(2) ‘It’s a bloody bastard or it’s a bastard of a thing’

bloody, cruel

An expression that some thing is intolerable, unfair or unreasonable or mean—

‘Ah! What can I say, that’s bloody cruel mate’

bloody oath

I give you my assurance that I did do it-

‘It was a proper bastard but my bloody oath I did it’

blotto

It’s amazing he is dead drunk, paralytic-

‘Strewth he is completely bloody blotto, pissed’

blow, in

These people have arrived, were not expected nor invited to the party—

(1) 'These bastards are bloody gate- crashers'

(2) 'Hey! The flaming blow-ins is here'

blow it

An exclamation of frustration or discontentment—

'Ah! I give-up, ya just can't win, blow it'

blow me down

An exclamation to marvel at something—

(1) 'Crikey, blow me down mate, if me horse didn't win!'

(2) 'Blow me down, if that wasn't the best meal ever'

blow off

To emit wind, to fart—

'Beans will always make ya blow orfmate'

blow ones top

To suddenly become angry, to rant, rage—

'This bastard is definitely on his bike, he's blown his top'

blow through

To leave, unable to cope-

(1) 'I'm finished 'ere I'm gunna blow through'

(2) 'He can't cop the pressure he's gunna blow through'

blow the whistle on

To tell on, warn someone in authority— 'That mongrel gave me-up; he blew the whistle on me'

**blow you (him, her, etc)**

Displeased with someone, to slight, to show indifference—

(1) 'I'm unhappy with her performance, blow her'

(2) 'He's an inconsiderate bastard, blow him'

(3) 'I don't care if they don't accept the invitation, blow 'em'

**blowie**

Blow-fly—

'The bloody blowies are bad in the bush area, mate'



**blower**

Telephone, please telephone me— “Givus a call on the blower, wontcha’

**bludge**

To be irresponsible, do little or nothing—

‘The boss is out; c’mon lets all have a good bludge’

He has minimal tasks to perform, has an easy job—

‘Yeah! no doubt about it he has a bludgers job’

**bludger, greeting-**

A greeting said in jest, were as the recipient denies the slur and claims to be working hard and fast— ‘G’day ya bludger ‘ows it goin’? I’m Flat chat, mate’

**bludger, idler**

Receives pension support from the state, shirks work—

‘This bastard is a lazy dole bludger’

**bludger, lazy**

A person who won’t work does nothing, lazy—

‘He’s nuthin’ but a bludger, wouldn’t work in an iron lung’

**bludging**

A parasite a leech, always wanting something—

This mongrel wants money, ‘es bludging orf me’

**blue**

To cause an argument or a fight— ‘Nasty bugger, he was good at picking a blue’

**blue**

I’m not feeling well, I am depressed— “I’m a bit blue t’day’

**blue**

There was an error in the calculations— ‘There was a blue in the bloody sums’

**Blue**

A fist fight or brawl—

(1) 'Them two blokes had a beaut blue '

(2) There was an all-in blue, a proper stoush'  
blue, (bluey)

A nick name or a greeting to a redheaded person— 'G'day blue or 'ow goes it bluey'

blue arsed fly

To run about in an uncontrolled, excitable manner— 'He was running around like a blue- arsed fly'

blue, heeler

The blue heeler dog was bred in Australia as a working dog to assist stockmen in the art of mustering and droving of cattle and sheep— 'The heeler is a real Aussie dog and is also known as the Queensland blue'

blue joke

Bawdy, vulgar witticism—

'Don't listen they're telling blue jokes'

blue, make a blue

A mistake, to blunder—

'Be spot on in yer measurement, don'tmake a blue'

blue, pick a blue

Create a verbal or physical fight— 'Stop ya bloody arguing; don't pick a blue with me, ya mug'

blue, stack on a blue

Start a quarrel or row—

'No need to come 'ere and stack on a blue, mate' bluey

A nickname, greeting a man with red hair-

'G'day bluey, what's on mate?' bluey

A written summons to attend a court of law—

'He caused a blue and t'day 'got a bluey'

bluey

Swagmen, rovers, carry their personal belongings wrapped in a blue woollen blanket (a bluey) or swag— 'He humped his bluey along the track'

bob's your uncle

An observance that everything is all right—

'She's Jake or she's sweet mate, its ok, bob's yer uncle'

bobby dazzler

An excellent thing, or result or of a person—

(a) 'Your new car is beaut a bobby dazzler'

(b) 'My horse won the Melbourne cup, you little bobby dazzler'

(c) 'She looks beaut in that frock, yeah! a little bobby dazzler'

bog

To defecate—

'I'm orf to the dunny for a bog'

bog, in

To eat heartily—

'C'mon youse blokes 'nd sheilas lets bog-in'

bog, in

Let us all work together, to achieve a quick finish—

'Lets all bog-in to get it done'

bombo

Red wine—

'We'd like a drop of bombo, but if none, a drop of white will do'

bomb out

To try but fail, to be unsuccessful— 'I didn't make it, I just bombed-out'

bone shaker

A bicycle or car with poor suspension— This bike / car is a bloody bone-shaker'

bonnet

A car engine cover is a bonnet— 'To check the flamin' oil, ya lift the bloody bonnet mate'

bonzer

A person or something with good or attractive or pleasing qualities—

(1) 'She is nice and she's a bonzer looking woman'

(2) 'It's a bonzer day, mate'

(3) 'It was a bonzer offer, but I knocked it back'

(4) 'This beer has a beaut taste, it's real bonzer' boo-boo

An outstanding or minor error of judgement—

(1) 'He read it wrong, caused a major bloody boo-boo'

(2) 'It's cut slightly short but it's only a minor boo-boo'

boob

A dunce, not bright—

'I tell ya' dead set, he was a boob at school'

boob

A silly mistake—

'It was just a foolish boob'

boob

Prison, gaol—

'A bloody crook and 'e got two years in the boob'

boobs

She has nice breasts— 'She has beaut looking boobs'

boofhead

A stupid unintelligent person a thickhead—

'This bloke is thick he's a boofhead'

boofhead

Has a big head (big headed can be a selfimportant person)—

'He has a big head and he's up himself'

bookie

Bookmaker, one who takes wagers and bets—

'I'm punting and have had a bet, with me bookie'

boomerang

(a) A hunting weapon of the aboriginals, a curved piece of wood

(b) To proffer a dubious proposal or contentious debate

(c) To borrow and return something

(1) 'An aborigine can throw a boomerang in the air with dexterity, it will return in flight, to his hand'

(2) 'He threw up suggestions and argument which back-fired, they boomeranged on him'

(3) 'Yeah mate! Ya can borrow me axe but don't forget,

It's a bloody boomerang, ya know'

boomerang kid

A kid who returns home after having left to share a house or flat with someone else, but after a short period, finds the going tough or too costly, they then return with haste to their parents nest where all is nice and cosy and free— 'Dad have a dekka who's at the door! yeah I told ya a boomerang always comes back even if ya don't want it to, didn't I?'

boondie

A stone or rock—

'Don't throw that boondie at me mate or I'll dong ya'

boot

Dismissed, sacked—

'He was given the royal order, of theflamin' boot'

boot

A job promotion to a more senior level—

'You've done well we will boot you upstairs'

boot

Storage compartment of a car— 'Put the luggage in the boot of the car'

boots, splash

I am going to the toilet to urinate— 'Mate I'm orf to splash the boots'

booze

Alcohol—

'They're all drinking booze'

booze

A binge a drinking spree—

‘We are goin’ to have a good booze-up, mate’

booze artist

A heavy drinker of alcoholic beverage— ‘This joker is a bloody booze artist’

booze bus

To be stopped and breath-tested for alcohol levels by police in a special bus— ‘I was tested by the wallopers in their bloody booze bus’

boozer

He is an immoderate drinker of alcohol, a soak—

‘He is an out and out boozer’

boozer

We are going to a hotel- ‘We are off to the boozer (pub)’

boozy

He is a bad drunk and drinks to excess— ‘He is a real boozy bastard’

bore it up someone

Berate, severely reprimand somebody— ‘You mongrel, yer nothin’ but a bludger, I’m going to bore it up ya’

boss cocky

Person in charge or a farmer who employs labourers— He’s the flamin’ boss cocky ‘round ‘ere not you’

bot

May I borrow a dollar from you?— Ah! I see yer on the bot; no yer can’t, yer a bloody cadger’

bottle-full bottle

Knowledgeable, skilled, proficient— ‘This fella is not a dill, ya know, he’s the full bottle’

bottle, half bottle

Unintelligent, slow witted, a bungler— ‘The bloke is a bloody drongo ya know; he’s only half a bottle’

bottle hit

He is drinking alcohol to excess— ‘He’s hit the bottle hard’  
bottle, on

On a drinking spree or to keep moving on—

(1) ‘They’re all drunk they’re on the bottle’

(2) ‘Don’t stop here, let’s bottle-on’

bottle, stale bottle

Inactive, inattentive—

‘Stop standing around like a stale bottle of piss (beer), do something, show some interest’

bottler

A cry of approval for someone or something which has inspired utmost excitement or admiration, in awe of....’ Oh!! You little bottler or wow!!!! you bloody little bottler’

box on

A verbal dispute a fist fight or to persevere—

(1) ‘They had a proper box on; words were flying then fists’

(2) ‘I don’t appear to be getting anywhere, but I’ll just box on’

brass

Money, cash—

(1) ‘This project will cost a heap of brass’

(2) ‘I am broke I have no brass’

brass, bold

Audacious, brazen, self-assured person—

‘This codger is bloody forward, ‘es as bold as bloody brass’

Brassed, off

I am most displeased— ‘I am totally brassed off’

brass razoo

Something of no value, worthless item or is non-existent—

‘The bloody thing is not worth a brass razoo, Yeah! or even a pizzle-guard, for a ram, mate’

bread

Do you have any money with you?— ‘Do you have any bread onya?’

brekky

Breakfast-

‘Let’s have some brekky, mate’

breaks, them’s the breaks

That’s life, the good and the bad— ‘In life things are up and down all the time, mate!

Yeah! them’s the breaks’

brew

Tea, to make a cup of tea—

‘Ya looked rattled; I’ll make ya a brew’

brew

This beverage (beer, coffee, tea, wine, etc) is a good drink— ‘This drop is a good brew’

brewers droop

Impotence caused by the intake of excess alcohol—

‘He won’t crack it tonight, he’s got brewers droop’

brissie (brizzie)

We are going to Brisbane the capitol of Queensland—

‘Mate, we’re orf to brissie in the morning’

bronze

Anus, bum posterior—

‘Don’t give me any lip, or I’ll kick ya inthe bronze’

brud

Meeting or greeting ones brother and enquiring about his lot— ‘G’day brud, how ya goin’

brumby

A wild unbroken horse—

This bloke is uncontrollable like a flamin’



brumby'

brumby Runner

A person licensed to round-up and tradewild Brumby horses—

'He's an 'orseman, a terrific brumbyrunner'

buck

Money, dollars—

'If ya want it, it'll cost ya a few bucks' **buck**

Shift the responsibility or onus onto another person—

'Bugger it mate, don't shift the bloody buck onto me, ay!'

buck

The responsibility stops here with me— 'The buck stops right here, digger'

buck, up

Cheer up, don't be glum, and becomemore energetic—

'C'mon lift yer self buck-up'

bucket

Criticised her and made outrageous accusations—

'Gawd! He really dropped the bucket on her'

bucket

Died suddenly—

'He just up and kicked the bucket'

buckley's and nunn or buckley's chance

You have no chance, you have little hope—

'Ya have buckley's and nunn (none), the bloody odds are hopeless'

bugger

The word bugger is expressed in either a jocular, rude or aggressive manner and can be reasonably determined by noting the way in which the word bugger is delivered.

For instance, a smile, a pat on the back or a dig in the ribs usually indicates jesting, amusement or affection. However when the word bugger

is expressed with a stern look, or a frown or a sharp note of inflection of voice or bad body language or attitude is shown, and then generally it indicates that an offensive, derogatory manner is imminent.

There are all types of buggers— “There are little, small, fat, thin, short, tall, fast, slow, silly, mad, stupid, crazy, quiet, rowdy, dumb, hungry, likeable, hasty, rude, bad, smart, you name them”—

bugger about

Don't meddle, or fiddle around get on with it-'Don't ya bugger about, just get on with it'

bugger all

He has little or nothing in kind— ‘This poor coot, has bugger-all’

bugger, dopey

A dullard an unintelligent person— ‘You are such a dopey bugger, Ya know’

bugger, funny

An amusing comical person— You'll laugh with him, ‘es a funny bugger’

bugger, funny

It is difficult to know his mood; he's a peculiar person— He's a funny bugger mate, Yeah! real bloody funny’

bugger, it

A curse of discontentment or rejection— ‘Oh!! Bugger it, Oh!! Bugger him or them’

bugger, off

Go away, I'm disgusted and annoyed with you—bugger orf now yer swine’

bugger, old

He is a good old man—

‘He's not a bad old bugger, ya know’

Bugger, silly

An expression aimed at one who makes witless suggestions—

‘What a stupid proposal, don't be a sillybugger’

bugger, tight

A mean, frugal, miserly person— ‘As tight as a fishes bum’

bugger, up

Don’t touch it or interfere with it as it might break or go awry or even cause harm—

‘Mate, be told, it will bugger up if ya touch it’

bugger, weird

An eccentric person, difficult to understand his demeanour— ‘What a weird bugger, a strange character’

buggered, if

I have no knowledge; I’m ignorant of the facts—

‘Don’t ask me I’m buggered if I know, not a clue’

buggered, I’m

I am exhausted, tired-out, unwell— I’m not with-it, I’m totally buggered’

buggered, it’s

It is broken, can’t be repaired, it’s out of time, unproductive—

(1) ‘Ya broke it mate, Yeah! it’s buggered’

(2) ‘Can’t be fixed? no it’s buggered’

(3) ‘No point in doing any more, we are out of time,

Yep! too right we are it’s buggered’

buggerise about or around

To act in a disorganise or futile manner—

(1) ‘Stop buggerising about, ya useless bastard’

(2) ‘He’s buggerising ‘round the place, doing nuthin’

buggerlugs

A gibe or friendly term of greeting particularly when one has forgotten somebodies name— Ah! G’day buggerlugs, what’s ‘appening?’

buggery, from

It is very far away, a long distance— ‘Its as far from here as it is to buggery’

buggery, go to

An example of scorn or rejection— ‘I don’t like ya or yer flamin attitude so ya can go to buggery’

buggery, gone

A term suggesting a state of decline, decay or adversity— ‘This place is dying its on the skids, yeah! its gone to buggery’

buggery, hot as

Today the weather will be extremely hot—

‘They say t’day will be as hot as buggery’

buggery, hurts like

My injury is most painful- ‘I’m tellin’ ya me injury hurts like buggery’  
buggery, like

An emphatic exclamation of veto, refusal or disapproval—

‘Like buggery you will do it, I’m dearest against it’

buggery, off

Our calculations are off, incorrect, we are amiss, are off course— ‘How do we stack-up? We are off to buggery’

buggery, went to

They had a long difficult or painful experience—

‘They went to buggery and back’

bugle, on the

It smells, it’s on the nose, it is suspect or a bad proposition—

(1) ‘This place is right on the bugle’

(2) ‘Don’t touch this deal it is on the bugle’

built like a brick shithouse (dunny)

A very solid and muscular looking person—

‘He’s a big strong bastard he’s built like a brick dunny’

bull, all

It is wrong, incorrect information— What ‘e told ya is all bull, you’d better believe me mate’

bull, artist

A braggart, over stating beyond reason—

‘This bragging bastard is a bull artist and is known to stretch the bloody truth’

bullamakanka

An imaginary, nonexistent outback town thus described to indicate vast distance of travel in remote areas— Didya go far? My word mate right out past bullamakanka’

bull dust

The out back roads and tracks are usually covered with a fine powdery dust which is known as bulldust— ‘Cobber the bloody potholes are full of bulldust,

Yer not wrong, like somebody I know’

bull dust

A blatant lie an exaggeration- ‘What you’re saying to me is just a load of bull dust’

bull, load

A complete fabrication or meaningless talk—

‘Mate, take no notice, it’s just a load of bull’

bull’s roar

To fall short or to miss a target, indicates failure—

‘Mate, he tried, it was no where near the mark, not within a bloody bull’s roar’

bum

To borrow or cadge something— ‘Can I bum a tailor made (cigarette) from ya’

bum

To seek a free ride to hitchhike— ‘I am going to bum a ride in this truck’

bum

Posterior, backside, bottom—

‘Ya need a good kick in the bum, ya dill’

bum, bite

A rude quip with harsh overtones of disagreement—

Ah! Ya flamin drongo go bite yer bum’

bum, tramp

Poor fellow he is a vagrant a tramp— ‘This poor cove is a tramp’

bummer

Bad or disappointing results—

(1) ‘The final results were a bummer, I failed’

(2) ‘I missed out on getting the job, what a bummer’

bumper

Relates to a discarded cigarette end which is something of no value or is useless—

‘This gadget won’t work it’s not worth a bloody bumper’

bung

A broken down vehicle or an out of order machine—

‘The bloody motor in this thing has gone bung’

bung

To incite or cause a fight (verbal or physical)

‘He didn’t like what they said, so he did bung on a blue’

bung, eye

An infected or sore eye— ‘She had a real bung eye’

bung it down

To place, lay, or put something down—

(1) ‘Bung the goods down here’

(2) ‘Bung down a cash deposit, mate’

bung it on

To behave in a whimsical, fanciful manner’

‘This bloody Galah (person) is bunging it on’

bung it there

(a) Extending one’s hand to be shaken

(b) To put something somewhere

(1) 'Bung it there mate, yer dook (hand)'

(2) 'Bung it right there, mate' bung, put

Put food on the table, put fuel in the car, put it in—

(1) 'Bung some tucker on the table'

(2) 'Bung some fuel in the car'

(3) 'Bung it in to ya (eat)'

bunghole

Cheese—

'Is there any bunghole to have with the dodger (bread)'

bunk

Elope to run away—

'They just up and did a bloody bunk'

bunk

Nonsense or rot—

'He was talking a load of bunk

(bunkum)'

bunk, off

Go away, leave now—

'Why don't you bunk right off, now'

bunkum

A diatribe of insincerity and deception— 'It is a fair old load of bunkum'

bunyip

He's a fanciful person (a bunyip is a mythical bush creature)— 'This bloke is a dreamer; he's a bit of a bunyip'

burl, give it a

Why don't you take the car for a drive or run—

'Why don't ya give the car a bit of a burl'

**burl, try**

Give it a good try, your best endeavour to do something—

‘Give it a real good burl, ay’

**bush**

Country area or the outback region— ‘We are packing-up and going bush’

**bush**

Remote outback area-

‘He lives right-out, in the bush’

**bushed**

I don’t know the answer, I am confused—

‘This question has me bushed’ **bushed**

I am lost; I don’t know which way to go—

I am totally bushed’ **bushed**

After such hard work I am very tired, exhausted—

‘Mate, the yakka was too hard, I’m bloody bushed’

**bushie**

A farmer, a bushman, a swaggie, a drover, or anyone who resides on farms or properties in the country areas— ‘Ya can always tell a bushie by the hat ‘e wears’

**bush lawyer**

One who has little or no knowledge of the law but is glib of tongue and can debate most issues. There’s one in every pub—

‘Geez mate! this bloke is a bloody bush lawyer, it seems he can yak about anything, but is he right? ‘oo knows cobber’

**bushman’s breakfast**

Morning breakfast consist of— ‘A drink, a piss, a look and stroll around the camp, a scrub-up (to wash), but generally no food’

**bushranger**

A swindler a thief—relates to being over charged for goods or services’ ‘I wont shop ‘ere again ‘es a bloody bushranger’

**bushranger**

In colonial times a thief, robber of banks and businesses—



‘He was a bloody tea-leaf, a bushranger’

**bush tucker**

Basic food, or food as found in the native bush by indigenous people—  
‘Its damper and beans or yams, berries, lizards, snakes and the like’

bush week

A fictitious celebration, alludes to an attempt to take advantage— ‘May I have a discount on these goods? ‘No! What do you think this is, bloody bush week?’

bushwhacker

A person who lives, works in the bush and clears land—

‘He’s a whacker this, bushwhacker, ya know’

butchers picnic

A site or picnic area where people, articles and items are spread out every- where, in complete disarray, a mess ‘Things are not goin’ well it’s a bit of a bloody mess ‘ere; it’s a bloody butcher’s picnic’

by jingo

An expression of assent or assurance—

(1) ‘By jingo, I will do it’

(2) ‘Yes I did work hard, by jingo’

## C

cab, first cab off the rank

Entitled to be or to do something first— ‘Righto! Who’s first cab orf the rank? who’s gunna start first?’

cactus, it is

Dead, useless, unusable—

(1) ‘My old horse it is cactus’

(2) ‘This bloke knows nothing, he’s cactus’

(3) All our machinery is just about bloody cactus’

cack one’s self laughing

Unable to control one’s laughter— ‘I laughed so much I nearly cacked (shit) myself’

cack handed

An awkward, clumsy or left handed person-

(1) ‘He has butterfingers, he’s cack handed’

(2) ‘She is cacky handed’ (a molly- dooker)

cackle

Noisy chatter—

‘They cackled like a mob of chooks (hens)’

cackle

Stop the noisy chattering— ‘Hey c’mon! stop the bloody cackle’

cackleberry

Have an egg for breakfast—

‘Have a cackleberry for breakfast or (abum nut)’

cadger

A scrounger, one who borrows but never repays—

‘Beware of this mongrel ‘es a cadger’ **caper**

He committed a crime a criminal act' 'He pulled off a caper'  
caper

He is does an excellent job— 'He is good at his caper, mate'  
caper

What is his line of business or,occupation—  
'What's his actual caper?'

caper

A silly prank—

'On the spur of the moment, It was just a silly caper'  
caper

Don't play stupid pranks or tricks on me—

'Don't try those silly capers on me'

card

A wag, funny, an agreeable pleasantperson—

'He is quite a card'

carked

He died is deceased— 'Poor bugger he carked it'

carn (c'arn)

Come on, barracking for a team or an individual—

'C'arn the mighty magpie's footy team'

carry on like a pork chop

An over reaction to a statement or something—

'Crikey! What a commotion! ya making a fuss about nothing, yer  
carrying on like a bloody pork chop'

case

A tough hardened person or an amusing character—

'This blokes a real case, a dag'

case

Mentally deranged , a state of mind— 'She is an utter nut case, mad as a  
shit beetle'

case

Eerie, frightening, mysterious— ‘He is a weirdo case’

cat, go like a cut cat

To move with haste—

(1) ‘To finish the job and beat the rain we need to go, like a cut cat’

(2) ‘To be there on time we need to go, like a cut cat’

cat-to have too much of what the cat licks it self with

Garrulous, chattering-on, glib tongue— ‘He has too much of what the cat licks its self with’

cat, looks like something the cat dragged in

Poorly dressed, dishevelled— ‘She’s a mess, looks like something the cat dragged in’

cats whiskers, the cats whiskers

A good type of person, offer or plan—

(1) ‘They’re good people; yeah they’re the cat’s whiskers’

(2) ‘He made a great offer; yeah it’s the bloody cat’s whiskers’

cattle duffer

A thief of cattle or other livestock (a duffer)—

‘He pinched the bloody stock he’s a cattle duffer’

chaff

Money, cash—

‘Ya can’t live with out a lot of chaff, mate’

champion

The best, surpasses others—

‘He is a champion bloke and this is achampion day’

charge like a wounded bull (or steer)

High service fees or over priced goods— ‘Mate, these bastards are rip-offs, they charge like wounded bulls (or steers)’

check you later

Goodbye, see you later on— ‘Mate I’m orf check ya later; ok see ya’

chiacking

A person who teases, banterers or taunts

(1) 'This bastard is just teasing, he's chiacking me'

(2) 'He's just bloody joking mate, he's only chiacking'

(3) 'This mongrel is insulting, he's bloody chiacking china plate

Mate, a good friend—

'He is great, he is me china plate'

**chinwag**

To have a talk or discussion— 'We need to have a bit of a flamin' chinwag'

**chippie**

A carpenter—

'The chippie bloke has arrived'

**chock a block**

Crammed full or over crowded— 'She's totally chocker's mate, no room left she is chock-a-block'

**chockers**

I have eaten too much, I am full, replete—

'Phew! Am I bloody chockers, terrific tucker'

**chook**

Hen, fowl—

'Our chooks lay beaut eggs, cos they feed free range'

**chook**

A state of uncontrolled panic, confusion, indecisive—

'He's running around like a flamin' chook with its bloody head cut-off'

**chook**

A woman—

'She's a silly old chook or she's a good old chook' chop

Let us divide the goods, share the spoils—

'Let's chop it up'

**chop**

He was in for his share, portion, cut' Mate, I'm in for me chop'

**chop**

To be fired, discharged, sack, dismissed—

'He got the bloody chop'

**chop**

Sub-standard, of poor quality, unaccept- able—

'These goods are not much chop and his bloody sales approach is not much chop either'

**chop out**

Would you help me, loan me some money—

(1) 'Could ya givus a chop-out and 'elp me 'ere cobber?

(2) 'Could ya givus a chop-out, just a few bob would do'

**chop try**

To try or to do something, to taste-

(1) 'Have a chop at it'

(2) 'Here have a chop at this (taste this)'

**chopped**

Penniless, broke, out of cash— 'Cobber! I'm chopped for dough'

chopped

Exhausted, sick, dying, out of time— 'Mate I am chopped'

choppers

Being offered a bite to eat—

'Here ya go, wrap yer choppers aroundthis'

chops, one in the

To threaten to punch someone in the jaw or mouth—

'Shut ya face or ya will wear one in the chops'

chuck a uey

Do a U-turn with a motor vehicle— 'Ay mate! Why dontcha chuck a uey right 'ere'

chuck a wobbly

Throw a tantrum, become enraged— ‘Don’t upset her she’ll chuck a bloody wobbly on ya’

chunder

I am going to be sick, to vomit— ‘I am goin’ to chunder, now’

ciggie

A cigarette— ‘Time for a ciggie mate’

clacker

Anus, bum—A person making blatant statements of nonsense or of no substance, a windbag.

‘He wouldn’t have a clue mate, he’s blowing wind, he is talking through his clacker’

clacker

His car ran into the back of mine— ‘His car ran right-up my clacker (bum)’

clanger

An embarrassing remark— ‘She dropped a clanger’

clanger

A mistake a bad error—

‘We are in trouble, it was a stupidclanger’

clean up

To win in sport or to bash someone

(1) ‘My oath we won convincingly we cleaned the bastards up’

(2) ‘Don’t be bloody rude or bloody upset me, or I’ll clean ya up’

clean up

To earn or acquire or win money—

(1) ‘As a plumber my charges are reason- able, but I do clean up’

(2) ‘Our profits were so high, we made a big clean up’

(3) ‘The nag won at 10 to 1 odds, boy did we clean up the bookies’

clean up your act

To put things to be done or ones life in order—

(a) ‘Get cracking clean up yer act, put it in flamin’ order’

(b) ‘Clean-up this room and yer bloody self, clean up ya act’

**clean as a whistle**

Can relate to hygiene or a persons character—

(1) ‘We’ve showered shaved and sham- pood; we’re as clean as a whistle’

(2) ‘This bloke is as clean as a whistle, nuthin’ on his slate’

(he doesn’t owe any money doesn’t have a criminal conviction)

**clear off**

Go away, (berate somebody) or leave now (dismissal)—

(1) ‘Ya can bloody clear orf now and don’t’ bloody come back’

(2) ‘Yeah, ta mate you’ve finished it’s ok to leave now, so clear orf’

**clear out**

To remove ones self from an establish- ment—

‘Pack and get yer gear together and bloody clear out of here, now’

**clink in the**

To be in jail, prison—

‘The mad bastard he’s in the bloodyclink, the boob, slammer mate’

**clobber**

Clothing, attire—

‘It’s a party ya can wear casual clobber t’night’

**clobber**

Hit or strike someone— ‘Why dontcha clobber the bloody drongo, ay?’

**clobbered**

To decisively defeat an opponent— ‘Their team wuz too good they clobbered our mob’

**coach-an inept football coach**

Incompetent—

‘He couldn’t train a choko vine over a country dunny’



**cobber**

A fellow, friend, mate— ‘He’s a real cobber’

**cockatoo, a**

Keeps watch—a lookout at illegal gambling sites—

‘The bookmaker has a cockatoo or two’

**cocky**

Self asserted, conceited, vain person ‘What a cocky bastard or bitch’

**cocky**

A farmer of wheat or grain— ‘He comes from the bush ‘es a cocky’

**codger**

A chap or fellow-

‘See that old codger that bloke there he will tell ya where to go, no worries’

coldie, a

A can, bottle or glass of chilled beer or beverage’

‘C’mon slip a coldie into ya’

come across

To seek a loan, pay somebody, consent to have sex—

(1) ‘Would you come across, with a few bob (bucks) mate?’

(2) ‘I owe you a few quid (bucks), I had better come across’

(3) ‘When I propositioned her, she said would come across’

come again

A request to reiterate what was just said—

‘What, ay? come again sport’

come a cropper

To lose at or to fall off something—

(1) ‘He was overconfident and lost, came a cropper’

(2) ‘He fell off his bike, he came a cropper’

come off it

Affectation, audacity, overbearing attitude—

‘Come off it, yer up ya self and yer a cheeky bugger too’

come the raw prawn

Deceptive, offensive—

(1) ‘Ya tricky bastard, don’t come the rawprawn with me’

(2) ‘Yer a rude bludger, don’t come the raw prawn with me’

coodabeen

Relates to any subject of possibility— ‘It or he or she coodabeen’

coo ee, coo ee (coo-wee)

An Aussie location or identification call; An extended voice call rapidly rising from low to high pitch which is used as a signal or location call in the bush or elsewhere to alert others to ones plight or position— ‘Coo-ee, coo-ee, I am here’

coo ee, (coo wee)

You are quite far away from accomplishing your goal or set quota, not within hailing distance (they are too far away to hear), you are nowhere near it—

‘You he, she, they, are not within coo-ee’

coo ee, (coo wee)

It is close by, they are near by, and it is within hailing distance— ‘It is, they are, within coo-ee’

coot

A simpleton—

‘He can be a silly, crazy, mad, stupid coot’

cop

Experience and endure adversity, bad times—

‘Struth mate, did ya cop the lot’

cop, or (copper)

Police officer— ‘Here comes a cop’

cop it easy

Live an easy, happy, life and accept any situations—

‘I do it easy I cop it sweet’

cop, profit

Gain, profit—

‘Not worth it, there’s not much cop in it’

cop, this

(a) Aggression to strike someone—

(b) To look at or read something—

(1) ‘You’ve upset me cop this ya bastard’

(2) ‘Cop a look at this, would ya’

cop, you

See you later, goodbye, and farewell— ‘Cop you later’

cop out

A failure, lacks drive, is inactive— ‘He is such a bloody cop out this bloke’

cop out

Indifferent to responsibility or being in charge—

‘Couldn’t care less this bloke, what a cop outcopped, a

Receive verbal abuse or implicit instructions-

(1) ‘She called me everything, I copped a mouthful’

(2) ‘I copped a mouthful on how to do it’

cop it sweet

To take the responsibility or blame— ‘No matter what happens or what they say or do— I’ll ‘cop it sweet, mate’

cop it sweet

Accepting the blame for a fight when not guilty-

‘I didn’t do it, but I’ll just cop it sweet on this blue’

copping it sweet

Living in a relaxed an easygoing, happy life style—

Mate I’m copping it sweet, let’s ‘ave a barbe’ and a couple of coldies’

cork

Be silent. Stop talking— C’mon put a cork in it’

corker

Amazing, a striking effect one of awe' 'The story was a corker'

corker

Exceptional, Talented— 'She's a corker of a runner'

corker

Outrageous, unbelievable— 'He told us a corker of a lie'

cos (coz)

Because—

'I did it cos I wanted to'

cossie (cozzie)

Costume, uniform—

'She looked grouse in her cossie'

cossie (cozzie)

Costume—fancy

'It is her fancy dress cossie'

cossie (cozzie)

Swimsuit, bathers, swimmers— Don't forget to bring yer cossie with you'

couldn't handle a school tuck shop in a depression

An expression relating to poor or mismanagement of something— 'Fair dinkum, this politician couldn't handle the economy of a school tuck shop in a depression, he's as weak as piss'

couple of drinks

To consume several or more drinks (usually beer)

'You can all come in and have a Cupla drinks'

cove

Chap, fellow—

'He's not a bad old cove this fella'

cove

Manager or boss—

‘Who’s the cove in charge of this place?’

cove, flash

An ostentatious or pretentious person— ‘All I can say is, he’s a flash cove’

cow of a thing

An unpleasant task or something appalling—

‘What a cow of a thing’

cows

Something that may never eventuate— ‘It’ll never happen till the cows come home’

cow-cocky

A dairy farmer—

The bloke is a cow-cocky from the bush’ crack

A funny remark, a witticism, a joke— We all laughed it was a funny crack’

crack

A taunting remark, a jibe, to mock— It was a bloody wise crack’

crack

Try and do this, taste this, sample this— ‘Take a crack at this, will ya’

crack down

Discipline, exert control— ‘They are lazy crack down on them’

crack onto

To get some ones interest, converse with—

‘Crack onto her, cop what she says’

cracked the sads

Be unhappy, dejected,—

‘She feels rejected, has cracked the sads’

crack up

Had an accident or damaged— ‘This vehicle has had a crack up’

crack up

To become angry or annoyed— ‘Don’t upset him or he’ll bloody crack up’

crack up

Nervous breakdown—

‘He worried until he had a crack up’

cracked

The man is crazy, insane or eccentric— This fella is cracked and ‘is mate is half cracked’

cracked up

Broken down or unserviceable— ‘This flaming motor completely cracked up’

cracked up

Broke into hilarious laughter— ‘Gawd! It was so funny we all cracked up’

cracker

Pyrotechnic, fireworks, Guy Fawkes night—

‘It’s cracker night (bonfire night)’

crackers

Completely mad—

‘Look out mate, he has gone totallycrackers’

cracker Jack

The best, perfect, outstanding, excellent—

(1) ‘She’s a cracker jack person’

(2) ‘We had a cracker jack time / night’

crackpot

A fanatic, a nitwit, an imbecile— This person is an out and out crackpot’

crank

Eccentric—

‘He does some funny things, a crank ya know’

cranky

Angry, irritable—

‘Don’t be such a cranky bastard’

crank it up

To get started or operating— ‘Ok! It’s orright, so let’s crank it up’

crash hot

It was fine, first rate— ‘The movie was crash hot’

crawler

A flatterer, a servile type person— ‘He’s a bloody crawler, mate’

cream

To beat the opposition in an cogent manner—

‘We will cream this mob, kicked their arse’

creamed

To lose and be routed—

‘Geez mate, we were bloody creamed bythat mob’

creep

A despicable bore, an intolerable oroffensive person—

‘The bastard is a bloody creep’

creeping jesus

Relates to a clergyman or a sneaking furtive, servile type person—

‘Lookout youse blokes ‘ere comes creepin’ jesus’

crib

A packed meal or sandwiches for a lunch break—

‘Did ya bring some crib, cobs? Too right mate’

crib

Pilfer, steal, was sacked—

‘He did crib stuff from his boss and gotthe chop’

cribbed

Cheated—

‘He took a short cut and cribbed in the race’

crikey

‘Astonishment, in awe, amazed’ ‘Crikey! Ya wouldn’t read about it this fella bloody wrestles flamin’ crocodiles’

croak

To die—

‘Bad luck, poor coot, he is going to croak it’ croak

To kill or put down—

The dog is very sick ya betta croak it’

crock

Decrepit or disabled—

(1) ‘The old man is a bit of a crock now’

(2) ‘I broke me leg, I’m a bit of a crock’

crook

Depending on the conversation in general, the word crook may relate to a loss or sickness, a bad event, a nasty happening, or an unhappy occasion, or something untoward— ‘It is crook’

crook

Annoyed with something or angry with someone—

(1) ‘I am bloody crook on it’

(2) ‘I am bloody crook on him’

crook

Misfortune or bad events make for an unpleasant day—

‘Mate, it’s a real crook day, can’t take a trick’

crook

If you misbehave she will berate you— ‘If ya play-up she’ll go crook at ya’

crook

A criminal, a thief, a rogue, a swindler, a con man—

‘He’s a bloody crook’

**crook**



The weather may be too hot, too cold, too dusty, too wet, too windy, too humid, etc;-

‘It’s a crook day’

**crook**

Any injury or soreness to any part of the body albeit; internal or external is deemed to be crook— ‘I have a crook back and a crook head, I’m bloody crook’

**crook**

Stomach sickness—

‘Oh! I am just so crook in the guts’

**crook**

Unwell, very sick or suffering from a hang-over-

‘Doc ya gotta ‘elp me I’m as crook as a flamin’ dog’

**crook**

Bad counselling from someone— ‘That mongrel gave me crook advice’

**crooked**

Dishonest—

‘He is as crooked as a dog’s hind leg’

**crooked on**

Angry, displeased, furious with— ‘She did me wrong, I was crooked on her’

**cropper**

Descent, fall—

(1) ‘He was over confident thought he’d won but he didn’t, he came a cropper’

(2) ‘He was foolin’ about, came a cropper of his bike’

**crow eater**

A resident of the state of South Australia—

‘They are known as crow eaters, crikey’

**cruel**

Spoil my approach, chance or opportunity—  
'Mate don't cruel me pitch'

**crust**

What do you work at or do for a living?—  
'What do ya do for a crust cobber? Nuthin'

**cuppa**

Boil the kettle and we'll have a cup of tea—  
'Boil the billy and we will have a cuppa' cushy  
An easy, comfortable pleasant job— She's got a real cushy job, yeah half  
her luck'

**cut above**

A superior person—

'The way this cove walks, talks addresses, he's a cut above us'  
cut, in for one's cut

To share in any profits or spoils, apportion—

'I am in for my fair whack of the cut' **cut it**

Be competent, proficient, depart

(1) 'Your good at what you do, you'll cut it'

(2) 'We're ready to go, let's cut it'

cut it out

Cease stop, end—

(1) 'Keep the noise down, cut it out'

(2) 'Cut it out, no blueing youse blokes'

cut one's teeth on

To learn something become skilful at— 'Can I do it? Too right I can, I cut  
my teeth on it'

cut up

Censure, cause grief, shatter—

(1) 'He blamed me for the loss, it cut me up'

(2) 'He caused me a lot of grief, it cut me up'

(3) 'His comments shattered me, they cut me up'

(4) 'My recent loss was pathetic, it cut me up'

cut up rough

To act in a nasty or abusive manner— 'One minute he was as good as gold, then he cut up rough'

## D

dag

An eccentric an old person— ‘He is peculiar, an old dag’

dag

A funny person of amiable character— This blokes a scream, he’s a real dag’

daggy

An untidy, unkempt person— ‘He’s a bit daggy, needs a good bloody scrub-up’

dacked

In jest they pulled down his pants— ‘For fun they dacked me’

daks

He dropped or removed his pants— ‘He dropped his daks (strides)’

**damper**

We will cook simple bush bread in hot ashes or coals—

‘We will cook a beaut bush damper’

**dark on**

I am angry with that; I am annoyed with him—

‘I’m dark on that’ ‘dark on him’

**dash, do ones**

Deplete ones strength or chance of something—

(1) ‘He’s exhausted has run out of puff, done his dash’

(2) ‘He missed being promoted, he has done his dash’

**dead broke**

To have no money, penniless— ‘Fella I can’t even lend ya two cents I’m dead broke’

**dead cert**

A certainty—

‘I tell ya this ‘orse will win it’s a dead cert’

### **dead as a dodo**

Relates to machinery or electronic items that will not start or function eg; a flat car battery is deemed to be as dead as a dodo—

‘She’s had it mate dead as a dodo’

### **dead marine a**

An empty beer bottle—

‘There she goes another dead marine’ dead right-

Correct, accurate—

‘Dead right, she’s dead jake mate’

### **dead ringer**

Identical, a look a like—

‘He looks just like you he’s a dead ringer’

### **dead horse**

Tomato sauce, ketchup— ‘Please pass the dead horse’

### **dead set**

Assurance, guarantee, reliability, amazement disagreement—

(1) ‘This nag (horse) will win dead set’

(2) ‘This painting is an original, dead set’

(3) ‘I commence work on time, dead set’

(4) ‘I am really surprised mate, dead set’

(5) ‘I am dead set against that’

### **dead, stone**

Deceased or defunct—

(1) ‘She is not breathing; I think she’s stone dead’

(2) ‘This vehicle wont start, no cos its stone dead’

### **deadhead**

A dull, empty headed, simpleton— ‘The top floors vacant he is a complete deadhead’

**deadshit**

An abject or bad, detestable person— ‘This bloody mongrel is a deadshit’

**deck**

Knock someone down, lay them out— ‘He’s a trouble maker I’m gunna deck the bastard’

**deck, not playing with the full deck**

Maniacal, crazy—

‘This bastard is orf ‘is rocker, he’s not playing with the full deck’

**deep**

You are in serious trouble—

Yer in deep bloody strife, ya whacka’

**dekko or dekka or dek-**

To Have a look at, to inspect or to read something—

(1) ‘Have a dekka at the size of that joint, big eh?’

(2) ‘Have a dekko and see if it needs fixing’

(3) ‘I’ll dek this letter then read it to ya, ok?’

**demo**

To demonstrate, to show—

‘Give us a demo on how it’s done mate’

**dero**

A derelict, at ramp, a vagrant— ‘He is down and out poor bugger, he’s a dero’

**dick, clever**

A know it all smart aleck— ‘Don’t be such a clever dick’

**dick, had the**

Broke, ruined, out of business, can’t perform—

‘Not only am I chopped mate, I’ve had the dick’

**dickhead**

A stupid foolish person—

‘Don’t be a dickhead all ya life ya drongo’

**dicky**

Weak, difficult untenable, awkward position—

‘We are in a very dicky position’

**dicky**

Troublesome or suspect heart problem—

‘I have a dicky ticker’

Injured or troublesome knee, limb or back—

‘I have a dicky knee, dicky arm and a dicky back’

**dicky**

Dubious, tricky questionable deal— ‘Gee, beware mate; I think his is a dicky deal’

**dicky**

I am unwell a bit shaky, wobbly, a little off—

‘I’m a bit on the dicky side ter’ day’

**didn’t come down in the last shower**

A phrase used to let one know you’re not gullible or simple— ‘Don’t try yer bullshit on me; I didn’t come down in the last shower, ya know!’

difference of chalk and cheese

The total opposite of persons or substances—

(1) ‘He’s a ring-in, looks nothing like ya’

(2) ‘It doesn’t look anything like it is supposed to, there’s a difference of chalk and cheese’

dig

Stand up for your principals, rights or honour’

‘He wouldn’t back-down he stood up for his dig’

dig in

Let us all begin to eat the meal— C’mon all of youse lets dig in to the tucker’

dig in

Stand your ground, to resist, defend your position—

(1) 'I wont do it I'll dig in me heels'

(2) 'They won't oust me cos I'll dig in me toes'

dig in

To take a firm stance or firm opinion or to donate

(1) 'Don't give up the ghost we'll all dig in together'

(2) 'Can ya dig in and give a few bob (bucks) mate?'

digger or dig

Usually refers to a miner or soldier, but can be used as a form of address to males—

(1) 'G'day digger or G'day dig 'ows it goin'

(2) 'Beaut day we're having ay dig' Yeah it is dig!'

dike

Toilet to urinate—

'I am going to the dike for a slash'

dill or dilbry

A foolish useless, inept person- 'He's just a flaming dill: yeah I know a bloody dilbry'

dilly

Crazy, silly, mad-

'She's acting funny but can't help itshe's bloody dilly'

dilly

What a remarkable or great idea— 'Go fishing for trout now that's a dilly idea'

dillybag

A small carry bag or small woven bag— 'Put some gear and small things in ya dilly bag'

dimwit

Witless dense person—

'You are a dimwit, what can I do with ya'

ding a ling



An eccentric or stupid person— ‘Silly as a cut snake a bloody ding-a-ling’

ding bat

A strange or eccentric or crazy person— ‘This old codger is a real ding bat’

ding dong

A hard close fought team’s competi- tion—

‘We won after a ding-dong battle’

ding dong blue

An all in spontaneous fight or argument—

‘Someone had a big mouth and caused a ding-dong blue’

dingo

The dingo is an Australian indigenous wild bush dog, is yellow in colour and is thought to be cunning, cowardly and a treacherous animal to livestock in general—

dingo

Cunning, a wily person-

‘Don’t trust ‘im ‘es as crafty as a dingo’

dingo he’s a

To be called a coward

‘The man is yella like a bloody dingo’

dingo’s breakfast

On awakening, the dingo will— ‘Have a scratch, have a piss, survey its domain, but usually eats no food’

dink

A ride on a bicycle or motor bike or horse etc—

‘Hop on with me; I’ll give you a dink’

dinki-di

It is the truth-

‘As true as I stand here it is dinki-di’ dinkum

It is the truth, straight truth or realtruth—

‘Dinkum mate’

dinkum, fair

A wrong doing or a non performance which has caused exasperation or an event or occasion is deemed unpopular—

‘Ah!!! Bloody fair dinkum mate!!!! (angry overtone)’

**dinkum fair**- Absolute truth—

‘Is that Fair dinkum? Absolutely dinkum’

dinkum is he?

Is he being truthful, does he mean what he says, are his actions rational?  
— ‘Is he fair dinkum? yeah mate he’s for real’

dinkum, real

A genuine result a positive action, or an object—

(1) ‘We won the Americas cup that was real dinkum’

(2) ‘I’ve given up part time work for a real dinkum job’

(3) ‘Is that real gold? Yeah mate its real dinkum gold’

dinkum oil

Let me give you good reliable informa- tion—

‘Let me give ya the dinkum oil, its dinki-di’

dinky

Petite, a small object, a small vehicle— ‘She is dinky or it is a dinky phone a dinky car’

dip out

Decline, failed—

(1) ‘I don’t want another drink, I’ll dip out’

(2) ‘He didn’t make the team, he dipped out’

(3) In her final exams, she dipped out’

dipstick

An idiot, a mindless fool, a non performer—

‘This dipstick is useless, can’t get anything right’

dirty on

Furious, angry with someone or something—

(1) 'He did the wrong thing; I am dirty on that bastard'

(2) 'It's raining cats and bloody dogs, I'm dirty on it'

(3) 'We lost the game by a goal, I'm dirty on that'

dirty

Disgusted, angry, disagree with results of something'

(1) 'I am absolutely dirty with you ya mongrel'

(2) 'I'm bloody wild and am dirty on ya'

(3) 'I didn't pass the exam, I'm dirty on that'

dirty

To fail or let someone down to betray a trust—

'You did the dirty on me mate, yer a bludger'

dirty big

It was exaggerated, huge in the extreme—

'Was it big? yeah dirty big bloody huge'

dish licker's

Greyhound dog racing—

'We are goin' to the dish licker's t'night to punt'

divvy

Divide, share—

'Let's divvy up the winnings'

dixi-basher

A kitchen hand employed to wash pots and pans—

'He's not from dixie but 'es a dixie-basher'

do, ones block

Become angry and lose one's temper— 'Look out he's gunna do 'es  
bloody block'

do your dash

Over exceed your limits or miss your chance—

‘Ya went too far you’ve done yer dash’

do ones nana (na na)

To be come enraged to lose ones temper—

‘Crikey this coot has done is bloody na-na (banana)’

do ones nuts

Become over enamoured—

‘Don’t get smitten mate you’ll do yernuts’

dob

Inform on, betray—

‘Don’t dob me in; I thought I was yermate’

dob

‘He can kick a goal (football) from a distance’

dobber

Informant, an aversion— ‘Aussies don’t like bloody dobbersdoctor, go for the doctor

To gamble all of one’s money on something—

‘It’s all or bloody nothing mate, I’m going for the doctor’

dodger

Bread—

‘Vegemite tastes beaut on me dodger’ dodo

A vehicle or machine that refuses to start eg; a flat battery is describe as dead as a dodo

(an extinct bird) dodo

Dull witted person, a simpleton— ‘As dull and as dumb as a dodo mate’

dog and bone

Telephone—

‘I’m in a hurry; I need to get to the dog and bone’

doghouse

In disfavour or disgrace with ones wife—

‘I’m in the poo with the missus, I’m in the doghouse’

dog, let sleeping dogs lie

Leave existing arrangement or situation as is—

‘You might stir something nasty up, so let sleeping dogs lie’

dog, putting on the dog

Ostentatious, showy—

‘Struth, ‘ave a look at her she’s putting on the flaming dog’

dogs, gone to the dogs

Financially ruined, leading a defiled existence—

‘He’s broke, fallen on crook times, he’s gone to the bloody dogs, mate’

dole

To receive an (out of work) pension from the state—

‘She can’t get a job she’s on the flamin’ dole’

done like a dinner

To be thoroughly trounced usually in sporting events—

‘We were clobbered mate, ‘done like a dinner’

dong

To threaten to strike somebody annoying you—

‘Shoot thru ya bloody mug or I’ll dong ya’

donga

The bush the outback—

‘We are going out into the donga to camp’

donga hut

A temporary bush shelter—

‘We will throw up a donga hut to keep the night air off us’

donger

Penis—

‘His donger gets ‘im into so much strife ya know’

donk

The vehicle, machine, boat has an excellent engine—

‘What’s the donk like? Aw! It’s a bloody beaut donk cobber goes like a flamin’ thrashing machine’

dooks

Fists—

‘C’mon ya mug put up ya dooks and fight’ dooks

Hands—

To take hold of something eg; asandwich or a cup—

‘Ere ya go, wrap yer dooks ‘round thissanger’

dose of

A crude expression of dislike of someone or something’

Ah! He or it gives me a dose of the shits’

dot, on the dot

Precisely on time, punctual—

(1) ‘I assure you I’ll be there, on the dot’

(2) ‘The train will arrive, on the dot’

dotty

An eccentric—

‘She’s away with the pixies just a dotty old sheila’

dough

Have you any money in your pocket?— ‘Do you have any dough in yer kick?’

doover (dooverlackie)

Any small item or object that one can easily handle—

‘Ere mate, pass me that bloody, er dooverlackie there’

down the gurgler

Financial ruin, to lose, drain—

(1) ‘Our bloody business has gone down the gurgler’

(2) ‘Our flaming horse went down the gurgler’ (didn’t win)

(3) ‘We have nothing, we are down the gurgler’

down the hatch

An expression, a toast or let's drink-up— 'Here's to ya mate, down the bloody hatch'

down on

Vengeful, dislike, unhappy with, of people—

'I'm down on that flaming mob (down on him / her)'

down and out

No assets, job prospects or friends— Poor bugger, is down and out, has lost it all and nobody wants to know him'

down under

We are from the Southern hemisphere, Australia—

'We are from the land down under'

dragging the chain

Evading ones duty, not performing— 'The mongrel dodges his responsibilities, he goes so slowly, he's dragging the chain'

drill, what's the drill

The approach, process, method, expectation—

(1) 'What's the drill 'ere and how do we do it?'

(2) 'What's the drill 'ere mate? Give us the good guts'

drink with the flies

Is to be ostracized— 'He did a mongrel act, so nobody will drink with him; he now drinks alone, with the flies'

drongo

Erratic, flitting, silly, slow witted, dumb—

'Don't be a bloody drongo try and get yer act together'

drop kick

Obnoxious, rude, dense, difficult person—

'I hate your guts your nothing but a bloody drop kick'

drop a clanger

To make an embarrassing remark or bad gaffe—

'He dropped a real beaut clanger; he put his foot in his mouth'

drop it

Stop immediately, desist—

‘Don’t argue don’t pursue it, just drop it’

drop someone in it

To betray, tell-on someone— ‘Wouldn’t ya know, he’s a bloody dobber, he drop me right in it’

drop his bundle

To quit due to a feeling of failure or hopelessness—

‘Poor bugger lost, he just gave-up, he dropped his bundle’

drover

A stockman horse rider who with his dogs drives cattle or sheep to market and in times of drought, herds the stock long distances for grazing and water— ‘He’s an Aussie icon is that drover bloke, yeah so are ‘is dogs’

drum confidential information, reliable advice- ‘If you want to know, I can give ya the real drum’

drum

To win a place eg: 1st 2nd or 3rd in a horse race—

‘This horse is a dead cert to run a drum’

druther

Rather, sooner—

‘I’d druther do it now than later’

duck

To enter somewhere, go-in— ‘Let’s duck in here’

duck

Go-out, leave quickly— ‘let’s duck-out for a minute’

ducks and drakes

(a) The shakes, trembles

(b) To be arrogant or flippant—

(1) ‘He has a hangover, got the ducks and drakes’

(2) ‘Don’t play ducks and drakes with me ya cheeky bastard’



duck off

Sneak off, go quietly and quickly It's bloody boring let's duck off'

duckshove

(a) To dodge ahead of a queue—

(b) To allocate distasteful tasks to others—

(1) 'Don't duckshove this queue get down the back'

(2) 'He duckshoves all the shitty jobs' dud

Unsuccessful, a failure, it won't work

(1) 'He's a dud and he's lazy, done nothing'

(2) 'She turned out to be a dud, couldn't perform'

(3) 'This car ya sold me is a dud it won't bloody go'

dud

To mislead or give incorrect informa- tion—

'She was beating all 'round the bush, she gave me dud info'

dudded

Swindled, deceived or to be short changed—

(1) 'I was bloody dudded on that deal'

(2) 'You spent a lot; did ya get the right change? no the flamin' mongrel dudded me'

dug

Resisted, stood their ground, defended the position—

'They dug-in there heels or they dug in there toes'

duff

Pregnant—

'She tells me that she's up the duff'

duff

Stealing cattle or sheep— 'That bloke there was caught duffing, Yeah 'es always been a flaming cattle duffer'

duffer

To steal livestock (a rustler)— This bastard is like ‘es mate a cattle duffer too’

duffer

Silly, stupid, foolish, useless— Can’t do a thing right yer a real duffer’

dumb as

An unintelligent or ignorant person— ‘Cobber let me tell ya he is as dumb as dogs shit’

dumb cluck

Brainless fool—

‘You bloody idiot yer a dumb cluck’

dummy

To become irate or uncooperative— ‘He became shirty and he spat the dummy’

dunno

Showing annoyance or disgust with somebody or something— Ah!!!  
Crikey, I dunno mate!!!

dunno

I don’t know—

‘What the hells goin’ on ‘ere? I dunno!!

dunny

Toilet—

‘Where ya goin’ mate? Aw! I goin’ to the dunny’

durry

Cigarette (usually roll your own tobacco)—

Give us a durry mate; yer got the makings on ya?

## E

earbash

A continuous boring oration— ‘This bloke is an earbashing bastard’

earful, an

(a) A harangue of uncalled for advice

(b) Reproach somebody

(c) A tongue lashing—

(1) ‘He gave me an earful, I didn’t want to know’

(2) ‘I was accused and blamed for everything, got an earful’

(3) ‘She gave me a real tongue lashing, copped an earful’

earwig

To eavesdrop, listen—

‘I know you’re trying to listen, don’t **bean earwig’ eat one’s words**

To retract what one has said— ‘Bite ya tongue and back peddle, fast mate’

egg

People of doubtful character, bad or untrustworthy—

‘These jokers are bad eggs give ‘em a miss’

egg

Good honest, trustworthy people— They’re all good eggs, no worries mate’

egg on

Encourage, barrack and urge the team on—

‘Let’s egg-on the team, give em some support’

elephant’s trunk

Intoxicated, drunk—

‘He’s bloody elephants couldn’t scratch

‘im self’

end; go off the deep end

To become angry, highly disturbed, rattled—

‘He lost control went right off the deep end’

end; keep one’s end up

To enact one’s tasks and commitments as agreed—

‘You keep up your end mate and I’ll keep up mine’

end, the stone living end

Collapse, ruin, ill fortune, ineptness—

(1) ‘It’s all gone terribly wrong; it’s the stone living end’

(2) ‘He’s incompetent is in ruin, it’s the stone living end’

eureka

An exultant exclamation; I have found it (relates to gold) or a lost sock—  
‘You little beauty, eubloody reka, (eureka)

every bit

In deference, regard—

‘You can do it every bit as well as thenext bloke’

every man and his dog

A large group of people, plenty— ‘Did many turn up to the do  
(function)? yeah lots of ‘em, every man and his bloody dog’

ex

Former wife, husband, partner, girl friend—

That person is their ex ya know’

eyetie

An Italian—

‘He’s from Roma ‘es an eyetie’

## F

fag

Cigarette—

Give us a fag mate (a smoke or a puffy)

fair cow

Any thing regarded as perplexing or unpleasant—

(1) ‘This has got me baffled, it’s a fair cow’

(2) ‘I’m appalled it’s annoying, yeah! it’s a fair cow, mate’

fair crack of the whip

To be equitable, a fair go, be just—

(1) ‘Fair is fair, give us a fair crack of the whip, mate

(2) ‘I bought last, fair crack of the whip, its yer flamin’ shout (your turn to buy a round of drinks)’

**fair dinkum**

The absolute truth—

‘Is that fair dinkum? Yeah it’s dinkum’

**fair dinkum**

A wrong doing or a non performance which has caused exasperation or an event or occasion is deemed unpopular—

Ah!!! Bloody fair dinkum mate!!!! (angry overtone)’

**fair dinkum**

A good, true honest type of person— ‘He is a fair dinkum bloke’

**fair dinkum unbelievable**

An extraordinary event or person—

(1) ‘The AFL football grand final held at the Melbourne cricket ground is fair dinkum unbelievable and hard to get an entry ticket, too’

(2) 'Donald Bradman was the best cricketer in the world and has never been surpassed he was fair dinkum unbelievable'

**fair enough**

To approve, it is ok—

'Yeah mate, ya owe me \$50 and you sayyou'll pay me on Friday, ok that's fairenough'

**fair is fair**

Impartial, to be fair in one's actions— 'C'mon ya know I won, pay up fair is fair'

**fair go**

Give them a reasonable chance to perform or to do something— 'Ok, don't prejudge, give them a fair go will you'

**fair to middling**

Average, mediocre, passable, so-so— 'How's it (you) going mate? Oh! fair to middling'

**fair and square**

Ethical, true, precise, exact

(1) 'He's an honest type of bloke; he'll deal fair and square'

(2) 'I whacked him right on the chin, beat him fair and square'

**fair whack**

He received his fair share— 'He got a fair whack out of that'

**fair whack, more**

He received a lot more than his entitlement—

'He got more than his fair whack out of that'

**fair whack**

An apt punishment—

'He was a mongrel and a bad bastard gothis fair whack'

**family jewels, the**

The testicles-(said in jest) 'The cricket ball hit him square in the family jewels'

fan bloody testicle

Great, remarkable, fantastic—

‘We had a great win it was fan-bloody-testicle’

fancy oneself

An exaggerated opinion of one’s own ability—

‘He thinks he’s that bloody good his poop doesn’t stink; he fancies himself’

far out

An exclamation—it was amazing, wonderful, incredible— ‘As under dogs we beat the top side easily, far out’

fell of the back of a truck

Merchandise purchased, with unclear or doubtful origins— ‘I bought this from a bloke, who said; It fell of the back of a bloody truck!! mate’

fella

A fellow—

‘This fella said to me, no worries mate, I wonder!’

few bob

Has money or assets—

‘This man has no worries ‘es got a fewbob (bucks)’—

fib

Falsehood, lie, untruth-

‘Your forever telling me fibs ya flamin’

fibber’

finger, to give someone the finger

A rude insulting action aimed at someone by holding up the index finger

—  
‘He was a real mongrel; so I gave him the finger’

finger, to pull one’s finger out

Get started; hasten along, to move quicker—

‘You bludgers need to pull ya flamin’ finger out’

fire up

Start up or influencing someone or something—

(1) ‘Everyone is here, so let’s fire up the meeting’

(2) ‘The coach gave a rousing speech, he fired us up’

(3) ‘I’ve put juice (fuel) in the car, so you can fire it up’

fish, what’s that got to do with the price of fish

A question, seeking the pertinence of a disclosure—

‘Yes, I hear what you tell me, but what’s that got to do with the price of fish?’

fishy business

Implausible explanation, dishonest business—

‘It’s a pack of porkpies (lies); it’s a shonky firm (questionable), it’s a fishy business (suspect)’

fit as a mallee bull

At peak of fitness, of excellent health— ‘He is fighting fit, strong and as fit as a mallee bull’

fizzer

Not up to expectation, a failure—

‘It was bloody disappointing and it didn’twork, a real fizzer’

flag, to show the flag

To attend, go to something— ‘Are we going to the meeting? Yeah! I guess we’d better show the flag’

flaming or flamin’

An intensifier-

The motor vehicle is in a state of disre- pair-’This flamin’ car is clapped-out, has had the flaming dick’

flaming

Relates to a bad or inexperienced person—

‘This person is just no flaming good’

flaming



The sports event is not up to standard' 'This flamin' game is a dud match'

flaming

A weather comment (can be too dry, wet, hot, windy,) etc

'This flamin' weather is up to putty (nogood)'

flaming

Nuisance—

'He's just a flaming pest' flaming

Very ill, sick—

'I'm flamin' crook, Im real butchers hook mate'

flaming

Unacceptable, an occasion or event or a bad object—

(1) 'This shivoo is no flamin' good'

(2) 'This diamond is glass, yeah mate a flaming dud'

flap, in a

To be alarmed, agitated, over excited or to panic'

'You're in a flap; calm down don't get ya knickers in a knot'

flat chat

Too busy to stop—

'Mate I can't 'elp ya, I'm flat bloody chat ya know'

flat foot

A Police officer—

'No punting 'ere mate this flat foot will get ya'

flat out

To run an engine top speed or to run a foot race—

'Run her flat out or run it flat out'

flat out like a lizard drinking

Extremely busy, giving maximum effort—

'No time to natter, I'm flat-out like a lizard drinking'

flat strap or flat chat

Very fast, rapid, loud—

(1) 'The motor was running, flat strap'

(2) 'He won the race by going, flat chat'

(3) 'The band was playing, flat chat'

flat spin, in a flat spin

In a chaotic state, working under duress—

'She's in a flat spin, running around like a chook with its head cut off'

flick

Terminate ones position or to sack somebody—

(1) 'I didn't like the job so I gave it the flick'

(2) 'He was a bit of a bludger so we gave him the flick'

flick, to give the

Ostracise somebody—

'He is not a nice person so give him the flick'

flick, off

Go away from me now—

'Why dontcha flick bloody off now, mate'

flicked

To dispose of, throw out—

(1) 'My boy friend was unfaithful so I flicked him'

(2) 'My old jeans were worn out so I flicked them'

flicked, the bird-

A rude upward gesture with two fingers—

'Crude bugger, he flicked me the bird' **flicks**

Movies, picture theatre— 'Have you been the flicks lately?'

flip one's lid, or top

To become displeased, irate—

'Your negative attitude has made him flip his bloody lid'

flip around

Take a short trip—

‘Try out the new car take a flip ‘round the block’

floozy

Promiscuous, loose woman— ‘She is an outright floozy that tart’

fluff

A young woman—

‘She’s a nice bit of fluff but she’s a nitwit’ **fluff**

To express wind, to fart— ‘Righto who dropped a bloody fluff’

fluffing

Be of good behaviour, don’t cause embarrassment—

‘Do it right, don’t fool about, no fluffing in church mate’

fluke

Sheer luck, chance—

‘He got the jackpot, what a fluke’

flutter

A wager a bet—

‘We will have a flutter on horse number 8’

fly a kite-go

Scorning someone, insisting they go away—

‘Ya bloody mug, go fly yer bloody kite, bugger orf’

fly by nighter

To abscond from a debt—

‘He shot through to avoid paying what he owed the bloody fly by nighter’

fly, Let fly

To assail someone or to hurl something—

(1) ‘Hop in and let one fly mate, clobber him’

(2) ‘Get a boondie (stone) let one fly at the bastard’

fly off the handle

To suddenly lose one’s temper—

‘He became aggro and lost his noggin, heflew orf the bloody handle, sport’

football, an inept football player

Incompetent or incapable—

‘This drongo couldn’t get a kick in astampede’ footy

Generally relates to Australian rules football—

‘Pal, we are all going to the footy on Saturday’

fork out

Pay up, settle an account, and make a purchase—

‘I guess it’s time to fork out, some dough’

fork over

To hand something over—

(1) ‘C’mon fork over what you owe me’

(2) ‘C’mon mate, fork over, that gear ya borrowed’

(3) ‘Fork over a knife will ya mate?’ fox

Bring to fetch—

‘Fox me a spanner will ya cobber’

fox

To retrieve something—

‘Throw the ball and the dog will fox it’

franger

A prophylactic, condom— ‘For safe sex use a franger mate’

freckle

A derogatory term backside, anus, bum ‘I don’t want your bloody money mate, put it in your freckle’

fridge

Refrigerator—

‘There’s plenty of tinnies in the fridge and some tucker too’

**front up**

To Attend, to go somewhere— ‘Make sure you front-up tonight’

**fruit loop**

Mad, unsound of mind, crazy— ‘Steer clear of that bloke ‘es a fruit-loop’

**full, of-**

A windbag, a blowhard, braggart— ‘He is full of piss and wind’

**lull, I am**

Inebriated or replete— ‘I’m as full as a boot’

**full of it**

A derogatory expression to a windbag’— ‘Yer so bloody full of yer self, yer eyes are full of it (excrement)’

**full, bore**

To go headlong at something or go as fast as possible—

(1) ‘Yer workin’ full bore mate, good- onya’

(2) ‘We’re late get this car moving at full bore’

**full chat**

Utmost level of sound, top speed—

(1) ‘The radio was noisy, blasting-out, it was full chat’

(2) ‘The flaming machine was running, full chat’

**full as a fart**

Totally drunk, inebriated—

‘This joker is so pissed; he is full as a fart’

**full as a goog**

Drunk’, intoxicated in the extreme— ‘He’s as full as a bloody goog (an egg)’

**furphy**

Rumour or doubtful tale— ‘There’s a bit of a furphy goin’ around about you’

## G

galah

An Australian pink / grey cockatoo with silly, eccentric, raucous habits—  
'Now this is a real fair dinkum galah, mm! just like that fella'

galah

An idiot a desultory person— 'He is such a flaming galah, ya know'

galah

Silly, foolish person— 'Ya mad ya silly galah'

galah session

The women are having a meeting. Also relates to women in the remote outback areas chatting to one another on pedal two-way radio systems—  
'Gawd mate the Sheila's are having another bloody galah session'

gallops

Racing track, to have a bet— We are going to the gallops to have a punt on the gee-gees'

game

To do something challenging or risky, be bold, daring—  
'It's frightening mate, but I'm game if you are, to try it'

game

Job, profession, occupation— 'What game are you in?'

game

Doing something which appears to be out of order—  
'What's your little game ay? what are you up-to?'

gander

To have a look at or to read something— 'Here ya go take a gander at this would ya?'

garage sale

An on site sale of second-hand goods, chattels goods, and bric-a-brac from ones home garage— ‘There not selling the bloody garage, only what’s in it’

garbo

Garbage collector—

‘Put the bin out for the garbo, can ya’

gastro

Gastroenteritis, an upset stomach— ‘I’m having a sickie from work told ‘em I’ve got gastro’

gawd

An interjection of-Surprise, disbelief, humour or distress—

‘Oh!! my gawd or crikey or struth’

g’day

A typical aussie greeting when meeting or leaving someone— ‘g’day to ya or g’day to youse / yez (meant to be plural)’

g’day

Good day, greeting a mate or friend or pal—

‘G’day cobber or g’day cobs or g’day sport’

g’day

Saying good day man to man or to a soldier or miner— G’day digger or g’day dig’

g’day

Good day friend or man— ‘G’day mate’

g’day knackers

Banter, jest, in greeting another male humorously suggesting, that one has large testicles or enquiring about ones demeanour or health (1) ‘G’day knackers ‘ow are they ‘anging?’ ‘The reply is-Yeah! not bad mate or side by side cobber’

(2) ‘G’day knackers ‘ow ya goin’

‘The reply is—Yeah! not bad mate, I’mgrouse’

g’day luv

Greeting a female of any age—good daylove—

‘G’day luv’

g’day shags

Greeting a male in jest particularly one who boasts of his sexual prowess or triumphs-

‘Ah! G’day shags or shagger’

g’day shifty

Greeting one who is deemed to conduct business or other transactions in an astute or clever manner— ‘G’day shifty or g’day ya shifty bastard ‘ows it goin’

g’day shitface

A slur, a slight, good day to a despicable person—

‘G’day shitface, ya know ya nuthin’ but a bastard don’tcha’

gear; get your gear off

Remove ones clothing—

‘Yer wet to the skin, get yer gear orf now’

gee gees

Horse racing—

‘We are going to the gee-gees to gamble’

gee up

Dupe, trick-

‘This mongrel tried to gee me up’

**gee-up**

To boost, support or lift- ‘Let’s gee-up the football team’

**geez**

An exclamation of admiration, amazement or be in awe of something- ‘Geez mate, bloody outstanding, I’m stoked’

**geez**

Chagrin of someone or something— Ah!!! geez mate!!! I’m rally cheesed off with you and what ya did (annoyed overtones)’



**geezer(geeza)**

Old man—

‘If you want to know ask that old geezer’

**get cracking**

Start quickly, do it now—

C’mon put some muscle into, it getcracking’

**get stuck into it**

Work harder, revile, fight-

(1) ‘Your too slow get bloody stuck into it’

(2) ‘I hate this bastard, I’m gunna get stuck into him’

**gibber (gib er)**

Rock or stone—

‘Don’t throw that there gibber son or I’ll kick ya bum’

**gidgee**

A three pronged spear—

‘We’re goin’ gidgee fishing, mate’

**gig**

An inquisitive person—

‘Mind yer own bloody business, don’t bea flamin’ gig’

**gig**

A job relates to musician, stage show acts—

‘We got the gig so bring a long your instrument’

**gig**

Look at that—

‘Hey! Have a gig at that, wow’

**ginger**

Close, right behind me— ‘He was right-up my ginger’

**ginger**

Greeting a redheaded person— ‘G’day ginger or g’day meggsie’

### **go like a cut cat**

Haste, speed, extremely swift—

- (1) 'To work with haste, go like a cut cat'
- (2) 'Run swiftly, to win you need to go like a cut cat'

### **go, fair go**

Give one a chance, be just, unbiased—

- (1) 'He's the underdog so, give him a fair go'
- (2) 'Don't judge me too soon mate, I want a fair go'
- (3) 'If ya do ya job well, you'll get a fairgo'

go for it

To Incite, approval—

- (1) 'Bloody go for it, you can do it, you can win'
- (2) 'I know ya want try and do some- thing, ok go for it'

go for your life

With haste, hurry, to enthusiastically take part in something—

- (1) 'Mate the boss wants you; you better go for yer life'
- (2) 'Hurry, or yer will miss the bloody boat, go for yer life'
- (3) 'Go for it cobber give it a run, go for yer life'
- (4) 'Do it quickly then ya can piss orf fast, so go for yer life'

go, give it a go

To attempt something—

'Can I try that? Yeah ya can tackle it, giveit a go'

go off at

To censure somebody—

'If ya do it wrong I'll go off at ya, give yaan awful blast'

go to whoa

From the start to the finish—

'My flamin' horse led from go to whoa, you beauty!'

goat, act the goat

Be flippant, to act the fool—

(1) ‘Don’t caper about like a silly goat’

(2) ‘Yer acting the goat mate now cut it out’

goat, get on ones goat

To goad, vexatious, to aggravate— ‘He is a bothersome bastard, gets on my goat’

gob

Mouth—

‘Ah! Shut your bloody gob, ya talk too much’

goer, he’s or it’s a goer

(a) Something that moves quickly-

(b) Dynamic person

(c) Something that’s been approved—

(1) ‘The horse is fit and running fast, it’s a goer’

(2) ‘He’s got energy and drive he’s a real goer’

(3) ‘The contract it’s a goer, ya can start work now ‘

goes; that’s the way it goes

That’s life, that’s how it is— ‘Mate, in life I’ve had me fair share of ups and downs, yeah me too, that’s the way it goes’

gone

Beaten, in a hopeless position— ‘He’s had it gone a million’

gone

Regressed, mad—

‘He’s gone into his shell, gone mad, but he’ll be ok tomorrow’

gone to the pack

Degraded, in decline, to fail—

(1) ‘He’s work, outlook and appearance has gone to the pack’

(2) ‘They have lost interest the project; it will go to the pack’

goner

Lost, not recoverable, is dead— ‘It is a flamin’ goner and he’s a bloody goner too’

Good as gold

In behaviour, happy conclusion, or agreement of something—

(1) ‘The kids were well behaved, they were good as gold’

(2) ‘We had a nice day; it was as good as gold’

(3) ‘Are you happy with the decision? Yes it’s as good as gold’

good-o!

In agreement—

‘It will work out well, yes it will be good—o, no worries’

good o!

Acceptable—

‘The pumpkin scones are good-o in fact, they’re beaut’

goodo!

Satisfactory—

‘The works been done good—o, no complaints ‘

good guts

Reliable and correct information— C’mon mate let me give ya the good guts’

good oil

Truthful, correct information told in confidence—

‘It’s the fair dinkum good oil I’m givin’ ya, keep it sweet’

good on you

Voicing approval, to stimulate or rebuke someone—

(1) ‘Goodonya mate, well done’

(2) C’mon mate, I know you can do it, goodonya’

(3) ‘Ya blew it mate, screwed it up, yeah!! goodonya mate!!

(sarcastic over-tone)’

good one

An exclamation of approval or flattery-

(1) 'Your right mate that's a good one I agree'

(2) 'You're the best ya always tell good ones'

good one

Have an excellent holiday or good weekend—

'Have a good one or a goodie or avagoodweekend'

goodonya

Good on you, well done

'You've done good, goodonya cobber'

goodonya

Admonishment, taken to task— 'You screwed-up ya bloody dill, Yeah!!!  
goodonya!!! (sarcastic overtones)

good sort

Good hearted, kind woman— 'Mate, she is a real good sort'

good sort

An attractive woman— 'She's a good looking sort'

goodie

An assertion of disbelief of an excuse or plea—

'Your reason for being absent, "your dog ate your wallet and ya had no  
money to come to work" it's a real goodie'

goodie

Excellent, a good story, tale or joke— 'I like that, that's a goodie mate'

goog

An excess of food or drink, intoxicated—

(1) 'I'm full as a goog, had too much tucker'

(2) 'He's as full as a goog, blind as a bat' gotcha

I've got you (to grab or catch hold of someone)—

'I gotcha, mate'

gotcha

I understand your, request, order, statement, suggestion—

I gotcha, no worries'

got the game by the throat

To have control of a situation— ‘No worries, we know what we’re doing, we’ve got the game by the throat’

gottaluvit

Extreme liking or joy of something good or excellent—

(1) ‘It was or is fantastic, you’ve just gottaluvit’

(2) ‘Have a go at this you’ve just gottaluvit’

(3) ‘There new home, terrific you’ve just gottaluvit’

great

An achievement—

‘To finish the marathon race was justgreat’

great

Enjoyable—

‘We had a great day at the picnic party’

great

Excellent—

‘You did more than a great job its bloody beaut’

grid

Bicycle—

He’s out riding his grid or mangle or bike’

grizzle guts

Constantly complaining, whining, moaning crying—

‘You’re a complete grizzle guts and a whinger’

grog

Alcoholic beverage—

‘We are going out on the grog’-

gross (gro-ss)

Disgusting, repulsive, a flagrant act or deed—

‘It was a terrible act, yeah just flamin’ gross’

grot

Slovenly, grubby—

‘Ya dress like a grot and yer bloodygrubby too’

grotty

Filthy, foul, vile—

‘She lives in a real grotty house, it’s a shocker’

grouse

This word grouse is used in place of good, or good at, or excellent it relates to beings, events, or happenings, occasions, of pleasure of circumstance or most things—

grouse

Good, fine-

‘It’s a real grouse day today missus! Oh yeah, it’s not half bad’

grouse

A good person or good looking— ‘She’s a grouse sheila and grouse lookin’ as well’

grouse

Good at—complaining or grumbling— ‘He is a bit of a grouse, but not a bad old bludger’

grouse

Pleasurable-

‘It’s the grousest party mate, wudya have a dek at these birds, there having a grouse time too, yeah yer not wrong they look bloody grouse,grouse

Very good—

‘The Aussie beer and beef is extra grouse, get it into ya’

grub

Food—

‘I am hungry lets have some grub’

grumble-bum

An irascible, complaining person— ‘Gee he’s just pain, a Grumble-bum’

grungy

Shabby, dilapidated—

‘It’s a grungy old shack, this dump’

grunt

Power—

‘This V8 motor has enormous grunt goes like the clappers’

grunter

Pig—

‘This kid is as fat as a grunter get im orf the junk tucker’

guff

To confide—

‘She’s a real goodie she gave me the guff’

guff

Information on a subject—

‘Have ya got the right guff on this? Nomate he won’t spill ‘is guts’

guff

Meaningless nonsense—

‘He is talking a lot guff talking or talking a load of guff’

gun

An expert in work expertise or sporting prowess—

‘He is so good, a gun at whatever he does’

gun

An expert sheep shearer is the best and fastest in the workplace— ‘Is he any good, mate ‘es the gun of the bloody shed’

gundy, gone to gundy

Shoddy, unrepairable, dilapidated, worthless—

‘It’s gone to gundy; not worth a crumpet, too bloody old can’t be fixed’

gunk

Dirt, filth or rubbish-

(1) ‘Needs cleaning it is covered in gunk’

(2) ‘What nonsense he’s talking a load of gunk’ guts



An agitator, provokes, pesters— ‘This bloke is a bloody guts-ache, he will drive ya mad’

gutsbrave, daring—

‘She was game mate, showed a lot of guts’

guts

A course bad mannered person— ‘Can’t help ‘im self he is as rough as guts’

guts

Dislike—

‘He’s a loathsome bastard I hate his guts’

guts

Displease, to make one sick in the stomach—

‘You obnoxious bastard ya make me sick in the guts’

guts

Divulge, tell all—

‘She’s a motor mouth she’ll always spill her guts’

guts

Gluttonous or avaricious- ‘An outrageous greedy guts’

guts

Good or correct information— ‘C’mon don’t hold back givus the good guts, ay?’

guts

Hard, long hours—

‘To be successful ya need to work yerflamin’ guts-out’

guts

Stomach—

‘Hows ya guts? ‘ave ya put on weight or what’

guts

Stomach—

‘Mind ya own business or I’ll kick ya in the guts’

guts\_

Stomach pain— ‘I’ve got a bad guts ache’

gutful

Enough (can relate to food or displeasure)—

‘Fair dinkum I’ve had a gutful’

gutless

Spineless, lacks courage— ‘A real gutless bastard’

gutser

To fall off something, to crash have an accident—

(1) ‘Fell off his horse came a proper gutser, he did’

(2) ‘He was showing off crashed, yeah came a good gutser’

gutser

To be unsuccessful— ‘He came a big gutser’

gutsy

Courageous— ‘A very gutsy person’

## H

### **hair of the dog**

Drink of alcoholic beverage (beer) to ease a hangover—

‘Ya look crook mate; have a hair of the dog that bit ya’

### **hair, put hair on one’s chest**

Relates to partaking of food or beverage to stimulate ones being, health or strength—

‘Here mate get this into ya, it will put hair on your chest’

### **handle, can he handle himself**

To fight, defend ones self— ‘Can he handle himself? Yeah, he fights like a thrashing machine’

### **hang around like a bad smell**

To lurk about, pester or irritate— ‘They get on ya nerves; hang about like a bad smell’

### **hang fire**

Slow down, slow in approval—

(1) ‘Hang fire, hang bloody fire, yer going to fast’

(2) ‘Hang fire mate, don’t push me, I need to think about it’

### **hang out, let it all hang out**

Be emotional or be direct, unre- strained—

‘I won’t be backward in coming forward, I’m going to let it all hang out’

### **happy as Larry**

Full of bliss, ecstatic—

‘Happy as Larry or as a pig in er er mud’

### **hard at it**

Exercising or working energetically

(1) 'Yer going hard at it, yeah yer not wrong'

(2) 'That's hard yakka mate, yer going hard at it!

Yeah well it keeps ya out of the pub, doesn't it?'

### **hard boiled**

A harsh, rough, tough demeanour— 'This bastard is as hard as a boiled egg, mate'

### **hard case**

A hard, licentious, humorous person—

(1) 'You'll get no sympathy from him, he's a hard case'

(2) 'He's bad bloke, lecherous bastard, a hard case'

(3) 'He's a funny, witty bugger, bit of a hard case though'

hard, treated

Badly or unfairly treated— We've been 'ard done by digger'

hard up

Broke, penniless—

'We are very hard-up, got no dough at all'

hard word

An attempt to borrow something— 'He put (or fired) the hard word on me'

hard word

Seeking sexual favour—

'He put the hard word on that sheila'

have a go

An expression suggesting one should perform better, to urge-on— 'Have a go ya bloody mug'

have someone on

To meet a threat, sports challenge—

(1) 'I'll fight you; I'll have you on

(2) 'I'll play ya, I'll have ya on'

(3) 'I'll bet ya we win! Yeah ok, I'll have ya on'

having me on

Goad, tease, dupe,—

(1) ‘You’re joking! you’re having me on’

(2) ‘Yer pulling my leg, yer having me on’

(3) ‘You’re a cheat, yer having me on’

hay burner

A horse—

‘This hay burner is a dead cert to win’

head, have ones head screwed on (the right way)

To display one’s excellent common sense or wisdom—

‘She’s beaut, smart, got her head screwed on the right way’

head, need ones head read

Mad, senseless, crazy—

‘You stupid bugger, you need your headread’

head; pull your head in

Mind your own affairs, don’t interfere— ‘Pull yer bloody head in mate; mind yer own flamin’ business’

heaps, give someone heaps

To be angry with, to censure someone— ‘The boss was displeased with him, gave him heaps’

heart starter

An alcoholic drink to help alleviate a hang-over—

‘Mate, I need a heart starter (or a kicker)’

heat, put the heat on

To exert force, pressure— ‘Somebody has influence; they’ve put the heat on’

heeler

A dog bred for the mustering of cattle or sheep—

‘Nuthin’ will beat blue or red heelers as they are fair dinkum unbelievable Aussie working dogs ‘

hide

To be ashamed—

‘You done wrong, ya should hide yer flamin’ head mate’

hide

Bold, brazen, insensitive—

‘He has a thick bloody hide, I tell ya’

hide

I will thrash, punish— ‘I’ll take it out on his hide’

hiding

Beat or to lose at sport-

(1) ‘He copped the best hiding for being rude’

(2) ‘They were thrashed in the game, what a hiding’

hit the deck

To arise from ones bed—

‘C’mon everybody get up, hit the deck’

hock

Pawn—

‘I am broke, I’ll hock my watch’

hock

In serious debt—

‘I am in hock up to my eyeballs’

holey smoke

An expression of astonishment, surprise, of wonder—

‘Strewth, far out mate, holy bloody smoke cobber!’

home and hosed (dry)

To win, arrive, complete something—

(1) ‘The horse is leading, we’re home and hosed’

(2) ‘We have nearly finished the trip, we’re home and dry’

(3) ‘We’ll finish harvesting before rain, we’re home and hosed’

home at

A scornful expression of a self opinion-ated person—

‘Who does he/she think they are, when he/she is at home?’

honcho

Person in charge—

‘Ok, who is the head honcho here?’

hoof it

Walk, stroll, and dance

(1) ‘We are going to hoof it along the track’

(2) ‘I am going to hoof it around the boards’

hook, to sling ones hook

Cease work, leave—

‘It’ time to sling yer bloody hook mate;

let’s go’

hooks put the hooks into

Beg, or borrow—

‘The cadging bastard put the hooks int me’

hoo-ha

An ado, fuss or rowdy commotion—

(1) ‘The ado was just all bloody fuss about nothing, just hoo-ha,

(2) ‘The hoo-ha they were stacking on was a beaut blue, noisy bastards’

hoon

A lout, a foolish person— ‘Just an out and out hoon’

hoon

Reckless person—

‘He drove his car like a bloody hoon’

hooning

Showing off, silly antics— ‘He is just hooning around’

hooroo

Goodbye—

‘Hooroo mate also (‘ooroo or ‘ooray)’

hoot

Funny, hilarious—

‘This comedy show should be a hoot’

hoot

Unconcerned—

‘I don’t give hoot what happens will happen’

hoot

Valueless— ‘This thing is not worth a hoot’

hooter

Nose—

‘He has a whacking great hooter, good sneezing gear’

hooters

Breasts—

‘Have a dekko at those beaut hooters’

hop

Very busy—

‘I can’t help you I’m on the hop’

hop

Caught unprepared— ‘You caught me on the hop’

hop

Come over or climb or jump over— ‘C’mon mate hop over here’

hop

Get into—

‘ I’m going to hop in to bed or hop into the car’

hop

Get in for ones share of something— ‘Hop in for your chop’

hop



Hurry or do it faster— ‘C’mon mate hop to it’

hops

Beer, drinking—

‘They are stuck into the flamin’ hops’

horse, flogging a dead horse

Futile attempt to regain a lost position— ‘Stop trying ya mug it’s too late, yer flogging a dead horse’

horse, hold your horses

Impatient, control of one’s actions— ‘Yer too bloody hasty mate, hold yer flaming horses’

horse’s hoof

A homosexual—

‘He’s a bit of a horse’s hoof (poof) ya know’

hot under the collar

Irritable, angry—

‘He became wild, got hot under the collar’

hot, in hot water

In serious trouble—

‘Yer in heaps of strife, yer in bloody hotwater’

huge

Exceptionally good, wonderful— ‘The news is great, that’s huge mate’

hughie

An expression relating to rain, beseeching the controller of the heavens or the “prime rain maker” to send down more—

‘Send her down hughie’

hughie

An appeal to the heavens or those of sea powers maybe Neptune, to send-in or whip-up good waves of surf, for the purpose of surf-board riding—

hullabaloo

Tumult, din-

‘Mate there was an all-out bloody racket, a terrible hullabaloo going on’  
humdinger

A remarkable person or an exceptional thing of its kind—

(1) ‘She’s so good at what she does, yer right she’s a humdinger’

(2) ‘The Hubble telescope now that is a humdinger’

hump the bluey

To carry or tote ones bluey, swag or matilda (pack)—

‘Cobber I’ve humped me bluey along this endless track, me billy, me gear, upon me aching back’

hump

Ride waves on a surfboard— ‘Let’s hump a few blueys’

humpy

A temporary bush shelter, a small hut— ‘We’re goin’ to chuck-up a humpy here’

hungry

Greedy, or an individual not a team player—

‘He’s a hungry bastard’

**hunky dory**

Giving assurance that everything went well or is all right—

‘She’s Hunky dory it went beaut, itsorright’

**licky spot**

A problem, trouble—

Mate, I have a sticky situation here, bit of an icky spot’

**illywacker**

A confidence trickster—

‘This cove is an Illywacker; he will whack you in the wallet’

**in your boot**

An expression of contempt, displeasure or dismissal, rejection— ‘Ah! In yer flamin’ boot ya bloody drongo’

**in it**

Involved in something—

‘You were in it up to ya flamin’ neck’

in for it

To be in trouble and will be reprimanded—

‘Ya been bludging mate, your now in for it’

in like

To grasp an opportunity eagerly— ‘He was in like Flynn’

in thing

The latest fad, relating to fashion, craze, model, etc—

‘It is the In thing, wouldn’t ya know’

ink

He’s full of cheap wine, he’s offensively intoxicated—

‘He’s full of bloody ink’

iron out

(a) To allay complex issues—

(b) To hit and prostrate someone—

(1) ‘Two heads are better than one, see what ya can iron out’

(2) ‘I’ll flatten the bastard, I’ll iron him right out’

iron ones self out

To purposefully get intoxicated, blind drunk-

‘Tonight, I’m gunna iron meself out’

iron, strike while the iron is hot

Act quickly, without delay— ‘Don’t bloody miss-out, act while the flamin’ iron is hot’

itie (eye tie)

An Italian person— ‘The bloke is an Itie’

## J

jack

An expression—everyone— ‘Every man jack will attend’

jack

To know nothing about the subject or matter—

‘Don’t ask him, he knows jack shit’

jack

Expressed in a selfish smug manner, by an egotistical person— ‘Stuff you, Im all right jack’

jack of

Disgusted with or tired of-

(1) ‘I’m jack of these lazy bastards’

(2) ‘I’m jack of this bloody job’

(3) ‘I’m jack of being a scape goat’

(4) ‘I’m jack of this bloody mob’

‘In other words, I’m bloody jacked off’ jacked off

Irate, angry, disgruntled— “Mate, I’m jacked off with everything totally fed-up’

jack up

Disgruntled and will strike, or stop work—

‘If they try and force us to shear wet bloody sheep we will be jacked off and will bloody jack-up’

jacks

Police—

‘If ya speed the flamin’ jacks will get youse’

jacky

Be alert of good behaviour—

‘Pay attention now and sit up like jacky’

jacky

To laugh boisterously and raucously, like a kookaburra—

‘It was so funny that I laughed like jacky mate’

jacky

Work consistently hard—

‘I work like jacky mate, bloody hardyakka’

jackeroo

Employed on an outback remote cattle or sheep station (property) as a general-hand or an apprentice— ‘This bloke works as a jackeroo’

jag

A fluke of luck— ‘Ya did jag the win, ay’

jake

Every thing is alright, it’s acceptable— ‘She’s jake mate or she’ll be jake mate’

jeez

An exclamation of admiration or amazement or in awe of something— ‘Jeez!!!! mate!’

jeez

Chagrin, disapproval of someone or something—

Ah!!!! Jeez!!!! mate how could it happen?

(expressed in a tone of annoyance)’ jillaroo

Employed on a remote outback cattle or sheep station (property) as a general- hand or as an apprentice— ‘This sheila works as a jillaroo, no sweat’

Jingo (see By jingo)

job

To punch or hit somebody— ‘Shut yer yapper or I’ll job ya’

joe blake

Many species of Australian snakes are highly venomous—

‘Aussie joe blakes are deadly littlebuggars’ joe blakes

The shakes, generally caused by excessive drinking of alcohol (delirium tremens, dt’s)— ‘This coot has the joe blakes, Yeah needs a kicker’

joe bloggs

Your average citizen or an unnamed person—

‘Every man jack and joe bloggs would know that’

joe blow

Any citizen (usually refers to the male) ‘Are they fussy as to who they hire? no, any Joe Blow gets a job ‘ere’

joe blow

Anybody any average person could perform—

‘Any joe blow can do it so you should be able to’

Joey

A young baby kangaroo— ‘This is a beaut animal this joey’

joey in the pouch

Pregnant-

‘She is up the duff, has a joey in the pouch’

joey

Babies, children—

‘We are putting the joeys in the sack’

joggers

Sports footwear—

‘Put on yer joggers and come for a run’

joke its a

A pathetic comment an absurd suggestion—

‘What a joke it’s laughable’ or ya gotta be joking’

joking

An exclamation of disbelief— ‘You’ve got to be joking’

joking

A serious situation or matter— ‘You need to heed it mate there is a problem, I’m not joking’

joker

A strange eccentric person, a character-

(1) ‘This joker is a “weird ‘o”, does some strange things’

(2) ‘This joker is a funny bugger and a wag’

jumbuk

A sheep-

‘Aussie Merino’s give fine wool but are buggers to shear’

jump; take a jump at yourself

A rude suggestion that somebody should reflect on their attitude of bad behaviour and poor performance— “I’m right orf you, why don’t ya take a jump at yerself? ‘ jump-take a running jump at yourself

A curt dismissal to end a disagreeable conversation-

‘Ah! Ya wouldn’t know shit from clay, take a running jump at yourself’

## K

kacky

A left handed person— ‘She is a kacky hander’

kangaroos in the top paddock

An eccentric or mad person— ‘This bloke is really harmless’ he’s only half mad, has a few roos hopping about in the top paddock’

keep your shirt on

Don’t get angry; don’t get hasty, stay calm—

‘Don’t do yer block or chuck a wobbly, keep yer bloody shirt on’

kelly edward (ned), 1855-1880 (bushranger)

As brave as, or as game as Ned Kelly—

(1) ‘He had guts like Ned Kelly’

(2) ‘He was a fearless bastard like Ned Kelly’

(3) ‘Ned Kelly is a (dubious) folk hero of the Aussies’

(4) ‘This shop keeper (over charges) is a real Ned Kelly, a bloody thief’  
Ned Kelly, thief, bank-robber, and leader of a ruthless gang was convicted and hanged in Victoria, Australia his last words were said to be- ‘Such is life’

kelpie

An Australian bred dog used by drovers in the herding and mustering of sheep— ‘The kelpie is a fair dinkum Aussie dog, like the heeler’

kicker

A pick me up usually an alcoholic beverage—

‘Mate I’ve got a hangover I need a kicker’ ‘Oh!! You’ve got to be kidding’

kickback

To receive money, an emolument for doing a favour—



‘If ya tip me a winner or give me the good guts on some stocks and shares, I’ll give ya a kickback’

kick, hit your kick

Pocket—

(1) ‘It’s your shout (turn to buy) so hit yer flamin’ kick’

(2) ‘C’mon, put ya hand in your kick and buy us a beer’

kick in

To donate money—

‘I’d like to kick in some dough for thecause’

kick in the guts

A disappointment, a loss, a let down

(1) ‘We were beaten on the post, what a kick in the guts’

(2) ‘His family were killed, what a kick in the guts’

(3) ‘When somebody lets you down it’s a real kick in the guts’

kick, in your kick

Trouser pocket—

‘I gave him a few bob (bucks) and said put it in yer back kick, but ‘e put it in his side kick instead’

kick start

To make an assertive or strong start to some venture—

‘If we maximise the effort, we can give it a good kick start’

kid

Child—

‘The kid is grizzling give it a biccy’

kid

To tease— ‘Don’t kid ‘round’

kidults

Kids who won’t leave home until well into their 30s for whatever reason, study, ease of life style or financial relief or gain—

‘How sweet it is, for these bludgers while the old folk keep rolling a long to the flamin’ bank’

kidder

Deceiver, joker hoaxer—

‘I know you to be a kidder as I am, sonever crap a crapper mate’

kidding

Exclamation of disbelief— ‘You’ve got to be kidding’

kill or choke a brown dog

Relates to bad cooking or unhealthy food—

‘This tucker is as rough as guts and this cream cake will kill a brown dog’

kip, two-up

A kip is a dried leather or wooden slat in the hands of a person playing the Australian gambling game of “two-up” and from the slat the player tosses two coins into the air spinning them as high as one can to try and achieve a result of either two heads or two tails as nominated by the player. If one head and one tail fall face up it’s called “ones” or he has “oned” them, which then all bet are off. Toss and spin them again until an even pair fall. ‘Come in spinner’

knackers

Testicles-Banter, jest, in greeting another male humorously suggesting, that one has large testicles or enquiring about ones demeanour or health

(1) ‘G’day knackers ‘ow are they ‘hanging?’

‘The reply is-Yeah! not bad mate or side by side cobber’

(2) ‘G’day knackers ‘ow ya goin’

‘The reply is—Yeah! not bad mate, I’m grouse’

knackered

Exhausted, worn out—

(1) The yakka was hard, I’m knackered’

(2) ‘This motor is running rough as guts, yes it’s knackered’

knickers

Under garments, panties—

‘Ya running late get yer knickers on andget going’

knickers, in a knot

To panic, be upset (or both) ‘Hey c’mon settle down don’t get yer knickers in a bloody knot’

knock a bit off

Discount—

‘If yer paying cash I’ll knock a bit off for ya’

knock about

Roams from place to place, job to job, an unsettled person—

‘He’s a knock about and knows the ropes’ knock back

Cost of something—

‘Mate, what did that knock ya back?’

knock back

To have a drink—

‘I could knock back a couple of beers now’

knock back

A rejection—

‘I got a knock back she won’t go out with me’

knock down

A formal introduction—

Come and meet them I’ll give you a knock down’

knock it

Criticize something—

‘Don’t knock it, it will be alright’

knock it off

Stop the noise or to steal something—

(1) ‘Turn the down the racket, knock it off now’

(2) ‘Don’t knock it off, if it’s not yours’

knock off

Cease working—

‘Keep at it we knock off in a bloody hour’

knock out

A beautiful or attractive woman— ‘She’s not half bad she’s a knockout’

knock out

A successful occasion, happening or event—

‘It went so well it was a bloody knock out’

knocked

Beaten—

‘He was knocked off in the second roundknocked

Murdered, assassinated—

‘He was knocked off in the pub mate’

knocked

To reject or refuse something— ‘I knocked back the job offer’

knocked

Stolen—

‘Where is yer car’ Ah! it was knocked last night’

knocker

A criticizer, always being negative— ‘The bloke is a bloody knocker, knocks everything’

knocker

A prostitute—

‘This tart is a flamin’ knocker’

knockers

She has wonderful breast’— ‘She has a great pair of knockers’

knocking shop

A brothel—

‘That knocker works in the knocking shop’

knocked up

Exhausted, tired—

‘Geez mate am I shagged, I’m bloodyknocked up’

knocked up

Pregnant—

‘She played the field and became knocked up’

knuckle

To fight or punch somebody—

Ay!! youse blokes don’t go the knuckle in

‘ere you’ll get chucked out’

knuckle

Obey, accede to instructions— ‘You must knuckle under’

knuckle

A threat—

‘If ya annoy me you’ll wear a knuckle sandwich’

knuckle

You need to willing in your approach and to be assiduous- ‘Ya need to knuckle down’

knuckle man

A street fist fighter-

‘Beware of this bloke he can fight like athrashing machine, he’s a real knuckleman’

knuckle, to go the knuckle

To fist-fight with or to punch someone—

(1) ‘If ya keep pissin’ me orf, I’ll go the knuckle with ya’

(2) ‘Don’t keep mouthing orf at me or I’ll go the knuckle,

(or give ya the knuckle) right in ya gob’

kook or kooky

Weird, kinky, strange— ‘He’s a funny bugger a real kook’

kyber

A derogatory term—

‘Ah! put in your kyber pass mate’

## L

lair

A showy, flash attired person— ‘Is a two-bob lair’ or just a lairy coot’

larrikin

A hooligan—

‘The young bloke is a bloody larrikin and a hoon’

laughing

Pleasing to one

(1) ‘If I get the new job I will be laughing’

(2) ‘Did you get a pay rise? Yes laughing mate’

lav’

Lavatory, toilet—

‘I’m off to the lav or I’m off to the toot’

layabout a

Loafer, lazy or useless person— ‘This bludger is a bloody layabout’

leak

Urinate—

‘I’m orf to the dike to take a leak’

leak house

Toilet—

‘I’m goin’ to the leak house’

leg in

Opportunity, a start-

‘If I can get a leg in here it will be a good start’

leg it

To leave some where by walking or running—

‘Let’s leg it from here’

leg over

To engage in sexual intercourse— ‘Mate I need to get me leg over’

leg pulling

Cajoling, teasing one—

‘Come off it mate yer pulling me leg’

leg pulling

Disbelief in what somebody tells you— ‘Go, pull the other bloody leg, ya fibber’

leg shake

Hurry, hasten to the task— ‘Everybody should shake a leg, now’

leg show a

Arise, get out of bed— ‘Come on show a leg’

leg show a

To attend or appear at an event— ‘We have to show a leg’

legman

A man who looks at and admires women’s legs—

‘I’m a bit of a legman, I perve on Sheila’s legs’

legend

Revered, held in awe for one’s sports or other prowess—

‘What a legend he / she is’

let rip

To act with great gusto and strength—

(1) ‘He was excited he let rip, a beaut song’

(2) ‘Ya could hear him for miles, he really let rip’

let it rip

(a) To start a vehicle or machine

(b) Commence an activity

(1) ‘She’s all fuelled up and ready to go, let her rip’

(2) ‘We’re ready to begin, ok let her rip’

level best

To maintain your best effort— ‘Just keep on trying, do your level best’  
level, on the level

Truthful, fair, honest—

‘It’s fair dinkum, above board, on the level’

lingo

Language,—

‘The English don’t speak Aussie lingo’

lip

Cheek or impudence—

‘Don’t give me any of yer bloody lip’

little house

An outside toilet—

‘Mate, I’m going to the little house, to water the lizard’

little woman

One’s wife or partner—

‘Have ya met my little woman, she’s memissus’

living daylights

To beat-up, to frighten somebody—

(1) ‘In the blue, he beat the living daylights out of him’

(2) ‘He scared the living daylights out of me’

load

See, hear, look, listen or heed, that— ‘Get a load of that, would ya’

loaded

Intoxicated or wealthy or both—

(1) ‘That fella is bloody loaded’

(2) ‘That bloke is really loaded’

loaf

Brains, head, think—

Just think about it use your loaf’



lob

To show-up unannounced— ‘Why don’tcha just lob up’

lolly

Confectionary, sweets— ‘Give us a lolly will ya’

lolly

Off his head, mad— ‘He’s gone right off his lolly’

lolly

Money—

‘She’s spending my hard earned lolly, mate’

lolly

To lose ones temper—

‘He did his lolly, bunged on a blue’

lolly

Sweet aerated softdrink, soda— ‘Have a good swig of lolly water’

london to a brick (on)

Horse betting parlance, a certain winner—

‘A London to a brick on, he’ll win! sure and he’ll pay a good price too’

long streak of cocky shit

A tall insolent person—

‘This bloody long streak of cocky shit, isup him self’

looker

An attractive woman— ‘This bird is quite a looker’

loopy-

Slightly eccentric or a bit mad , odd— ‘She’s gone a little loopy’

**lose one’s marbles**

To go mad—

‘No question she’s lost her bloody marbles’

**lousy bad**

The weather or events of the day are bad—

‘It’s just another lousy day’

**lousy mean**

A mean person a skinflint— ‘He’s a lousy bastard’

**lousy mood**

Bad temper or depressed—

‘I Can’t get over this lousy bloody mood’

**lousy poor**

Poor quality, inferior product— ‘The beer in this dump is lousy (its piss)’

**lousy unwell**

Sick or suffering a hangover— ‘I feel bloody lousy t’day’

**loyal as a sheepdog**

No greater loyalty can be found than that of a drover’s sheepdog

‘Mate, me wife’s as loyal as me flamin’

sheepdog’

**luck, half your luck**

Said in a begrudging way to someone who has had some good luck ‘So you won some money ay! half yer bloody luck’

**luck, tough luck**

To commiserate with someone who has had unfortunate luck— Gee! No matter what ya do or how ya do it ya lose, that’s tough luck’

**lug**

Ear—

‘I’ll give ya a whack in the lug or lughole’

## M

mad as a cut snake

Furious, Irate, annoyed—

‘If you do the dirty on ‘im he’ll be as mad as a cut snake, that’s for sure’

mad as a meat axe

Eccentric, crazy, wild—

‘This aggro bastard bears watching, he’s as mad as a meat axe, mate’

mad woman’s breakfast

To be in total chaos, a mess— ‘It’s all over the place a bloody mess, like a mad woman’s breakfast’

mag

A chat to talk—

‘We will have a good mag about it’

magger

A gossip, talk a lot— ‘She’s a bloody magger’

makings

Roll your own tobacco—

‘I need a puffy, do ya have the makings on ya’

mate apology

Relates to an offered apology (sorry that I bumped you) acceptance of apology is “she’s right mate”-

‘Sorry I made you spill your drink, that’s orright she’s right mate’

mate decline

Decline an offer (would you like a drink?) no thanks— ‘Would ya care to have a coldie with me? no she’s right mate’

mate disbelief

Oh! yes friend!!! said sneeringly or in a threatening manner of disbelief.  
Can also relate to a rejection of a bad attitude—

‘Oh!!! Yeah mate!!! is that right!’

mate friend

Friend, comrade, pal—

‘He’s me china plate, my best mate’

mate greeting

A greeting or expression addressed to anyone friend or stranger— ‘How ya going mate? orright?’

mate hit

Belligerent overtones—

‘What are you looking at mate, ay!!!! ? if ya keep looking at me I’ll bloody well dong ya’

**mate rates**

Reduced rates or charges— ‘Because you’re me cobber, I’ll give ya mate rates’

**matilda**

An itinerant person a swagman, wandering aimlessly through out the country areas carrying his Swag / Matilda (bedroll and personal items)—  
‘With a swag upon his back treading the endless track’

**meggsie**

Greeting a redheaded person— ‘G’day meggsie or ginger or bluey’

**mess about or mess around**

(a) To do chores in a slapdash manner

(b) Idle, inattentive

(c) To clown about, play the fool

(1) ‘She’ll mess about, drop stuff anywhere’

(2) ‘Ya idle useless bastard, yer just messing about’

(3) ‘Ya bloody idiot don’t play the fool, don’t mess around’

**metho**

Methylated spirits— ‘The derro is guzzling metho’

**mincers**

Eyes, to have a look at some thing—

‘Here ya go cast ya flamin’ mincers on this’

**mince pies**

Eyes—She has outstanding blue eyes— ‘She has beaut blue mince pies’

**miserable as a Bandicoot**

Abject, dejected,—

‘The poor bugger, he is as miserable as a bandicoot’

**miseryguts**

A whining malcontent, a dejected or cheerless person- ‘Never stops whinging, a total miseryguts’

**miss pass**

Exclude me from the offer or sugges- tion—

‘Thanks but I’ll give it a miss (or pass)’

**missus**

Wife—

‘I was pleased to meet yer missus mate’

**mitts**

Keep your hands of it—

‘That’s mine keep yer bloody mitts orf it’

**mob**

A large crowd—

‘There’s a big mob in town t’day’

**mob**

Large herd or flock—

‘That’s a big mob of ‘roos a big mob ofsheep’

**mocker**

Clothing, dress-up—

‘Mocker up tonight we’re going to town’

mockers to put the mockers on

Luckless, hexed-

‘I have no luck someone put the mockers on me’

moggie

Cat—

‘The moggie scratched my hand’

molly dooker

A left handed person—

‘She writes awkward cos she’s a molly-  
dooker’

molly the monk

Drunk—

‘He’s spastic he’s molly the monk’

money grubber

A greedy, miserly person— ‘He’s a real stingy bastard, mate’

“Mongrel”

The general use of the word mongrel depicts difficult or distasteful job, or persons or undertakings or bad behaviour or acts by somebody—

mongrel

An exhortation to be agreeable, considerate and behave ones self- ‘Now be nice ya mongrel bastard’

mongrel

A contemptible person— ‘Yer a vile bloody mongrel’

mongrel

A difficult, dirty useless job this is— ‘What a mongrel of a job, hard yakka too’

mongrel

Tough in demeanour no nonsense approach—

‘He has a fair bit of mongrel in him’

more front than Myer

A bold self confident person- (relates to the wide frontage of the Myer Ltd department store) 'He's a forward bugger with more front than Myers'  
mouth-off

A diatribe, casting aspersions— 'Gee what a mouth off'  
mouthful

Censured, cursed, berated— 'He gave him a mouthful'  
mozz me

To jinx, or to be annoying-

(1) 'Somebody put the mozz on me and I lost'

(2) 'Don't mozz me you'll put me off my game'

mozzie

Mosquitoes—

'The flaming mozzies are biting tonight'

muck about

Dawdling, to fool about— 'Don't muck about get stuck into it ya dill'

muck, make a muck of

Mar, ruin—

'He can't do the job right; he'll make a muck of it, orright?'

muck up

To bungle, mismanage, ruin- 'The whole bloody job was a muck up'

mug

An exhortation to a sports person who is under achieving, to try—

'Hey number 8, 'ave a go ya bloody mug'

mug

You have an ugly face—

'Sister ya have an ugly mug, yer a tyrebiter'

mug

To be a fool or simpleton—

'Don't be a bloody mug all your life, pal'

Mug

Gullible, naive—

‘Your easily led ya flaming mug (or you sucker)’

mug-aleck

Brash, insulting a know all— ‘He’s a real mug-aleck this cove’

mulga

Mulga bush or outback—

‘They live out in the mulga’

mulga mad

An eccentric that has lived too long in desolation—

‘This old cove has mulga madness’

mullock, to poke mullock at

To deride, mock—

‘Don’t poke mullock at me ya drongo, or I’ll dong ya’

mullock trouble

To be in Serious trouble—

‘He is up to his neck in the mullock’

munger

Food—

‘Get some munger into ya mate’

mush (oosh)

To hit or punch someone in the face— ‘Ya cheeky bugger I’ll give ya a smack in the mush’

muso (mu zo)

Musician—

‘She plays the watchamacallit er gazzoo, this muso’

muttonhead

An unintelligent, boring person— ‘This muttonhead is as dumb as a ewe’

my oath

An assertive reply meaning yes eg: would you like a beer? my oath I would, The weathers hot my oath it is’— ‘Ya got the job? my oath’



mystery bags

Sausages—

‘Throw a few of those mystery bags (snags) on the barbie’

## N

nag

Horse-

‘This nag is a bloody donkey, cant win’

nagging

Henpecking, bickering, finding fault— ‘She never stops nagging’

nana (nar-na)

To lose ones reasoning, head, become enrage—

‘Don’t upset me or I’ll end up doing my flaming nana’

napper

Hit on the head—

‘He was struck right on the napper’

nark

A spoil sport, a police squealer— ‘He’s a knocker and will dob ya in, this nark’ narked

Agitated, irritated—

‘That flamin’ nark has got me bloody narked’

nasho

To have served in the compulsory national military service- ‘I did me nasho bit digger’

natter

A gossip to talk too much—

‘He would natter on and on and on and’

natural

To be adroit, have talent and skill— ‘She was born a natural’

near enough

Acceptable but not precise—

(1) 'She's a bit orf square, but near enough'

(2) 'It's not quite full, but that's near enough'

near enough is good enough

Censure or derision of substandard work ethics—

'Bah! If ya think near enough is good enough then yer bloody wrong mate, get ya flamin' act together'

ned kelly see-kelly edwardnever-never, the

The remote Australian outback is an isolated and desolate region—

'Nuthin' lives out 'ere mate no water and it's too bloody hot anyway in the never-never'

nick

The condition of something— 'The car is good nick and me bike is in bad nick'

nicknude—

'We all went for a midnight swim in the nick'

nick off

To leave or to go now—

(1) 'You are annoying ya can nick off and leave me alone'

(2) 'I'm finished and I'm going to nick off now'

nick out

Go immediately and quickly somewhere—

'Nick out and get some tucker for tea'

nicked

An exclamation of disdain, dismissal, rejection or contempt—

'Ah! Go and get nicked ya mongrel'

nicked

An exclamation of mock dismissal or mock contempt asserted in a friendly and jocular manner—

'Gawd yer a silly bugger, go and get nicked'

night on the Soup

To drink alcohol to excess at a night function or at an hotel— ‘No wonder he looks crook mate, he’s had a night on the soup’

nipper

A younger brother— ‘This kid is my nipper’

nit keeper

‘He is an illegal bookmaker’s look out— ‘He’s the bookies nit keeper (or cockatoo too)’

noggin

A head—

‘He has a big noggin’

noggin

To lose ones head become enraged— ‘Don’t lose yer flaming noggin or do ya block’

no hoper

An inept person, a misfit, an idler— ‘This bloody fool is a bloody no hoper’

no-no

It is not permitted no matter what, futile-

‘Mate it’s a definite no-no’

no sweat

No bother, my pleasure, alright, ok—

(1) ‘Thanks for that! No sweat cobber’

(2) ‘Can ya do it in time? Yeah no sweat’

(3) ‘Did the job go well? orright, no sweat’

no way

‘It can’t be done, won’t be done, not at all, never—

‘I’ve told you fella no bloody way will I do it’

no worries

It’s no trouble, not a problems, it’s a pleasure

(1) ‘Thanks for ya ‘elp! No worries mate’

(2) 'Will everything be orright? No worries!

(3) 'You did so well. Good oh, then it's no worries!

nong

A fool an idiot—

'This fella is a bit of a nong'

nong

Embarrassed, to feel foolish— I went to the wrong place, gee I felt like a nong'

norks

Breasts—

'She has rather large norks'

noodle, use your noodle

Think; use your common sense— 'Don't guess at it, use yer bloody noodle'

nose bag

To eat, have a meal—

'Who wants to put on the nose bag?'

nose, pay through the nose

To pay more than the true value—

'It's not worth it; you would pay through the nose'

nose, to put someone's nose out of joint

Agitate, aggravate, or unsettle someone—

'She'll ignore ya, now you've put her nose out of joint'

not half bad

It means it is more than good it's excellent—

'Mate it is not half bad (meaning it is extra grouse)'

nous

Common sense—

'Thick as two planks, has no nous'

numskull

A simpleton, dolt, oaf—

‘This numskull is as thick as a brick’

nut

Became angry, aggravated— ‘He did his nut’

nut

A crank, an eccentric, mad— ‘Far out mate she’s an utter nut case’

nut

Fanatic, a dedicated fan— ‘I’m a sports nut’

nuts

Testicles— ‘Oo Ah, poor coot was hit right in the nuts’

## O

### **oath**

An emphatic expression of agreement— ‘My bloody oath it is’

### **ocker**

Crass uncouth Australian of any age group—

‘These bloody ockers are course and thick’

### **oke doke (o kee doe kee)**

The outcome will be ok it will be alright—

(1) ‘Every thing will be oke-doke’

(2) ‘I will see you tomorrow, yeah oke- doke, see ya then’ off his face

Drunk or wild—

(1) ‘This bastard is over the top; he’s full as a pot, orf his face’

(2) ‘This young coot is so wild, he’s orf his face’

### **off like a bride’s nightie**

To depart with much haste—

(1) ‘I’m off like a bride’s nightie, see ya later’

(2) ‘I’m shooting through, I’m off like a brides nightie’

### **on a good thing**

We have success, are comfortable, are prosperous, a sure winner- ‘Cobber we are on a good thing’

### **on for young and old**

An all-in brawl of a physical or verbal nature—

(1) ‘There were punches coming out of the woodwork mate, it was on for young and old’

(2) ‘It was an open-slather blue; she gave him a mouthful, it was on for young and old’

### **on, have someone on**

Cajole, tease—

‘Yer not serious, yer having me on’

**on, not on**

Not feasible or negotiable, it’s unaccept- able—

‘I don’t care what you say mate, it is just not on’

on the blink

Not working properly, faulty— ‘The bloody cars engine is running as rough as guts ‘it’s on the blink’

on the level

True or truth— ‘Mate it’s on the level’

on the nose

Bad odour smells, doubtful—

‘That bloke bloody pong and his deal isshady it’s on the nose’

on the piss or turps

An alcoholic drinking binge, spree— ‘These blokes are ‘on the piss’, drinking lots of turps’

on to

Be cognizant, conscious of—

‘I’m aware of your little game, I’m on to you’

on with

Having an affair or relationship— ‘She is on with her boss ya know’

on, you’re on

Agreeing to an offer or proposal—

(1) ‘I can offer a one year contract. Ok, you’re on cobber!’

(2) ‘Five bucks I win? You’re on mate!’ onya

A retort of scorn to a boastful person or one of encouragement—

(1) ‘Ah! onya bike ya bloody windbag’ (2) ‘Yer doing fine, onya mate!’

once over

Test it examine it, look at it— ‘Give the once over’

oomph



She has appeal, energy, get-up and go— ‘She’s got a lot of oomph’  
oops

An exclamation of surprise when bumping someone or dropping an object or knocking something over— ‘Oops sorry mate’ “The reply should be no worries she’s apples”

ooroo or ooray

Goodbye—

‘Ooroo mate catchya later, yeah ooray cobber seeya’

open slather

Opportunity for involvement, free to act—

‘Youse can all get stuck into it, it is open slather’

operator

One who influences people to the good or bad—

‘Ya gotta say ‘es a smooth operator’

operator

A reliable, honest, skilful person— ‘he’s a real good operator, no sweat’

orf

I am off you (dislike) the food is rancid it is off-

‘I’m orf you, its gone bloody orf’” orright

Every thing is all right, acceptable, it will come good—

‘Its orright and it will be orright’

orright

An attractive or kind woman— ‘This sheila, she is a bit of orright’

orright

Is everything in order or how are you are you ok?’-

(1) ‘Is everything orright mate?’

(2) Are you orright mate?’

orright

Stop causing problems, stop the noise— ‘Orright, orright knock it off’”

outback

Remote rural, bush areas—

‘He is a bushwhacker from the outback’

out of here

Depart, leave somewhere—

‘Cobber I’m orf now, I’m outa here, seeya’

over the odds

More than acceptable, too much to bear—

‘It’s a bit rough mate, it’s over the odds, and it’s bloody unfair’

over the top

Exaggerated in the extreme— ‘Crikey can you spin a yarn! I reckon it’s  
over the top’

oz

Australia—

They come from down under, the land of oz ‘

## P

pack, go to the pack

Deteriorate, breakdown, fallen—

(1) ‘Due to the drought this farm will go to the pack’

(2) ‘If he stays on the grog he’ll go to the pack’

Pack it or them

Try not to be frightened or scared— ‘Don’t pack it cobber or (pack-’em)’

pal friend or mate— G’day pal, watcha know?

pal

Exhortation—come on be a friend and help me, do me a favour—

‘C’mon be a real pal mate, givus sling’

pal up

Become an associate or friend, team up— ‘Pal up with us and ya can’t go wrong’

paralytic

Inebriated—

He is so pissed he’s paralytic— **park**

Put your luggage, pack, swag here- ‘Park your gear here’

park

Sit on this chair— ‘Park ya bum here’

party, come to the party

(a) Give financial aid, conform or agree to something—

(b) An invitation—

(1) ‘Could ya come to the party mate, I need a sling (a loan)’

(2) ‘We’re having a gay and hearty, do ya want to come?’

pass, give it a pass (or a miss)

Decline an offer or suggestion— ‘No thanks not for me; I’ll give it a pass (a miss)’

pay back

Time for revenge on one for disloyalty or wrong doing— ‘It is pay back time’

pay out

Abused, censured—

‘He gave him a good pay out’

pearler

The height of excellence, perfection, some thing special—

‘Gee! I am astounded, what a pearler!!

(purler)’

peg, take down a peg, or two

To shame, humble

‘He’s bloody arrogant; he needs to betaking down a peg or two’

perve

Have a lecherous look, to read something—

(1) ‘Have a perve on that bird, delicious’

(2) ‘Have a perve at this book and tell me what ya think’

peter, to tickle (or rat) the peter

To punch in false amounts of money into a till or cash register to enable one to steal and pocket the difference— ‘Some smart bastard is tickling the peter’

pew

A chair—

‘Grab a pew and sit yer arse down, cobber’

phut, go phut

Breakdown, fail, collapse—

(1) ‘The engine is crook it will go phut’

(2) ‘Times are up the creek, everything will go phut’

pick to pieces

Fault finding over trifling matters— ‘Struth! She’ll pick ya to pieces over nothing’

picky

Trifling, unimportant matters— ‘She was so picky on detail’

piddle

Going to the toilet to urinate— ‘I’m going to the toilet to piddle’

piddle about

Petty, trifling, trivial—

‘Don’t piddle about with unimportant matters’

pieces go to

Breakdown, lose control of ones emotions—

‘If you tell them the bad news, they will all go to pieces’

pigs back

To have success, to win— ‘I’m home on a pigs back’

pig headed

Obstinate, stubborn, stupid— ‘He is a pigheaded mongrel’

pig out

Gormandise, eat a lot—

‘There’s plenty of tucker so why don’t you pig out’

**pigs bum**

I disbelieve that or it’s an exclamation of scorn—

‘Pigs bum or pigs arse’

**pigs eye**

Scoff in belief at an improbable remark or suggestion—

‘In a pigs eye, ya drongo’

**pigs to you**

A contemptuous statement, I refute what you said—

‘Oh! pigs to you swine, (said in scorn)’

**piked or piker**

Welched on a bet, to quit—

(1) ‘You won’t pay your losing bets ya bloody piker’

(2) ‘Don’t give up so easily, don’t be a piker’

**pill**

‘Throw or kick the ball to me— ‘Throw or kick that pill to me’

**pinched**

Arrested by the police— ‘He was pinched by the cops’

**pinch**

To steal—

‘Don’t pinch the goods or the cops will get ya’

**pinged**

Caught in the act— ‘He was pinged’

**pip, give someone the pip**

Unintentionally annoy or bother someone—

‘Don’t talk bloody rot; you’ll give me the pip’

**pipe**

Be quiet, it’s noisy, stop talking— ‘Pipe down’

**pipe up**

Speak louder; say what you want to say—

‘C’mon pipe up while you can’

**piss**

To drink alcoholic beverages— ‘We are all on the piss’

**piss drink**

Relates to beer and other alcoholic beverage—

‘Lets all piss on’

**piss fool**

Don’t fool about or waste time— ‘Don’t piss about, get on with it’

**piss go**

Go away, leave me alone—

‘Ah! just piss off’ (vexatious overtones)’

**piss in**

Flatter them, make them feel good— ‘Just piss in their pockets, and she’ll be orright’

**piss it off**

Dispose of it, get rid of it-

‘Mate we don’t want it, just piss it of, will ya’

piss off

Depart, go early- ‘Go now piss off’

piss on

Disgusts me, I dislike it, I dislike him— ‘I wouldn’t piss on it or him to save them’

piss on

We are going on a drinking spree, from pub to pub—

‘We are going else where to piss on’

piss on

A derogatory remark—he is such a bad person that I would not aid him nor would I urinate on him, even if he was on fire—

‘He’s a real mongrel bastard I wouldn’t piss on the bludger if he was on bloody fire’

piss on

We will thrash them, beat them— ‘In this game we will piss on them’

piss party

To have an alcoholic party and drink a lot—

‘We are going to have a piss-up’

piss poor

Disappointing result, or effort— ‘That is piss poor’

piss pot

Greeting somebody in a jocular manner—

‘G’day you old pisspot’

piss ridicule

Ridicule, to make fun of somebody— ‘Listen mate don’t take the piss out of me’

piss simple

It is simple to do— ‘It is so piss easy’

piss weak

Indecisive, lacking in character or will— ‘This mongrel can’t make up his bloody mind he’s a piss weak bastard, yeah mate gutless too’

piss ‘nd wind

All talk and no action, insincere— ‘Yer all piss and bloody wind’

piss your self

‘Laugh uncontrollably—

Mate, it was so funny I nearly pissed meself laughing’

pissant

Inebriated, drunk-

‘He is as pissed as a pissant’

pissant small

Small in stature but brave—

‘He is a little bloke but game as a pissant’

pissed

Very drunk— ‘They are quite pissed’

**pissed as a parrot**

Absolutely inebriated, erratic— ‘He is pissed as a parrot, reeling, can’t scratch his bum’

**pisser**

Disappointed—

‘We lost the game what a pisser’

**pisser pub**

Hotel—

‘We are all going to the pisser’



## **Pisser**

Toilet—

I am going to the pisser, where the heads hang out'

## **pissing down**

Raining heavily—

'She's wet out mate; yeah it's bloody pissing down'

## **play**

To act silly behave foolishly to mislead or cheat someone-

(1) 'Don't you play silly buggers with me'

(2) 'Don't try and pull the wool over my eyes, you're playing silly buggers with me'

## **play up**

The cars engine malfunctioned— 'The bloody motor played up'

## **play up**

Misbehave, became naughty— 'The kid began to play up'

## **play up**

To have a party—

'We are going to play up tonight'

## **played up to**

Flirt to gain favours—

'She wanted a better position so she played up to him'

## **pleb**

A plebeian a coarse or commonplace person—

'He's a bit rough a nobody, he's a pleb'

## **plod**

Police officer—

'Boys here comes Mr Plod (or the plod)'

## **plonk**

Cheap rough red wine—

'I'm a bit broke so I'll get a bottle of plonk'

## **plonko**

Wine addiction—

‘Mate I like it too but you’re just a bloody plonko’

**plug**

Work constantly, with persistence— ‘We will plug away at it, plug on’

**plugged in**

Be aware of the latest trends, fashion or technology—

Yeah! yeah! I know what’s happening, I’m plugged in’

**plurry oath**

An intensifier to emphasise, and used instead of bloody— ‘Have you finished the job? ‘My plurry oath’ (yes) I have’

**point Percy at the porcelain**

To urinate-

‘Cobber, I’m off to point Percy at the porcelain’

**pokies**

Poker gambling machines— ‘We are goin’ to play the pokies’

**pole, up the pole**

A dilemma, quite wrong, eccentric—

(1) ‘What a mess it’s all wrong, we’re up the pole’

(2) ‘He’s half mad; he’s up the flaming pole’

**pom**

A nickname for an English person— ‘‘This pom or pommy bastard’

**pongs**

Smells, stinks—

This place pongs and his deal pongs too’

**poofteenth of an inch**

A fine measurement, very close, a near miss—

(1) ‘It must be right cant even be a poofteenth of an inch out’

(2) A hairs breadth, it missed me by a Poofteenth of an inch’

**ponce**

Weak in will, effeminate— He’s a weak bugger, a ponce’

**poop**

To tire one—

‘Heavy yakka will poop ya out’

**porky**

Lie—

‘She’s telling a porky (a pork pie)’

**porker**

An obese person—

‘This snork (kid) is overweight a porker’

**portsuitcase—**

‘Pack ya flamin’ port and shoot thru’

**poultice**

Cost a lot of money, was expensive— ‘It set me back a bloody poultice’

**poultice**

Gamble a large amount of money— ‘He put a poultice a big slice on a nag’

**pozzie (poz zee)**

‘Find and hold me a good seat or position—

‘Have a dekka and keep me a good pozzie’

**prawn-bit of a prawn**

A spineless, apathetic person, gutless— ‘The weak bastard is a ‘bit of a prawn’

prawn, off like a bucket of prawns

A very smelly deal or to depart in great haste—

(1) ‘Mate the deal stank; it was off like a bucket of prawns in the sun’

(2) ‘Mate I’m heading off, I’m off like a bucket of prawns in the sun’

prawn, the raw prawn

Any attempt to fool or deceive someone, is to be told emphatically—  
‘Don’t come the raw prawn with me sport’

preggers

Pregnant—

‘She is six months preggers’

press the flesh

To shake someone’s hand— ‘Put it there cobber; press the flesh’

prick

An expression of annoyance directed at an adult male—

‘Yer nuthin’ but a big prick and a bloody dill too’

prick dead

A heartless, inconsiderate obnoxious person—

‘He’s a dead prick’

prick dirty

Despicable, corrupt, an unclean person—

(1) ‘He’s on the take the dirty prick’ (2) ‘Needs a tub-up (wash) the dirty prick’

prick little

An expression of annoyance or vexation directed at a younger person who has erred or offended— ‘You’re just a little prick’

prick nasty

A mean hostile, contemptible person— ‘He’s a nasty prick’

prick useless

An inefficient, clumsy or vain— ‘He is a useless prick’

Pudding head

A dimwit, a fat head, slow and stupid— ‘You’re a big bloody pudding head’

pudding club

Pregnant—

‘She is in the pudding club’

pudding g’day

Greeting a small rotund person— ‘G’day puddin’ or g’day tubby’

pull contacts

To use personal contacts to gain a position or favour—

‘Lets see what you can do pull somestrings’

pull deceive

To dupe or deceive someone— ‘This bloke tried to pull a swiftie on me’

pull it up

Stop the vehicle or machine— ‘Pull it up now’

pull leg

Ridicule or tease—

‘Don’t pull me leg cobber, be fairdinkum’

pull out

Leave or depart for elsewhere— ‘We are going to pull-out’

pull the plug

Stop work or retract from agreements or-

(1) ‘Times up I’m goin’ to pull the plug’

(2) ‘We are going to pull the plug on you’

pull the rug

Cause some detriment or loss— ‘Pull the flamin’ rug from under him’

pull stunt

Trying to be too clever or change a situation—

‘Don’t pull that flamin’ stunt on me mate’

pull weight

To do your fair share of work— ‘Ya gotta pull yer bloody weight, ya know’

pull the wool

Attempt to mislead or cheat you— ‘Watch this bugger he’ll try pull the wool over ya eyes’

pull your finger out

To increase one’s activity or work ethic after idling along— ‘You’d better pick up the pace, pull yer bloody finga out’

pull your head in

Be quiet and mind your own affairs— ‘Shut yer mouth; mind ya own bloody business, and pull yer bloody head in’

punt

Gamble on a result or bet—

(1) ‘I wont take a coat I’ll punt the weather will be good’

(2) ‘I’ll punt on horse number 2 to win’

push

Depart, leave immediately— ‘I’m gunna push orf now china’

push

Members of a gang / ruffians— ‘Those blokes belong to a local push’

push

The sway the power to control— ‘He has the push to do it’

pushing up

Dead and buried— ‘He is pushing up daisies’

put in

Exert effort, to make a donation—

(1) ‘I put in some hard yakka’

(2) ‘I put in dough for charity’

put the bite on

To beg a loan of money—

‘The bludger he ‘put the bite on me’

put the boot

To kick, deride, berate someone— ‘She really put the boot in’

put the mockers on

Jinx, an influence of bad luck— ‘I lost badly; some bastard put the mockers on me’

put screws

To borrow something, obtain a cash loan—

‘The cadger he put the screws into me’

put swindle

To mislead for gain, swindle, con— 'He tried to put one over'

## Q

quack

A charlatan, pretender, impostor— ‘That bloke is not a doctor but a bloody quack’

quack

A physician or doctor (nickname)— ‘I’m crook so I’m off to see my quack’

queer bird

Crazy a crank-

‘Beware of ‘im this bugger is a queer bird’

queer dud

This money is counterfeit, dud, worthless-

‘This is queer money, its dud money’

queer ruin

To spoil a presentation, ruin an approach—

‘Don’t you queer my pitch here cobber’

**queer shady**

Of dubious character a shady person— Ya can’t trust ‘im ‘es flamin’ queer’

**queer street**

‘Financial ruin, disaster, ill-fortune— ‘He has landed in queer street’

**queer unwell**

I feel strange, faint, unwell, or giddy— ‘Struth I feel queer’

**quick snort**

Alcoholic drink—

‘No time to spare, but come into the pub for a quick snort’

**quicke**



‘A fast meal or drink—

‘We’ll slip into this café in here for aquickie’

**quickie**

Quick sex—

‘Bewdie, we can have a quickie in the car’

**quid**

Money (dollars) a quid is former Australian currency— It’s good to have a quid (or a buck or two) in the kick’

**quid; earn a quid or make a quid**

Earn some money, to make money—

(1) ‘Ya need to do a bit of yakka to earn a quid, mate’

(2) ‘Ya want some business nous or luck, to make a quid’ quid, quick quid

To earn some money quickly (often underhanded)—

(1) ‘You can do very little to earn a quick quid’

(2) ‘Goods falling off the back of a truck bring a quick quid’

**quid, to have a quid**

Affluent, prosperous, wealthy— ‘This bloke has got the lot, he has a big quid’

**quid, not to get the lull quid**

Not it’s full worth, expected price— ‘I sold it, but did not get the full quid’

**quid, not the lull**

Retarded, mad, slow witted— ‘Poor bugger, he’s not the full quid’

**quid, not worth a quid**

Of little or no value—

‘It’s poor quality, bloody rubbish, notworth a quid’

**quids, not lor quids**

Never, no matter what—

‘I wouldn’t do it for all the tea in china,not for quids’

**quits, call it quits**

Cease an action; stop an altercation or dispute—

(1) ‘You’ve tried hard, done enough, lets call it quits’

(2) ‘Let’s not fight or argue about it, call it quits now’

quince

To lose ones temper, to become angry— ‘Went right orf ‘is head done ‘is quince’

quince

Vexatious, to annoy one, makes me irritable—

‘This bugger really gets to me, he gets on my quince’

quoit

Anus, bum posterior—

‘I will kick you in the bloody quoit (ring)

mate’

## R

rabbit, a bit ol a rabbit

A simpleton, silly person— ‘He’s a bit of a bloody rabbit, a silly bugger, if ya ask me!’

rabbit gratitude

An expression of gratitude or apprecia- tion for when times were hard during depression and wars, neighbours gave rabbits as food gifts to the less fortunate who had no work and little or no income—

In present times the expression prevails and is currently used to thank somebody for something—

‘Thank ya mother for the rabbits’

rabbit on

Incessant inane chatter or nonsense— ‘You do rabbit on’

rabbit run

To go to a hotel to purchase alcoholic beverage, beer—

‘Whose turn is it to do the rabbit run?’ race off

To win a woman from some one else— ‘I’m going to race off that sheila, just watch me’

race off

Ensure that anything of value is secure or it may be stolen— ‘If it ain’t nailed down, he will race off with it’

rack off

Go away and leave me alone- ‘Why don’t you just rack off’

racked off

Left, gone, departed the scene- ‘Where is he ? Oh! him he’s just racked off’

racket din

Loud prolonged noise, din—

‘You couldn’t hear yer self think for theracket’

racket good

Profitable, good business activity— ‘We are in a sweet racket it makes good lolly’

racket illegal

A deception an illegal scheme a questionable business— ‘There’s some sort of racket going on here’

racket your

Your business, occupation, profession— ‘What racket are you in?’

rafferty’s rules

An event or contest run with out any rules (none whatsoever) the rules are formed as events unfold-

(1) ‘Means that there are no rules at all in a contest or in business ‘

(2) ‘When the plan is to have no plan at all’

(3) ‘It’s rafferty’s rules; we make up the bloody rules as we go along, mate’

(4) ‘What’s the plan? There aint none its flaming Rafferty’s rules’

rafferty’s rules slipshod

A business managed in a slovenly manner—

‘This joint is disorganised it’s run on rafferty’s rules’

rage

Have fun, to party on— ‘Let’s rage’

rager

Eager, avid a vigorous participant to party on—

‘Boy she’s a little rager’

rake in

Bring-in money—

‘Business is beaut and we rake-in the dough’

rake off

A portion or percentage of the profits— ‘He’s in for his chop of the rake-off’

rake up

To try raising money from disinterested people, or discredit—

(1) ‘They are mean bastards but let’s try and rake up some dough’

(2) ‘He’s always trying to rake up muck, and shame someone’

rap the knuckles

Rebuke someone—

‘She made a blue and got a rap over the knuckles for it’

rapt

We are delighted or we are infatuated— ‘Mate we’re bloody rapt’

rat up

A feeling of immense pleasure— ‘To me it was like a rat up a plurry rowboat mate’

rat up

Eagerness or speed—

‘I went up it like a rat up a drain pipe’

ratbag

To have absurd ideas be eccentric or is unreliable—

‘He’s a complete bloody ratbag’

rats anger

An exclamation of chagrin, anger, denial—

Ah!!! rats to you mate’

rats don’t care

Immaterial of no interest, could not care less—

‘I don’t give a rats arse’ **ratshit**

I feel sick, I’m unwell, to have a hang over—

‘I feel ratshit cobber’ **ratshit**

It is disabled, unusable, it’ is broken, a dud—

‘It won’t work its ratshit or its rs ‘

ratted on

Informed on his friends to his superiors or authorities—

‘He ratted on his mates’

ratting

Stealing—

‘He was ratting away’

rattled

In a state of confusion, perplexed— ‘He is rattled has lost the plot’

rattle on

Incessant inane chatter-

‘Don’t rattle on and on, ya silly bastard’

raw prawn

Someone being deceitful or snide or offensive is told—

(1) ‘I’m not a bloody dill; don’t come the raw prawn with me’

(2) ‘Ya obnoxious bastard don’t come the raw prawn with me’

real-definition

Fact, true, genuine, precise— The word real is used as an intensifier to accent or clearly define a firm opinion or an assertion or is descriptive of a person or object of something outstanding. There is no question that—

(1) ‘This bloke is a bastard a ‘real’ mean bastard’

(2) ‘He’s not only a mongrel, he’s a ‘real’ bludger, yeah! that’s for ‘real’

(3) ‘He’s not just a friend, but a ‘real’ mate’

(4) ‘She’s for ‘real’, mate!—she is a genuine faithful person’

(5) ‘It’s for ‘real’ mate!—it’s factual, and true, it’s ‘real’ fair dinkum’

(6) ‘Is it big mate? Sure it is it’s ‘real’ big, cobber!’

real get

Stop suggesting foolish impractical ideas—

An interjection—Ah!!! get real’

real is that-

Is that true, genuine, believable— ‘Is that for real? My oath it is ‘

red g'day

Greeting a man or woman with red hair-

(1) 'G'day red 'ows it goin'

(2) 'G'day ginger or g'day bluey, what's happening'

red back

A red back spider (venomous) on the toilet seat—

'There's a red back spider, on the out door dunny seat'

red heeler

The red heeler dog was bred in Australia as a working dog to assist stockmen or drovers, in the herding and mustering of cattle and sheep—

'Nuthin' is as good as this dog other than a blue heeler'

red hots

I am suffering from diarrhoea— 'I have a touch of the red hots (the trots)'

red hots

Harness horse racing known as the trots—

'We are off the red hots to have a punt or two'

rellie

A relation of the family— 'She is a rellie of mine'

ridgie didge

It is correct, true, genuine, real— 'As true as I stand here it is ridgie-didge'

right, all right

There are no problems everything is ok-

'It is all right, right as rain mate'

right dead

I agree with you, it is correct, it's accurate—

'No worries mate, that's dead right'

right good

I'm ok, I'm well, comfortable and secure—

'I'm as good as gold'

right she's

Its ok, it is satisfactory, don't worry— 'She'll be right mate, it's 'orright'  
right as rain

It is all right, assurance, healthy-

(1) 'Everything is bonzer, it's as right as rain'

(2) 'It's as safe as a house, it's as right as rain'

(3) 'I'm fighting fit, I'm as right as rain'

right too

Absolutely, emphatically, I agree— 'Too bloody right cobber'

right o (right o)

Yes I will do that, yes I'm in agreement okay—

'Right o, or righty-o mate'

ring

To kick one in the bum-

'No cheek or I'll kick ya in the ring

(quoit)' Ringer

A champion an exceptional fast shearer of sheep—

'This bloke is a dead set ringer (a gun) '

ringer

Identical twins—

'These two kids are dead ringers'

ringer

In your image, a look-a-like— 'Your son is a dead ringer of you'

ring in

Here under false pretences or uninvited—

'He's a dead set ring-in '

rip go

Go somewhere fast and to return quickly—

'We will rip out and rip back'



rip into

An offer to consume food or drink— ‘Here rip this into ya guts’

rip into

To eat or do other things fast— Ok, let’s rip in to this tucker and we’ll rip out’

rip let it

Don’t hold it back let it go as fast as it can—

‘Let it bloody rip’

rip let it

To rage, throw a tantrum— ‘He was so wild he really let it rip’

rip off

An excessive overcharge or to swindle someone—

‘It was a complete bloody rip-off’

rip up

We will hurry to the country today— ‘We will rip up to the bush today’

ripe

Drunk or smelly, stinks— ‘He’s a bit over ripe and stinks bung him in the shower that’ll sober him up and give him a scrub-up too’

ripe

Lewd, bawdy, obscene— ‘It’s too ripe for me ya know’

ripper

An exclamation of something good, admirable, exciting or pleasing— ‘You bloody ripper or you little ripper or what a ripper’

rip snorter

Remarkable, outstanding, a clever woman of beauty-

(1) ‘To find an antique object in as new condition, it’s a rip snorter of a piece’

(2) An outstanding win in record time, what a rip snorter’

(3) ‘She is a real rip snorter’ roast

Censured, reprimanded—

‘He was given a flaming good roast by the boss’

rock

To go along to visit someone— ‘We will rock along to her place’

rock

To complicate matters with embarrassing questions— ‘Don’t rock the boat’

rock off

Leave or depart—

‘Let us rock off from here now’

rocker

Off his head, to go mad, get cranky, become eccentric—

‘He has gone right off his rocker’

rocking horse shit

Something extremely rare or scarce— ‘Mate it’s unavailable, it’s as scarce as rocking horse shit’

rocks

Bankrupt, bereft—

‘He’s out of business he’s on the rocks’

roll attend

Come or attend when it’s convenient— ‘Why don’t ya just roll along when ya can?’

roll cash

A bundle or roll of cash—

‘He had a fair sort of a roll on him’ roll go

Leave, go now (said in annoyance or derision)—

‘Why don’t ya roll along, now sport’

roll in

To go into somewhere— ‘Let us roll in to this place’

roll on

To move on, keep going’— ‘Let’s roll on’

roll on a

To have a good run of events or luck- 'He's definitely on a good roll'

roll over

Quit, give in and accept defeat— 'I thought he would roll over'

roll rob

To rob a person of cash and personal items—

'The bastards tried to roll him'

rolled

To be robbed or lose a contest—

(1) 'They rolled him and got the lot'

(2) 'They bloody rolled us in that game'

roll upon attendance, didn't come— 'They didn't roll up'

roo

I saw Kangaroo in the bush— 'I spotted a dirty big roo in the scrub' root around

Fooling around, rummaging about, poking around—

'C'mon get on with it and don't root 'round'

root sex

Engage in sexual intercourse— 'Mate, I wouldn't mind a good root now'

root you

An exclamation of chagrin, anger, irritation or disbelief— 'Strewth wouldn't it bloody root ya'

rooted

Fatigued, broke, insolvent, or disillusioned-

'I am absolutely fair dinkum rooted'

rooted get

Displaying contempt to a worthless or despicable person—

'Ah! Get rooted ya bloody mongrel'

rope

At the limit of one's feasibility, tolerance or means—

‘Ya know I’m at the end of me rope’ rope

To tempt, coax, trick, and bring them in—

‘Can you rope them in?’

ropeable

Furious, enraged-

‘It was the bad service that made him ropeable’

ropes

Has sound knowledge of the activity— ‘She knows the ropes’

ropes

Teach, show the set-up— ‘I will show you the ropes’

rort

Abuse or to take advantage— ‘Don’t rort the system’ Falsify or use to advantage— ‘Don’t rort the records or books’

rort norse

To give up the secret or upset the benefits—

‘Don’t norse the rort, we’re on a good thing’

rorter

Trickster, confidence man— ‘This bludger is a flaming rorter’

rot

Loss of something favourable- ‘We lost out wouldn’t it rot yer socks’

rot

Nonsense, an exclamation to differdislike or loath—

‘Fair dinkum, what a lot of rot’

rotten

Bad luck or offensive— ‘It’s just bloody rotten’ rotten

Drunk—

‘He was rotten with grog’

rough

A crude, mannerless person— ‘He’s as rough as gutsrough

To live in harsh conditions with no basic amenities—

‘We had to rough it in the bush’

rough end of the stick

Betray, inform on, treat unfairly, discriminate against— ‘When that bastard gave him up, he copped the rough end of the stick’

round, in the round

The number of people in a group of drinkers (at a hotel) ‘Who’s in the round and whose bloody shout is it’

round the bend (twist)

Insane, mad—

‘That fella is right ‘round the bend’

roust

Abuse or scold someone— ‘Don’t roust-out on her’

roustabout

Handyman, labourer, works in shearing sheds—

‘He can do anything this roustabout’

rubbish

An expression of censure of a statement lacking credibility— ‘What a load of rubbish’

rubbish

An expression of contempt for poor quality or bad workmanship— ‘This is a load of rubbish or it’s just rubbish’

rub it in

To keep on reminding someone of their deficient bungling ways— ‘I know I’m not up to standard but don’t rub it in’

rubbity

A Hotel (pub)—

We’re off to the rubbity (rubbity-dub) the pub’

rug rat

Child or a baby crawling— ‘The rug rat is on the floor’

rumble

Brawl or melee—

‘They got stuck into it had a grouse rumble’

rumble

Skylarking—

‘The students began a rumble and it became a fracas’

rumbled

Detected or caught— ‘As I stole it I was rumbled’

rum-go

Treated unjustly in an unfair and severe manner—

‘The poor bugger was given a rum-go’ **rum’un**

Someone with strange or odd or peculiar habits—

‘This cove is a real rum’un (rum one)’

runners

Sports type athlete’s shoes—

Put on yer runners and we’ll go for a jog”

## S

### **sack**

Retire to ones bed— ‘Let’s hit the sack (sack-out)’

### **sack**

Fire or dismiss—

‘I will give you the sack if ya don’t improve’

### **saddle, in the saddle**

A position of influence or person in charge—

‘He’s the bloke in the saddle, so he can help you’

### **saddle up**

Get ready for work or to do something—

(1) ‘I’m getting ready; I’ve got to saddle up for work today’

(2) ‘Are you off to the footy? Yeah I’m goin to saddle up now’ same old, same old

Just the same, no change—

‘Was there anything new? No it was the same-old, same-old’

### **sand groper**

Resident of the state of Western

Australia (a nickname)—

‘He’s a sand groper from West Aussie’

### **sandwich**

Bread and meat with cold cuts or salad- ‘How about making some sangers or sammies’

### **sandwich, two sandwiches short of a picnic**

Incompetent, eccentric person— ‘This inept, silly bastard is two sandwiches short of a picnic’

### **sanger**

Sandwich of bread meat cold cuts or salad—

Please make me an egg and bacon sanger’

**scab**

An unfaithful or contemptible person— ‘What a low scab’

**scab**

A miser, skinflint—

‘He is a bloody mean scab, wouldn’t share a fly with ya’

**scab**

A non unionist is deemed to be a scab— ‘That fella is a scab’

schickered-

Drink, inebriated—

They are absolutely dinki-di, schickeredschickered-

To be tired, defective worn-out—

(1) ‘I am so schickered I can’t raise a trot’

(2) ‘The engine in this car is schickered’

(3) ‘I did some heavy yakka t’day I’m schickeredschmick-

The very best—

‘We went to a schmick tucker joint it was great’

schnozzle

A prominent nose—

‘What a big schnozzle that jokers’ got’

school

A group of people for a drinking or gambling session— ‘C’mon, come and join the school and ‘ave a beer’

scone

To be hit in the head—

‘He got a nice whack in the scone’

scone, off his scone

Crazy, mad, eccentric—

‘The poor coot is right orf his scone’



scorcher

Extremely hot conditions—

‘T’day is a bloody scorcher, yeah a realbastard’

scout

To help or assist someone—

‘Be a good scout and givus a hand mate’

scout about

Search an area, look for something— ‘Scout about and find me a thingamajig will ya ta’

scratch

Money, what is the cost— ‘What’s the bloody scratch cobber?’

scratch, unable to scratch oneself

Physically impotent, drunk— ‘Drunk? I couldn’t walk I was blind as a bat, could not scratch myself’

scratch, up to scratch

To required specification or average standard—

‘The completed work is poor; it’s not up to scratch’

screw around

Commit adultery— They both screw ‘round’

screw, clown about-

Play the fool, be serious— ‘Don’t screw ‘round ya clown’

screw cracked

Have odd peculiar views, cracked— ‘This cove is a bit screwy an odd bugger’

screw derision

An exclamation to deride or tease— ‘Screw you’

screw off

In aggravation—Why don’t you leave?— ‘Why don’t you screw off’

screw lets

Let us have intercourse— ‘Let us have a screw’

screw mistakes

Don't make any errors or mistakes— 'Try not to screw it-up'

screw look

Have a look, read this document— 'Have a screw at that or screw at this'

screw wages

Salary, wages and conditions' 'I'm on a good screw 'ere'

screw wrong

It is a mess, it is has gone wrong— "What a flaming screw up'

screwed

Extorted, over charged—

'I have been well and truly screwed'

screws

'Exert a loan or something by force or menace—

'He stood over me put the bloody screws in'

scrub

Bush, country area— 'I am goin' to the scrub' scrub around it

Bypass, work around, ignore—

'Don't bother fixing the wall it won't fallover!

She's sweet mate, we'll just scrub (work) around it'

scrub up well

Showered and dressed'

'They scrub up well when they've had abit of a rinse and change in to their bestclobber'

scrubber

Promiscuous of loose morals— 'Bit of a scrubber, if ya ask me'

scrubber

Scruffy of rough appearance, lacks refinement—

'He's a bit of a scrubber, a rough and ready bugger'

scumbag

An expression to a vile, despicable, dirty person—

‘Yer nuthin’ but a bloody scumbag’

scunge

Slovenly, unkempt person— ‘You’re a bit of a scunge ‘

scungy

Mean, paltry— ‘You’re a scungy bastard’

search me

I have no idea, I don’t know—

‘Do ya know who swiped me sanger mate? Search me cobber’

see you later or see you around

Goodbye or farewell— ‘See ya later, see ya ‘round, doesn’t really mean that he will see you later or around in fact, he may never see you again’ (see ya mashba potata or masba-see you later)

sell you

Inform to the authorities— ‘He will sell ya down the river’

send off

Entertain you before you retire or depart—

‘We will give you a send off’

send up

Deride, mock, scorn—

‘I don’t know why they got stuck into mebut it was a send-up’

send up

Satirical ridicule and wit—

‘The show was funny quite a send up’

serve

Verbally abused, lectured or reprovved— ‘She was given quite a savage serve’

set back

What did it cost?

‘It’s nice, but what did it set you back?’

set on

Determined to do or finish something- ‘He was set on finishing the job’  
set the

Commence, begin something— ‘Let us set the ball rolling’  
shack

Dwelling, a cabin or holiday house in the bush—  
‘My shack is way out in the scrub’

shack up

Move in, or live with me, with no obligation—  
‘Come and shack up with me, no strings attached’

shag about

Fool about; mess around to be hesitant— ‘Don’t you shag about get on  
with it’

shag it

An exclamation of annoyance or disappointment—  
‘Oh! bloody shag it’

shag me

An exclamation of disbelief or concern— ‘Shag me bloody dead’

shag on a rock

Left forsaken, friendless—

‘Mate he was such a mongrel bastard so I left him standing, like shag on a  
rock’

shag sex

Desirous of sexual intercourse—

‘Gee I really want to shag someone’

shag wagon

A carpeted, window curtained, panel van or station wagon type vehicle as  
used by young men for motoring, camping and sexual dalliance— ‘It’s a  
beaut home away from home, is this shag-wagon’

shagged

Extreme fatigue, exhausted— ‘I’m completely shagged out’

shagged

A rebuff to sneer at to scorn— ‘Get shagged you mug’

shagger or shags

Greeting another male in jest, particularly one who boasts of his sexual prowess or triumphs— ‘G’day shagger or shags’

shaggers

A suggestion of back pain and also sometimes said in jest, humorously referring to ones over indulgence of sexual activity—

I’ve got a touch of shaggers back today or a touch of shaggers’

shake hands with the unemployed

A exclamation in jest relating to urinating—

‘I’m off to shake hands with the unem- ployed (the penis)’ shake, in two shakes of a dog’s tail

In a minute or two—

‘How long will it take? Two shakes of abloody dogs tail, mate’

shanks’ pony

To walk somewhere—

‘How are we going to get there? Byshanks’s pony’

she’ll be right (she’s right)

Fine, to cope, to eventuate—

‘She’ll be right, she’s right I can handle it, it will happen, no worries’

she’s apples

Everything is alright or will be alright—

‘She’s apples or she’ll be apples’

sheep station

A large grazing property in the outback—

‘He works on a sheep station as a jackeroo’

sheila

A young woman or an old woman— ‘There both sheila’s’

shell out

Pay up or outlay—

(1) ‘C’mon shell-out what ya owe me’

(2) ‘I had to shell-out a lot of dough for this tractor’

shifty g’day

Greeting someone who is said to conduct business or other deals in an astute, clever manner— ‘G’day you shifty bugger’

Shifty sly

A, cunning, deceitful, untrustworthy person—

‘He’s a real shifty bastard, is this bloke’

shindig

A dance or party—

‘There is a beaut shindig on tonight’

shindig

Disturbance, a noisy party—

‘Mate the din from that shindig, bloodyawful’

shine

A fondness for or fancy to something—

(1) ‘I liked what I saw took a shine to her’

(2) ‘I would take a proper shine to that new car’

shiner

An outstanding bruised black eye— ‘Must ‘ave been in a stoush ‘es got a beaut bloody shiner’

shirty

To become bad tempered or annoyed with some one—

‘I did nothing don’t you get a shirty on with meshit

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shit ah

An exclamation of exasperation- ‘Ah!!! shit’

shit ay

An expression of surprise or to banter or mock—

‘Shit ay! you’re having me on, aren’t ya?’

shit oh

An exclamation of chagrin, aversion or one of disbelief— ‘Oh!!! shit!!! ‘

shit a

Said in awe or in fear or amazement— Crikey! mate shit a brick’

shit creek

An arduous, troublesome, difficult position—

‘We’re up shit creek’ (without a paddle)’

shit deep

One is in a lot of trouble— ‘You are in deep shit mate, you had better believe it’

shit to dump

Discredit, defame, criticise— ‘Don’t dump shit on me’

shit eyes

An insinuation that your eyes reflect inane statements—

‘Your eyes have gone brown they are full of it (shit)’

shit happens

An acknowledgement of unjust or distasteful things that happen— ‘Bad luck mate shit happens’

shit have

To have control of your actions or emotions—

‘Have ya got yer shit together, ay?’

shit to have

You are a brainless, obtuse, inane person—

‘You have shit for brains’

shit hits

When there is conflict or trouble try and avoid it—

‘When the shit hits the fan-duck’

shit holy

Amazed, dumfounded, astonished, shocked—

‘Holy shit!!! mate’

shit in

In trouble to have major problems— ‘We are in deep shit’

shit itto achieve with ease to win easily— ‘Cobber we will shit it in’

skit kicker

A lackey, flunky, servile worker— ‘He is a shit kicker’

shit liver

To be irritable, cranky, bad tempered— ‘She has shit on the liver’

shit oneself

So afraid that you could have soiled your pants—

‘It was so bloody scary that I nearly shit myself’

shit piece of

A despicable, depraved person— ‘Yer nuthin’ but a piece of shit ya mongrel’

shit pinch of

Valueless, useless—

‘It’s not worth a pinch shit or goats poomate’

shit push up

It can’t be done, it’s impossible, a hopeless task—

‘You just can’t push shit up hill, can ya?’

shit put the

Discriminate against, defame or denigrate—

‘Don’t you try and put that shit on me sport!’

shit stiff

Showing indifference to another’s bad luck or loss—

Ah! stiff shit, that’s how it goes’

shit stirrer



An agitator or troublemaker—

‘Take no notice of him, he’s a bloody shitstirrer’

shit sure as

Certainty, positively, definitely— ‘As sure as shit it will happen’

shit tough

That is severe, that’s very bad luck— Ah! that is tough, tough shit mate’

shit unjust

Unjust criticism or bad behaviour— ‘I won’t take this shit from any bastard’

shit up to

Not good, futile, ineffectual or of no value—

‘I tell ya its up to bloody shit’

shit yeah

An expression of assent meaning very much so—

‘Would ya like a tinnie? Shit yeah! ‘

shits angry

Aggravated, annoyed, angry— Don’t get the flaming shits with me, digger’

shits disgusted

Very cross, displeased. disgusted— ‘I have the shits with him’

shit can

Malign, decry to defame—

‘I know ya hate me guts but there’s noneed to shit can me’

shit face

A slur on an unrespected, worthless person—

‘G’day shit face’

shit faced

Intoxicated or high on drugs— They were all completely shit faced’

shit fight

An argument or a fiery debate, a quarrel—

‘There’s a bit of a shit fight goin’ on mate’

shithead

A slight on ones character implying one is an idiot or a no hoper or useless— ‘G’day shithead’

shitheap

A dilapidated house or vehicle-

(1) ‘How ya can live in this shit heap is beyond me’

(2) ‘This car is such a wreck it is a real shit heap’

shithouse bad

An occasion or activity or food was disgustingly bad—

‘Did you enjoy it? no mate it was shithouse’

shithouse big as

To be huge and of solid build strong and muscular looking—

‘He is built like (or as big as) a brickshithouse’

shithouse dunny

Toilet—

‘I’m off to the dunny (piss house) ‘

shithouse go to

Go away now you annoy me (said in a derisive overtone)— ‘Ah! why don’t you go to the shithouse, you wanker’

shithouse rat

Crafty, shrewd, sly person—

‘This bastard is as cunning as a shithouserat’

shitless

Frightened, bored’ or drunk-

(1) ‘Mate I was so frightened I was scared shitless’

(2) ‘It dragged on and bloody on I was bored shitless’

(3) ‘Cobber he was so drunk, he was absolutely shitless’

shitty

Be in a bad mood, to be nasty of unpleasant demeanour— ‘She had a very bad shitty on’

shitty deal

Unacceptable unprofitable transaction— Don’t cop this it is a shitty deal’  
shitty huffy

Huffy, peeved, testy— ‘Boy, did he pack a shitty’

shivoo

A party or get together for entertain- ment—

We’re ‘aving a bit of a shivoo t’nite, are ya coming? ‘

shonk

A devious person, not to be trusted— He is a real bloody shonk, give him the flick’

shonky

Of poor quality, bad workmanship or unsound—

(1) ‘This stuff is shonky’

(2) ‘He is a shonky plumber and a drip too’

(3) ‘The engine in this car sounds a bit shonky to me’

shoo

Go away, leave now—

Go on shoo sport, clear orf now’

shoofy

A crafty, dishonest type person ‘A real shoofy bastard, he’ll take ya down’

shoofy look

To have a quick look at something— ‘Have a quick shoofy at this’

shoot brag

Brag, to divulge confidences—

‘Don’t shoot yer mouth off you silly coot’

shoot fast

Leave quickly—

‘I am going to shoot off’ fastshoot leave

Taking off, going away, leaving— ‘I’m going to shoot through, now’  
shoot me down

To attempt or to negate someone’s plans or suggestions—

‘He’s a mongrel tried to shoot me down in flames’

shoplifting

Stealing goods from a shop or department store—

‘They were caught shop lifting goods’

short arse

Relates to a short person

Well below 180cm (6’.0”) about 154cm

(5’-2”)—

‘Oh! a real short arse, ay’

shot fully

Can’t be repaired or made good,unserviceable—

‘This bloody thing is fully shot’

shot half

In a state of disrepair, but can be repaired—

‘The bloody thing is only half shot, she’ll be apples’

shot half

Slightly drunk— ‘He was half shot’

shot, have at

To try, endeavour—

‘C’mon you can do it, have a shot at it’

shot, have a shot at someone

Censure, deride someone—

(1) ‘You’re a dumb bastard ya wouldn’t know what day it is’

(2) ‘I don’t think yer right, yer a smartie, yer up yerself’

shot, like a

Swiftly, fast—

‘I’m off like a bloody shot, leaving quickly!

shouse

Disagreeable or unpleasant (a contraction of shithouse)— ‘I don’t like it is shouse’

shout buy

Ones turn to buy a round of drinks or a meal—

‘It must be your shout mate!’ or who’s in the chair?’

shove it

A term of disdain or refusal, reject an offer—

(1) ‘You can shove it (up yer jumper)’

(2) ‘You can shove it, (where the sun don’t shine)’

show no

No opportunity, or luck,— ‘We had no show’

show off

An exhibitionist, ostentatious— ‘He’s a bloody show off a lair’

show pony

Looks good, talks well, but is an ineffectual person—

‘He is a useless show pony’

show running

Controlling or managing the business— ‘Who’s running the show?’

show up

Didn’t come, failed to attend— ‘They didn’t show up’

shut eye

Lets all get some sleep— ‘Lets get some shut eye’

Sick as

Ill or hung over— ‘I am as sick as a dog’

sick in

Insane, mad, crazed— ‘She is sick in the head’

sick tired of

Had enough of incessant moaning and complaints—

‘I’m sick and tired of your whinging’ sick to

I dislike it, disgusted with work, position, and situation— ‘I’m sick to death of it’

sickie

It means taking a day off work of paid sick leave when you’re not really sick but want to attend a sporting function or other event.

You attend work when you are sick because you are too sick to take a sickie, if you follow the drift. ‘I’m taking a sickie tomorrow, to go to the test cricket’

sidekick

An assistant and friend—

‘He’s me sidekick and me best mate’

silly as

An eccentric, odd or over excited old woman—

‘She is as silly as a wet hen’

silly as

Bizarre, strange, senile or mad— ‘He’s as silly as a cut snake’

silly as

Wandering state of mind, erratic, confused—

‘Silly as a flaming wheel’

silly billy

How droll don’t be silly (said in an affectionate way)—

‘C’mon now don’t be a silly billy’

silly was-

Stunned, in a befuddled state of mind— ‘He was knocked bloody silly’

sis

Greeting ones sister— G’day sis ‘ow’s it going’

sit pat

To stand or remain firm on a previous decision- ‘I am sitting pat’

sit tight

Do nothing and await the outcome- ‘Sit tight and hold the flamin horses’

sit up

To be of good demeanour or posture, take heed—

‘C’mon sit up like jacky and listen’

sitting duck

Gullible, easily tricked or beaten— He is a sitting duck, yeah I know, a wood duck’

sitting pretty

In a good position, at an advantage or well off—

‘No worries mate, we are sitting pretty’

skerrick

There’s nothing left not a drop or a piece or a crumb—

‘You missed out not a skerrick left’

skew-whiff

Twisted, oblique—

‘This is aligned wrong mate; it’s totally skew-whiff’

skinned

To have no money-

‘The missus skinned me out I’mskint (broke)’

skinny dip

Swim in the nude—

Who wants to come for a skinny dip?’

skip off

Leave immediately— ‘We are goin’ to skip off’

skite

Boast or exaggerate—

Don’t be a skite ya bucket mouth’

slab

A carton or package of beer (24 cans or small bottles)—

‘Get a slab of tinnies or stubbies’

slack arse

Someone who dodges their work and responsibilities—

‘He’s a real slack arse, doesn’t bother about anything’

slag

Cast aspersions, make disparaging remarks—

Mate he kept slagging off so I biffed him’

slag spit

Expectorate, spit in a public place— ‘You must not slag on the footpath’

slag dirty

Unclean, common person— ‘What a dirty slag’

slap dash

Careless, frivolous, irresponsible rash person—

‘He was always a slap dash type of joker’

slap in face

A reproach, to censure or insult— ‘It was a fair bloody slap in the face’

slap happy

Cheerful, casual, indifferent— ‘A slap happy chappie’

slap on

A reprimand as a warning, a mere rebuke—

‘Was given a slap on the wrist’

slap up

It was a first rate catered function— ‘Mate we had the best grub, a real slap up do’

slash

To urinate— ‘I’m going for a slash’

slashing

Good, to be kind—

(1) ‘She’s a slashing sort’

(2) ‘The news is slashing’



(3) 'It was slashing of them to sling us a loan'

slate, put it on the slate

Charge it, on credit—

'Two beers ta mate and can ya put it onthe slate? Yeah ok!

Beaut goodonya, I'll pay youse tuesd'y'

slay you

To make one laugh a lot— 'This comedian bloke, will slay ya'

sledge

Unnecessary to mock or deride— 'No need to sledge him'

sling bribe

Demanded money as a bribe, corrupt— 'He demanded a sling'

sling money

To give money—

'He was broke so I gave him a sling'

sling off

To make a derogatory or snide remark— 'Don't you sling off at any one'

sling pass

Pass an object or something to someone—

Hey! mate sling that butter down to me will ya'

slob

An unkempt or clumsy person— 'Have a look at yerself ya dirty slob'

**sloshed**

Drunk, inebriated—

'This sheila is making a fool of herselfshe's sloshed'

**slouch**

An adroit person, fast and clever— 'At shearing sheep he is no bloody slouch'

**slut**

A trollop, a loose woman—

'This sheila is nuthin' but a bloody slut'

**smart aleck**

A boastful or ignorant person who thinks he knows it all but in reality knows very little— ‘He is a smart aleck’

**smart arse**

A smug know all— Don’t be such a smart arse’

**smartie**

A know all, a vain person— ‘The bastard is a smartie’

**smell of an oily rag**

Live cheap, inexpensively-’

(1) ‘They live off the ‘smell of an oily rag’

(2) ‘The car is thrifty runs on the ‘smell of an oily rag’

**smoke gone into**

To suddenly disappear out of sight— ‘Where’s jack gone? Jacks gone into bloody smoke’

**smoke the**

We are going from a country area to the capitol city—

‘We are orf to the big smoke’

**smoko**

A short rest or a tea break— ‘It’s smoko time’

**snack**

A small meal— ‘We want a slight snack’

**snaffle**

We will swipe it take or borrow it before someone else does— ‘C’mon we will snaffle it’

**snag**

Could be difficult or create an obstacle, adroit and strong—

(1) This bloke could be a bit of a snag and block us’

(2) ‘Don’t pick on this bloke he’s a snag clever and can fight’

**snag**

Cook sausages on the barbecue— ‘We are going to barbie some snags’

**snakes hiss**

Going to the toilet to urinate—

‘I’m going for a snakes or a snake’s hiss

(piss)’

**snaky**

Hostile, angry, irritable— ‘This mongrels a snaky bastard’

snatch

To give notice of intent to leave a job— ‘I am going to snatch my rent’

sniffer

Smack or punch somebody in the nose—

‘I’ll give ya a smack in the sniffer’

Snip

A real bargain or a winner— ‘It’s a real snip mate’

snip

To borrow money—

‘Is there any chance of a snip pal?’

snooze

A short nap or sleep— ‘It’s time for a snooze’

snoozer

A man or this person— ‘Who is this snoozer?’

snork

A child—the child wants some food— ‘The snork wants some munger’

snort

A drink of alcoholic beverage— ‘G’day mate, come into the pub we’ll have a snort or two’

snozzle

Ones nose, a big nose—

‘You certainly have yer fair share ofsnozzle there mate’

snowy

Greeting a man who has fair or blonde hair—

‘G’day snowy’ (a nickname) soak

A heavy or prodigious consumer of alcoholic beverages—

‘He can really soak it up he’s a complete soak’

soap, to fall over

To deride someone—

‘Ya wouldn’t know if ya fell over a bar of bloody soap, ya dill’

soap, not to know someone from a

Not knowing someone, or showing signs of non-recognition’

(1) ‘Do ya know that bloke?’

Nah, wouldn’t know ‘im from a bar of bloody soap’

(2) ‘He wont say g’day, I’ve met him a coupla times but he didn’t want to know me from a bar of flamin’ soap’

soap someone up

Befool, dupe, or flatter someone—

(1) ‘Don’t try and soap me up ya tricky bastard’

(2) ‘Flattery will get ya everywhere, just keep soaping me up’

sock, put a bloody sock in it

Shut up, be quiet—

‘Let’s have a bit of shush, put a bloody sock in it’

sock away

To store something away (usually valuables)

‘I’m going to sock this away for a rainy day’

sock, the lazy sock

A hiding place for money (usually an old sock)

‘I’ve got a few bob (bucks) planted in the lazy sock’

soft

Easy going and will readily accede to a request for a loan—

‘He is a soft touch, no worries mate’

soft

A kind sympathetic person— ‘She is a soft hearted woman’

soft

Mad or senile—

‘Poor bugger is soft in the head’

song and dance

Complain loudly, make a noise or fuss about it—

‘Ya want to make a song and flamin’ dance about it’

sook

A timid person—

Ah! don’t be a big sook now’

sool

Go away or the dogs will be set on you— ‘Buzz orf or I’ll sool (sic) me  
dorgs on ya’ sort

A nice looking woman— ‘She’s a good sort’

sozzled

Drunk, pickled, soused— ‘Couldn’t drive he was sozzled’

spag bog

Spaghetti with bolognaise sauce— I’ll have a large plate of spag-bog, ta’

spare me days

An exclamation of aggravation, astonishment—

(1) ‘Ah! Spare me days the wheels come orf the flaming cart’

(2) ‘Crikey! Spare me days, the missus had twins’

spasticintoxicated—

‘Couldn’t scratch her self she was spastic’

spew

To vomit—

‘He was sick in the guts and spewed or chundered’

spew or spill your guts

Divulge, give information— ‘C’mon mate spew ya guts or c’mon mate,  
spill ya guts’

spewie on

Affronted by someone or something- (1) 'You've annoyed the boss he is spewie on you'

(2) 'I'm spewie on losing the football game'

spewing

Exasperated, chafed, annoyed— 'If we lose the contract we will be spewing'

spiflicate

Very humorous, to make one laugh uncontrollably—

'Don't spiflicate me now!'

spiflicate

Punish, hurt, and destroy someone— 'I'll spiflicate the mongrel'

spiflicated

They had gotten very drunk— 'They were all plastered completely spiflicated'

spill

Disclose a confidence; tell all one knows about something—

'C'mon spill yer flaming guts, drop the lot'

spin

May I take the car for a run or a drive?— 'Can I take the car for a quick spin?'

spin

To attempt something or toss a coin up—

'Give it a spin'— spin a yarn

(a) To relate a short story-

(b) To be deceitful or tell a doubtful story—

(1) 'C'mon who's gonna tell us a tale or two'

(2) 'Boy can he spin a yarn; he said he caught a 6lb trout, Yair! the one that got away'

spinner come in

A term meaning that you have been befooled or tricked—

‘But you said if I did a good quick job you would pay double,

‘Yeah! is that right? Oh!! come in spinner’ (an exhortation)

spinner, come in

A call at a two-up Australian gambling game for the player, called a ‘spinner’ to commence the game by tossing-up two coins—

‘All bets set in the centre set on the side Oh! Come-in Spinner’

spit blood

To undergo intense irritation or ire— ‘Oh yes, he was nettled mate, so bloody annoyed, he was spitting blood’

spit chips

Rile, enrage—

‘He was so bloody angry, he was spitting chips’

spit the dummy

To cede, forgo, quit—

‘He’d had enough, spat the dummy and tossed it in’

spitting image

Someone or something of a resemblance—

‘The kid is a look-a-like of his old man, yeah the spitting image’

spondulicks

Money or cash—

‘I can’t help you mate I’m right out of spondulicks’

sponger

To cadge, lives of borrowing from others—

‘He is a sponger a blood sucker’

sport

To be affable, to ask a favour— ‘C’mon mate be a sport and do it’

sport

Amiable, indifferent, willing— ‘He’s a good sport he’ll help ya’

sport

A Greeting used from man to man but never to a woman—

‘G’day sport, what do ya know? ‘ sport

A loser or a cheat or to be bad natured or uncooperative—

‘Give him a miss he’s a bad sport’

spot on

That is correct, exact, true, or tastes good—

(1) ‘Is that your name? yes that’s it spot on’

(2) ‘I think the measurement is exact, yeah its spot on’

(3) ‘It’s true that I gave you a good tip on the nags didn’t I? ya did spot on’

(4) ‘This steak it tastes good ay? yeah it’s spot on’

spot a

A couple of drink of alcoholic beverage in a hotel—

‘Let’s go into this rubbity (dub) pub for a spot or two’

spot cash

The charge is an immediate payment of cash—

‘That will be spot cash only’

spot them

Would find or know them in a crowd— ‘Could you spot them in a crowd?’

spray

To berate or lecture someone— ‘He was in the wrong, so the boss gave him a good spray’

spunk

Bold, brave, spirited in their endeavour—

‘They showed a lot of spunk’ **spunky**

An attractive woman with sex appeal— ‘She is a spunky looking bird or sheila’

square off with

Offer an apology to reconcile, to retaliate—

(1) ‘Mate I’m trying to square off with you, I’m sorry’



(2) 'He did the dirty on me, so I'm going to square off with him by giving him a biffing (a belting) '

square confront

I will challenge or confront— 'I will square up to this bloke and see what 'es made of'

square deal

A genuine ethical transaction— 'We want a square deal, no bloody trick-ups'

square on the

True. concise and believable— 'Make sure it is on the square'

square on the

I am teetotal have no bad habits— 'Mate I am definitely on the square, no booze'

square up

Settle accounts or pay off ones debts— 'It is time to square up'

square up

It is time to tell the truth or seek revenge—

'I will square up, its pay back time' **squiz**

Have a quick look at a scene, object or document-

'Hey mate, take a bloody squiz at this, would ya'

stack on

They will start a fight a fracas or argument—

'They will stack on a blue' **stack up**

An accident involving several vehicles— 'Gee! there was one hellova stack, up a beaut prang'

stakes

We will go from here, leave this place or job—

'We are going to pull up stakes and shoot thru'

stand firm

To stand up for yourself, hold your ground—

‘You have to stand on your dig’

stand a round

Pay or buy a round of drinks— ‘Let me stand a shout before I go’

starve the lizards

An expression of astonishment, indignation-

(1) ‘Starve the flaming lizards, its amazing’

(2) ‘Starve the bloody lizards, It makes me so wild’

Station property

A large rural land holding property in the outback—

‘We live and work on a station’

stick around

Stay, wait here—

‘Just stick around and I’ll get to ya shortly’

stick by

To support someone or something irrespective of consequence— ‘I stick by you and yer decisions no matter what’

stick did risk

Took a chance or a risk—

‘He did stick his neck out for me, tooka punt’

stick good

A good honest reliable person— ‘She’s a good old stick’

stick it

An expression of rebuff, refusal or aversion—

‘Ya no where to stick it’ stick it right up them

To deride the opposition when one has had a victory—

‘We beat the bastards; we stuck it right up them’

stick pry

A snoop, eavesdrops, pry—

‘Sticks his bloody nose into every thing’

Stick stay

Stay linger awhile— ‘Why don’t ya stick ‘round’  
stickybeak

An inquisitive person—

‘Mind yer own flamin’ business yastickybeak’

Stitch

We will beat them by bewilderment or confusing tactics—

‘We will stich these bastards right up’

stitched

Taken advantage of, cheated or swindled—

‘I have been bloody stitched up’

stiff

Very unlucky— ‘He was dead stiff’

stiff cheese

The worst luck or a pity— ‘It was stiff cheddar (cheese)’

stirrer

An agitator or trouble maker—

‘Don’t listen to him he is a stirrer’

stone

There are many names for this but they all mean a rock or stone—

‘It’s a boondie or a gibber or a yonnie’

stone (or starve) (or stiffen) the crows

An utterance of surprise of wonder or aggravation—

(1) ‘Stone the bloody crows, it’s amazing

(2) ‘Starve the bloody crows, I’m upset about this’

(3) ‘Stiffen the flamin’ crows, there’s no rain!

stone end, it’s the stone end or stone finish

To perplex, terminate an argument, appalling—

(1) ‘This problem has me so baffled; it is the ‘stone end of it’

(2) ‘There’ll be no further debate; this is the ‘stone end of it’

(3) 'Mate, It is so bad, it's the end, the stone bloody finish'

stone motherless broke

Penniless, to have nothing—

'Mate, I'm stone motherless, I'm as broke as one can be'

stony broke

To have no money—

'Cobber, I'm stoney broke, I haven't gottwo bob (20 cents) to rub together' stoush

An all in fist fight or brawl— 'There was a terrific stoush on'

straight

A good honourable reliable person— 'He's a straight dependable bloke'

Straight out

Outright and frank, immediately—

(1) 'Cobber I will tell ya straight out if yer doing wrong'

(2) 'I hear your call; I'm coming now I'll be straight out'

straight up

A direct an honest answer to a question—

'Straight up mate I did it as you instructed'

strapped for cash

Short of money, restricted, insolvent

(1) 'Mate, I've got assets but I'm strapped for cash'

(2) 'The business is insolvent, it's strapped for cash'

strength, what's the strength or strong of this?

What can you honestly tell me about this and what does it concern?-'What's the strength of this, can yer give me the fair dinkum good guts on it, ay?'

strewth or struth

Amazement, astonishment or to be dumfounded-

'Strewth! how about that or struth! wow! never seen nuthin' like that before'

strides

Pants or trouser—

‘Coffee was spilt on his strides (or daks)’ **strife**

To be in trouble or bother or relates to ones wife—

(1) ‘You are in deep strife’

(2) ‘If I’m late I will be in bother with my trouble and strife’

strike a light

An expression of astonishment or anger—

(1) ‘Strike a light mate, I’m bloody dumfounded’

(2) ‘Strike a light, ya done it all wrong I’m bloody orf ya, mate’

strike me

An exclamation of astonishment or awe or chagrin—

‘Strike me-blue or lucky or pink or dead or handsome’

strike me pink or blue

An exclamation of belief or surprise, incredibility—

(1) ‘Strike me pink mate, well fancy that!’

(2) ‘Strike me bloody blue, It’s fair dinkum unbelievable’

strike me up

An exclamation of indignation or ire—

‘Strike me up a flaming gumtree’

strine

Fair dinkum strine is the Aussie dialect of the English language—

‘It’s a bloody beaut lingo is strine’

strong of or strength of

What has happened? What is it all about? What is the truth?

‘What is the strong of this and is it fair dinkum?’

strong, a bit strong

To speak assertively, with force- ‘I know he sacked you for being a lazy bastard, but to call you a fat bludger and to kick ya flamin’ dog, now that’s a bit strong’

stroppy

Don't you take your temper or rage out on me—

'Don't get bloody stroppy with me ya prick'

stroppy

An insubordinate, difficult and moody person—

'He's a useless stroppy bastard'

struth

An expression of amazement or astonishment—

Struth! amazing, bloody incredible'

stubby

A small 375 ml bottle of beer, enjoy— 'Grab a stubby and get it in to ya'

**stuff all**

(a) To have no knowledge of a particular matter—

(b) To have nothing of material value—

(1) 'Not guilty I know stuff all'

(2) 'The poor bugger has stuff all'

**stuff do**

Show what you can do perform or show your expertise—

'Your turn to do yer stuff''

**stuff give a**

I am disinterested, unconcerned, couldn't care less- 'I don't give a stuff'

**stuff it**

An exclamation of displeasure, disappointment or defeat— Ah! stuff it mate'

**stuff up**

Misjudgement, to blunder, failure— 'It was a complete stuff up'

**stuffed get**

A coarse expression of dismissal said when in disagreement or when in verbal conflict— 'You can go and get stuffed'

**stuffed tired**

Fatigued, exhausted or tired-out— ‘Gawd am I completely stuffed’

**stumped**

Confused, do not understand it, don’t know—

‘This has got me stumped I bloody don’t know what to do’

**stumps**

To leave a place, to go else where— ‘We have been here too long let’s draw stumps and go home’

**stunned mullet**

To baffle, perplex—

‘He was bewildered; he looked like astunned mullet’

**suck in**

Dupe, fraud, con—

‘He is a con artist; don’t let him suckyou in’

**suck in**

To put someone off their game or pursuits by irritating, slanging and or besmirching their character— Don’t do yer nana (na-na) or he will definitely suck you in’

**suck up to**

Crawl, grovel, adulate—

‘He will suck up to anyone to get whathe wants’

**sucker**

This person is easily led, impressed or cheated—

‘What an all out sucker’

sucker

A lollipop, a sweet or candy in ones mouth—

‘I have a beaut all day sucker in me gob’

suckhole

An ingratiating person a boot licker— ‘A boot-licker is this suckhole’

sucks

An unfair or unfavourable decision— I didn’t get a pay rise, it just sucks’

sunnies

Personal sunglasses—

‘Wear yer sunnies in the sun mate’

sure as

It is assured, guaranteed, it will happen—

‘As sure as a new day dawns’

sure be

Be positive, take care— ‘Be sure that you’re sure’

sure for

A certainty, without doubt— ‘its orright, it’s for sure ‘

sure thing

Absolutely, positively, an expression of assurance—

‘That’s for sure’

surfie

An ardent surf-board rider— ‘He’s a mad surfie’

Research, probe or investigate— ‘We will suss it out’

suss

Suspect or acting suspiciously— ‘It is suss or he is bloody suss’

swag

He carried his swag (pack)—His blue coloured blanket with personal items rolled-up in it along with his tucker bag

(food bag) and tea billy, slung over his shoulder.

‘He humped his swag (or blue)’

swag of

Of people a large crowd, of goods or a number of items-

(1) ‘There is a big swag of people at this shivoo’

(2) ‘Keep working as we have a swag of things to pack and do’

(3) ‘He gave me a swag of books to read’

swagman

A rover, drifter, wanderer or an itinerant worker—



‘He is a swagman (or a swaggie)’

sweat

An expression of affirmation confirmation or faith—

‘It will get done today won’t it? No sweat mate’

sweat it

Persevere, stand together until completed—

‘We will sweat it out together’

sweat on

Wait anxiously on the outcome— ‘I’ll sweat on the results’

sweating blood

Stressed, fearful of an outcome or working too hard—

(1) ‘I am upset mate I’m sweating blood’

(2) ‘I hope to qualify but I’m sweating blood’

(3) ‘Hard yakka ‘ere, sweating blood and my guts out’

sweet

In love with or fond of to adore— ‘I am sweet on her’

sweet

It will all right, satisfactory giving assurance—

‘She’ll be sweet’

sweet

Satisfactory or very good— ‘It’s as sweet as a nut’

swig

Swallow, have a drink—

‘Yer a bit dry, well have a swig of this bombo’

swipe

Pilfer, steal from—

‘You can’t swipe stuff from me ya know’ swipe

Slap in the face—

‘I will give ya a swipe in the mush’

swish

Look lively, move with gusto— ‘C’mon put a bit of swish into it, ay’

swishy

Alluring or stylish dress, chic— ‘She sure wears swishy looking gear’

swimmers

Bathing costume—

‘Don’t forget to bring your swimmers

(or togs)’

swy

We are going to attend and participate in an Australian gambling game called “two up”-’We are heading off for a game of swy’

# I

ta

Thank you—

‘Ta cobber (or goodonyamate)’

tacker

She is a small child— ‘Just a little tacker’

tailor made

A factory manufactured cigarette— ‘Got a tailor made onya digger?’

take go

Telling somebody who is being annoying or rude to go away— ‘Go take a ride or go take a walk, buzz off ya mug’

take in

A deceitful person who will dupe you— ‘He’s a sly bastard, he’ll take you in’ take off

Leave; depart generally in a hurry— ‘Lets take off (scram) from here’

take you

Trick, mislead, con or deceive— ‘That shifty bugger will take ya for a ride and clean ya out’

talks big

Boastful, brags, exaggerates to the extreme—

‘She always talks big’

take off

To leave immediately—

‘I’m going to take off now, I’m shooting through, see ya’

take a powder

To depart, go quickly—

‘Take off, leave in a plurry hurry, mate’

taken for a ride

Deceived mislead, swindled- 'The silly bastard had it stuck right up him, he's been taken for a ride'

talk you blind

Incessant chatter a tiresome person- 'Yakety bloody yak, this bastard is an earbasher, he'll talk ya bloody blind'

tan

Spank ones backside, belt— 'Stop yer bluing or I will tan yer hide'

tanked

Intoxicated, and full of alcoholic drink—

'Everyone was blind, completely tanked'

tart up

Beautify, glamorise oneself— 'She will put on new gear and tart up'

tart

An unchaste, whorish woman a trollop— 'Give her a miss mate she's a common tart'

tarts

There is a group of good helpful women—

'They might be tarts but their good tarts'

tea

An invitation for tea actual means for dinner—

'C'mon over Sat'dy (dee) for tea' tea

To change the topic of a conversation- 'Yer up a different track that is another cup of tea.

tea break

Time for a rest and a cup of tea- 'Tea break, time for a cuppa'

tea leaf

A petty thief, to steal someone's lunch- 'Who's the tea leaf who flogged me flamin' crib'

tear

To attack someone physically or verbally—

‘Tear into these mongrels’ tear

To eat food or drink, quickly— ‘C’mon tear into this we’ve got to go’

tear on

They are on a drinking spree or a binge—

‘They’re on the tear or (on the piss)’

tear arse

Rushes headlong and dashes about— ‘she’s a bloody tear arse’

tearaway

Rash, disobedient and headstrong— ‘That young bloke is a tearaway’

testicles in a knot

Unsettled, agitated, upset—

‘It will be orright; don’t get yer testicles in a knot’

that’s that

End of discussion or of the matter— ‘Ya can say what ya like, that’s that’

the big snip

A vasectomy—

‘I’ve had enough, so I’ve had the big snip’

the slot

High security section of a jail, insert something—

(1) ‘He’s a bad bastard he’s in the slot’

(2) ‘While yer doing the job can ya slot this in too’

them’s the breaks

An expression of acceptance or conformity, to the fluctuations of life—  
‘Such is life, that’s how it goes, them’s the breaks’

thing, do one’s own thing

To do what one likes or can do best— ‘Go and do your own thing’

thing, do the right thing

Act responsibly, charitably, and honourably—

‘Mate ya must be fair dinkum and always try to do the right thing’

thing-uma-jig, thing-uma-bob, thing-a-my (mee)

A person or thing whose name one forgets, or treats as known— ‘Didn’t whatisname say he might have a thingamajig ora thingumabob or if not he had a thingamy, we could borrow?— ‘Yeah that’s right the watchamacallit!’

things are crook in Tallarook

Suggests that current times or events are bad (stressing a point)— ‘Mate, things are crook in Tallarook, yeah butchers hook (crook)’

things how are things

A form of greeting, but no intent of prying—

‘G’day mate how’s it going, how are things’

throws his money around like a blind man with no arms

A spendthrift, wastrel- ‘He’s hopeless the prodigal son, throws his bloody money around like a blind man with no arms’

thunder box

Much passing of wind or, loud farting in the toilet—

‘There’s thunder in the thunder box’

tick, to put on

On credit, on account—

‘Mate I want some tucker and stuff, could ya put it on the tick?—

Yair ok,—ta goodonya, I’ll pay yatuesd’y’

tickets on himself

A self opinionated, vain person- ‘He’s a real cocky bastard, got tickets on ‘imself, thinks he knows every thing’

tickled pink

Pleased, delighted—

‘Cobber, I’m tickled pink it’s just bonzer’

tickle the peter

Rob or cheat the till, the cash draw— ‘I dunno who tickled the peter, but when I find the bastard ‘e is in deep strife’

tight as a fish’s arse (tight arse)

Mean, miserly, niggardly—

‘Is that stingy bastard as tight as they say?’

yeah! mate, he’s as tight as a fishes arse’

till the cows come home

Indicating a long time or something that may never occur—

‘Jeez mate, it may take forever it won’t

‘appen will it? no, not till the cows come ‘ome’

tin arse (tin bum)

Someone who has consistent luck— ‘This bloke is a real tin arse, he always wins’

tinny

This person has more than his fair share of luck—

‘What a tinny bastard’

tinny can

Have a tin or can of alcoholic beverage— ‘Here youse blokes and sheilas grab a tinny’

tip cards

Advice or suggestion—

‘The tip is don’t play cards with strangers on trains’

tip feeling

My guess is that the favourite will win— ‘The tip is on the favourite’

tip gratuity

A personal expected cash tip system for a service, of which, Australians don’t subscribe to therefore here is an aussie tip—

‘Be good and be kind to your mother’

tip off

To tell, alert, or warn—

‘I’ve given them the good guts what’s going down’

tip top

In sound condition—

(1) ‘This car is in tip top shape’

(2) 'I am in tip top condition'

(3) 'My business is going bonzer and is in tip top shape'

toe cutter

A criminals activity of violence or political party policy enforcers- 'I reckon their both the same one snips yer toes and the other snips ya taxes'

toe dig in

To be stubborn, refuse to act or conform to unreasonable requests—

'Dig in your toes don't cop this bullshit'

toe hit

I am going to leave now— 'I'm going to hit the toe— **toey**

Apprehensive eager to perform— 'I am ready to go, bloody toey mate'

toe tread on

You try and override my authority and responsibilities—

'You mustn't tread on his toe or you'll get the chop ya dill''

togs

Swimsuit or bathers—

'Bring a long your togs for a dip'

**toodle loo**

Goodbye or see you later— 'Toodle-loo, cop ya later'

**too right**

An emphatic expression of agreement or assurance, certainly—

(1) 'Do you really want this job? my oath too right'

(2) 'Are you sure of the directions? too bloody right'

(3) Did we agree to a bonus? yer not wrong too flaming right'

**top bloke, he is a top bloke**

The finest, best, of good character— 'He's a bewdie (beaut) mate, he is a top bloke'

**top blow**

To lose ones head or temper— 'Don't blow your bloody top'

**top cost**



Expensive, highly priced— ‘It was pricey, cost me top dollar’

**top dog**

The manager, director, proprietor— “He is the top bloke or the top dog”

**top drop**

Excellent, of quality, palatable- ‘The plonk (wine) and beer tastes great mate, in fact, both are top drops’

**top night**

A most enjoyable evening— ‘Gee! it really was a top night’

**toss in**

To resign a job or quit all undertak- ings—

‘(1) ‘I want to toss in this bloody job for a better one’

(2) ‘I am bored with this project I’m going to toss it in’

**toss up**

The choice of selection of several alternatives—

‘It’s gotta be your pick mate; yeah it is it’s a bloody toss up’

**toss up**

A fifty-fifty chance an even bet— ‘Can ya pick it? Oo knows it’s a flamin’ toss up’

**toss up**

To throw, toss a coin into the air to achieve a head or tail result as selected by one of the participants to decide the winner for a choice of hit off kick off or first to serve etc, at a sports venue—

‘We will have a toss up to see who will go first’

**touch**

He is approachable and easy to borrow from—

‘He’s an easy touch’

touchy as a taipan (snake)

Aggressive, unstable, quick to take offence—

‘Stay clear of this bastard, he’s as touchy as a bloody taipan’

track off to

We are going to the racecourse to have a bet—

‘We are off to the track for a punt’

track path

To walk or run along a path—

‘I’m off for a quick trot down the track’

track plan

Consider future intent or activity— ‘We need to plan for down the track’

track road

Generally and unpaved road— ‘It’s as rough as guts this bloody track’

tracks

To leave immediately—

I’m off I’m going to make tracks now!’

trap

Fraught with Risk or uncertainty for the novice—

‘It’s a trap for young players’

traps

We will move from place to place (eg;

hotel to hotel)—

‘Let us go ‘round the traps’ trick it

Renovate, repair or improvesomething—

‘We can trick-it up’

trick take a

Unlucky, unsuccessful—

No matter what I do I just can’t take a trick’

trick up

A confidence trick, defraud or swindle- ‘It is a bit of a trick-up’

tricky

Crafty, cunning, deceitful person— What a tricky bugger or tricky bitch’

tricky bloody

It has difficulties, hard to do or it is doubtful—

‘It will be hard to do it’s a bit bloody tricky’

tripe

To threaten to thump or belt someone— ‘I will belt the flaming tripe out of you’

trot bad

A bad run of luck or misfortune— ‘I am having such a bad trot’

trot go

Busy or very active— ‘I am always on the trot’

trot it

Bring it out, bring it forward ‘Trot it out or trot it on’

trot run

To experience good luck or fortune— ‘I am having a good run’

trots racing

To see horse racing of trotters or pacers—

‘We are off to the red-hots (trots)’

trots runs

Mild diarrhoea—

‘I have a touch of the trots or runs’

true blue

A genuine, loyal and true Australian— ‘He or she is true blue’

trump

A person in charge, boss manager— ‘Who is the trump in this place?’

trumps

A better than expected performance— ‘She was great and she certainly came up trumps’

Tube can

Have a can of beer— ‘Wrap ya mitt around this tube’

tubes down

To become insolvent, lost everything- ‘We have gone done the tubes’

tubes up

To go broke be financially ruined— ‘Work hard and plan it or you’ll go up the tubes’ tucker

Any kind of food— ‘It’s all tucker to me ‘

tucker time

In Aussie we have three meals a day being breakfast, lunch and dinner and on occasions a so called “midnight snack” of which, can be had at any time between 10.00 pm and dawn— ‘We have three squares a day we call ‘em brekky dinna (din-na) and tea’

tucker bag

Any type of bag or container that holds food—

‘Put it in your tucker bag’

tucker up

Get provisions, stores of food—

‘You must tucker up before ya go into thebush or outback country’

tuckered out

Be tired, fatigued, and worn-out— Phew! I’m just tuckered out and yeah, buggered too’

turf it, him

To throw-out, dispose of something or to eject somebody—

(1) ‘Those old clothes have had it, ya can turf them out’

(2) ‘That bloke is drunk and playing-up, turf him out’

turn it up

An emphatic request or plea to stop arguing and fighting— ‘I wished you blokes would turn it up, ya been bluing all night’

turps

Alcoholic beverages—

‘He getting stuck into it, he’s really on theflaming turpstwig

Died suddenly—

This bloke had nuthin wrong with ‘im, he just fell orf his twig’

twig grasp

To understand, grasp, realise— ‘I did not twig to that’  
twig see

Observe that or perceive that— ‘Did ya twig that?’  
twit

To mock, reproach or banter a person who has erred—  
‘You’re a bloody twit you are’

two bob

Former Australian currency being of the Pound (quid),  
of which two bob equalled two shillings now (20 cents)

two bob each way

To support both sides of an argument or debate, in safeguarding one's own  
position—

(1) ‘I’ll have two bob each-way and by supporting both, I can’t lose’

(2) ‘I’ll cover me arse and ‘ave two bob each-way’

two bob lair

A showy, brash flashily dressed person— He’s a two bob lair and a  
cheeky bastard too’

two bob, the full two bob

Descriptive of something authentic of true value, of worth—

(1) ‘It cost plenty mate, but it’s the full two bobs worth’

(2) ‘She’s a beaut worker mate; she’s the full two bobs worth’

two bob, not worth two bob

Trifling meaningless unimportant, dubious standard, inefficient—

(1) ‘It’s paltry not worth worrying about, it’s not worth two bob’

(2) ‘This watch runs like a chaff cutter, it’s not worth two bob’

(3) ‘He’s a bloody dud an idler, he’s not worth two bob’

two bob, millionaire

Someone who has had a small windfall of money—

‘Yeah, he won quite a few quid (bucks) but he’s only a two bob  
millionaire’

two bob silly as

A scatter brained, foolish and flighty person—

‘She’s as silly as a two bob watch (or wheel)’

two bobs worth

To have a viewpoint, a say and give some advice—

(1) ‘There’s no holding him back, he’ll put in his two bobs worth’

(2) ‘I’ll put me two bobs worth in and give ya some good guts’

two pot screamer

Someone who has a low intolerance to alcoholic beverages—

‘She gets pissed on the smell of the cork or two gins even, she’s a two pot screamer’

two up

We will play and gamble on an Australian game called “two-up” by a person known as the ‘spinner’ taking a “kip” and placing two coins generally old pennies upon it, then tossing and spinning the two coins in the air for a result of either two heads or two tails to fall face-up as nominated by the spinner to win. Should one tail and one head fall face-up then it is declared that you have ‘oned them’ or they are ‘ones’ all bets are called off and another spin occurs— the kip: (A flat hide or wooden slat which holds two coins) the spinner: (the person who tosses the coins at the behest of the person controlling the game, who calls, set on the centre set on the side (meaning all bets have been placed or wagered) then his cry of “Come in Spinner” rings out.) the game begins-

‘Mate you bloody beauty, we off to have a game of swy’

tyre biter

A derogatory expression of a very ugly woman—

‘Struth, she’s a real tyre biter (a dog)’

## U

uncle greeting

Showing respect and greeting an older man-

‘G’day uncle ya look good, what’s happening?’

under go

To fail in business or ones quest— ‘We’re not doing well we’ll go bloody under’

under the hammer

Pressure, stressed, pushed to the limitation—

(1) ‘I am under the hammer to complete this project on time’

(2) ‘Because I’ve been under the hammer me nerves have gone’

(3) ‘Put it or them under the hammer (to their full extent)’

underdaks

Under pants—

‘Make sure ya wear clean under daks in case ya get hit by a bus’

under ground mutton

Rabbit—

‘This underground mutton is best baked or stewed’

under the weather

Unwell, hung-over, or inebriated—

(1) ‘I’m a bit crook, I’m under the weather, mate

(2) ‘Too much bloody grog mate, I’m under the weather’

(3) ‘That bloke is drunk, he’s under the weather’

unreal

Incredible, unbelievable, wonderful—

(1) ‘Was it a good show? bloody unreal’

(2) ‘Did you imagine you would be so successful? No it’s unreal’

(3) 'Was it a good night out? Yeah flamin' oath, bloody unreal'  
unreal bad

Adversity, terribly bad or unexpected— 'You lost all ya dough ay? What a blow mate, it's unreal'

'The noise was bad and frightening, it was just unreal'

'The bad news must have really upset you? yeah bloke, it was unreal'  
up against it

Severe problems or time constraints-

(1) 'Poor buggers are in real trouble they are losing live-stock have little water, they are up against it'

(2) 'We're running late we will never make it on time, we're up against it'

up for

Cost or how much—

(1) 'I want two pies with sauce, but what am I up for?'

(2) 'If two costs me \$3, what am I up for, for six, is there a cut?'

up a gum tree

Bewildered, in difficulties, off course-

(1) 'He's perplexed in difficulties, he's got it bloody wrong, he is up a flamin' gum tree'

(2) 'He has lost the plot, is off course, he is up a bloody gum tree'

up him

Berated, scolded, reproached—

'He really gave it to him he got right uphim'

up himself

A self opinionated person— 'He loves or is up himself'

up, in two ups

In a second, shortly—

'I won't be long; I'll see ya in two ups' up shit creek

A troublesome, difficult position, to err—



‘This bloke is in real bother, he’s up shit creek without a paddle’  
up the duff

Is pregnant-

‘This woman is up the duff, she’s preggers’  
up to mud (or up to putty)

Broken down, bad, or lacking-

(1) ‘The flamin’ machine has carked it, it is up to mud’

(2) ‘Things are crook nuthin’ is going right; yeah it’s up to putty’

(3) ‘This weather is dry mate, no rain yet; yeah it’s up to bloody mud’  
up who

Baffled, involvement, responsibility- ‘I don’t understand what it’s all about, but who’s up who and who’s paying the rent’

up you

Said in jest, teasing— Yer bloody footy team can’t win there knackered like you, yeah is that right? up you for the rent mate’

up yours

An exclamation of rebuff—

‘Up yours fella or up yours for the bloodyrent’

urger

A tout, a confidence man an agitator— ‘Lookout for this tricky bastard he’s an urger’

ute

A utility vehicle—a small opened back pick-up truck’

‘I can cart all sorts of gear in this here ute’

u ey (you ee)

To do a “u-turn”-Turn about in the reverse direction in ones vehicle—  
Chuck a flaming u-ey here’

## V

vag

An itinerant vagrant or a tramp— ‘He was a wandering vag’

vagged

Arrested for having no means of support—

‘The flatties vagged the poor coot’

veg

An ignoramus, a nitwit or a dunce— ‘You are a veg or a veggie’

veggie

Vegetables, greens, potatoes— ‘Eat all yer veggies, greens and all’

verbal discourse

Talking nonsense, foolish, meaningless diatribe—

‘Don’t talk such crap its verbal diarrhoea’

view a dim

A disapproving opinion of somebody or something—

(1) ‘I take a bloody dim view of you and what yer up to’

(2) ‘I take a dim view of the economy, it’s bloody stuffed’

virgin’s ruin-

Gin or Bundaberg rum-

‘Some blokes say a gin or two or a Bundyor three, can lead to a virgins ruin’

## W

wacky

An eccentric, crazy, wild person— ‘He’s a real wacky coot’

wacky doo

‘It is amazing, unbelievable or zany— ‘Strewth! it or he is bloody wacky-doo’

wag absent from school without permission

‘He played the wag’

wag wit

A spontaneous witty person, a comic or clown—

‘Gee you’ll laugh yer guts out at this bloke, ‘es a bit of a wag’

wake up

Become aware and show responsibility— ‘Why don’t your wake-up to your self’

wakey wakey Wake up and get out of bed immedi- ately—

‘Wakey-wakey hands off snaky’

walkabout

They have gone a nomadic wandering, a journey on foot into the bush. To amble or stroll about It can also relate to some- body who has temporarily disappeared from anywhere, or a missing person— ‘He’s gone on a plurry walkabout and we don’t know where ‘es at’

wallaby (track)

Bush or original wallaby or kangaroo paths or tracks as used by itinerant workers and swagmen moving from place to place—

‘He’s gorn orf walking the wallaby, lookin’ fer some yakka’

walloper

A police officer—

‘He might be in plain clothes but he is a walloper mate’

waltzing

The swagman went roving, walking carrying his swag (pack)—

‘He went waltzing with his matilda’

wank

To be told not to fool or delude your self—

‘Don’t wank yerself ‘ wank dismissal

An expression of derision of disbelief and dismissal relating to an inane assertion of a previous remark— ‘Ah! wank-wank mate!!! ‘

wank know all

A vain self opinionated know all, void of knowledge—

‘What a bloody wank’

wank weak

An insinuation of self abuse a masturbator or weak willed— ‘He’s a wank that bloke, he’s as weak as piss’

wanker

To be conceited self centred, ineffectual, or a stupid person. Wanker is a subjective suggestion of being a masturbator—

warricks

I am quite smelly in the arm pits— ‘I’m woofy under the warricks (warrick farm name of a racecourse)’

water above

Our business is financially sound, or we are legally sound’

‘We are dinki-di above water’

water burner

An extremely bad cook- ‘This bastard of a cook couldn’t boil an egg, without burning the flamin’ water’

water, go to water

To lose ones nerve, lack of courage— ‘The gutless bastard went to water; he’s as weak as piss’

watering hole

One’s preferred hotel / pub

‘I’m off then to the watering hole to seeme mates and to ‘ave a coldie or two’

water the horse

I am going to the toilet, to urinate— ‘I’m going to the dunny to water the horse’

waterworks

To have a weak bladder, needing to urinate often—

‘I am weak in the waterworks depart- ment’

waterworks

Cry, weep profusely—

‘Ya wouldn’t believe it she turned on theflaming waterworks’

way to

Approving something and to inspire a team effort—

(1) ‘Your ok, that’s the way to go’

(2) ‘You’re doing well team, that’s the way to go’

way never

It can’t be done; it won’t be done, not at all, never— ‘No bloody way’

wash; come out in the wash

Hidden information or agenda’s will be revealed—

‘They can’t hide it; it will all come out in the wash’

weakie

Spineless, insipid, a weak willed person—

‘Don’t be a flaming weakie get some gumption into ya’

wear that

Acceptance or non acceptance-

(1) ‘You’re late because your car broke down eh, I can wear that’

(2) ‘You’re late because you slept in, I can’t wear that’

wee wee

I am going to the toilet to urinate— ‘I’m going to the toot for a wee-wee (a pee)’

weight pull

To do your fair share of work— ‘Hop into it and pull yer bloody weight’

weight, put somebodies weights up

To inform on somebody—

‘That bastard dobbed me in, he put meweight up’

welsher

Default on payment of a bet or a debt— ‘He won’t cough-up ‘es a bloody welsher’

well heeled

Rich, of wealth—

‘This joker has got plenty, he’s wellheeled’

wet ones whistle

To have a drink (generally a beer) ‘Righto mate, let’s go and wet the whistle’

whack fair

Equitable payment, an equal share agood amount—

She was given her fair whack’

whack go

Implied with derision, go masturbate yourself—

‘Ah! Go and whack yerself’

whack him

To present something or to hit someone-

‘I am going to whack him with a bill for the repairs to my car and if he doesn’t sling the dough I’ll just whack him, fair enough?’

whack in

Make a donation; give to the salvos (voes)-

‘Would ya whack in for the needy and the salvos’

whack in

In tune or in order—

‘Is that motor still out of whack? No it’sin whack now’

whack into

Eat this food or drink or commence an activity

‘Whack into this tucker, then whack into the job’

whack just

Suitable and just punishment— ‘He got his right and proper whack’

whack off

Implies that he masturbates or that he is stupid—

‘He’s a bloody whack-off’

whack out of

Malfunctioning, non-conforming, out of proportion—

(1) ‘This bloody motor is running as rough as guts digger, it’s out of whack ya know’

(2) ‘It’s out of whack of the specs (specifications)’

(3) ‘It won’t bloody fit it’s out of whack’

whack place

To place or put something somewhere- ‘Whack it down there cobber, ta’

whack put

Insert an object or something into something—

‘Whack it in’

whack put it

An expression of introduction, to shake hands—

‘Whack it there mate’

whack share or role

The share or split, part or role—

(1) ‘What is the whack-up, my split? ‘

(2) ‘In the management whack-up what is my part? ‘

whack slap

A strike to the face, a slap— ‘It was a whack in the moosh’

**whack total** No discount pay the total of the bill— ‘Nothing off pay the full whack’

whack try

Attempt or try and do something or taste—

(1) ‘I had a whack at doing that but couldn’t do it’

(2) ‘Here ya go then have a bloody whack at doing this’

(3) ‘This pie tastes grouse ‘ave a whack at some’

whacked

Tired or worn-out or fatigued— ‘I am absolutely whacked-out’

whacker (whacka)

A stupid, irrational, unpredictable person—

‘He is a silly flaming whacker (whacka)’

whacking

Enormous eg; large crowd—

‘There was a whacking great mob turnedup’ whacking

To receive a severe beating physically or to lose in sport’

(1) ‘He a mess he was given a fair whacking’

(2) ‘We were done like a dinner, got a good whacking’

wacko

A crank or crazy person or an eccentric—

‘This sheila is a complete wacko’

whacko good

Exclamation of delight for a good happening—

‘Whacko you beaut or whacko you little beauty’

whacko joy

An expression indicating extreme joy or pleasure—

‘Whacko the diddlio’—(did-lee-o)’

whacks

Divide into equal shares— ‘Let’s whacks this up’

wharfie

A wharf worker, dock labourer, stevedore on strike— ‘This wharfie is always slinging his flamin’ hook’



what

Answering a question and indicating most assuredly or just, yes—

‘Do you want this? Yeah do I what!’

what

A state or manner of derision or disdain—

‘Ah! So bloody what’

what for

To retaliate, berate-

‘He hit or abused me, so I gave him what for’

what for

To retaliate, berate—

He hit or abused me so, I gave him what for’

whatshisface or whatshisname

An expression used when a person can’t remember another’s name-

‘That bloke whatshisface, he did that’

what not

Any item or knickknack—

‘Put all those, what nots, together in one box’

what’s the damage? **Cost, price—**

(1) ‘How much do I owe you, what’s the damage?’

(2) ‘What’s the damage, on this’

what’s the strength of? this or him

An expression seeking clarification or truth—

(1) ‘Be fair dinkum, what is the strength of this?’

(2) ‘Who does he think he is, what’s the strength of him?’

(3) ‘What’s the strength of him, is he on the level?’

where the crows fly backwards (past woop-woop)

In the remote arid outback area- ‘Where it is that dry, the crows fly backwards, to keep the dust out of their eyes’

whiffy

Quite smelly, it stinks or a questionable business deal—

(1) 'It really pongs it's a bit whiffy'

(2) 'This deal it's a bit whiffy, yer not wrong it pongs '  
whimp

A scared whining weakling— 'He's a whimp and a sissy'  
whinger

Complaining about conditions or something—

'Shut yer flamin' whinging up ya bloody whinger'  
whinging pom-

An Englishman complains just about everything—

'He's a flaming whinging pommy bastard'  
whip be

Be sure your there when needed or in crisis—

'Be there when the whips are cracking, at crunch time'  
whip collect

To organise a collection of cashdonations for charity—

'Lets get a few bob (bucks) have a whiparound'  
whip cracking

Demanding greater effort, ever urging on—

'He was really cracking the whip'

whip fair

Be unbiased and fair minded— 'Give us a fair crack of the whip'

whip off

To steal or pilfer—

'Why did you whip that off, ya bloody tea leaf'

whip up

Prepare a quick light meal—

'Ya peckish, ok I'll whip ya up a snack'

whirl

Try it or attempt to do something—

(1) ‘Here sample this cake; go on give it a whirl’

(2) ‘Come on try and ride this motor bike, go on give it a whirl’

whistle blower

An informer—

‘He gave-up blew the whistle on me’

whistle go

To refuse to pay a debt due to poor workmanship—

‘The job was stuffed up, they can whistle for their dough’

whistle wet

To quench ones thirst, to have a few ales—

‘Let’s wet the whistle with a few ales’

white anted

To destroy another’s reputation or achievement by subversion-

(1) ‘By them casting aspersions, I was white-anted cobber’

(2) ‘My ideas were scrubbed some one white-anted them’

white ants (termite)

Moron, insane, eccentric— ‘He has white-ants in the attic’

whoopee

An enthusiastic cry of delight or excitement—

‘Whoopee you little beauty’

whopper

Big, something over exaggerated eg; to lie—

‘She told me some bloody whoppers’

whopping

Very loud and large-

‘There was a whopping great din as he reeled in this whopping great bloody fish’

widdle

To urinate—

‘Going to the toilet—

‘Going to the toot for a widdle (piddle)’

wigwam for a goose’s bridle

In jest, a name given to an article which one can’t or won’t identify  
‘What ya got there mate? What this thing? Struth! everyone knows what this is, It’s a wigwam for a goose’s bloody bridle, cobber’. Ah, ha! I knew it, so that’s what the flamin’ thing looks like, ay’

willy

Tell that kid his penis is falling out of his napkin-

‘Hey billy lid, pull yer nappy up we can all see yer willy’

willie badge-

Policeman’s identification a badge or shield—

‘Show us yer willie officer’

willies

Make one nervous, to be afraid of— ‘That weird bastard gives me the flaming willies’

willy

Become angry, emotional, unbalanced— ‘He chucked a proper willy’

willy

Wallet for holding cash—

‘We said you have to pay so he pulled out his willy’

wimp

A timid uninspired person’ ‘No guts a bloody wimp’

wind

To expel wind, fart—

‘Ok, Who did it; who dropped that jamtart?’

wind up

Alarmed or frightened, to scare someone—

(1) ‘They got the wind-up’

(2) ‘I put the wind-up him’

windbag

A glib talker, a blowhard-

‘This windbag is just full of piss and wind’

windy

Apprehensive or nervous—

‘I’m a little bit windy about doing it’

wobbly

To throw a fit, or a tantrum— ‘You shouldn’t have done that she’ll chuck a real wobbly now’

wog

Influenza, or an upset stomach— ‘I’m feelin’ crook I’ve got a touch of the bloody wog’

wombat

To be slow, heavy and dense— ‘Yer acting like a bloody wombat’

wonky

Decrepit, sick and shaky on ones feet— ‘A bit wonky on the pins, but she’s right’

wontcha

Won’t you take care or won’t you take it easy—

‘Take it easy and look after yer self wontcha’

wood duck

A dupe or fool, one easily deceived— Tell ‘im what ya like ‘es a nice wood duck, this one’

woop-woop

A non-existing imaginary outback town—

‘We’re going way-out past woop-woop’

woop-woop

Woop-woop suggest a vast distance of outback travelled— ‘How far did ya go? Oh! We went way beyond woop-woop’

woozy

Dizzy, nauseated, unwell— ‘I’m feeling quite woozy’

woozy

I am slightly drunk—

‘I’m a bit elephants and a little woozy’ woozy

Confused, stunned, in a muddle— ‘She doesn’t know she’s a bit woozy on it’

word my

An expression of assent or one of emphatic agreement

(1) ‘Do you want to be in a chook raffle? My word I do’

(2) ‘Do you agree to this? Yes absolutely my word I do’

word the

Message, news, facts, to give information-

(1) ‘Give us the word on what’s new’

(2) ‘What’s the word on who is up who and who is paying the rent?’

(3) ‘What happened? You want the word, ya want me to spill me flamin’ guts’

word up

Prior information about something- ‘Mate, I’ll word him up, give him the drum, the good guts, before he makes a decision’

work like Jacky

To toil extremely hard-

‘Ya look weary mate! Yeah I am tired;

I’ve been working like jacky all day’

wouldn’t have a bar of it

A phrase meaning not to tolerate or consent to—

‘Ya can jam it, I can’t agree to it, wouldn’t have a bar of it’

wouldn’t piss on

A remark directed at an obnoxious person—

‘Your a vile bastard, I wouldn’t piss on ya if you were on fire’

wouldn’t it rot you (or rot your socks)

An exclamation indicating despair or dislike-

‘Crikey mate, lost on the bloody nags again, wouldn’t it rot yer flamin socks’

wouldn’t shout if a shark bit him

Someone who is averse to buying a round of drinks in their turn— ‘The tight bludger wouldn’t shout (buy) if a shark bit him’

wouldn’t work in an iron lung

An indolent, lethargic, lazy person- ‘This bloke is a bloody loafer and a bludger, won’t do a drop of yakka wouldn’t work in an iron lung’

wowser

A spoilsport, teetotaler or killjoy- ‘He doesn’t smoke nor drink or do the other thing, so he must be a bloody wowser’

write one off

To get completely inebriated, drunk— ‘Mate I’m orf to the pub and I’m gunna write me self orf’

wrong in the head

Crazy, eccentric—

‘He’s mad and she’s a crank, their both wrong in the head’

wrong, to get on the wrong side of

To incur animosity or belligerence of— ‘Don’t get on the wrong side of him he’s a wild bastard’

wrong, to get someone wrong

Misunderstand someone—

‘That’s not what I said, you’ve got mewrong’

wuckers, no wuckers

An expression of confidence that everything will go well or be alright, and not to worry. Derived from no f...ing worries-

(1) ‘No wuckers mate, she’s apples’

(2) ‘No wuckin’ furries mate’

wuss (woos)

Directed at a timid male—

He's a real fair dinkum wuss or he iswussy'



## X

‘Aussies have not as yet come up with any slang that can be listed under X, not that I can find in my research however, no worries we are working on it’

## Y

yayou—

You can go to hell— ‘Ya can go to buggery’

yabber

Talk, discuss—

‘Let’s have a yabber about this matter’

yahoo

A coarse person of bad habits— ‘Rough as guts and a yahoo to boot’

yahoo

A call of delight or excitement for a good happening—

‘Yahoo you bloody beauty we had a good win on the cup’

yak

Chat, talk, discuss—

‘We will have a good yak and let ya know about it’

yakety-yak

Pointless, meaningless, talk— ‘There’s too much yakety bloody yak going on ‘ere’

yakka

Work or hard laborious work-

(1) ‘One needs to do plenty of yakka to pay the flamin’ bills’

(2) ‘Gawd mate, pick and shovel work is hard bloody yakka’

yap

To talk too much—

‘You yap on and on ya bludger but tell nothing of interest’

yapper

Close your mouth, stop talking— ‘Shut yer bloody yapper ya motor mouth’

yarra

Stupid fool— ‘You’re a yarra and dill’

yarn

Converse, private chat—

‘We need to have a yarn’

To relate an untrue story to lie—

‘He spun me a tale of woe a real bullshityarn’

yarn

A story or tale—

‘Nothing like it, a good yarn around the camp fire’

yawn

Boring situation or person—

It’s a yawn, as boring as bat droppings’

‘Isn’t he a drone? yair a bloody yawn’

yeah (yair)

Yes I understand what you said yes I agree—

‘Yeah too right, yair my flamin’ oath’

yellow no guts

A spineless coward—

‘The yellow mongrels got no guts’

yer

Your ok and your pack is ready for you to go-

‘Yer ok and yer swag is packed ya can take orf’

yez

See you later on, but he may never see you again—

‘See yez, cop ya later’

yobbo (yob)

A rough sullen youth, a lout or larrikin—

‘This kids a yobbo and ‘es mates a flamin’

rough job too'

(job is boy spelt backwards)

yoo-hoo

A call to attract attention—

'I gave them a Yoo-hoo or two, but they didn't hear me'

you beaut

Wonderful, great, splendid, fabulous thing, good—

'You beaut, it's terrific what you've done is beaut'

you don't have to be dead to be stiff

Hapless, luckless, misfortunate— 'Cobber, I always have a run of bad luck, can't win, and me mates say, you're dead stiff'

you little beauty

An exclamation of sheer delight or approval—

(1) 'We backed a winner it was great, you little beauty!'

(2) 'You've done a bonzer job, you little beauty!'

you would not read about it

An exclamation of surprise, shock- 'Gee mate! You wouldn't bloody read about it, those pommie bastards won the test cricket'

your blood's worth bottling

Commending some for assistance or for doing one a special favour- 'I'm much obliged to ya, yer blood's worth bottling'

you're not wrong

It means you are right in what you say— 'It's going to rain pick handles mate, yeah! you're not wrong, it will piss down'

you're on

Agreeing to a proposal, or an offer—

(1) 'Come to the pub, it's my shout, You're on mate'

(2) 'I'll bet you five bucks my team wins, You're on mate'

you're right

It means all is well to sanction- 'Sorry I jumped ahead in the queue, you're right mate, no worries, its ok'

youse (yooz)

Used as a plural for you I love you all or how are you going, or all you fellows can go now- 'I love youse all, or 'ow are youse goin', or youse blokes can shoot through now'

yowie

The yowie is a hairy ape like human, mystical, carnivorous creature and is said to roam the outback bush area of a night-'Crikey, it's dark, if ya goin' out beware of the yowie cobber. No worries it only comes out when it snows'

yuck or yuk or yucky-yuck

An expression of aversion, rejection of something unpleasant-

'The tucker tasted yuck and the wine was just yuk'

'My job is bloody yuck'

'The house stunk yucky-yuck'

'That bastard is bloody yuck, coz he owes me heaps of dough'

yum-yum (yum, yummo, yummy)

Contemplation or expectation to sample a tasty delight, a compliment-

(1) 'Yum-yum, can't wait to try the food'

(2) 'The tucker was yummo'

(3) 'She looked beaut, she was yummy, good enough to eat'

(4) 'Did you enjoy the food? My oath I did, it was yum'

## Z

zap out

Go quickly—

‘Would ya zap out quick like and do some messages (shopping) for me?  
Yeah mate no worries”

zap up

To prepare something quickly— ‘I know it’s late but I’ll zap up bit of  
supper’

zapping off

To move something quickly, to race off fast—

‘I’m zapping this off, then bloody zapping off”

zing

To enliven, pep-up, strengthen, show enthusiasm—

‘Put a bit of zing into it’