

AUSSIE DAY EXPLAINED

DOES 'YEAH, NAH' MEAN YES OR DOES IT ACTUALLY MEAN NO?
AUSTRALIANS' LINGO CAN BE VERY CONFUSING



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Back by popular demand is my Australia Day slang for dating couples as featured last year, but this is your 2019 updated guide.

This is particularly useful for newcomers to our Great Southern Land, or those just needing to brush up on how to get a "fair crack of the whip" for that perfect local catch.

BOGAN

Some refer to this great Australian as unsophisticated. They're often found in flannelette shirt, tracky dacks and thongs, accompanied by a "durry" and a "tinnie". Male names always end with an "o" such as Davo or Stevo.

You can easily search the web for the latest list of Aussie bogan names for any possible offspring they may have.

BOTTLE-O

Your bogan date is sure to chuck a "U-ey" just to get there as an essential detour to your dating destination such as Macca's, the servo for a pie or Bunnings for a sausage sizzle.

BUGGERED

If you can't be, then you're probably not that into them.

CARK IT

This could be something like your relationship, the cat or your car. It means to die or stop working and it requires attention.

CARRYING ON LIKE A PORK CHOP

Behaviour like this is sure to turn off any possible romance. Try to dial down your crazy silly talk, take a few deep breaths and have another go. You don't want them to think you have a few roos loose in the top paddock.

CHOCKERS

What a great date that would be. Otherwise known as full, satisfied, watered and well-fed.

CHUCK A SICKIE

If the surf's up and your hot new beau is in town, you're calling in sick without feeling crook. You avoid being seen on social media at all costs.



CHUNDER

A dreadful outcome from some first date nerves. It's guaranteed to turn off any chance of a snog at the end of a romantic interlude.

FAIR SHAKE OF THE SAUCE BOTTLE

While first impressions count, you totally want to suss them out. It is, however, worth giving your date a fair chance at impressing you before you write them off.

FIX YOUR UP

Unless it's guaranteed they're keen to see you again, be wary if this is mentioned on your first date. You don't want them to go walkabout after they've promised to pay you back.

HARD YAKKA

A person with an honest, good work ethic is someone you want to hook up with. They'll be a great provider and will contribute to the household income.

KNACKERED

Use this if you want a quick exit from your date. You're exclaiming fatigue before you bid "Hooroo".

LOOSE CANNON

Your mates will be sure to let you know if

your new partner is one of this type. It denotes lack of self-control in public places and they're concerned for your wellbeing and long-term happiness.

NAH, YEAH

This means "yes" versus the antonym, "yeah, nah". Be careful your "no" does mean no or you'll find yourself in a right pickle.

RIDGEY-DIDGE

Another catch you want to hang on to. Your new friend is the real deal, they're authentic and honest. Strewth, you're lucky to find them.

SHE'LL BE RIGHT

You've got to be stoked with a reassuring partner saying all will be OK. There's nothing better than an Australian buddy who will not only take the mickey out of you when you're feeling down but also shout you a drink.

STRAIGHT TO THE POOL ROOM

This is where all your best selfie shots will be hung on the wall next to stuffed marlin, rods and footy trophies.

TELL HIM HE'S DREAMIN'

A handy phrase for the ladies when your date is progressing a little too fast with

unrealistic expectations. You might be OK with a cheeseburger, but you're not offering the lot.

TICKETS ON YOURSELF

I'm the first to promote a healthy sense of self, but a prospective partner with an inflated opinion of themselves is your red flag for possible lack of self-esteem lurking beneath their all-too-confident facade.

TRADIE, TRUCKIE, SPARKY, CHIPPY, DIGGER, SHRINK, DOC, COPPER, DESK JOCKEY, BRICKY

These are all common terms for vocations. It'll make wonderful conversation to ask further about how they make a crust.

Now you're up to date with the true-blue meaning of Australian romance to ensure you don't stuff it up and look like a flaming galah. Happy Australia Day. Go easy on the "froths" today so you're not "hungers" tomorrow.

I'll be sure to return as a professional columnist with decorum next week.

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