

AUSTRALIAN TRIVIA 2011 – Questions and Answers

Sport

1. How many times has Jonathan Thurston won the Dally M medal?
2. Which famous Australian motorsport driver died in 2006?
3. Which Australian swimmer won 4 gold medals at the Sydney 2000 Olympic games?
4. How many gold medals did Australia win in the 2000 Olympic games?
5. What yacht race is held on Boxing Day every year?
6. Who did the Socceroos beat to make it to the World Cup 2006?
7. Which Australian boxing great fought Muhammed Ali?
8. Who was the last AFL player to kick 100 goals in a season?
9. What's the Australian Netball team called?
10. Which Australian swimmer is the world record holder in the 1500m?

Answers

1. 2
2. Peter Brock
3. Ian Thorpe
4. 16
5. Sydney to Hobart
6. Uruguay
7. Joe Bugner
8. Lance "Buddy" Franklin
9. Diamonds
10. Grant Hackett



History

1. When did Great Britain stop sending convicts to Australia?
2. Which ship of the First Fleet was first to land in Botany Bay?
3. Who was the first Governor of NSW?
4. What was the Hyde Park Barracks used for?
5. What was Tasmania's former name?
6. How long was construction on the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
7. What year was the Coke Sign at Kings Cross first built?
8. Where in Victoria was Ned Kelly captured?
9. Who was the first prime minister of Australia?
10. What year did the First Fleet arrive in Botany Bay?

Answers

1. 1860
2. Supply
3. Arthur Phillip
4. To house convict men and boys and later women
5. Van Dieman's land
6. 8 years
7. 1975
8. Glenrowan
9. Edmund Barton
10. 1788



Geography

1. What's the longest river in Australia?
2. What's the highest point in Australia?
3. What is the approximate circumference of Uluru in kilometers?
4. What is the sea in between Tasmania and Victoria?
5. What percentage of Australia's land mass does WA cover?
6. In what state is Australia's highest waterfall?
7. What is the largest desert in Australia?
8. The Sydney Opera House sits on Bennelong point in Sydney, what's the aboriginal name?
9. Which city has a beach but no coast?
10. Which reef in Australia is the largest in the World?

Answers

1. Murray River
2. Mount Kosciusko
3. Over 8kms
4. Bass Strait
5. 33%
6. Qld
7. Great Victoria Desert
8. Tubowgule which means meeting of the waters
9. Brisbane
10. Great Barrier Reef



Science/Technology

1. In 1979 what did Professor Graeme Clark invent?
2. What did the CSIRO create in the year 2000?
3. What did Bruce McDonald invent in 1993?
4. Which Australian was the youngest Nobel Prize Winner?
5. What did Howard Florey discover for medical purposes?
6. Where was Google Maps created?
7. Who was Australia's first woman to receive a Nobel Prize for her work in chemistry and genetics?
8. Which Australian created the Sunshine stripper harvester which revolutionised farming?
9. What famous Australian vehicle was created in 1934?
10. What did Dr David Warren create in 1958?

Answers

1. The Bionic Ear
2. Wi-fi
3. The underwater PC
4. Lawrence Bragg
5. Penicillin
6. Sydney
7. Elizabeth Blackburn
8. Hugh Victor McKay
9. The Ute
10. Black box flight recorder



Arts

1. Who opened the Sydney Opera House and in what year?
2. What was the Heidelberg school famous for?
3. Who is the lead singer of Powderfinger?
4. What does ARIA stand for?
5. What national park was crocodile Dundee filmed in?
6. Who was the first aboriginal artist to be recognised on the international stage?
7. What is the Kimberley region in Western Australia famous for?
8. What materials do Aboriginal artists usually use?

Answers

1. Queen Elizabeth II in 1973
2. First Australian School for Painters
3. Bernard Fanning
4. Australian Recording Industry Association
5. Kakadu National Park
6. Albert Namatjira
7. Wandjina figures painted on rock walls dating back thousands of years
8. Leaves, wood carving, rock carving, sculpturing, ceremonial clothing, sandpainting




Civic Culture

1. In what year did Parliament pass the current Australian national flag?
2. What day each year do we celebrate Australian National Flag Day?
3. Which Australian cricketer won Australian of the Year?
4. What year were Indigenous people included in the census?
5. Who was the first Aboriginal Member of Parliament?
6. In 1975 the Governor-General Sir John Kerr exercised his 'Reserve Powers' what did he do?
7. What political groups make up the House of Representatives?
8. Which former treasurer and then Prime Minister said "This is the recession Australia had to have"?
9. On the 13th of February 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd gave a speech which stopped the nation, what was this speech?

Answers

1. 1953
2. 3rd of September
3. Steve Waugh
4. 1971
5. Neville Bonner – Senator for Queensland (1971 – 1983)
6. He dismissed Prime Minister – Gough Whitlam
7. Labor, Coalition, Nationals WA, Greens, Independents
8. Paul Keating
9. Sorry speech to the stolen generations



Quirky questions

1. The Australian crawl revolutionised swimming, what's it known as today?
2. How many stubbies did David Boon drink on a plane trip from Australia to England?
3. What was Australia's first television station?
4. Is Australia the largest island in the world?
5. Waltzing Matilda translated in German means what?
6. What is the Australian Lyre Bird famous for?
7. How big is a baby kangaroo at birth?
8. What does Gumsucker mean?
9. What does 'hard yakka' mean?
10. The oldest skeleton to have been found in Australia was?

Answers

1. Freestyle swimming stroke
2. 56 cans
3. Channel 9 – first aired in 1956
4. Yes, it is 3 times larger than Greenland which is in second place
5. Carrying a backpack
6. Imitating 15 different birds
7. 2 centimetres
8. Someone who lives in Victoria
9. Tough, hard work
10. Approximately 60,000 years old