

Aussie Words

Arvo – afternoon

Apples - good

Back o' Bourke – the remote outback beyond the town of Bourke

Billabong – waterhole formed from a bend in the river that's been cut off from the main stream

Billy – tin for boiling water over a campfire to make tea

Black stump – middle of nowhere

Bloke - man

Bluey – blue heeler/dingo cross

Bob's yer uncle – going according to plan

Brass razoo - money

Bush – wilderness area

Bushrangers – outlaws

Bush telegraph – gossip

Chinwag - chat

Chockers - full

Cobber – friend, mate

Codswallop – not true

Coolibah – Eucalyptus microtheca

Crook - ill

Cuppa – cup of tea

Damper – outback bread cooked in a campfire

Digger - soldier

Dinkum – genuine

Dooverlackie – unidentified thing

Drover – cowboy who moves herd of animals from place to place

Dunny - toilet

Forty winks – nap

Furphy – tall tale

Galah – fool

Gander – look

Gone down the gurgler – gone terribly wrong

Grub - food

Gully – dry water-course

Happy as Larry – very happy

Hill's Hoist – clothesline

Homestead – farm house

Jackaroo/jillaroo – worker on sheep/cattle station

Joe Bloggs – ordinary bloke

Jumbuck – sheep

Kangaroo court – unofficial court that judges unfairly
Keen as mustard – enthusiastic
Knackered – worn out

Larrikin – mischievous person
Lean-to – small shed on back of house

Make tracks – move on
Mallee bull – mythic animal that survives the outback
Mate – friend
Min-min – lights that move close to the ground in the outback
Mob – crowd, gang, flock, herd
Moleskins – heavyweight cotton trousers
Mulga – tree that grows in the bush

Never-never – outback desert
No flies on – smart
No worries – things are going well
Noggin – head
Nuddy – nude

Ocker – real Aussie
Oomph – power
Open slather – no rules
Outback – remote inland Australia
Oz – Australia

Paddock - field
Pav – dessert with sweet egg-white crust, cream & fruit
Piffle – nonsense
Pig's bum – not true
Piker – someone who opts out at the last minute
Pong – bad smell
Pub – hotel

Quack – untrustworthy doctor
Quick-smart – quick to respond
Quid – money

Ring-in – someone who takes the place of someone else
Ripsnorter – really, really good

Shanks pony – going on foot
Sheila – girl
Skedaddle – depart rapidly
Skerrick – smallest amount
Squiz – look
Stone the crows – expression of amazement
Stunned mullet – person who is struck dumb
Swaggie – itinerant worker travelling on foot in the outback

Top End – northern part of Australia

Troopers – policemen

True-blue - genuine

Tucker – food

Two-up – game involving tossing 2 coins & placing bets on the outcome

Ute – short for utility vehicle

Walkabout – long walk in the outback

Wallaby track – the track itinerant workers followed

Waltzing Matilda – going walkabout carrying a swag

Whinge – complain

Wigwam for a goose's bridle – unidentified object

Willy-nilly – without thought

Witchetty-grub – bush tucker larval insect

Wonky – unstable

Woop-woop – remote place

Yabby – freshwater crayfish

Yakka – hard work

Yarn – talk, chat, story