

Australia Day Songs – Hints/Fun Facts/Brain Teasers

Use this information however you like to provide hints/information/ask questions and promote discussion and reminiscing among the residents while completing the Music Bingo. I remind the residents that they may not know all of the songs but if they listen carefully, they can often pick the “hook line” (or most repeated word/phrase which is often the title of the song)

1. **I still Call Australia Home** - written and performed by **Peter Allen in 1980**. In it, Allen sings of Australian expatriates' longing for home. It has been used to signify Australian patriotism and nostalgia for home. 'I still call Australia home' has been used in Qantas' marketing since the **1990s**. It is still regarded as one of the airline's most successful campaigns. Most recently it was used in the 2018 in-flight safety video.
2. **I am Australian** written by Bruce Woodley (The Seekers) and Dobe Newton (The Bushwackers) in 1987. Its lyrics are filled with many historic and cultural references, such as to the “digger”, Albert Namatjira and Ned Kelly, among others. Its popularity has allowed it to join the ranks of other patriotic songs considered as alternatives to the Australian national anthem. It has become hugely popular and was first performed at the 1994 AFL Grand Final. It was also used during the pandemic in 2020 on ABC TV as a National Sing-a-long for those in imposed isolation during the lockdown.
3. **Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport** – written and performed by Australian singer Rolf Harris in 1957 which became a hit around the world in the 1960. It is about an Australian stockman on his deathbed. The distinctive sound of Harris's original recording was achieved by the use of an instrument of his own design called the “wobble board”—a two-by-three-foot piece of hardboard.
4. **Give Me A Home Among the Gum Trees** – is from the early '70s, and was later covered by country music singer-songwriter John Williamson and then, with some tweaks to the lyrics, by a trio called Bullamakanka.
5. **I've Been Everywhere** was an Australian hit for Lucky Starr in April 1962 and became popular in North America when adapted for Hank Snow in November. Rolf Harris did an English and Scottish version. Johnny Cash also does his own version of the song.
6. **Waltzing Matilda** was written in the town of Winton in outback Queensland by Banjo Paterson in 1895. The words were written to a tune played on a zither or autoharp by 31-year-old Christina Macpherson (1864–1936), one of the family members at the station. A blanket roll is known as a “Matilda”.
7. **Come On Aussie** - is an Australian Cricket anthem. The work was written as a 60-second jingle by creative staff at the Sydney advertising agency Mojo in 1978 to promote the second season of Kerry Packer 's rebel cricket competition World Series Cricket for the Nine television network.
8. **Click Go the Shears** - Interestingly this Australian folk song used the tune of an American folk song from 1870s. The Australian version was first printed in 1891.
9. **Boys From the Bush** – is considered a modern classic from the pen of country and western singer/songwriter and Australian of the Year (2008 for his support of regional and rural Australia) Lee Kernaghan OAM. Lee performed at the “Spirit of the Bush” concert on Sat 17th March 2007 at Longerenong Agriculture College (site of Wimmera Machinery Field Days) to 20,000 people in a free concert designed to raise the spirit of those enduring the Millennium drought.

10. **Skippy** – theme song for the TV series 1968-1970
11. **Theme From Neighbours** – TV series Neighbours is Australian television soap opera that was first broadcast on the Seven Network on 18 March 1985. It created a show that focused on realistic stories and portrayed adults and teenagers who talk openly and solve their problems together. It is still going today and over 8500 episodes have been produced. It has been sold to over 60 countries worldwide and is particularly popular in the UK.
12. **Pub With No Beer** - The song was originally penned by Gordon Parsons in 1956. Apparently, an unknown person had handed Parsons a scrap of paper with the words of a poem, "A Pub Without Beer" which was written in 1943 by Queensland farmer Dan Sheahan. It was suggested to Gordon that the poem may serve as the basis for a song. Slim Dusty made it famous in 1957.
13. **Up there Cazaly** - is 1979 song by Mike Brady, written to promote Channel Seven's coverage of the Victorian Football League (VFL). It was first performed by the Two-Man Band, a duo of Brady and Peter Sullivan, and has since become an unofficial anthem of Australian rules football. The title refers to early-20th-century ruckman Roy Cazaly.
14. **My Island Home** – Written by Neil Murray (Scottish bass player and member of indigenous Warumpi band) The song references lead singer's (George Burarrwanga) home up at Elcho Island off the coast of Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. "My Island Home" won 'Song of the Year' at the 1995. Christine Anu has also made it very popular.
15. **Wild Colonial Boy** – this Irish-Australian ballad comes in many different forms. The Castlemaine referred to is in Ireland not Victoria.
16. **The Drovers Dream** – A song about a drover who has fallen asleep. While asleep he dreams about all sorts of animals who play instruments and sing songs. All the animals are found in Australia.
17. **Redback on The Toilet Seat** – Slim Newton 1972. In the song he refers to "I didn't see him in the dark but boy I felt his bite". This is incorrect as it is the female which has the fatal bite and not the male. The Redback spider belongs to a worldwide group called the "Black Widows".
18. **Bound For Botany Bay** – can be traced back to English Burlesque Theatre in 1885 and arrived in Australia soon after. It is more about convict destination than the arrival of Captain Cook to Botany Bay.
19. **Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree** -was written by Melbourne teacher Marion Sinclair for a Girl Guides jamboree in 1934 and has been sung by generations of Australian children ever since. In 2007 Larrikin music sued two members of the group Men At Work who wrote the hit song "Down Under" which contained 4 bars of music which was alleged to be part of the song Kookaburra Sits In the Old Gumtree. The finding stated that the song had in fact infringed copyright.
20. **Six White Boomers** – Rolf Harris 1961 tells the tale of 6 white boomers (male kangaroos) delivering Christmas presents in Australia.

Australia Day Songs - Bingo list

1. I still Call Australia Home
2. I am Australian
3. Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport
4. Give Me A Home Among the Gum Trees
5. I've Been Everywhere
6. Waltzing Matilda
7. Come On Aussie
8. Click Go the Shears
9. Boys From the Bush
10. Skippy
11. Theme From Neighbours
12. Pub With No Beer
13. Up there Cazaly
14. My Island Home
15. Wild Colonial Boy
16. The Drovers Dream
17. Redback on The Toilet Seat
18. Bound For Botany Bay
19. Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree
20. Six White Boomers

Instructions for Music Bingo

1. Each pack contains Dementia friendly 20 Music Bingo cards, Song List and Fun Fact/Hints/Brain Teasers list.
2. Locate specific Music Bingo on Spotify (Kurrajonglodge).
3. Connect to portable speaker.
4. Hand out music Bingo sheet and Bingo tokens.
5. Each card contains 8 songs although 20 songs will be played.
6. Each game should take approximately ½ hour.
7. Play 10-20 seconds of the song (or until the chorus has been sung as this usually contains the key word/s or phrase). Often the song will be recognised long before 10 seconds has been played.
8. Explain to the residents that they may not recognise the song but if they listen carefully, they should be able to pick up the title/keyword of the song. (If they don't recognise the song one of the other residents will know the song or you can tell them after hints etc).
9. You can give HINTS, FUN FACTS AND BRAIN TEASER'S (see folder) to entertain, add stimulation or assist to recognise the song. Sometimes this will provoke a discussion/reminiscing about the song so just go with the flow. Occasionally you might end up singing a verse or chorus.
10. When Bingo is reached ask the residents to choose one of their favourite songs from the card that they would like to hear all the way through. Play the song then redistribute the sheets and begin a new game.
IF YOU REPEAT A GAME PLAY THROUGH THE SONGS IN REVERSE.
11. At the end of the session wipe down all the cards with Clinell, spray bingo tokens with Glen 20 and return cards/fact sheets and song list to Bingo folder.
12. Return Music Bingo, tokens and portable speaker.

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 1

I Am Australian		Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport		
	I've Been Everywhere		Skippy	
		Theme from Neighbours		Up There Cazaly
Redback on the Toilet Seat			Six White Boomers	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 2

<p>I Still Call Australia Home</p>		<p>Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees</p>		
	<p>Come On Aussie</p>		<p>Click Go the Shears</p>	
		<p>Pub With No Beer</p>		<p>My Island Home</p>
<p>Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree</p>			<p>Wild Colonial Boy</p>	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 3

I Am Australian		Waltzing Matilda		
	Click Go the Shears		Boys From the Bush	
		Up There Cazaly		The Drover's Dream
Bound For Botany Bay			Six White Boomers	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 4

Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport		Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		
	Waltzing Matilda		Boys From the Bush	
		Pub With No Beer		My Island Home
Redback on the Toilet Seat			Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 5

Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		Come On Aussie		
	Click Go the Shears		Skippy	
		Theme from Neighbours		Up There Cazaly
Redback on the Toilet Seat			Six White Boomers	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 6

I Am Australian		I've Been Everywhere		
	Come On Aussie		Boys From the Bush	
		Theme from Neighbours		The Drover's Dream
Bound For Botany Bay			Wild Colonial Boy	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 7

I Still Call Australia Home		Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport		
	I've Been Everywhere		Click Go the Shears	
		Theme from Neighbours		My Island Home
Bound For Botany Bay			Six White Boomers	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 8

I Am Australian		I've Been Everywhere		
	Boys From the Bush		Up There Cazaly	
		Redback on the Toilet Seat		Skippy
Wild Colonial Boy			Six White Boomers	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 9

Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport		Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		
	Skippy		Pub With No Beer	
		The Drover's Dream		Redback on the Toilet Seat
Bound For Botany Bay			Six White Boomers	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 10

I Still Call Australia Home		I Am Australian		
	Theme from Neighbours		Pub With No Beer	
		Up There Cazaly		My Island Home
Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree			Wild Colonial Boy	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 11

I Am Australian		Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		
	I've Been Everywhere		Skippy	
		Theme from Neighbours		Redback on the Toilet Seat
Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree			Wild Colonial Boy	

<p>I Still Call Australia Home</p>		<p>I've Been Everywhere</p>		
	<p>Click Go the Shears</p>		<p>Theme from Neighbours</p>	
		<p>My Island Home</p>		<p>Redback on the Toilet Seat</p>
<p>Bound For Botany Bay</p>			<p>Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree</p>	

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Card 13

I Am Australian		Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		
	Come On Aussie		Boys From the Bush	
		Pub With No Beer		Up There Cazaly
The Drover's Dream			Bound For Botany Bay	

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Card 14

Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport		Come On Aussie		
	Skippy		Pub With No Beer	
		Up There Cazaly		My Island Home
Bound For Botany Bay			Six White Boomers	

I Still Call Australia Home		I Am Australian		
	Click Go the Shears		Boys From the Bush	
		My Island Home		Redback on the Toilet Seat
Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree			Wild Colonial Boy	

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Card 16

Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport		I've Been Everywhere		
	Come On Aussie		Boys From the Bush	
		Pub With No Beer		My Island Home
Redback on the Toilet Seat			Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree	

<p>Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport</p>		<p>Waltzing Matilda</p>		
	<p>Skippy</p>		<p>Theme from Neighbours</p>	
		<p>The Drover's Dream</p>		<p>Redback on the Toilet Seat</p>
<p>Bound For Botany Bay</p>			<p>Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree</p>	

Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		Waltzing Matilda		
	Come On Aussie		Skippy	
		Theme from Neighbours		My Island Home
The Drover's Dream			Six White Boomers	

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Card 19

Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		Click Go the Shears		
	Pub With No Beer		Up There Cazaly	
		Redback on the Toilet Seat		Bound For Botany Bay
Wild Colonial Boy			Six White Boomers	

MUSIC BINGO - Australian

Card 20

Give Me a Home Among the Gumtrees		I've Been Everywhere		
	Waltzing Matilda		Theme from Neighbours	
		My Island Home		Redback on the Toilet Seat
Bound For Botany Bay			Wild Colonial Boy	