



# FUN FACT

# Australia

- 1: Melbourne was the capital city of Australia for 26 years between 1901-1927.
- 2: Australia is the driest of any continent on earth other than Antarctica.
- 3: The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps.
- 4: Australia's first police force was made out of 12 convicts judged to be the best behaved.
- 5: 2.5km of Uluru is underground.
- 6: Australia has the worlds largest gold course measuring 850 miles long.
- 7: Swimming at public beaches during the day was made illegal for 64 years!!
- 8: In 2005 the government issued a ban on using the word "mate" in Parliament House... the ban lasted 24 hours before it was overturned.
- 9: Australian English borrows over 400 words from Aboriginal languages.
- 10: More than 250 Australian Indigenous languages exist.
- 11: 64% of Torres Strait Islanders live in Queensland on both the mainland and Islands, this phenomenon is often referred to as the Torres Strait diaspora.

