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# Boatie Tram Trivia

Conducted by Mrs Bea Wight on behalf of boat-people.org,  
who send our sincere and patriotic apologies from Sydney

## Federation Square

**1. Edmund Barton, founding father of federation, is also famous for:**

- a: sparking the first-ever riot at an international cricket match
- b: being the first prime minister of Australia
- c: saying "I do not think that the doctrine of the equality of man was really ever intended to include racial equality."
- d: all of the above

**2. The first piece of legislation to be passed after federation was:**

- a. the judicial system
- b. the defence act
- c. the White Australia policy

**3. Barton's ally Isaac Isaacs once said - 'I am prepared to do all that is necessary to ensure that Australia shall be free for all time from the contamination and the degrading influence of inferior races.' he was:**

- a. Chief Justice of Australia's high court
- b. the first Australian-born Governor General
- c. Jewish
- d. All of the above

**4. The White Australia policy was originally set up to**

- a. Mandate deportation of thousands of Pacific Islanders who had laboured in Australian cane fields for 40 years
- b. Protect Australia from the stain of mixed blood
- c. Facilitate the pun: Two Wongs don't make a white.

**5. SPECIAL PRIZE**

We are now passing Wurundjeri Way, named for Melbourne's traditional owners. Their language is called Woiwurrung. The first person who can name another 5 Aboriginal languages receives a koala and stickers.

## Docklands

**6. After dockworker riots in Melbourne In 1928, the Bruce government stipulated wharfies needed a license to work. The Australian Labour Movement nicknamed the license the:**

- a. commonwealth leash
- b. dog collar act
- c. wharfie whip

**7. In 1998 Patricks Stevedores sacked its entire workforce of 1400 and replaced them with non-unionised workers. The Howard government provided Patricks with:**

- a. dobermans
- b. balaclavas
- c. moral support

## Telstra Dome

**8. In 2006, the Telstra corporation dropped 18 billion dollars in shareholder value. Its chief executive, Sol Trujilo received:**

- a. a kick in the nuts
- b. a cup of tea, a tim tam, and a lie down
- c. a bonus of 8.7 million dollars

**9. Now that Telstra has been sold to the mums and dads of Australia, they can vote to renationalise Australian telephony as soon as:**

- a. They collectivise their shares
- b. Billionaire sportsmen give back the sponsorship money
- c. They can make that call from the bush.

### 10. SPECIAL PRIZE

The first person to correctly name former Telstra boss Ziggy Switkowski 's next gig receives \$2, the price of a T3 share.

**Answer:** Chair of the government inquiry into the viability of a domestic nuclear power industry.

## Royal Mint

**11. Continuing the colonial practice of gathering native skulls, the Aboriginal man depicted on the back of the \$2 coin as a generic example of Australian fauna is in fact:**

- a: Clifford Possum's father Jimmy Djungarrayi
- b: Gwoya Jungarai
- c: Only identified as One pound Jimmy (the price he sold his art for)
- d: No one is really sure

**12. In order for reconciliation to occur Australia must:**

- a: say sorry
- b: become a republic
- c: ask the queen's permission

## Old Melbourne Gaol

**13. Who called the Victoria police "a parcel of big ugly fat-necked wombat headed big bellied magpie legged narrow-hipped splaw-footed sons of Irish Bailiffs"?**

- a. Mark Latham
- b. Christine Nixon
- c. **Ned Kelly**

**14. The 8 hour day monument on the corner of Lygon and Victoria St marks:**

- a. The gravesite of work-life balance
- b. A private joke between Joe Hockey and your kids
- c. **the memory that before WorkChoices, the working day had an official length.**

**15. The Melbourne cup public holiday proves that Melbourne is run by:**

- a. Workers
- b. Mobsters
- c. Horses

**16. Phar Lap's heart is preserved in:**

- a. Brine
- b. **Wentworth's solution**
- c. Bile from the bitterness of suppressed anti-American sentiment

**17. SPECIAL PRIZE**

Name how many times Phar Lap won the Melbourne Cup, and in what years.

**Answer: once in 1930**

# Parliament House

**18. Schools in this country must fly an Australian flag or lose their funding under a government program called:**

- a: Punitive Nationalism for infants
- b: Compulsory standard waving for make benefit glorious nation of Australia
- c: **Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity**

**19. What is appropriate use of the Australian Flag?**

- a: As a welcome mat at the front door
- b: Superhero cloak at rock music festivals
- c: To wave to welcome the Queen
- d: As a symbol of tolerance and social cohesion, particularly in the Southern Shires of Sydney

**20. On January 23rd 2007 John Howard changed the name of the Department of Immigration and Multiculturalism to:**

- a: the ban on flag bans department
- b: the department of Australian values and mainstream society
- c: the department of Don Bradman batting averages
- d: **the department of Immigration and citizenship**

**21. The Citizenship test will:**

- a: Be a computer based test of 30 random questions
- b: Test knowledge of Australian Customs and Values and Way of Life
- c: Be nothing like trivial pursuit
- d: **all of the above**

**22. People who fail the citizenship test will be:**

- a: Deported
- b: Sent to a Nauru re-education camp
- c: Handed over to Indonesia

**23. On January 26, 1788**

- a: Captain James Cook landed at Botany Bay.
- b: The States and Territories Federated to become Australia.
- c: Sir Richard Bourke, proclaimed that the land belonged to no one prior the British Crown taking possession of it.
- d: The first British Colony was established in NSW.

**\* Rousing Rendition of boaties' version of Advance Australia Fair. Loudest singer wins a 5-piece patriotic dinner setting in gleaming melamine.**

\* Prize ceremony for the most trivial person on tram. Lamingtons all round.