

# The Southern Yarn

February 2014



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#### 5-pin Bingo Bowling

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### APRIL

#### ANZAC Day

Saturday, April 26th, 6:00 pm

Scandinavian Cultural Centre, 764 Erin

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Two of the beautiful, delicious entries in the Pavlova Bake-Off at the most recent club event.



**Fun, food and facts.** The national days club event celebration featured another splendid pot-luck dinner followed by the Pavlova Bake-Off contest and a variety of quizzes and games, including two-up! (Hydesmith photos)

## Australia & Waitangi Day Celebration

The annual Australia Day/Waitangi Day celebration was held on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> with more than 40 people in attendance. A good time was had by all. After the pre-dinner get-together, and the singing of our 3 national anthems, a great pot-luck dinner was laid out. As usual, the salads and hot dishes were delicious, and thank you to all those who contributed. But the best was yet to come. For the Great Pavlova Bake-off, there were five entries, each one very different. Everyone received a score sheet and, after assessing the taste, texture, and "comparing it to Mum's", their three favorite pavlovas were ranked in order. All pavlovas received high scores in the tally, but the clear winner was Eliza Hydesmith. A big thank you to the other Pavlova bakers: Les Fitt, Alanna Hinrichsen, Kerry Nowicki, and Margaret Munn. And thanks to Debbie Griffiths for providing the celebration cake.

Following the dinner, there was a high stakes quiz on Australia and New Zealand,

with Alanna Hinrichsen and Judy Powell in a tie for first on the Australia quiz, and Andrew Cobb and Liz Hydesmith combining for a win on the New Zealand quiz.

Charlie Powell, following his yeoman service as the volunteer barman, then ran three of his famous family friendly Two-Up games.

To close off this report, thanks to Ian and Catherine Bowering for their prize gift donations and a very special thank you to Monica Black and her husband Matt, who donated some wonderful items for our prize selection. These items were lovingly collected by Monica over the years to remind her of home and that she and Matt shared with others at the Swan River Folk Fest where, every three years, they set up the Australia display and we now share those items with DUCW members on her behalf.

Also, as usual, a very big thank you to the members who helped out in the kitchen duties.

*Peter Munn*

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## editorially yours

Charlie Powell



Today, Australia Day marks the anniversary of the day Captain Arthur Phillip first raised the British flag at Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788. That was when the "First Fleet" arrived, but 18 years after Captain James Cook had "found" the "unknown southern land" during the first of his three epic voyages. It is an annual holiday and, in addition to the fun in the summer sun, awards are bestowed. Many of you will remember Major Sumner and his Australian Aboriginal dance group, *Ta-Kin-Jeri*, from when they performed at our 2000 and 2004 Folklorama pavilions: well, on Australia Day he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (see p.3). Geoffrey Rush was awarded Companion (AC) in the General Division of the Order of Australia - Judy and I saw him recently in the movie *"The Book Thief"*. You can see the full list of recipients online [here].

Waitangi Day commemorates the first signing of New Zealand's founding document - the Treaty at Waitangi in 1840. It is a public holiday in New Zealand on February 6 each year. Incidentally, Captain Cook had reached New Zealand in 1769 (127 years after the Dutchman Abel Tasman had "found" it) and spent 6 months charting its coastline before heading west to Australia.

Our annual Club celebration of these two national days is always a great gathering and sharing of our cultures. This year's was no exception and all the better for the high turn-out and some new faces: welcome to Geoff and Marian Ashworth from Perth!

If you've heard Matt Sutton on 99.1 Fresh FM from 5:30 to 9:00 am, you can now get to know him better in Gordon's interview on p.4.

Thanks again to Murray, Gordon, Ed, Peter and Margaret for their contributions this month; and to Monica Black for passing on to the Club many souvenir items to use for prizes.

Enjoy!

From Ed Powell, Adelaide ..

Happy Australia Day! I started off the day with a lamington and ice coffee from the local bakery. There were even magpies and a kookaburra supplying background music.

Well this certainly has been a January to get your attention. From a weather point of view, apart from the fact the daylight hours are getting longer, it has not been a perfect month for outside sports and entertainment. 26 days dipped below -20°C, with 12 of those dropping below -30°C. Snowmobilers

though, have been happy with the snowfall, with 15" being added to the surface cover. Even with the cold weather, I see many people skating on the Red and Assiniboine rivers skating trail, and with the Festival du Voyageur starting shortly, there is another reason to get outside and enjoy this weather. The snow cover and cold weather has made life difficult for animals to forage as usual. We live between the Red and the Seine rivers, but a fair distance from each, but some deer have been making trips to our heated bird bath, and feeders, to snack on the available birdseed. We only see the tracks, but our neighbour reports they come in to our backyards about 5am or so.

A week or so ago, Margaret and I went to see "Philomena", based very closely on a true story of an Irish mother looking for her long lost son, who had been taken for adoption at a young age, by an American family.



## president's ramblings

Peter Munn

Judi Dench plays the Mom who was given no say in the adoption. Good story, good script, good actors, (and no explosions!), what else do you need to be entertained?

So that's it for me this month, and don't forget to call and book early for the family fun 5-pin bowling event on Friday 14th March, at Windsor Lanes on Elizabeth Rd. Always a good time, so bring your family, kids are welcome, your friends, and either make up your own team, or we will join you up with a team on the night.

Until then, Hooroo,  
Peter



Me presenting prizes for a trivia quiz win to Liz Hydesmith and Andrew Cobb at the Australia Day & Waitangi Day club event.

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## Australia Day honour for advocate of Aboriginal rights, Major Sumner

MAJOR Sumner wants to live to see an Australia in which all non-Aboriginal people experience what indigenous culture is about.

Mr Sumner, 65, of Findon, is today (26<sup>th</sup> Jan.) appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the indigenous community.

"Aboriginal people live every day in what it is like to be part of white culture, but how many Australians can say they have experienced Aboriginal culture," the Ngarrindjeri elder said.

"How many people know the cultural stories that run through this land, the creation stories, and the cultural stories of Australia.

"We could do better to have people experience these things, and put them in the curriculum, instead of learning all the time about other countries. [More online here].



## Radio-tag bees take Tasmania by swarm

IN A WORLD FIRST, a swarm of 5000 bees with tiny radio tags attached to them are being released in Tasmania.

For the unusual project, launched last week, CSIRO scientists have teamed up with researchers at the University of Tasmania, as well as beekeepers and farmers.

"Each bee has a different tag, so we are

able to track the information about their movements," says study leader, Dr Paulo de Souza at CSIRO Computational Informatics.

[More online here].

## Man drought sees shortage of eligible men as women struggle in dating game

Peter Michael. From: *The Courier-Mail*. January 19, 2014 12:00AM. Down Under is in the grip of a shortage of eligible men as the odds stack up against the girls in the dating stakes.

Online dating agency data and fresh Census analysis shows just how hard it can be, statistically, for a woman to find a partner.

Parts of the Sunshine State have been man drought-declared, in the typical dating age bracket of 18-35, topped by cities like Cairns, Rockhampton and Toowoomba where women outnumber men by the hundreds.

Ladies unlucky in love might think about a road trip to a bachelor hot spot like the male-dominated military garrison city of Townsville.

Australia's biggest online dating agency RSVP said the strongest growth in new members in Queensland was coming from Cairns, Toowoomba and Rockhampton.

RSVP's Melanie Dudgeon said lovelorn singles look to meet new people outside their existing social network and immediate location.

In Brisbane the man-drought is evident in university suburbs like St Lucia, as more women take up tertiary education than men, with 3 per cent more ladies, said social researcher Mark McCrindle.

"This simply reflects the national drift of a man drought," he said yesterday.

Fellow demographer Bernard Salt, based on Census data published in March 2012, found it was most competitive for single women of marrying age.

There are 1.3 million single women aged 25-34 living in Australia. In the same age bracket, however, there are only 86,000 single, heterosexual, well-off or "eligible" men earning above \$60,000 a year, he said. [More online here.]

## newszealand

source: NZ Herald, unless otherwise noted

## U of Canterbury: on ya bike!

The Cycling Advocates Network (CAN) has put together a short list of statistics about biking in New Zealand. There are almost 1.3 million cyclists in NZ, about a third of the population. Only about 1 in 1000 cyclists are in injury crashes every year - compared to 3 in 1000 car drivers. [More online.]



## Fiordland monorail plan gets official support

Conservation Minister Nick Smith is reserving judgment on official advice he has released cautiously supporting the proposed 29 kilometre, six metre-wide monorail, a key element in a \$200 million Queenstown to Lake Te Anau tourism venture.

Smith visited the site of the proposed monorail terminus, at Te Anau Downs, a destination placed between the tourist service towns of Te Anau and Milford Sound.

The official advice, from the Department of Conservation and Hearing Commissioner recommends he "approve the project subject to extensive conditions." That is the opposite of advice that saw Smith reject the Milford-Dart tunnel because of its impact on Fiordland National Park.

"This ambitious \$200 million project involves the building of the world's longest monorail to enhance the experience of the hundreds of thousands of visitors travelling between Queenstown and Milford Sound," Smith said in a statement after meeting with the applicants, Riverstone Holdings, controlled by millionaire Wanaka property developer Bob Robertson. [More online.]

## Agropolis Urban Farm

Agropolis is a scalable transitional urban farm within Christchurch's inner city.

It involves composting organic waste from inner city hospitality businesses as well as the ground preparation, sowing and planting, harvesting, cooking and distribution of the produce. Eventually Agropolis hopes to provide a 'garden to plate' experience via a mobile kitchen. It also tests questions about the city's food resilience, land use and food production and distribution in relation to the planning of the city. [More online.]

## Matt Sutton

Matthew was born in the Sydney suburb of Cronulla – famous for its beaches – and took all his schooling there. He started in on-air radio broadcasting and moved around a lot, working in Goulburn, Dubbo, the Gold Coast, Hobart, Adelaide, Sunshine Coast, and 3 ½ years in Brisbane at B105 FM.

About three years ago, he backpacked by car across Canada and became infatuated with the country. In London, Ontario, he worked in a bar for six months.

Back in Oz, Matt received a job offer from Winnipeg. He accepted and has been here almost a year. You can hear him in action from 5:30 to 9:00 am on 99.1 Fresh FM, part of the Corus Entertainment Group, which includes CJOB – a sister station.

Matt loves hockey, and although he doesn't play, he is enamoured with the Winnipeg Jets. He also plays tennis – a typical Aussie! – and cooking has become one of his other passions – lamb chops, pavlova, ANZAC biscuits and of course Vegemite.

Matt found out about the DUCW when Jenny Gates contacted him and welcomed him to town. At that time, his wife Marg was going to join him in Winnipeg, but unfortunately that has not happened, and separation is in the works.

Fingers crossed we hear Matt for many



years on Winnipeg airwaves, and looking forward to meeting him at a Club event in the very near future.

*Gordon Keatch*

### Dunedin a-quiver as gas consortium chooses to drill big offshore

Three high-powered international energy giants have, as a consortium, committed to a \$200-million exploration project in the Great South Basin, confident of a gas strike bigger than the Maui field of 3-trillion cubic feet of gas of the Taranaki coast.

The basin is in wild waters east of Dunedin, a major South Island city, where corporations are a-quiver in anticipation of a boom akin to the great gold strike of the

1860s which made it the richest and most sophisticated in the colony.

Dutch-headquartered Shell, Austrian giant OMV and Japan's Mitsui have combined forces to commit to a "drill or drop" option to drill a well in an exploration permit.

Now the commitment has been made, the project's operating company, Shell New Zealand, will begin planning and preparations for the drilling program, which is likely to take place over the summer of 2016-2017.

Shell NZ's country chairman Rob Jager says experts were predicting a 30 per cent chance of a commercial discovery – and that there was a better than 99 per cent chance the find would be natural gas.

"Personally I'm very excited about it," he said.

"The best thing is that after studying all the information about this prospect, the joint venture companies have been sufficiently attracted to invest up to \$200m to drill an exploratory well in 1,350m water depths in notoriously turbulent conditions. It takes about 10 years to fully develop a producing well.

What is promising for NZ is that Shell can choose to drill in many places throughout the world but it has found the Great South Basin sufficiently attractive to rank the area high up in its exploration portfolio, and commit the money.

The NZ Petroleum, Exploration and Production Association hailed the announcement as big news.

The joint venture's decision came after analysis of about 25,000 square kilometres of seismic survey information gathered over the licence area. It indicated the potential was as much or more than the Maui gas field off Taranaki, which when discovered was rated at containing 3.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

*- from Murray Burt*

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### New breed of orca takes to the water on NZ's Lake Wakatipu

A custom-made jetboat that leaps out of the water, much like a whale, is a new tourist thrill on Lake Wakatipu in Queenstown. It is the work of New Zealand designer Rob Innes.

Writer Sally Dominguez says it is making waves in the tourist business. It's a jetboat-hybrid that steers like a plane - but leaps out of the water and breaches like a whale.

Called the Seabreacher, it has been approved by maritime authorities in both NZ and Australia and is beginning to find appeal in other in the market elsewhere.

The machine is best described as a fast-planing raceboat or a fully sealed jet-ski-engined sea missile that can plunge two people under the water at 60km/h and then hurl them into the sky.

Liveried as either a killer whale, a metallic hammerhead or great white shark, it's a recreational showstopper that defies gravity and basic nautical conventions.

NZ-born, US-based designer Rob Innes describes the Seabreacher as a "custom-designed hot rod for the water".

His Orca has a 260-hp (194kW) super-charged engine, roars away, dives and then leaps so high that no part of the 5.2-metre, 658kg craft is touching the lake surface.

Mr Innes and business partner Dan Piazza are keenly involved in performance boat racing. Their hand-crafted Seabreachers are custom-sculpted in fibreglass and Kevlar in their Northern Californian headquarters, Innespace productions. Delivery time is three months and each toy costs upwards of US\$65,000 (NZ\$77,800), more likely \$100,000 in South Pacific markets.

### The Games, the Commonwealth's greatest binding element, is just six months away

Haven't read much yet about this year's Commonwealth Games at Glasgow in July, EH? No doubt, the Sochi Olympics is the distraction for the media.

However, the athletic entities in our 53-nation Commonwealth community are no doubt counting down (and gearing up) to this year's highly anticipated Commonwealth Games in Scotland this summer. The dates are July 23 to Aug. 3.

Whether the fact the media is noticing or not yet is less important than the fact that the games are on and are one of the most vital binding features of the Commonwealth.

Secretary-General Kamalesh Sharma got it right in his reference late last month:

"Team spirit brings the enormous strength of solidarity, unity and of collective striving for greater achievement. We draw inspiration and understanding from one another, and our combined efforts build resilience. Working together, we win," he said.

Young people are likely to be the first to stir up some action. In March, marking Commonwealth Day this year, their job is to embrace the theme "Team Commonwealth" and its purpose: to reflect the spirit of friendship and the drive towards achieving shared goals and values that exist between our member countries despite their shared, and some time conflicting, diversities.

You can learn more from the website, ., or reach it at on the Twitter account .

### Displaced Muslims in India too frightened to return to their homes

The trauma is happening again, this time in the Muzaffamager District, northeast of New Delhi.

Hindu and Muslim families had lived together in peace in the village of Loi, Utta Pradesh, for generations before September last year. But in a two-day spasm of brutal religious violence, about 50,000 fearful Muslims fled their homes. In many cases many of them had been respected elders of the mixed ethnic society. It made no difference.

The violence that has continued, brutally targeting the Muslims and sending them from danger to ramshackle refugee camps, is such that few are confident that peace will be restored, despite assurances from an anxious government. Months after their forced exile, about 15,000 Muslims remain in sprawling makeshift tent cities in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, refusing to believe it is safe to return.

In the chill of night, family members sleep clinging to one another for warmth while icy water dripped through the tarps overhead. By mid-December, according to the government, 35 children in the camps had died.

For the most part, the homes these poor

souls left have been destroyed, possessions stolen and land confiscated. Few dare return to nothing but hate.

As the media points out, there is nothing new about sectarian violence in India. What this has in common with the past is slow-moving government action to drive the vital changes that have to follow. This mirrors the turmoil of 2002 in western Gujerat (now India's richest state) where poor Muslim communities were set upon, burned out and slaughtered.

Over the years, India has managed to provide adequate relief for survivors of natural disasters, but not for riot victims. At different points they have been Muslims, Hindus, Pandits and Sikhs - in large part because it is politically risky to take sides in such a conflict, critics say.

### Women in Papua New Guinea among world's most brutalized

Papua New Guinea is winning a reputation as one of the world's most violent places, especially where treatment of women is concerned.

A UN report suggested few women there have not experienced some form of domestic abuse, and a separate World Bank report says that PNG's murder rate is among world's worst.

What makes things worse is the male practice of using wooden bullets resulting in x-rays of women's wounds showing no sign of a projectile. As a result extensive and difficult surgery is needed.

The extent of women abuse has led parliament to take timid steps making all domestic violence and violent customs illegal.

Unfortunately, common practice leaves women thinking that male brutality is normal. The prime solution is to run away from the home and find shelter with NGO safe houses and churches.

Courts are now issuing women more and more protection orders against their husbands. Despite this, PNG has a strengthening economy.

*Murray Burt is president of the Manitoba branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society; past president of the Commonwealth Journalists Association; a member of the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative; Hon LCol of the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders; and a director of the Royal Military Institute (Manitoba) and The Intrepid Society. He is retired from more than 50 years of journalism. Murray Burt writes this Commonwealth column to raise sensitivities to its value and lift the curtain on our understanding of a third of the population of the world.*



# we're different

things that make us a little unique

## Twenty Aussie 'things'.

By Holly Woods – Friday 17 January, 2014

From weird sayings to Drop Bears, here is a list of 20 things that are quintessentially Australian. Aussies are an interesting bunch and this list just proves there is no place like Australia.

1. Our coin sizes make absolutely no sense, the one dollar coin is almost twice the size of the two dollar coin and then there is the gigantic 50 cents.
2. Australia has nine out of the 10 most dangerous snakes just slithering around in people's back yards.
3. We have a huge amount of strange looking, offensive, bogan characters in movies and on television, we apparently don't like boring good-looking characters; Kath and Kim, J'aime, Mick Dundee (Crocodile Dundee), Steve Karamitsis (The Wog Boy), Muriel Heslop (Muriels' Wedding).
4. People slam words together at random and make it a popular saying – G'day, D'reckn, HOWZAAAAT.
5. We choose our own word for things – Esky, thongs, stubbies. Even our own country's name has morphed into "Straya".
6. Slip Slop Slap is a mantra many try to follow and some choose to blatantly ignore, even though you could wear a birka in this country and still get sunburnt.
7. We put an 'o' at the end of a noun and it automatically turns into a plausible alternative – arvo, rego, servo, smoko, etc.
8. The Bureau of Metrology had to add a new colour to their weather charts because weather in Australia just got too hot, black wasn't enough so they had to start the colour spectrum again with purple.
9. For a few weeks every year one of our bird species (Magpies) goes rogue and starts gouging people eyes out. As soon as someone suggest shooting one everyone says "No, what about its babies?".
10. Aussies cannot get enough of footy. Which footy you may ask? Well there are four codes of sport that qualify as some variation of footy, so take your pick.
11. We claim famous people from New Zealand as our own until they screw up; then they're Kiwi's through and through. (Russel Crowe, Robbie Deans, Kimbra, the list goes on).
13. Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke can skull a beer at lightning speed and we respect him so much more for it.
12. Our names for cities and towns sound like gibberish – Woolloomooloo, Wagga Wagga, Ozenkadnook, Wee Waa.
14. Canberra is our capital city even though it is perhaps one of the most boring major cities in

Australia; many people from overseas think Sydney is our capital.

15. Going through Customs in Australia is a terrifying experience. You have to check your bag four times just to make sure there isn't a stray orange rolling around.

16. There is a fictional place called Woop-Woop located in the middle of nowhere.

17. Heard of drop bears? – We make up fictitious creatures to make our country seem more terrifying; as if the thousands of spiders, deadly snakes, and crocodiles weren't enough.

18. We are known for wrestling crocs, but we also think swimming with sharks unprotected is a laugh.

19. In most countries a heat wave causing 40 plus temperatures would cause a major sporting event to be postponed. In Australia we say get on the court – feel the burn!

20. Aussie cuisine is synonymous with junk food. The only foods we have ever actually invented (or have claimed to invent) will make you gain five kilos just by looking at them – Tim Tams, bacon and egg pies, lamingtons, Chiko rolls – [Check out a full list of Aussie foods here.].

So, What do you think of our list? Is there anything else you think could only happen in Australia? What about a similar New Zealand list?

## NZ Quiz stumpers

The trivia questions at the recent DUCW Waitangi & Australia Day club event had most of us scratching our heads. See how you do with these Kiwi questions.

1. Who was the first European known to have sighted New Zealand, and which country was he from?
2. Where is the "art deco" capital of NZ?
3. How long is NZ's coastline? (5, 15, 25 or 35 thousand kms)
4. Gumboot Day is held in which city?
5. How many native snake species are in NZ?
6. Whose likeness is on the NZ \$5 bill.
7. How long is 90 Mile Beach, N of Waitangi?
8. Foveaux Strait is the source of which seafood delicacy?
9. What is the name of the largest fjord in NZ?
10. Which clothing item symbolizes the America's Cup win of 1995?
11. What is the Cherry capital of NZ?
12. Who said "New Zealanders who leave for Australia raise the IQs of both countries"?
13. How many NZ-bred winners have there been in the Melbourne Cup?
14. In 1973, where was a temperature of 42.4°C recorded?

The answers are on our **website**, and on the extra 'e-page' in the electronic version of this newsletter, also available on the website.



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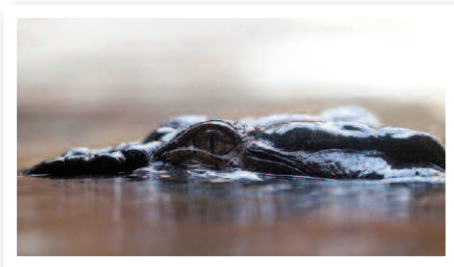
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### **Australian saltwater crocodile attacks young swimmers, eats one**

Rob Griffith/Associated Press. A 12-year-old boy was snatched and eaten by a saltwater crocodile last month while swimming with his friends in a water hole in at Mudginberri Billabong in World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park.

The site is a popular outback tourist destination southeast of the territorial capital of Darwin in northern Australia.

A chum swimming with the dead boy was mauled first, but pulled his arms free and escaped horribly scarred. Two others in the party made snappy exits from the pool.

The missing boy attacked moments later is from the small Aboriginal settlement of Mudginberri, west of the uranium mining town of Jabiru.

Sign posts throughout Kakadu warn visitors not to swim in waterways because of the crocodile danger.

Crocs have been on a protected species list since a federal law was introduced in 1971. Their numbers since then have exploded. A 26-year-old man was killed by a 4.7-metre crocodile last August as he swam across the Mary River, southeast of Darwin.

### **Remember beautiful little Malala? Authorities banned her book launch**

Government directed the University of Peshawar to cancel the launching of wounded teenager Malala Yousufzai's book *I am Malala* at the university.

The scheduled promotion had been strongly backed by The Bacha Khan Education Foundation (BKEF), Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO) and Area Study Centre, all had planned the ceremony.

The intervention was ordered by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government. And police gave notice they could not provide security for the program. The prohibition was initiated by government.

Dr Khadim Hussain, director of the BKEF, told the newspaper *Dawn* later that the ceremony was "against the spirit of freedom of expression and promotion of education because holding it means to scale up awareness about child rights."

"I was stopped by many people, including ministers, the vice-chancellor, registrar and police, from holding the program," Area Study Centre's director Sarfraz Khan said.

### **Quiz answers**

from page 6 of the February Yarn:  
New Zealand

1. Abel Tasman from The Netherlands
2. Napier
3. 15,000 kms
4. Taihape
5. Zero
6. Sir Edmund Hillary
7. 55 miles
8. Bluff Oysters
9. Dusky Sound
10. Red socks
11. Cromwell
12. Robert Muldoon
13. 42
14. Rangiora, Feb. 1973

So, how did you do? As an added bonus, we'll let you try your hand at the Australian questions now, but you'll have to go to our website to read the questions and answers!