

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Every year we ask the same question via the feedback form on the website (feedback.mmf.com.au)

Here are some of the answers...

The first 3/4 of a tube of toothpaste is consumed in the first 1/4 of its lifespan. The last 1/4 takes 3/4 of its lifespan.

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Symbiosis was a word invented to describe lichens.

My group brought pens and postcards to the dance floor, got people to write postcards and 'post' them in our doof stick. After the festival was over we mailed out around 220 postcards.

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There is a type of fungi that has 24,000 sexes. Also I bring a tiny box of my best miniatures to every festival and I try to find people who love tiny things at our doof stick. After the festival was over we mailed out around 220 postcards. Dolphins and whales can turn off half of their brains while they sleep, and one half stays on to keep them breathing and swimming.

Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than humans.

Myki officers cannot run after you if it's more than 50 metres away from the station.

Tower Hill was the first National Park in Victoria. It's no longer legislated as a NP.

A full moon is nine times brighter than a half moon.

Richmond forfeited the 1904 VFA Grand Final and premiership to North Melbourne because they didn't agree with the choice of umpire for the match.

Some people can smell ants and others can't (I can't and it blew my mind a few weeks ago when I found out that some can).

In late 1995 a bunch of rubber ducks, around 28000ish, fell off a cargo ship in the middle of the Pacific and some of them are still washing up on beaches around the world.

Neptune's moon, Triton, orbits in retrograde, meaning it circles the planet in the opposite direction of its rotation. It's the only moon in the solar system to do so.

I ate 15 bao buns over the Meredith weekend.

Jackfruit chips are far too crunchy a snack to bring to a cinema.

One of the longest words is Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.

My friend did the splits at the Meredith Gift and he didn't win best in show and it makes me really sad and I want to know his gooch didn't suffer for nothing. #goochrobbery

I was accidentally using my housemates toothbrush a week after coming back from Meredith, I have no excuse; my own toothbrush was there all along. We laughed about it and now he's using that toothbrush and I'm using my own again.

The Cape Barren Goose is the only species of genus Cereopsis.

Caterpillars above a certain age carry memories over to their moth phase even though their brains are extensively rewired during their metamorphosis.

There's someone who gives out tiny babies to people at the festival, and I often carry mine around in my pocket for good luck.

Did you know I once 'accidentally' spilt a glass of red wine on Tony Abbott when I worked in hospo? I saw my chance and took it.

The orcas in Puget Sound are wearing salmon as hats again for the first time since the 80s.

I can flip people off with my toes.

Not really huge on avocados tbh.

Sharks are older than the rings of Saturn.

At sunrise, seahorses are so happy to see each other that they dance for over five minutes.

Anglerfishes, called ceratioids, reproduce through sexual parasitism, in which the tiny males attach to their much larger female counterparts to mate and the male permanently fuses to the female.

Slaters (or Roly Polys) aren't insects, but are actually crustaceans.

Last week there was a sick rat in my garden. I knew he was sick because he didn't want to eat any cheese. He died soon after.

In creating an efficient human waste composting system you have simultaneously created a perfect home for hundreds of frogs enjoying the warm humid atmosphere of the bins. Modern terraforming at its very best.

I was at the second ever Meredith. I was 14 years old and my step-dad was sound technician for "The Boxing Tostados".

I really connected with a tree at Sunset Strip. I spent a lot of time hugging the tree, leaning on the tree & listening to the inner workings of the tree. The tree guided me through the weekend and I found it to be a really healing festival after an up & down year.

Australia gets more snow than Switzerland.

Leo Sayer was in an intense game of Connect Four just before his set.

This past Meredith my partner and I saw a man sitting in the sun eating an avocado like an apple, skin and all. I've spent a lot of time this year reflecting on identity, arbitrary rules and who I want to be in this life and witnessing that tied it all up very neatly. There are no rules. We can all sit in the sun and eat the proverbial avocado, if we choose to.

Sorry, got nothing for you.

I am still deeply in love with the remnants of the idea of my ex from 3 years ago.

We saw a guy eating an Avocado like an apple in The Sup, let the record show.

The soil in Bluegums is mostly hydrophobic (which was fantastic in 2023). Soil turns hydrophobic when its individual particles become coated in waxy, organic compounds that work as waterproofing agents. In the case of bluegums, the natural oils from leaves coat the soil and that repels the water.

Wearing a tie can reduce blood flow to the brain by 7.5 per cent. Why do you think the suits are so dumb? However bolo ties just look cool as fuck.

Like many cities that have grown in spurts over the years, the various campgrounds surrounding The Sup have experimented with various street layout patterns. Top Camp, like the inner neighbourhoods of Sydney, has an organic street network that has responded to natural travel routes and geographical features rather than being laid out in a pattern. Bush Camp, the leafy inner suburbs favoured by the elites, features a curvilinear street network that discourages through-traffic and confuses outsiders (while maintaining direct access to the Sportfields). Bluegums has a loops-and-lollipops approach popular in the 70s, but disfavoured by modern planners due to lack of walkability, and toddlers getting mowed over by neighbouring soccer mums reversing their Jeeps at high-speed in the cul-de-sacs you thought were safe for the kids to play in. Tom Mankeys, like the Melbourne CBD, has a conventional grid, or gridiron pattern popular in North America. This no-nonsense approach is rational, efficient, and easy to navigate, with excellent walkability given the roads aren't spaced too far apart. Property prices are tipped to soar once the decidedly working class area is considered to be within the Everyday Espresso-belt due to overcrowding in Top Camp and the failure of asleep-at-the-wheel planners to enforce mooted rules around multi-storey tents. South Pines and Outer Space are the growth area corridors where young families can buy a lifestyle block, perhaps set up an alfresco dining area with view over the kiddie pool, not disturb the neighbours too much with the Sonos Roam they got in their Chrissy Stocking. Planners will come to regret the sparse periurban road layout in 50 years when population growth means these outer suburbs become inner suburbs, with the 3333 postcode tipped by the crack team of elite forecasters at the ABS to rival the size of Glastonbury. In time, the Highway to Hell will need to be widened to accommodate bi-directional shuttle bus lanes, after the long-awaited construction of Hell is finally permitted to commence by Auntie's notoriously over-bureaucratic planning board, somewhere beyond Outer Space.

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