



Meredith Music Festival

There is a Survey as part of the Meredith website. In it we asked you to

Tell us Something We Don't Know!

Here are some of the more interesting responses:

Crabs piss through their antennae.

I am a lollypop lady and I sometimes dress up as a giant hand to be a mascot for the Deaflympics. I hope someone will feed my cat when I go to Meredith.

To maintain air speed velocity, a swallow needs to flap its wings 33 times a second (European Swallow).

My boyfriend's penis' name is Harry.

As a kid I had a crush on Lady Smurf.

My Name is Not Olivia Newton John.

I lost my virginity at Meredith. It will always have a place in my heart.

I wore toilet paper sox 4 years ago cause our tent got washed out.

Sadu's in India are allowed to smoke pot.

I once open-mouth kissed a horse.

I'm gay.

In watch advertisements companies set the hands at either 10:10am or 2:10pm, gives the appearance that the watch is smiling. Subtle but effective marketing.

More americans are killed each year by vending machines falling on them after being kicked than from shark attacks.

If Treetops dont play this year you guys are seriously fucked up.

Elephants store potatoes in water until they ferment, then they drink the beer. How fucking cool is that!?

It's almost 10pm and I'm still at work. No wonder I'm looking forward to Meredith.

The human head weighs about eight kilos. (I weighed on the Safeway scales at the check out) When alone, I eat Milo by the truckload .. (no milk).

The Snowtown killers listened to Live while doing their evil deeds. Case in point to lock this band up & throw away the key.

My parents still have sex!!

I wasn't able to proposition ANY of Sleater-Kinney last year.

I have been living my life in monologue ever since I watch the Spirit of St Louis on the weekend...

I had to give wanking up shower because every time it rained I got a hard on.

Last year I was living in Darwin so I couldn't make it. But my friends rang me to say happy Meredith from the festival.....they didn't ring me for Christmas or New Years. just Meredith I am taller than Paul Dempsey & Tim Rogers.

Flamin Alf Stewart doesn't actually use the word "flamin" in real life.

XXXXX used a condom in 1998, in the back of my stationwagon and it has never turned up.

I ran into a tree and knocked myself out playing Frisbee after seeing BOB LOG last time he was here.

Earwigs have two penises in case one breaks off during sex.

Meredith makes me feel all funny in the downstairs department.

The Chiko Roll was invented in Bendigo.

It takes 8 minutes for sunlight to get from the sun to here.

Despite popular opinion cats are not clean.... they are just covered in cat spit.

You need to use some kind of windowing scheme to make sure fast fourier transforms don't ruin your sampled sound. The Hammond window applies a sinewave envelope to the samples to make sure when you take the inverse fast fourier transform that they come together nicely, and you get no distortion... at least in theory.

Love is a battlefield.

The blue fluff gets into your belly button from the conveyor belt action of the hairs on your stomach.

The secret to making great rissoles is to use Fathers Favourite sauce and keeping the rissole mix in the fridge overnight before cooking it.

Marajuana is more expensive than gold.

Elephants can swim for 30 kilometres without stopping.

I conceived my first child at MMF.

AND ALL THIS CAME IN ONE EMAIL:

Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brothers' first flight.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo and no one knows why.

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

It's physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

No word in the English language rhymes with "MONTH."

All polar bears are left handed.

Almost everyone who reads this will try to lick their elbow.

So, did you try to lick your elbow????

YPINH

About 1300 young people under 50 years old live in aged care nursing homes across Australia with 300 in Victoria, and the youngest 10 years old. In the past 2 years, as concerned people have raised awareness of what has been a hidden issue, they have become known as 'YPINH' —Young People in Nursing Homes. Most YPINH live normal lives until an acquired disability means that the person needs high levels of care. This can be the result of a degenerative illness, e.g. multiple sclerosis, or a sudden event like an acquired brain injury (ABI). For those who do not have compensation e.g. from a road accident, there is no alternative but a Nursing Home.

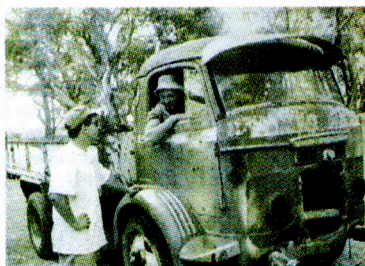
About 30 to 40% of YPINH have ABI. Causes include:

- a head injury
- anything that causes lack of oxygen to the brain, even for a few minutes, such as breathing stopping or prolonged low blood pressure e.g. during anaesthetic or epileptic fit, diabetes, asthma attack, drug overdose, near drowning, severe infection.

Brain injury can happen to anyone at any time.

Imagine being in the prime of life and then, after a gap of weeks or months, finding yourself emerging from coma, unable to move or speak, and most people treating you as if you are 'not there'. Trapped in a profoundly disabled body and communication system.

And, 'placed' in a NH with people decades older. NH and staff do their best but they are generally unable to give YP an appropriate environment and care to enable them to re-engage with life and people. State and Commonwealth governments have 'passed



the buck' about who is responsible for more than 20 years.

This happened to one of the founders of MMF. In 1996, 28 year old Chris was working in Asia and suffered a very severe ABI. Critically ill and in coma for 6 months, he 'woke up' laughing at his cousin weaving a story around a picture of him and his father Jack at the 1995 MMF.

For 7 years, Chris has lived in an inner city NH close to his social network of friends and family who, despite his severe handicaps, have assisted him to make the slow improvements and long 'climb back' to engaging with life and people. (He is unusual -- most YPINH are very isolated). Unable to move, speak or see much, Chris hears and understands and communicates with facial expressions and a long blink for 'Yes'. He still has a great capacity for people and friendship, and has 'broken ground' for someone with such catastrophic ABI.

With his old 'socio-political bent', Chris has found some sense of purpose in working with others to make a difference for himself and other YPINH, especially those with ABI. Examples include: Float in the Federation Day Parade (2001), National Conferences for YPINH (2002 and 2003), and media. See www.ypinh.org.au.

He is a member of INABILITY POSSIBILITY Inc, a group of young people who voluntarily work for YPINH with ABI. See www.inabilitypossibility.org.au

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A recent blow is that the Fitzroy NH where Chris lives is closing in 2 years, and the organisation is moving the 'beds' to an outer suburb far away from all his community. Many organisations are making similar moves creating a crisis for the inner city communities and aged. For Chris (and other YPINH with ABI) who have an expected normal life span, it is terrifying to contemplate.

Chris shows us the power of the human spirit, and has a courage, perseverance and humour which is inspiring and teaches us much. Unable to speak for themselves, these YP need us to 'listen' and give them 'voice' and a 'place'.

Interestingly, this is similar to the original dream of MMF to bring together the 'voice' of YP in music and a beautiful 'place' -- the land.

Mary Nolan 1 December 2003

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Wolfgang Peterson directed The Neverending Story.

Racecar is spelt racecar backwards.

Moore's law states that computers double in speed but half in price over a two year period. Even at this rate it will be 472 years before we have a computer that can resolve a googolplex $(10^{100}) \times (10^{100})$. A googolplex is commonly thought of as the largest number imaginable, there are more numbers in it than particles in the universe.

A stitch in time doesn't save anywhere nine. It'd be four tops

Ian Fleming wrote 14 James Bond books.

My dad used to be one of those guys that sat in and supervised Tatslotto that get their head on tele for half a second every Saturday night.

The fear of body odour is called bromhidrosiphobia.

Tiger Woods earns \$148 (US) every second (even when sleeping); I earn \$0.0046 (AUD) every second that I am at work. Shame, but there you go.

72 people die every year playing Twister... a dangerous sport if ever there was one.

A cochroach's favourite food is the glue on the back of postage stamps.

It happens that the Bermuda Triangle is the single most travelled section of sea on the planet, basically all Transatlantic sea and air cargo and travel, and all north-south American trade, will pass at some point through this huge, huge, huge region of water. That means that there shouldn't be any surprise that it gets this weird seeming high incidence of naval accidents.

I held a taco eating record at Croydon Taco Bill (haven't been for a while to know if it still stands) - 20 hard shell beef and chicken.

I stole my grade 4 teacher's smokes once!

Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.

A goldfish if kept in the dark will eventually turn white

Fresh coconut milk can be used in emergency blood transfusions

Caffeine is an insecticide to protect the bean. The higher the altitude, the less insects, therefore the less caffeine. So always drink high altitude Arabica coffee.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will stop you from crying.

A pig's orgasm can last half an hour!

I have no big toenails.

Degas (as in the artist) died by getting the passage between his eyeballs and his brain frozen while he was hiding beneath a broken window during the French Revolution.

My sister is a filthy slut.

We can still see light from stars that died millions of years ago.

Certain reptiles are born with two penises - one on either side - because they are such lazy bastards they won't turn around for a root.

If the "GH" in enough, is pronounced "FF" and the "O" in women is pronounced "i" and the "TI" in National is pronounced "SH", then, Ghoti spells FISH!

A bottle of Diet Coke floats, a bottle of normal Coke don't float.

I bought a Glenn Miller record for \$1 today.

Most Australian toilets flush in E minor.

My grandparents were from Meredith

Are you threatening me?

The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.

If the festival was to carry on each year forever, I will spend 0.82% of the rest of my life at Meredith having a fucking awesome time! If the festival were to stop I don't think I will last much longer!

The average cow weighs 1/2 a tonne.

If RL Burnside wishes he was in heaven sitting down, he obviously ain't been to Meredith. Best regards for a great festival, God.

Pigs can't look up at the sky - it's physically impossible for them

I can make my eyelids make fart noises.

A torch is a case for holding dead batteries.

E doesn't equal MC squared

The writer of The Hokey-Pokey, Lary La Prise died at age 83. It was an unheralded death, which is quite fortunate because some chaos erupted at the funeral when they tried to get him into the coffin. They first put his left leg in....

My boyfriend has a third nipple and he's always threatening to chop it off with scissors. I won't let him tho, cos I think it's cute.

I injured my penis in The Gift last year.

Meredith is the new Christmas.

I have worn the same t-shirt with the Polish band Myslovitz written on it to every Meredith so far.

The kids are alright

The speed of time is one-second per second.

My son was conceived at Meredith, hows that?

I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

About 3000 people pissed on the back right tyre of my car during the last festival

Why did the pine tree fall over? because it had too many cones.

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- ★ Elephants are the only mammal with four knees.
- ★ I've lost 10kg to avoid another embarrassing knockback on the Meredith Eye.
- ★ The average speed sauce comes out of a bottle is 2.46 km/h.
- ★ I met my girlfriend at last year's Meredith and we had hot chocky on the Ferris wheel (how smooth am I?).
- ★ The point exactly opposite you on the globe is called the antipode. In the case of Ballarat the point opposite is somewhere in middle Turkey. Ballarat's latitude/longitude is approximately 37°S, 143°W and Turkey is approximately 37°N, 37°E - therefore: you dig a hole to Turkey and not China (unless your hole has a seriously bend to the right!).
- ★ I am going to be a pash queen this year.
- ★ Radar from M*A*S*H's Christian name was Walter.
- ★ When lots of birds fly through the sky it make wind. Ignore what the weather people tell you.
- ★ In Alex Kidd in Miracle World for the Sega Master System, when you run out of lives hold Up and press the A and B buttons simultaneously until you hear a chime. You will get a free continue (must have \$450 or more to work).
- ★ Mosquitoes have 47 teeth.
- ★ In ancient Egypt times, an umbrella was a sign of rank.
- ★ What's long and hard and fucks bogans? Year 10.
- ★ If you divide any number by two, you'll never reach zero.
- ★ You can sit on in a hot air balloon and hold a pile of paper and it wont blow away, there's no wind up there because you're moving at the same speed as the wind.
- ★ I fill out surveys on the internet while I'm putting off doing assignments.
- ★ I've only tried out 32 positions of the Karma Sutra.
- ★ A Unicorn pissed on our tree.
- ★ A cat's purr makes its bones heal quicker.
- ★ The muscle that controls the base of the penis is called the Spongebulbeosis.
- ★ I have three nipples.
- ★ My boyfriend has three nipples.
- ★ The average person in the United Kingdom drinks as much tea as 23 Italians.
- ★ My neighbour likes to water his footpath wearing ONLY a shirt.
- ★ I just had to break into my house to retrieve my keys, so I could go to the net cafe to check the MMF site. And now I have to fix the window. Fuckit.
- ★ I travel 3200km to get to Meredith.
- ★ In about one billion years, a runaway greenhouse effect will make the Earth uninhabitable, two billion years later the oceans will have evaporated and in 12 billion years the sun will be dead! Where will Meredith be held?
- ★ I can never think of anything to write in here each year.
- ★ A Dalmatian is the only dog that can get gout.
- ★ Sammy Davis Jnr's father used to dress him up as a midget as a child, when making him perform, in order to get around child labour laws.
- ★ Neil Young's producer David Briggs started getting mail for another David Briggs, then later found out it was his half-brother who he'd never met. Apparently his father liked the name David.
- ★ Dr Suess's story *Cat In A Hat* was actually written because his *Cat ate his Hat*. It was meant to be Hat In A Cat but the publisher thought kids wouldn't be able to cope.
- ★ If you really want to gross someone out - eat the packet of ginger that has remained in your camp chair for the entire weekend. Eat it Sunday afternoon when it's nice and manky looking but still tastes great.
- ★ Arms don't grow back.
- ★ There are 109 bones in the human eye.
- ★ I have big boobs!!! he he he love ya lots.... see ya in 2005.
- ★ Four out of five dentists recommend Oral B.
- ★ I came up with the idea for chocettes before Cadbury except I called them moo balls.
- ★ I am very cool.
- ★ Woody Allen is a donut.
- ★ My mate has been in bed by 10pm (year one), 6pm (year two) and this year we aim to have him sleeping by 4pm.
- ★ One of my dogs is obsessed with sticks and the other one is petrified of them.
- ★ Ants make up two thirds of total animal mass on earth, including humans and elephants.
- ★ I am writing this survey naked.
- ★ The maximum lifespan for a pigeon is 69 years.
- ★ Out of all the animals in the world, the barnacle has the biggest little fella in relation to its body size, therefore the barnacle itself does not have to move to search for a lady, the little fella does all the work.
- ★ I left the fiancée at home to move into our new house last year so I could go to Meredith.
- ★ Last year one of my mates got so pissed he shat himself in his sleep.
- ★ I'm flying from London to go.
- ★ A "friend" of mine once drove his car at night around an exclusive golf club in Adelaide and managed to get his car stuck in a bunker then called a tow truck to get it out and never got caught.
- ★ I lost a pair of thongs at Meredith last year. But the good lord provided me with somebody else's.
- ★ All continents begin and end with the same letter.
- ★ I am in a Jet film clip. And I know it's so trendy to bag them out. but I remember them at Meredith and it's not their fault mainstream media raped them.
- ★ Your nose and ears never stop growing.
- ★ I have a small penis.
- ★ My fiancé proposed at Meredith last year.
- ★ I'm in Miami right now and I just bumped into Steve from *Beverly Hills 90210*. He's as blonde and orange as he was back in the day.
- ★ I saw the metal snowboard sculpture which hangs from a tree a Meredith in Harrietville last summer, sitting on someone's porch.
- ★ "I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- ★ 20 Italians die every year from choking on bay leaves in their pasta. True.
- ★ Australians eat roughly 9070 kg of vegetables in a life time.
- ★ Charlie Chaplin came third in a Charlie Chaplin look alike contest.
- ★ Bill picked up a stripper, waiting for the tests now.
- ★ Ever wondered why some fonts (on your computer) are called "grotesque" or "gothic", despite looking not even remotely gothic? That's because sans-serif typefaces (letters without the little knobs on) were considered hideous to type elite, back in the day.
- ★ I got out of jury duty because I fart too much





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For the last two years I've told ya something you didn't know... the first year... you fucked up... printed the wrong thing... about googolplexes [googolplexi?...] the symbols were all wrong... last year (2005) I fucked up... and you printed it... about the antipodes of Australia... I got punched by a map-geek for that... so Auntie... it's now 1-1 on the fuck up stakes... best of three?

Inner ear skin grows sideways & out of the canal as opposed to all other skin which just grows outwards.

My father's name is Norman Bates. Really.

Gloucestershire Airport in England used to blast Tina Turner songs on its runways to scare away birds.

I'm going to ride my bf like no other I'm horny as hell but shhh.

Every year I have gone which I think is six now, I've had to try and avoid another ex girlfriend, it's getting out of hand.

I get a bad feeling the Uncle Ross is in trouble every time I piss.

I'm watching TV in 5 mins.

My mate cried last year because he missed out, he was rather drunk at the time.

Water that comes out of the kitchen tap has been on this earth for over 100 years!

I am an apprentice horticulturalist and am the lowest paid 21-year-old in Australia!

I think my ex was a prostitute.

The biggest Guinness brewery in the world is in Jamaica.

Chickens don't piss and sharks don't shit.

Long term effects of ketamine as reported in a scientific journal - "that you end up locked inside your own head, beating your brain with a fish."

The height of Uluru is 348 mtrs, circumference is 10 kms, the weight is 1 stone.

You can only win three sports backwards - rowing, backstroke, and tug of war.

I'm naming my first daughter after this grand festival, we call Meredith.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

Someone left a really nice feather doona in our big tent - it wasn't anyone's that we camped with so I kept it. Gave it a good wash and it's on my bed. I'm not giving it back.

My neighbour likes to water his footpath wearing ONLY a shirt.

Ten percent of all human beings ever born are alive at this very moment.

A cockroach can live nine days without its head before it starves to death.

I bought the inflatable dog in '96. Please don't tell the cops?

I once put a whole packet of strong mints in my mouth and couldn't taste anything for three days. I needed a beach towel to dry the sweat from my pits too.

Our first child is due to be born in the week after this year's MMF so we may miss this one. If it's a girl we will be naming her after the greatest matriarch of them all Auntie Meredith.

I was proposed to at last year's Meredith.

A schmuck is the part of the skin cut off during a circumcision and thrown away.

Cows give more milk when they are listening to music.

I swallowed a dollar coin a week ago when I was pissed and found it in my toilet yesterday.

My French teacher at school dated Bryan Brown.

The magic word 'Abracadabra' was originally intended for the specific purpose of curing hay fever.

I have an irrational fear of amputees.

Ohm's law is $V=IR$. This states that current is directly proportional to voltage and inversely proportional to resistance.

I once saw Guy Sebastian spend ten minutes trying to tune a guitar before an in-store appearance before passing it to his friend who did it in seconds. He's supposed to be a music teacher right??

I'm pregnant.

A Meredith act last year (on the Sunday night) drove from Meredith to Melbourne with half a slab of cans on the roof of their car. And didn't lose one!

So far this year I've wet myself 12 times, and I'm 21 years old. I hope to break 20 by the end of the year. Will let you know how it goes when I get into the fest.

The longest word you can spell using the top letters of the keyboard is TYPEWRITER.

We conceived at Meredith 2005.

I cry after I cum.

In England, in the 1880s, 'pants' was considered a dirty word.

Polar bears are all left-handed.

A round trip to China is around 170 milliseconds via the Internet.

I still haven't picked up at Meredith.

Rum gets its distinctive flavour and colour because when they distil it they include all the nasty shit at the start and the end of the distillation that they throw out for other spirits. That's why it makes you sick and a pirate (or a cowboy).

I have a shrine to Meredith in my bedroom that I religiously pray to every night.

I couldn't come last year despite having a ticket 'cause I missed my plane from London. :(So finally after missing two consecutive years I will bloody make it.

If you can see Chuck Norris, Chuck Norris can see you. If you can't see Chuck Norris, you may only be seconds away from death.

There's no better sex than in a field at Meredith listening to The Dirty Three.

Heard today that Nic Kidman was a hermaphrodite! Source's sketchy.

Squished ants smell like lemonade.

Every swan in the world is owned by the Queen of England (a true fact).

My period is like six weeks late so I may be smuggling in an extra person in my belly this year.

How long is a piece of string? Twice the distance from the middle to the end.

The slime mould Dictyostelium lives as a single celled organism but comes together like voltron if food is scarce and exists as a multicellular organism referred to as a 'slug'.

I want to make a Perspex dog to get around the no glass no dogs rule, though I fear I may be a dickhead.

In France, you can buy wine in Prima-sized boxes and port in cans.

I missed out on the Friday night because of gastro then gave it to my boyfriend so he missed out on Saturday night.

I had a job interview at 9am on the Monday morning after last year's Meredith. I didn't get the job.

I once got my tongue stuck on a fridge! To the cooling bars!! I was only 12 & wanted to see what happened, I got stuck to it, that's what happened!!!

I'm coming this year because my best Swedish friend's brother's band is playing. If you work that out, I'll buy you a beer.

Meredith saved my job last year. I was meant to get made redundant on the Friday, instead I was driving through the entry gate.

Last year I went out into a quiet valley in the dark of the night and had a really serene wank. Then I went and watched a band.

Once at Meredith I couldn't find my camp-site late at night so I laid down behind someone's tent as it was a hot night and went to sleep. I woke to find out I had slept behind my own tent. Craziness! Also did you know that if you eat only apples for weeks on end you will lose a lot of weight, it's the new big diet thing get onto it... if you're fat.

My brother played footy at Meredith in the under 11s - great town, great people.

I just sneezed up soy and wasabi rice biscuits. Hot.

My best friend came out at Meredith last year

A snail can sleep for three years at a time.

My brother wets the bed just about every time he goes to Meredith.

We smoked a huge spliff on Sat night in my car whilst listening to The Greenkeepers song 'Lotion' and my girlfriend went past the car and spewed.

Cucumbers have a core temp 20 degrees less than room temp.

A young whipper-snapper I know was conceived on the Meredith eye... seriously!

Marc gives great head!





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That breast implants glow red if you put a torch up to them in the dark

Once a scored 167 points for a single word in Scrabble, REDUCING, it was over two triple word scores.

I think my girlfriend looks at Cheerleader porn on the net. I think this could be hot.

I tell lies.

I have a friend who looks like Jon Bon Jovi and another who looks like Kevin Bacon

I have an enormous crush on a man that's 13 years older than me. I don't care if he is close to 40, I think he is extremely attractive.

Haikus are easy. But sometimes they don't make sense. Refrigerator

my mate opted for a root in the tent over the presets. was killed by my mates who gave up their friday night entry tickets for him when they arrived the next morning.

If our baby is a girl we're going to name it Meredith

My girlfriend calls me a bastard when she comes

fax machines are too slow

richmond are shit. they'll never win the flag

I've recently come to believe that i'm well hung after some flattering experiences at a swingers party! :-)

I have a massive crush on my housemate. Shhhh!

I'm moving to Russia.

ants never sleep.

i want to marry meredith. im in love with her. im gonna propose this year. think she'll say yes? and how would i know if she did? who is the voice of meredith? she'll say yes.

My neighbour craps on his tomatoes. There is no fence.

most cats prefer cat food over dog food

I like curtain tassles

I think i'm addicted to ebay

My friends would probably disagree with all of this

The time-travel device in Back To The Future was originally a fridge until the studio thought that kids would lock themselves in fridges after watching the movie. So it was changed to a De Lorean. True.

Lizards communicate by doing pushups in front of each other

I threw my friends lucky hat on the roof of the pink flamingo last year but he doesn't know. He is still asking me where it is to this day.

I'm looking after a cat, and I don't like cats, they meow too much.

Please make the hill a bit steeper. Can't see the stage when horizontal like you could on the old hill.

my dogs name is jeff

I have a tattoo of the logo from my first meredith in 1996 hopefully you do know about the King Brothers, but if not then you should know that they will blow Meredith away!! And be prepared for serious acrobatics.

My 15 year old son picked up a twenty year old at Meredith 06. The cable ties that we attached our tent marker to are still on the car. Alexander the Great was epileptic. I left my mobile phone out on a chair overnight, and it was still there in the morning.

my son was conceived at meredith

The hokey pokey IS what its all about

rabbits can see behind them without moving their heads

i am related to cher

The tongue of a blue whale is about the length of an elephant

Sometimes I get teary when someone dies on Home and Away.

The name Meredith is derived from Wales and means GREAT LORD.... too right!!

I have a crush on ernie dingo.

Salvador Dali designed the Chupa Chup logo - really, he did!

I met my girlfriend at Meredith '05, my mate proposed to his (now) wife atop the Meredith Eye, and I forgave my brother for not doing a bloody thing to help pack up when I found out he had the only excuse I would accept. Here's to Love/Lust.

my cousin ate a cookie from a stranger as we left last year and had to travel home, for 5 hours, in the back seat with a (live) caged rooster

The US navy has trained seals and dolphins to deliver depth charges INCOGNITO. Crazy mofos.

I always read these comments and wonder what it will take for me to see my comment in print. I haven't come to any sort of conclusion. And how do I know what you don't know? You could be in my living room watching me write this right now...That's a bit creepy. My friend came over last night after a party and we kindly gave her some pj's to wear to bed which she proceeded to vomit all over and then dump in our laundry. That was rude. Did ya know what? huh smart guy?

Meredith is so well known all over the world. Not just Australians talk about how amazing they have heard it is and want to go.

The king of albania is Zog II. (for real)

A Nauruan is the only palindromic nationality... there you go...

my favourite medical term is toxic megacolon.

I have 2 brothers, 1 is the reigning National Sega Champion from like 1993 and my other brother is the Number 1 Scrabble player in Australia and will represent Australia in the World Scrabble tournament in India this year.

There are more fake flamingos than real ones in the world

I once open mouth kissed a horse.

i bought a bag of ice on the saturday and walked around giving people 2 blocks each to put under their hat to cool them down.

then later in the night, when i passed out in the ampitheatre, someone put me on a banana lounge and put a blanket over me. karma is a wonderful thing.

Honey doesn't go off

I sat next to Jason Dunstall in a screening of Mrs Doubtfire in 1993 and he laughed hysterically at the scene where Robin Williams' fake boobs catch on fire.

I'm going to take great pride telling my kids & grandkids about the good times at Meredith. I'm sure they won't understand what it was really like though.

i'm a traffic engineer. only told you because this is anonymous. it's not really the coolest thing to say at parties when someone asks 'so what do you do?' but i like it, just quietly.

Penis

meredith has changed me it sounds silly but its the truth i will never forget my first meredith..EVER

I wagged last year cause I didn't think I could last a weekend without my hair straightener...I have recently returned to the world of the sane and am DYING for this year's MMF

Its my Fiances first Meredith this year Aimee Your FUCKING HOT!. Cheers POSSUM

Mick Collins from the Dirtbombs told me that he has heard of this 'meredith' and would like to play...!(I gave him a great wrap up about it!)

BAN PEOPLE FROM WEARING FLURO AT YA FESTIVITIES. CAPSLOCK MEANS IM YELLING.

large buildings hurt my feelings.

last year i crawled into my tent and passed out. I woke up next to a lovely woman and her 3 year old child, and promptly told them to 'get the fuck out!'... it wasn't actually my tent. sorry about that.

I saw the Drones getting takeaway at Denn on High Street. They were drinking long necks and they got free beers cos their food was running late.

In a park, if a statue of a horse and soldier has the horse with two feet in the air it means the soldier died in battle. If the horse has one foot in the air it means that the soldier died of injuries sustained in battle. If the horse has all four feet on the ground it means that the soldier died of non-battle related causes.

Those bastards that set their couch up on a platform, dead centre of the natural ampitheatre every year - they really piss people off. Couches = good. Couches on raised platforms = annoying, selfish bastards. I'm not the only one out there who reckons furniture is unreal but fair go!

my friends just had a baby and called her Mia Meredith. Yes, after your festival. They love it too.

When Band of horses played Funeral last year, I cried. It is and always will be my favourite music moment... I dare you to top it this year!

A lot of gay men go to meredith music fest me and my mates (about 11 of us) are all non typical gay men that

i don't know karate, but i know c-razy

Did you know that Brian May of Queen recently went back to College to finish his degree? I didn't know that either



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Sometimes my mate only has three steamed dim sims for dinner..... surely thats not adequate.

I've lost 8 pairs of sunglasses this year alone

John Lennon can be heard to yell "Oh fucking hell" about two minutes and 56 seconds into Hey Jude. Also, the outro "na na-na na" bit goes for longer than all the rest of the song.

My records 8 in a day

I have an awesome sticky tape dispenser that's shaped like an old Cassette Tape, but like, bigger and stuff. My cousin gave it to me.

My mum thinks the gorilla drumming on the Cadbury ad to a Phil Collins song is a real gorilla

I am from the US and I have a slight fear of dusk.

I've always wanted my comment to be printed in the Meredith Booklet.

When you pick a green capsicum you get 2 flowers but if you pick a red one you only get one, hence red ones are more expensive.

I proposed to my wife on the Meredith eye in 2006. And when we got married this year we had a Miniature ferris wheel on top of our Wedding Cake.

My husband and I bought a french bulldog and his name is Colin.

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue

Hmmm. The trademark sound of Coke ads (the sound of the cap opening) has the same timbre as the sound of the ocean. Clever subliminal messaging or what?

i passed, got a 58! yay

love that its in vic so only a handful of us sydney fuckwits can be bothered to come down.

My neighbour is having an affair. I can see them right now.

I didnt make it back to my tent until 4pm Sunday arvo

A friend of mine told me that MMF is an acronym for a threesome involving two guys and a girl

Richard Wilkins is actually a pretty nice bloke.

my boyfriend wears an Elvis jumpsuit to bed. I shouldn't have mentioned it but everyone has an ulter ego don't they?

Its my panel van's 40th birthday this year. Happy birthday henry.

The carpet doesnt match the curtains.

I still close my eyes and pretend that i am a rock god when listening to my ipod at home.

It took me about 20 minutes to answer this question.

I ate a strange mushroom I found in the park. What an interesting day.

i need some lip balm. fuck off dry lips.

A boy tried to pick me up in the change rooms at the swimming pool yesterday, it was awkward.

I LOVE the idea for the bush suburbs. That's killer. I'd like to spend a Meredith in each one.

Our mate Flanna flew home from Scotland to join us once again. I arrived in a van borrowed from my father-in-law that died as I pulled up. He arrived in his Magna borrowed from his father and it died too. Apparently, according to the RACV, there were only two cars towed from the site last year...both from our campsite!

Last year at Meredith, I told my sister I though her boyfriend was a "gigantic fucking wanker", to her face. She was totally sober. I was not.

Meredith is known the world over. I am in Hanoi at the moment and the other day two Irish girls who had never been to Australia saw my tshirt and had heard it was a rad festival. So there you go.

The guy that brings the blow up penis every year from the red marquee's name is Stuart. He is mega gay. Not that there's anything wrong with that. PS. I am not Stuart. I'm Alister and as straight as an arrow.

i'm 22 and still look under my bed before i go to sleep

I found someones life plan last year that they may have lost. If someone was wanting to be married, have kids and be living on the Gold Coast by 2010

call me on 0439710340 and i can read to you exactly what you should have acheived by now and ridicule you for how much of a failure you are for not having acheived it. Cheers

I knew a girl called Kerrie Hunt

how does the man in the moon cut his hair? eclipse

Alan Didak was in Heath Shaw's car.

i secretly dont like my best friend

I'm two from two pissing my sleeping bag at Golden Plains so far.

A Carnivorous animal will not eat another animal that has been struck by lighting

My sister is a Lesbian...cool. But she was on Australian Idol...hmm...

Not being able to have you in my sight, lead me to my suburbs single shoppers night - scanning the aisles for your scent. Seeing if it is on special.

My friend Daniel, after what was quite an enjoyable Meredith back in 2003, lost control somewhat and did poos in his own trousers whilst dining with his family at an early Christmas dinner on the Sunday evening after the festival. Several lessons were learnt that fateful day.

Eskimo's offer you there wife for sex, it's a traadition. On a completley different note, I'm off to Iceland for a holiday

I ran the gift last year and then saw about 15 people who i did not know where there while i was naked!! haha, it has caused some interesting conversations..... :)

My grandmother was shot once. She unknowingly vacuumed up a bullet, then emptied the vacuum bag into the open fire. The bullet exploded, shot her in the shoulder.

Last night I had a really weird dream, for some reason I was trying to jam Diana Ross into a catapult.



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I unplugged their speakers when they weren't there! (they were just playing static by this stage)

I always take enough pairs of jocks to meredith for the whole weekend but I usually go home in the one's I arrived in.

On the Sunday morning when I went to have a shower I found about 20 bucks in gold coins stashed away in my bra. Score.

Im moving the Nigeria because I got an email the other day saying I have been given 20 million dollars from a Prince. Lucky me

It's predicted that in the next century, numbers of people with natural red hair will dwindle to zero.

A colleague just gave me a christmas present. Inside was this note "I'm leaving Jane because I'm in love with you". I feel very awkward.

My dog cost more money to pick up from the pound than it did to buy. It is a pity we love it.

The saying the bee's knee's is because bee's have pouches on their knee's and thats what they use to collect.

You're more likely to die on the way to buy a Tattslotto ticket that actually win Tattslotto.

I once tore out a page of the melways to make a thank you card for a friend. Then my dad got really angry when we couldn't get to 'Lovely Banks'.

Goodbye 5 cent coin.....

All us redheads met at the red tree at 8o'clock on saturday. it was rad I hope to see them all again.

my massive genitals refuse to cooperate.

Eskimos use refrigerators to keep food from freezing.

There's a dart board and a set of darts in one of the storm water drains near South Yarra. candles too

I like choc mint ice magic. But it's not magic.

I had a pair of runners that lasted me 2 Golden Plains and 2 Merediths, sadly they did not survive after the beating they took after Meredith 08. Good bye Tom and Jerry.

I once went to a brothel and got refused sex because they said i had a rash. I DONT HAVE A RASH. I couldn't get a root in a brothel.

The largest baby (68 cms) ever born is taller than the smallest full grown human male

I don't walk around the house nude because I don't trust my dog.

Life is not that hard

ill do anything. anything

That punk No 19 from Goulburn is going to get a not-so-friendly clip around the ears early in the first quarter tomorrow.

Gumboots should be known as Dontfuckme boots

Apparently there are, on average, 6 insect legs in every block of chocolate!

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I don't believe in cleaning before the cleaners come

My brother snores so loud that the surrounding camps always giggle.

i was in the ranga meet around the red tree

After every Meredith I am always want my food in a wrap form (roti, borito, calzone).

De-ja Vu is actually the left side of the brain recognising the vision you see a split second before the right hand side is able to register it. So you think you've seen the image before because you actually have, just a very short period of time before.

(on behalf of my friend who has celiac's)... Did you know that Melbourne sells out of Scrumpy Jacks the week before Meredith? - Scrumpy Jacks is the only cider than comes in a can...

I can only find that tree at 3 in the morning.

Apparently it is scientifically impossible to punch someone in your dreams...it just doesn't work...try it

I feel like I should be famous.

That the palm of your hand represents 1% of your total body surface area.

I'm up to inside out backwards with todays undies.

I once had a great chat to Warren Ellis while we both sat waiting for licence renewals at the Carlton Vicroads.

wanted to tell him that Deep Waters is one of my favorite songs ever, but didn't want to sound like a suckjob.

they're thinking of renaming the north and south islands of new zealand.....to something less obvious

While i was on the toilet, My mum told me that her and dad wanted me to stop looking up pornography on the dial up internet. It was 1996, I was 16, and I was mortified.

I turned down \$150,000pa salary and moved to Queensland to study a Masters in Business Administration because of a realization I had at Meredith Music Festival 2007.

Meredith is the best thing that happens in December. Birth of jesus christ my ass.

the better the champagne the smaller the bubbles and more direct route they take from the bottom of the glass.

Yourself, man. You don't even know yourself.

Im perving on girls in the library

need more boys in Melbourne that i haven't slept with, or less of them at Meredith.

The audience's area in the Amphitheatre is called the Theatron. It's ancient yet futuristic. I dig this survey.

If a scarecrow were to win an award it would be because he had been outstanding in his field.

After passionately abstaining from taking Class A drugs for a few years I tried ecstasy for the first time during Gary Newman at Golden Plains. It was so overwhelming that I had a massive orgasm. I gave it 25 glow sticks out of 5.

People like me because im polite and rarely late.

My desk at work is very messy. I like jelly shots and lasers

my partner wore a bunny suit to a party this weekend and got asked to be in a threesome two minutes after walking thru the door. He said thanks, but no thanks. grrrr.

since piglets grow so fast, 43 piglets were all used for babes character during filming

they took the cows off mt eden in auckland and now it's going to cost us tax payers \$300,000 in the next 5 years to pay for mowing. why oh why?

I need lots of yellow body paint. You'll see why.

i kissed the lead singer of !!! at the first golden plains. i am a boy.

I bust my ass writing hilarious things for you in this survey every year and you've only put me in print once so you can kiss my ass, this year I'm not contributing.

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There was sex happening in each of the 5 tents surrounding mine on Friday night - Nothing unusual at Meredith but this time all the moans and groans fit together in their own little song. How appropriate!

Dolphins are the only creatures other than humans that have sex for the fun of it...

-contrary to the graffiti on the toilet walls, 'kane' does NOT rule - i caught ringworm from my dog

Sherrie's dragonfly, Straw, flew away. Hope the little guy is okay.

The human eyeball from birth to death is the same size, it will not grow nor shrink.

I saw Jarvis Cocker in the crowd during Paul Kelly and convinced myself that it wasn't actually him, it was someone who wanted to be him! I went over and discussed this with him...about 20 mins later once I sobered up I realised it WAS him. He was really lovely about it.

If you held your shoes up to a stage in Lebanon you'd be shot. It's a big insult.

hedgehogs float in water

Luke, MMF 09: "I saw this doco the other day that was about all the red-haired people ganging up against everyone else. Oh wait - it might've been the Simpsons ..."

The saying 'The whole nine yards' comes from WW2 allied fighter planes, that had nine yards of bullet chains to run through on the machine guns on each plane. To go 'the whole nine yards', was to run out and having nothing left and go as far as you could go.

Scott Owen from The Living End has Rock the Casbah as his ringtone. He's standing in front of me right now.

I broke one of the Meredith festival rules last year and brought along a dickhead. Nobody noticed and we had a great weekend.

Hannah Montana temporary tattoos may be a fun idea on Saturday arvo... not so enjoyable having to wear long sleeves the following work week.

Despite 3 years of university I don't feel like I've learnt anything and I don't know what I should do with my life.

My boyfriend used to live in Jarvis Cocker's old house in Hackney, he brought his old tax bill along to Meredith but funnily enough Jarvis didn't want it.

I got a wristy from a guy at work last week and no one else in the office knows!

our cats lose their shit when we take them to my parents' house and hide under the bed. i don't know how they'll cope in alice springs...

Blue cats eyes on our roads signify location of fire hydrants.

when I set up my tent I found a used condom inside. I've never had sex in my tent and the only other people who have used it are.... MY PARENTS

My fiancé and I got engaged this year by the lights of the Pink Flamingo bar. That's what you mean to me, Meredith.

I spent an hour naming each baby animal in the picture book that I found inside Auntie's awesome cubicle. I'm in love with my best friend

the real way to a mans heart is through his meredith.

i punched myself in the face as i was rolling up my mattress... shame...

My sister always faces the crowd instead of the music. It shits me but I love it at the same time.

If the world was going to end, I'd go to the supernatural amphitheatre to watch it happen.

Next year I am bringing Christmas decorations. That group next to us had rad decorations.

The Meredith Eye takes more passengers in 1 weekend than the Melbourne Eye takes in a year.

In Tokyo, they sell toupees for dogs

my mum just told me that "when i was your age" she and her friends would take oregano to parties to pretend they were smoking a joint. "it got me all the boys"

It's very expensive to phone Amsterdam from the Pink Flamingo.

When i was young i thought that in the old days the world was black and white

My girlfriend doesn't think I'm funny enough to get this published.

a giant santa just fell off the wall next to me. my mum is an idiot for thinking that one chunk of blu tak was gonna hold that thing up.

Big Morgs and Jacqui finally happened! Big Morgs and Jacqui!!!

Crabs have 2 legs. Well that's what my friend told me when she saw a large black animal with 4 legs on a stick at 2009 Meredith. I said "I think it's a pig". She said "I think it's a crab" I looked at her dumbfounded. Then she said "Oh no that's right crabs only have 2 legs" Turns out it was a horse...

On the first night at Meredith just before Yacht I was pretty out of it and somehow woke up with a girlfriend. I'm pretty sure I will have fucked things up by Golden Plains. Apologies in advance, Katie.

My last full day of my too big tits were at meredith 09.. i had them reduced the next day.. my tits now remind me of meredith music festival...

Sensory trick: close your eyes, tilt back head, extend tongue. Now pretend you're shaking salt onto the back of your tongue. If you do it right, you can actually taste salt!

inspiration point has inspired me consistently

I'm housesitting and I just had sex in my brother's marital bed. I'm a little scared the marital vibe was rubbing off on the guy, he was very snugly. Like, I like him, but...

I just had eye sex with a boy on the train....he's still looking

I judge people by the way they walk...

I should of stayed in school.

I am getting a Meredith tattoo this year for my 31st birthday. No shit

I skydived yesterday

Dr. Seuss pronounced his name such that it rhymed with 'rejoice'

The lighter was invented before matches.

I don't feel comfortable anywhere, like I feel comfortable at Golden Plains and Meredith. I found myself there 3 years ago, and now every time I go back, I am reminded of who I love to be.

Irn Bru, National Soft Drink of Scotland. Scotland is the only country in the world that produces a soft drink that out sells coke and pepsi in their own country ! Impressive ! I think yes !

I'll tell you something I didn't even know. That last question made me all gushy and spiritual n shit. Imagine what I'll be like when I get there.

Hmmm, OK 1) I took a special substance at one Meredith and decided to have some me time. I took a blanket down to the film area and watched Russ Meyer's Kill Kill Faster Pussycat. It had such an impact on me that i started writing scripts and I am now studying Film in Perth, have worked on Lord of The Rings 2, Don't be afraid of the dark and have my first ever role as 1st assistant director in august! all coz of meredith, 2) every year i defecate in the tall grass, its just easier than using the toilets and my mum wants to go this year.

I'm hugely in debt. none of my friends or family know.

On some days the earth rotates a little bit faster than normal and its because the wind is blowing harder on the mountains of the world, thats pretty rad, right?

I attempt to teleport pretty much every week... so far no success.

I recently found out that a Banana is not actually a fruit, it's Herb! The reason why is because there is no woody tissue in the stem of the fruit. Hows That!

The guy who courted me all last year while i was OS took the meredith weekend (the first time we had seen eachother in 11 months) as the opportunity to try and pick up other chicks. while i was right there, and we were sharing a tent. Despite him being a real wanker, i had the raddest time ever. YAY MEREDITH

I am a terrible singer... But my best friend tralee is worse and neither of us care

whoopi goldberg is a really gentle lover.

My new job is not as challenging as I had hoped, I'm now thinking of becoming a Dump Truck operator in the Pilbara.

A Meredith convoy will never leave on time.

Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a spacesuit damages them.

technically, zebras are black with white stripes; a shaved zebra would be completely black



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That only female mosquitoes bite.

The Middle East (band) trained in Afghanistan for six months with the Taliban, as part of a top secret mission. They are largely responsible for the capture of Saddam Hussein.

There are more plastic flamingos in the USA than real ones.

In my 19 years at the festival I have never been published in the mag. But my friend who had her too big boobs reduced was published this year but didn't come to the festival to read it, she was getting her black belt on Saturday with her new, improved boobs.

After years of thought I finally became a vegetarian about a month ago (huge animal lover here). Every time a KFC ad comes on tv, my mouth waters. This is going to be tougher than I thought. THINK OF THE ANIMALS.

I spontaneously burst into song and sometimes take my pants off while drunk. Unfortunately I don't have a very nice singing voice but I do have nice legs.

My friend and I were waiting for another friend to come out of the toilet when the person next to us asked if we were waiting. It was Angus Sampson. We got excited and we waited until he came out of the toilet just so we could look at him again. We think he did a poo, cos we waited for a while.

Aphids can clone themselves. That's why you can see a couple one day, and a plant is covered in them the next. They are mostly female, and can clone themselves for seven generations before they need a root to replenish the gene pool.

We have had the same camping spot 4 years running... twice by accident.

I found Zachary from Mitcham, the most beautiful boy ever, but I didn't stay with him and I didn't give him my phone number and I wish I did. Hopefully I'll find him at the football (light tower 1 Hawks/Bombers round 14).

Dr Dre isn't actually a real doctor.

I bought a baby's romper suit from the Gift Shoppe, just in case.

I would like to know who set my tent back up AFTER I'd packed it up, put it in my car and gone down to the stage to see the remaining acts on Sunday. Firstly, well played. If I had a hat I would tip it in your honour. Secondly, I would like to punch you in the face, for breaking into my car and making my head explode as I thought I'd either dreamt the last 4 hours of my life and was going crazy or someone had put acid in my water bottle. I was trippin.

I wore a suit made out of a sleeping bag around on Saturday. On Sunday I overheard a chick in line for the toilets ask her friend "Do I look ok in this onesy?" and her friend replied "Please! Did you see that fat bitch in the sleeping bag suit! You look AMAZING in a onesy." I've put on a few kgs recently, but I'm not fat! It's an illusion - the suit just makes it look that way! She was right about the bitch part though.

I once brought a sword to Meredith and knighted many many people, giving them all new names. Two years later, I met my girlfriend's sister and she recognised me as that guy who had knighted her.

I always come away from Meredith with a WHOLE new way of thinking.

I find pissing the residual sawdust off the side of those drop dunny toilet bowls very gratifying.

Walking to the campsite to go to bed on Saturday night, I exclaimed to my friend with great enthusiasm, much to his amusement, that I was going to "wash my face!" once back (a task well overdue). I never did.

If you're going to get engaged at Meredith, do it on Friday. Less time to stress, and more time to celebrate.

The middle bar of a canoe is called a thwart.

A panda's orgasm is 20 minutes long.

I do my best thinking at Meredith....for example - this year I worked out why I like to look at porn.

Tommy Lee Jones and Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.

Thank you to the person who found my wallet last year and returned it with all the money and everything inside, except the condom. Have fun mate.

Penguins giggle when tickled.

Grass covers 75% of the land on earth.

I once lied to a friend who was getting married on a Meredith weekend. I told her that I had a big family get-together so couldn't make the wedding. But I didn't; I went to Meredith instead. They have since got divorced, so I think I made the right choice.

When I am at the supermarket buying dog food I stand there imagining what each flavour will taste like to ensure my dog Stan will enjoy it.

Many North Koreans believe that Kim Jong-Il has the "magical" ability to "control the weather" based on his mood.

I will probably be pretty tired at work tomorrow. I better wrap this up.

When you have a bath, if your fingers go wrinkly, it's the sin getting out.

Running the clock on a microwave over a year uses more power than it does to cook food for 2-3 minutes in the microwave each day for a year. Uh huh.

You can't say "beer can" without sounding like a Jamaican saying "bacon". Bet you're having a chuckle now.

I slept with my housemate. No, not the fat one.

It's hard to pick up.

The first laser was actually a microwave laser called a maser. Laser stands for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.

I suffer Narcosex.

It turns out the old woman and man are the people from the book, but the old girl has dementia and can't remember it. Then she remembers and they die.

Ducks' feet have no nerves or blood vessels. This means ducks never feel the cold, even if they swim in icy cold water. There has been a few MMFs where it would have been handy to be a duck.

Octopus' and goat's pupils are square.

One of Ganesh's tusks is broken because he snapped it off himself and used it to write the Mahabharata.

Geckoes lick the morning dew from their eyeballs to rehydrate themselves.

My middle name is Marmaduke.

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Could just be me, but it's guyrope not guiderope.

The words 'testify' and 'testimony' are widely regarded by historians to come from ancient Rome when Roman men would place their right hand on their testicles prior to speaking before the courts. Roman law held that no man could bear witness who didn't have both testes.

I'll tell you something that I don't know... I woke up with scratches on my chest on Sunday morning. I don't know how they got there.

You're The Voice, but you're putting no energy into trying to understand it.

My best friends dad is Eric Idle.

This time around I fell asleep on the Friday in someone else's campsite. I awoke around 3am and someone had written directions to the Supernatural Amphitheatre in texta on my arms. Thanks guys!

Others hold hands when they sleep so they don't float away from each other.

The word 'bed' kind of looks like a bed.

My boyfriend told me he loved me for the first time at Meredith.

I'm a lesbian who's in love with a man.

The 'close door' button in a lift is a placebo. It doesn't make the doors close faster than leaving them to close automatically.

Magic is an absence of science.

I was up so close watching the Gift this year, I saw grass hanging out of the winner's foreskin.

My friend heard people having sex in the fancy toilet (the one with the lampshade and picture frames). Apparently the guy needed to "calm down" and "go slower".

Hippo milk is pink.

A drummer from a famous US band gave me one of his drumsticks after a gig. I use it to unclog my vacuum cleaner.

The lining of the uterus is called 'decidua' as it sheds like a deciduous tree.

You hear a lot about people meeting at Meredith and subsequently getting married, living happily ever after. But there's a flip side you know. Some people get married and lots of things about Meredith have to change, for e.g. I'm no longer allowed to compete in the Gift since getting married because my wife threatens divorce.

I've given up on this thing.

I woke up to my boyfriend pissing on the floor last week...and when I got angry about it, he was still so drunk that he continued to say sarcastically...SOOOORRRYYYY!!!! Like it was my fault...bloody bed wetter!

Three weeks prior to Meredith I was at a silent retreat in India. We were instructed to observe all arising thoughts and sensations with equanimity and detachment, but occasionally I would indulge myself with the excitement of the coming festival and memories of years past. Keep mum on this one, I don't want Buddha finding out.

Nick - you make me so fucking happy and so fucking miserable, that I think you must be everything. Please leave me alone forever and never leave me.

Pandas are allergic to gold.

Up until the age of 4-ish, I didn't know if I was a girl or a boy, my parents called me by my middle name which is a Sanskrit word Dinakara, dressed me in my brother's hand me downs and shaved my head. If people asked me if I was a boy or girl, I answered with "I don't know" and genuinely didn't. Then when I was 4, a psychic told my mum to call me by my first name and dress me in dresses ready for school. I don't think it should have needed a psychic to point out that that would have been a good idea.

My husband and I love Meredith so much that we tracked down the owner of the 'Arch of Love' and borrowed it from him so that we could get married in it. Thanks so much Brian, it really made our day.

A moment is defined as 1 minute and 30 seconds.

I met a girl at my first Meredith and she smelt like vanilla and had the softest skin I've ever touched. She looked like LadyHawke.

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

I once studied music at the VCA. But we didn't see eye to eye about the whole "you must wear pants to class" rule.

Bats always turn left as they leave a cave.

Jacqui and Morgs are still together.

My son heard Pharoahe Monch in the womb and is now obsessed with the song Desire.

My 80-year-old grandfather drinks me and my friends under the table. I've tried to take him on, but he's just incredible. He's a drinking machine. I'm bringing him to the next Meredith.

I dropped my phone and car keys into one of the compost toilets! GONE!

My favourite record ever is 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' by Rick Wakeman. I can play the harmonica.

Next weeks lotto numbers are: 5,8,11,25,32,39.

I had nightmares a while ago and there was always this weird music in it. Then my mate played me this song and I realised it was the song from my nightmares. Then I realised that I heard it in the early hours at Meredith, played in between a couple of acts. The song was Circus of Horror, by Quiet Village. Scary stuff.

You need a Set Times Billboard on both sides of the stage.

I live near Wally de Backer and Tash Parker.

My boss just quit his job. Everyone thinks I'll apply for it. But you know what? I don't actually want it. So...um...I'm not gonna.

Kangaroos can't hop backwards. Fact.

The sandwich is named after the 4th Earl of Sandwich who asked for roast beef in two slices of bread so his fingers wouldn't get dirty.

Jesus is still all right with me.

I hate mushrooms. They should not be consumed as food; it is fungi. It grows on walls, it's gross. Don't eat them.

I open mouth kissed a horse once.

My sister booked some sort of beautiful exclusive holiday in the 135-million year old Daintree rainforest in November so as to watch the solar eclipse that will be viewable only along a narrow strip of land about 200km wide which crosses the top of Queensland and the Coral Sea. So anyway we'll be watching this extraordinary rare total solar eclipse phenomenon from a retreat in the most ancient and primitive rainforest in the world but that means I probably can't do Meredith this year. Seriously - what the fuck was she thinking.

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The full cost of a spacesuit is about \$11 million (although \$7m of this is for the backpack and the control module).

Rode to work today and forgot to bring my shoes and pants. Long day ahead.

Koalas and primates are the only animals with unique fingerprints.

I am sorry that I couldn't meet the cute blonde guy from Jerry's Vegiburgers to watch Four Tet together. I really wanted to, and I thought he was a babe, but I fell asleep :(SORRY DUDE. <3

You know how when we talk about time, we use words like "looking into the future" and "moving forward in time", as if we walk along a line and see the future stretch in front of us? In at least one South American language (I forget the name... I think it's an Andean one), they use the opposite, as if we walk backwards: with all the past visible to us, but the future a mystery.

I arrived at Meredith with athlete's foot. I left without it. Such is the power of the Amphitheatre.

I ate a lot of bacon and egg sandwiches at Meredith 2012 and I'm a vegetarian. BBQ sauce is so good.

Bookkeeping is maybe the most boring profession, but a really cool word as it has 3 consecutive double letters.

You know with a bunch of asparagus you hold it at each end and bend it then wherever it naturally snaps tells you how much to cook and how much to throw away? It always wastes so much, so lately when I do that I have been sliding my hands closer to the stalk end and snapping. It's not quite so natural but fuck it.

I've never seen the Meredith Gift! I'm worried though that if I stick around to watch I'll end up in the race and everyone will see my bush.

Sharks store urea to maintain an osmotic balance with seawater so as not to have a water loss problem.

My NarcoSexy seems to have cleared up.

SHIT is an acronym used back when they shipped elephant poo from India to the UK as fertilizer; as it was highly flammable they use to stamp on the crates of poo Ship High In Transport or SHIT for short.....

It is now my life long goal to either make Grimes my wife or to get into the 'tell us something we don't know' section of the Meredith magazine - whichever comes first.

Your heartbeat changes with the music you listen to! Music can alter your heartbeat, pulse rate, blood pressure, decrease your muscle tension, and even affect your body movement and coordination!

The strangers in your dreams are actually people that you've seen in real life! The human brain is responsible for many complex creations, but it can't invent the image of people. So the "strangers" that you meet in your dreams actually have the faces of people who you've once seen in your real life.

Turtles often bury their eggs in alligator nests. The mother alligator guards her nest so well it ensures the safety of the unborn turtles as well.

Twelve people have walked on the moon.

René Lacoste, a professional tennis player, invented the world's first logo shirt. Known as "Le Crocodile" for his on-court tenacity, Lacoste added the crocodile to his clothes in the 1930s – the first time a designer logo is known to have appeared on the outside of a shirt.

Life can only be understood backwards, but must be lived forwards.

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For Christmas 1936, Salvador Dali sent Harpo Marx a harp with barbed-wire strings. Harpo replied with a photograph of himself with bandaged fingers.

Life would be a lot easier if those ancient mathematicians had of just rounded pi down to an even '3'.

Sea otters have pet rocks. They keep them in a

little pocket of skin under their arms.

About 33 light years away, is an exoplanet covered in burning ice.

A lot of my friends have found their wives / husbands after a weekend at your farm.

The guy who was the drummer with Nirvana is now the lead singer of the Foo Fighters.

Screeched is the longest one-syllable word in the English language.

I lost my virginity in a threesome at my first Meredith, that could also be why I have fond memories of my time there.

I'm pretty close to the edge.

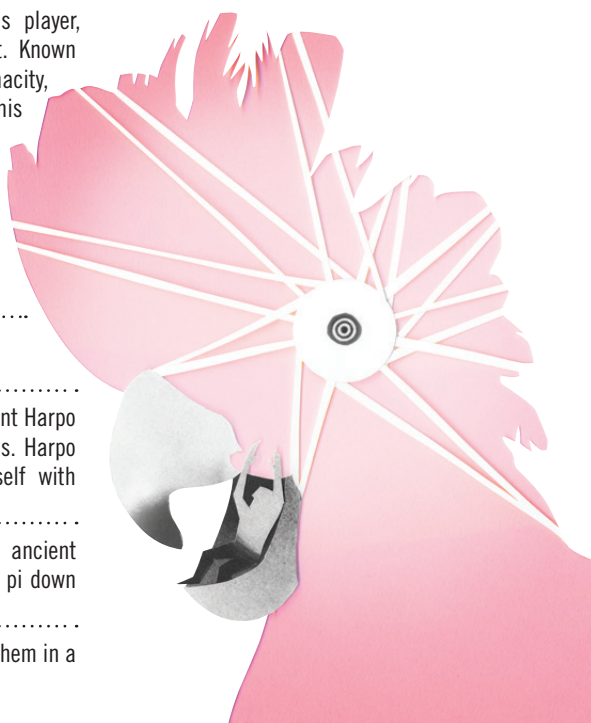
Glass is not actually a solid but is ever so slightly viscous. The particles are in constant movement and slowly get dragged down over time by gravity. If you get a very old piece of glass, it will be thicker at the bottom.

I have fucked my uni degree up in every way possible.

Tim Finn had sex with my mother in the 80s.

I'm in the 23rd best Peter Dinklage tribute band in my suburb. We're keen to play Meredith after the Brass Band.

Every year I make a Meredith mix to listen to on the way. It usually lasts 10 mins and then we chuck on Gold FM. Tops.



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A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

My dad's flatmate came with us this year and went AWOL for the weekend. He returned to pack up his tent on Sunday.

I had a crush on Chris Nolan and wanted to be adopted by Mary and Jack.

Marie Curie's notebooks from the late 19th century are still too radioactive to be handled without protection. They will be able to be handled without protection in 3511.

I gave Mac DeMarco some drinks to party on at 3am Saturday and told him I wouldn't charge him because I downloaded his album illegally, so it was fair payment.

It's the day after Meredith and I'm wearing sunglasses at my desk.

I actually have a question. I'm learning Tai Chi but I only do it at Meredith once a year, and I skip the odd class. How long will it take me to get ok at it?

I had to take a urine sample from my sick dog Gunta this morning. He pissed in a cup, but mostly on me.

The 'tell us something we don't know' section of the Meredith book is the only part I read.

I had sex in my best mate's tent while he sat at home with his wife who was due to give birth the Monday after Meredith.

At some stage during Andee Frost my mate Paz asked me if we had any cans left in the esky. I looked and could only see one but I wanted it for me so I told him we were out.

I always read the 'tell us something we don't know' and there's always stories about people meeting their partners there. Each year I wonder if maybe that'll be me, but I'm always loving life way too much to even think about boys while I'm there. Who needs guys when you've got Auntie, right?

It is illegal to kiss on train platforms in France. The law was introduced in 1910 to prevent train delays.

During non-festival times, the sheep run their own festivals. This year they focussed on Shakespeare and had a rather successful season with a modern take on a classic, which was called Ramlet.

It was my first festival/camping experience and watching live bands. I loved every moment of it and shall be coming back next year and the year after and so on!

Honey is the only food in the world that does not spoil.

I look forward to reading How Many Things You Don't Know more than I look forward to sex.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

I pashed Simo in the Pink Flamingo bar. He's a man, so am I, but he's married.

A girl told me to marry my friend's boyfriend during Nile Rodgers, and then proceeded to try and bed me herself. I was flattered.

You have to practice to get good at Meredith.

My girlfriend tried to turn the 'tell us something we don't know' into a trivia game and said 'I've fucked my X in every way possible'. Apparently the X = uni degree, but we thought she was just proud of her ex-boyfriend.

I was married early October 2013. When I said for better or worse, little did I know it would entail cleaning up after my husband after he drunkenly pee'd in our tent on the Friday night of Meredith only two months later. Still love him to pieces, but not what I envisaged our honeymoon to be like!

When I was dancing to Ignition, a couple came up and said they'd been watching me from across the festival and asked if they could hug me because my dancing was "so committed". It was a nice moment. Threesome didn't eventuate though.

On the Saturday night at about 5am we saw Mac DeMarco wandering around by himself, so my friend went up to him and told him he played a great set and asked what he thought of Meredith. His only response was to raise his hand and make a rock on sign with it, then

seemingly unable to form words he dragged himself back into the crowd. Also, all polar bears are left handed, and an octopus will eat its own arms if it gets really hungry.

My Aunt Margaret is a triplet. Her and both of her sisters all married men named Les. All three of these Lesses have the same birthday. Also, it turns out that I don't know the plural of Les.

I had partied too hard and was taking some time out beneath a tree feeling sad, but this surfer looking guy came past and said "You'll come good son, You'll come good". Well I did, and it was all thanks to his kind words, cheers dude.

The close union experienced at Meredith is known as syzygy.

A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second!

Meredith is where I grew into myself.

My current bf and I hooked up at Golden Plains and this Meredith was the first time I've had a partner by my side at a festival. It was one of the most fantastic experiences of my life.

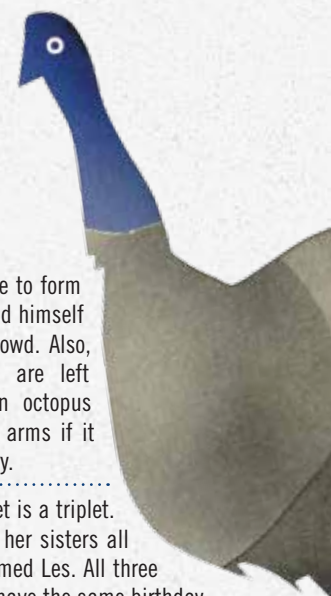
I have one inverted nipple. However, it protrudes if stimulated.

Napoleon always carried chocolate with him.

We're missing a friend's wedding reception for Golden Plains this year. She's not real happy about it, but really we see Auntie Meredith more than her. I changed my wedding date for MMF; she should have been more considerate.

I have a pet turtle named Urtle.

Cats carry a bacteria called toxoplasma gondii, which when it infects mammals makes them bigger risk takers - so makes mice more likely to take risks like running around in the open - so they can catch them. It's been proven that cat owners take more risks due to this by analysing car accident rates between cat and non-cat owners - How cool is that? Btw, I own a cat and currently have a broken leg.



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On average there are 62 Lego bricks for every person on earth.

I was minus 4 during the first Meredith. Feel like I can remember more of that one than last years.

In Germany there are fake bus stops outside many nursing homes to prevent confused senior citizens from wandering off.

It's too late now, but I owe Chopper Read \$1.

Lemsip & Gin is a terrible idea.

The breeze that comes up through the toilet floor in the Top Camp toilet is a strange and delightful thing. No smell for some reason. But sooooo refreshing on a hot day.

I was 28 years old before Meredith, but during Sleep's set when Matt Pike played his final solo, combined with the powers of The Sup', I felt the particles in my body being re-arranged and witnessed the universe being re-born. I am now only a few days old and will only be one by the time the next Meredith rolls around.

King Tut was killed by a hippopotamus bite.

I would enjoy doing the Meredith Gift, but I feel my penis size will be judged.

What type of cheese do you use to blindfold a horse? Marscapone.

I saw people I knew through my work at Meredith and hid from them.

Before Melbourne was Melbourne, it was called Batmania.

Most years of Meredith (around 13-14 Dec) there is the Geminid meteor shower. If you look up above Bluegums after midnight, you get a shooting star show until morning light. Magical!

I was busting to wee on the Ferris wheel, so I just went in my pants. It sprinkled on my mate on the carriage below. He still thinks it was the rain. Sorry Perko.

I actually do have an Auntie called Meredith.

Do those big wind turbines like the festival? They seem like huge fans.

Every year at Meredith I set my goose loose and she roams free in and around The Sup' for the weekend. Usually I find her within a few days after the festival but this time around I have my doubts, but I know my goose is in a better place and Auntie will look after her better than I would.

We spent 24 hours driving to and from 24-Meredith. It was meant to be.

I'm a plumber.

My brother built a house on top of his car for Meredith this year to get attention from the ladies. He got attention, a lot of it, but only from people taking photos. His luck did change in the line exiting the festival. He got offered a lovely stranger's phone number. I hope he calls her and they can both stay in The Little House on the Prius next Meredith.

I lost my friends at Meredith. I thought they left without me, so I stopped a random lady and went home with her. I had only 3 dollars and some water. She was the best. Later I found out that my friends didn't forget me and they stayed at the festival for hours looking for me. They called the police and contacted everyone possible to find me. Awkward moment. (yes, I remember this - Auntie)

I go to Meredith every year knowing only two or three acts on the lineup - I usually listen to death metal 24/7! It doesn't matter though; I always end up digging just about every act.

Every year I read these and expect to read my own submission, and every year I unsurprisingly forget what I wrote in a year ago. Maybe 2015 is my year.

The shark's brain looks like the female reproductive system. And Australia exports camels to Saudi Arabia.

You can break the key in the ignition of a Bedford van, get towed into the queue, push start it, and still enjoy the full shag-lined interior.

The Pythian Games at Delphi, Ancient Greece, founded in the 6th Century BCE, featured musical performances and dances, and is thought to be one of the first music festivals.

Baby foreskin is often used as a skin graft for burn victims.

The "Little House on the Prius" was made by someone in our camp. I came up with the name. And it was presented with a canary

on the way home, putting the oft-asked query of "is that roadworthy?" to rest.

Every year I wear this red lycra one-piece. I was standing in the amphitheatre wearing it, feeling amazing. So I turn to my friend and I say "friend, everything the light touches is my kingdom," and I fully, actually believed that I owned everything and that Meredith was my kingdom. Then this person comes up to me and says "you're that girl who wears the red onesie, I remember you from last year." I went back to my campsite, found reception, called my mum, and told her I'd made it.

On Friday night me and my girlfriend found ourselves potty training a top bloke named "Big Dog Nev" who had maybe partied a little too hard that arvo and was having some trouble. Big Dog Nev from Brunswick, wherever you are, you made our Meredith.

As a follow up from last year's octopus fact, here is the answer to the obvious next question: up to a point an octopus can regenerate the tips of lost arms, but it cannot regrow a whole arm. I had to wait till I got reception again after the festival to search the internet for this; you're welcome.

Glitter is the herpes of the art world.

There was a very handsome ginger man, wearing sensible shoes, a sensibly long-sleeved shirt and a sensible hat, walking around wearing a perfect beard and squeezing my heart. At one point, he walked past quite close to me and I said, 'Gracious, hello!' a little too loudly. He turned at my exclamation and said, 'Hello,' back. I tried to go after him to strike up a conversation, but panicked and went back to the music. It was even more exciting than when I got bitten by a bull ant.

If you have a whole bunch of glowsticks and a bearded man with a lot of patience, you can play a game of Meredith Ker-Plunk. The current record stands at 32 glowsticks in one beard.

I met a boy called Ben from Kew who is an architect and I lost my pearl earring in his tent and I left my flower crown in there too. I wouldn't mind getting them back.



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Most Muppets are left-handed (because most Muppeteers are right-handed, so they operate the head with their favoured hand).

Ovaries can hide.

I wonder if regular dogs see a police dog and think, "oh shit, it's a cop"?

I regret not taking that lovely lady up on her offer of dim sims at 2am Saturday night.

During World War II, the crew of the British submarine HMS Trident kept a fully grown reindeer called Pollyanna aboard their vessel for six weeks (it was a gift from the Russians).

If the singer from Shellac was wearing a Meredith beanie he'd be Steve Albeanie.

During Uncle Acid & The Deadbeats, a lovely gentleman spotted how enthusiastic my air guitar skills were and offered me his walking stick (that he really needed) as a substitute for my air. I traded him temporarily for my spray bottle of water and soon enough he made me feel like an absolute rockstar, spraying me rocking out, and all his friends, as we were cooking up the front of the stage in the mayhem. Just at the climax of the set, a man in a Scrabble Suit showed that he too was equally as enthusiastic as myself by screaming all sorts of hyperactive involuntary guttural sounds in my face.

The word 'nice' has its origins as meaning accurate or precise. In carpentry, a 'nice angle' would imply a very accurate one. It makes the phrase 'have a nice day' mean something else entirely.

I was bitten on the tongue by a medium sized black ant while I was watching the sunset on Saturday night.

At Meredith 2014 I met the girl I would spend the entire Meredith 2015 with. She's great. Hopefully this gets published at Meredith 2016 and I can point it out to her. Also, a squid's stomach wraps around

its brain, so if it eats too much it will kill itself from its stomach expanding.

I spent money I had set aside for flights to visit biological family on my Meredith tickets. Auntie is family.

I once tried to order 6 tennis balls off the internet and accidentally ordered 600.

The CIA project to overthrow the King of Egypt was called FF (Fat Fuck).

My trusty Bad Brains shirt, which has gotten me through 7 Merediths, is on its last legs and this sincerely saddens me.

I eat more healthily at Meredith than I do for the rest of the year.

The gestational period of an elephant can be up to 21 months. Also, I would like you to tell me more about the biodegradable confetti. I work for a not-for-profit and I need to buy some, and by some I mean I need to buy lots!

Crocodiles are actually descendants of animals older than dinosaurs. Lazy buggers haven't even bothered to evolve.

The Meredith Sky Show inspired me to become a laser technician.

I've spent 36 days of my life at the Supernatural Amphitheatre. With some luck by the time I'm 30 I will have spent another 36 days there. Fingers crossed.

In Eric's on Friday I thought I saw my pet dog, Moose. When I got home on Sunday he was in my back garden, all covered in dirt and tired and grumpy, so maybe he had been there. Or maybe it was something I ate.

In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead - he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body stayed in the saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20-1 outsider victory.

He was wearing a white fur coat and I was wearing a brown fur coat. We both had long curly dark hair. He had glitter through his beard, which I imagined all over my thighs as soon as I looked at him. He suggested dancing and I said later, under the purple lantern. We never met up but I wish we had.

Stubby holders are called echo holders in South Australia.

On Friday I wore my groomsman suit from my brothers wedding in Fiji. He couldn't be at MMF so I wore it in his honour and drank the rum he gave me as a gift for being his best man. I was freezing come the evening. Linen suit: good for the tropics, not so good for Meredith at night. Brrrrr.

Life is all about perspective. The sinking of the Titanic was a welcome miracle to the lobsters in the ship's kitchen.

One year (2003 or 2004) there was a koala sitting in a small gum tree near our camp site. I slowly and gently approached him/her, said hello and shook its hand. It opened one eye, checked me out and went back to sleep. I still have the photo. It's awesome.

Some fruit flies are genetically resistant to getting drunk, but only if they have an inactive version of a gene scientists have named "happyhour".

Biting your nails is a sign that you may be a perfectionist. The only time I don't bite mine all year is when I'm at Meredith.

Cheese is a type of meat.

Salvador Dali designed the Chupa Chups logo.

Earth has completely switched its polarity many times since its creation. Scientists know this by reading the direction of the magnetic metals in the oceanic crust in oceans known to exhibit sea floor spreading from mid-ocean ridges.

What do I have to do to get you to print something? This will be my 19th and never have you printed any of my entries. To make it worse, my wife has only ever submitted one and she got printed. That sucks, please share the love Auntie. I have a number of very interesting and quotable little known facts: nowhere in the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme does it say that Dumpty is an egg. A strawberry is NOT a berry, but a banana IS a berry. Female kangaroos have three vaginas. The first American film to show a toilet being flushed on screen was Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho.

I am looking for love. Will be at the 'ranga tree' at 8pm on Saturday night wearing a great suit and tie.

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Flamingos can live for more than 70 years.

The first couches were used over 4 millennia ago to furnish the tombs of Egyptian Pharaohs, providing comfort in their journey to the afterlife.

Male bumblebees use sight to find females. Because of this, they sometimes chase after aeroplanes, mistaking them for female bumblebees.

Early-early Sunday morning last Meredith, someone tipped over one of my eskies, pinched all of my beer, and left with my other eski. I later stumbled across it at a nearby, deserted campsite. I took it back - with the missing beers still inside. I don't know what your end-game was, fellow camper, but your actions resulted in room temperature hummus, which I am still annoyed about.

The surf is pumping in Port Fairy today! Meredith is my happy place.

In 2016, a busted up 1992 Barina is the ideal vehicle for nobody at all.

I just got home from Meredith and mum is watching 'Dance Mums'. Don't know if I could go from a higher high to a lower low. I hate peas, especially in fried rice.

Many people at the festival were interested to hear fun facts about Singapore. For example, did you know they have no natural water resources? (Actually, their only natural resource is people). Singapore imports most of its water from Malaysia under a contract that is due to expire in 2061. How do you think that's going to pan out?

Had a fantastic chat with a wanderer from a campsite near us, Chad, about a bacon, lettuce, and egg sandwich (Chad doesn't like tomato) he had at least 2 years ago at a cafe in Fitzroy. It's now on my to-do list to eat one.

Mushrooms don't contain vitamin B12. That's the microbes living in the dirt you're eating.

I legit worked for the mafia when I lived in Rome.

Marijuana was first outlawed in the 30's in America by the government prohibition division, which had run out of money and needed to stir up panic. They claimed that "marijuana gives Mexicans bloodlust".

Circuses are my guilty pleasure.

It's a bloody long drive from my house to MMF and home again.

I'm a librarian. It's not deliberate, but most days I realise I am wearing glasses, a cardigan and my hair in a bun.

Get Mark Knopfler to play and I'll gift you my youth.

The purple lantern is a lie.

2016 was my 11th Meredith (10 straight) and there's a chance i won't make it next year due to a family caravan trip. The thought of not going fills me with sadness, so I'm considering going to "get milk" and not coming back till after Meredith.

When Angel Olsen played "Sister" I was standing in the crowd with my own sister. We were wearing matching boots and each raised one to the beautiful symbiosis between sunlight and sound.

Helper Hut H14 is surrounded by volunteers. Actually having someone rostered on is a bit pointless.

The vile liquid concealed in the human (space) goon bag was Pernod and water.

I kissed the guy who is now my boyfriend during Chic's I Want Your Love at Golden Plains 2012, and I'm still embarrassed about the circumstances.

I'm pretty sure I got my second mention in 'Tell Me Something I Don't Know'. One entry this year said something like: "At the climax of the set, a man in a Scrabble Suit showed his enthusiasm by screaming all sorts of hyperactive guttural sounds in my face". I don't remember the incident specifically, but I do have a Scrabble Suit and that definitely sounds like my behaviour.

This year I had a nightmare about three weeks out that I woke up and everyone was at my house for the convoy and I had forgotten to pack.

My husband's boss is an architect that specialises in healthcare design. Sadly, her name is Melena, which is black tarry poo that contains blood. Bummer.

If you get a cold sore, take lots of zinc and vitamin C tablets, drink lots of water, and eat eggs and cheese to get lysine.

Taking a shit in the tinsel toilet was a majestic experience.

Very late on the Friday I was asleep in my tent when I was woken up by a stranger who had entered the wrong tent. He insisted it was his tent. I kicked him out. He left, but he left with one of his shoes and one of my boots. His shoe was too big for me and really wet, although I put it on anyway to go to the toilet. On the way back, a guy asked me for directions. I pointed out the way and moved on, until I noticed the same guy was wearing one shoe and my boot! I asked him to give my boot back. He insisted it was his. I showed him his shoe. He was stoked. I had a wet foot.

Tyrannosaurus Rex lived closer to the time of humans than the time of Stegosaurus.

People think milk helps when eating something spicy. But the truth is, the best remedy is a teaspoon of sugar. My Aussie friends struggle with hot curries sometimes, but I've never told them the sugar trick because I feel the experience of a chili in the mouth is enriching.

Yabbies shed their shell to grow bigger, sometimes even eating it.

A friend brought me home the cheese from Peaches' rider. It was a delicious come down food.

I once stole a pair of nice socks from a David Jones. Please don't dob me in.

In America, if you have 3 quarters, 4 dimes, and 4 pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.

Whales sleep vertically.

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What if the Hokey Pokey wasn't what it was all about?

Carrots turn floppy and black a lot quicker than you'd think.

Make sure you are disconnected from the communal bluetooth speaker in the middle of your campsite BEFORE watching adult content on your hand held device in the privacy of your own tent on day two. Isn't that right, Davo?*

Everyone has a unique tongue print like a fingerprint.

Alaska is the most eastern, western, and northern state in the United States.

Celery has so few calories that you burn more from eating it than you gain. Therefore, drinking Bloody Merediths counts as exercise.

I was talking to a tradie for about half an hour on the Friday night who convinced me I could build a house.

I got into the final of The Gift and I was devastated at the thought of having to run another race because I am so unfit and have been developing a pretty great dad bod. I gave up towards the end, skipped to the finish line and ended with a somersault. Thanks for the hat and the glory. It's now my life goal to win The Gift. I will be back.

Mankeys has the cleanest long drops.

There was a grand total of two songs about the Westgate at Meredith last year.

My key strengths are dessert, chocolate and luxuriating.

Flamingos eat upside down.

This was the first year I had to walk my wife back to camp. Usually it's the other way around.

At the very beginning of the Sky Show, my two mates were deep in conversation - one of which is an avid Prodigy fan. I interrupted their trains

of thought and said, "Dudes. Voodoo People... with lasers!". They never resumed their discussion.

This was my first Meredith as an out transwoman. I've competed in the men's Gift prior and was stoked by the addition of a gender neutral heat. Then I took too long to pack up our campsite and missed the sign up.

The allure of BBQ Shapes is difficult to ignore.

My sunglasses fell off my face and into the composting abyss while I was putting sawdust into the toilet. It all happened in slow motion and I couldn't do anything about it.

A squid's oesophagus goes straight through its brain.

Was so excited to see Mary Nolan down the front for RVG!! Was thinking how I'd never seen her down there before, but then remembered the drummer is one of Chris' carers. How lovely of her to show him her support. How lovely of the security person to hand her some ear plugs!!

I'm from Africa.

I love Century Gothic typeface.

I had a panic attack during Todd Terje, but it was still one of the greatest weekends of the year. That says a lot for the rest of the trip. (So many nice strangers helped me out, as well as friends).

I spent hours laughing at my painted on thongs last Meredith.

Giant penguins once populated New Zealand.

The 4 years that I've been going Meredith has helped me to handle my autism and the unexpected. Now I feel like I can face anything!

Eucalypts hold onto their leaves for around 5 years to reduce energy expenditure and water loss.

The term "genuine leather" isn't assuring you that the leather is real. It's a distinct grade of leather and it's the second-worst type there is.

If you're lucky enough to have a sugar glider fall asleep in the palm of your hand, you'll discover that they make a tiny popping noise, somewhat akin to purring, when they feel safe and loved.

This guy on the Friday night asked me "wasshpkkkkaso pntr" and I couldn't answer him. I found out later his question was, "Was Picasso a painter?" Just in case he hasn't figured it out, the answer is yes.

Cows are really gentle creatures. So gentle that you can pop an egg in their mouths and the egg will be fine (and gently warmed).

There's a planet outside of our solar system where the gravity is so dense that a grain of sand weighs 1000 kilograms.

I bumped into a co-worker at 3am on Sunset Strip wearing assless chaps.

I have a crush on a boy and the only time I ever see him is at Meredith and Golden Plains, so I'll continue to keep coming in the hope that one day he'll notice me and we will get married at Inspiration Point. A girl can dream.

You should have a donut stall.

I didn't drink at Meredith last year because I was 6 weeks pregnant. I secretly went and bought a onesie from the Gift Shoppe so that if all goes well the baby can wear it and I can tell them about the time they went to Meredith. What a great start to life.

Wombats have square poops.

God Jesus backwards is susej dog.

It took humanity approximately 4 times longer to switch from copper swords to steel swords than it took to switch from steel swords to nuclear bombs.

A flock of flamingos is called a flamboyance.

Peanuts are not nuts - they are legumes.

Hmmm, I'll have to get back to you on this one.

I pashed a paramedic on the dance floor.

People don't have a strong intuitive sense of the difference between a million and a billion. A million seconds equals about 11 days. A billion seconds equals about 31.5 years.

* Name changed for various reasons.

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Researchers have found that kids between 4-6 perform boring tasks much better when dressed as Batman.

Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie... that's why they're called 'trailers'.

Both my dog and my mum snore a lot. Sometimes us kids record them both, then play, 'guess that snore'. Mum doesn't think it's funny. The dog is usually indifferent.

Strawberries aren't technically a berry, but an avocado is.

I acquire my years supply of toiletries, hair products and toothbrushes at Meredith each year. Since Golden Plains started, I have a surplus.

The oldest known flamingo died at the age of 83.

On the Saturday morning of last Meredith, as I waited outside Eric's for my breakfast quesadilla, a fly flew up my nose. A few seconds later it flew out, straight into a wall and died. I hope it died happy.

Of all the different cats in the cat family, only one says 'meow'.

The reason why the first pancake is always the worst is that it's not hot enough and it sops up all the extra butter or oil you put on it. Leave it another three minutes and wipe the excess fat off with paper towel and you'll be good to go.

Techno is house and house is techno.

Emperor Penguins can dive to a depth of more than 500m.

Birds can't taste the heat of chilli the same way that humans do. They can eat the hottest chilli and not feel a thing. It can sometimes turn the egg yolk of a chicken bright red.

Corgis closest genetic relative is the Siberian Husky.

My mates and I kept walking past a sign that said 'Waxed Cardboard OK'. We spent the entire Meredith trying to figure out what it meant but never did.

Feral cats were introduced to the remote West Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria in the 1990s and since then have wreaked havoc on the island's native animals. A project to cull the cats started in 2011 and has been so successful that there is now only 1 cat left on the entire island. This is largely due to the work of 'legendary' cat tracker Christine Ellis from the Nyirripi community in the Tanami Desert.

I went to the Ecoplex late on the Saturday night. I wanted to touch the screen, even though I knew I probably shouldn't. I walked up, and just as I reached out my hand, the figures on the screen said "That's how we're watching you now, Emily." MY NAME IS EMILY.

The word 'helicopter' isn't heli+copter, it's actually helico (spiral, as in "helix") + pter (wing, as in "pterodactyl").

Someone turned to me in The Sup' and asked whether the lead singer of The Breeders was Kate Cebrano.

I ran into 3 ex's in the space of 15 minutes on Saturday night.

The name Cassandra has positives and negatives. On the positive side, it means prophetess. On the negative side, Cassandra was condemned in Greek mythology to never be believed.

Cats can carry the cat flu virus from when they are kittens and then get the symptoms when they are adults.

NYC's The Outerbridge, connecting Staten Island to NJ, is not named for its (then) remote location, but rather for Eugenius Harvey Outerbridge. I love it when people's names are their destiny. It's called an 'apronym' when someone's name also describes their profession.

Chicken salt was originally devised to improve the taste of chicken feed.

I Am Irish. In Gaelic hello is 'Dia duit' [God be with you] & the reply is always 'Dia is Muire duit' [God & Mary be with you]. But when we say it, it comes out 'Dia is Meredith' - you're in good company.

I surreptitiously moved (built a house) my partner and I from Melbs to just half an hour drive from the Supernatural. Sneaky I know. But as much as I love her, I love her.

I've never made it past 10pm on the second night of a Meredith or Golden Plains. Almost seems like I come here and catch up on the zzzs.

Male echidnas have a four-headed penis, with each head performing a different task in the mysterious process of procreation.

12% of people dream in black and white. I love death metal and don't dream.

Lego started out as a carpentry business making wooden furniture and tools.

Last year my husband was convinced the clean up song would be Time Warp.

Although Giraffes have really long necks, they're not long enough to reach the ground. Which makes watching a Giraffe drink water from a watering hole with its knees all bent reasonably funny.

Before there was Braille, there was 'night writing', which was devised by Charles Barbier after Napoleon asked for a system that would allow soldiers to communicate at night, silently and without any light.

Art isn't always art.

There is such a thing as a peacherine. It's the best fruit there is.

Eating gravy every day for a week isn't as great as it sounds.

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Never buy easy mac again. Equal parts macaroni, evaporated milk, cheese. Cook the pasta according to packet, drain, return to pot, cover with evaporated milk, heat til boiling, turn off heat, fold through cheese til melted. Serve.

Asking someone how much they earn isn't a good conversation starter.

In world war II, a German submarine was sunk by a truck. The submarine launched a torpedo at a boat, the boat blew up sending the truck flying through the air, landing on the submarine, sinking it. Also karma is a bitch.

I slept both nights on a couch in the sup with ocean sounds playing through my headphones to limit disturbance. Wallaahh.

Muhammad Ali lit the cauldron at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

My friend Duncan has two cysts on his back called 'the sisters' and we bejewelled them with diamantes last Meredith.

I missed out on my fish and chip date with my wife on the Saturday night due to it not being there in 2019.

The tooth fairy is actually a gift-giving rat in Spanish speaking countries. He is called 'ratoncito perez' in Spain and has different names throughout Latinoamerica.

The person who kept feeding me siracha on Saturday night straight from the bottle gave me the worst acid re flux for 2 days.

I met my best friend at Meredith 2017. Holy Ground.

The letter j doesn't appear on the periodic table and is the only letter not to.

I found \$50 on Saturday morning for the second time at Meredith.

Boris Johnson was re-elected at the beginning of Meredith 2019 and as a result it was the last Meredith where the UK was a part of the EU.

I witnessed some shirtless idiotic hero trying to fish his friend's phone out off one of the toilet bins with his bare hands. His friend couldn't remember which toilet she was in so he had to check multiple bins. No idea if he found it or not. I hope he bathed in the sanitising soap after.

Light & Tangy chips are Lemon, Tomato, Onion and Paprika flavoured.

Cauliflower comes in four different colours and makes a fantastic rave/find my friends pole.

i was about to pay for my food last festival and a gust of wind blew a \$50 note out of wallet. it hovered above the food stalls for ages and I had accepted it was gone. Everyone was freaking out about this mysterious flying \$50 and after what felt like an eternity someone 15m away caught it. i got it back from a kind stranger and everyone applauded. Blessed!

I doubt I'll leave much of a legacy, but I do want people to remember this: a generous dusting of baby powder on a greasy stain will lift it out overnight. You might not even have to wash your garment.

Different groups of orca whales have their own dialects - and they can learn dialects from other groups but ALSO imitate the sounds of other species like bottlenose dolphins.

I did make a promise that if my 30th falls on the Meredith weekend I'll be doing the Gift...it does. I'll see you butt naked in 2021.

Setting up a tent can forge a relationship and packing one up can break it forever.

True pigeon facts: They are the same exact species as doves, which Europeans bred in their cities because they were beautiful, fancy, and sounded nice. Then they took over all the european cities. They produce milk in their neck sacks (like cottage cheese) to feed their baby pigeons (squabs). Pigeons can't take both feet off the ground at the same time (jump) so if you see one with stumps instead of feet, it's because they get all the hair and threads of human existence tangled in their legs until it cuts off the circulation and the limb drops off.

By the fence in Outer Space, overlooking the paddock and trees beyond is clearly the best place to camp.

Bunjil flying over The Sup' toward the end of Koze's set was a moment.

Human eyes normally have 3 different types of colour photoreceptors which entirely comprise our ability to see the visible spectrum of light - every colour you can conceive of is built from those 3 receptors. Mantis shrimp, on the other hand, have 16 different photoreceptors in their eyes, which honestly seems a little excessive for a water bug.

Nintendo was founded in 1889.

Saying "smile" makes you smile.

The Moon continues to spin away from the Earth at the rate of 3.78cm per year, at about the same speed at which our fingernails grow. In about 50 billion years, the Moon will stop moving away from us and settle into a nice, stable orbit. At this point, the Moon will take about 47 days to go around the Earth.

My partner and i got engaged at meredith 2018. We don't really remember it, but we're still married.

I lost my shoe at Meredith 2011.

Murray Head, who sang "One Night in Bangkok", has a younger brother called Anthony Head, who played Rupert Giles in Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

Any word ending in -ation can be turned into an Italian word by changing -ation to -azione. Eg station - stazione.

A man with butter on his head should never go out in the sun.

Auntie is very good at keeping secrets. Even when I asked very politely she would not divulge the recipe for the Pink Flamingo Cocktail to serve at our MMF party weekend in 2020. She's a locked vault.

A Syrian Brown bear was enlisted into the Polish army during WWII and helped move ammunition crates at the Battle of Monte Cassino, Italy. He was promoted to Corporal and eventually retired at the Edinburgh Zoo, Scotland. His name was Wojtek.

Sound travels four times faster in water than in air. I travel four times faster on a Friday than on a Monday.

I only ever fill in the survey to tell you something you don't know. We missed you so much that on Meredith weekend last year we held our own Meredith party. The clean up song was Jessie's Girl, but we all got so drunk that we just sang along and nobody cleaned up. Sound familiar?

We're all here until we're not here.

I have never completed any other survey more in my life than this one...simply in the hope that one day you will publish one of my comments. What are my chances Auntie? Please? Would it help if I sound desperate?

Bananas are radioactive.

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Meredith and I used to be the same age but now she is younger than me.

The secret to poaching an egg is to crack it into a tea strainer to let the wispy bits of white drain off before you put it in the water.

I can't go anywhere alone because I get lost. Even after all these years.

What you call "natural amphitheatre" is in fact what we call a catchment in ecology/catchment hydrology (you probably know that already). It catches everything, and especially the water that then runs down the river. Everything runs from its catchment into the stream/river, then into a bigger stream and into the ocean.

Mermaids are very common in Aboriginal dreamtime mythology throughout the north of Australia.

I was made redundant 2 days before MMF30 but didn't really care as long as I made it to Meredith.

My cat, Ninja, seems to like the smell of the Sup' when I get home.

Ciabatta bread was only invented in 1982.

My partner and I bought an apartment on the Saturday morning of Meredith 30. We were both busy working at one of the food stalls, so we had someone bid for us. It was a very surreal experience. After we finished work we toasted at the Pink Flamingo with a can of prosecco. Another classic Meredith memory.

Small rodents like mice and rats don't have gag reflexes.

At the 30th Meredith my friends and I conducted a survey to try and determine the average number of times that people have been in a helicopter but we didn't write any of the answers down so it remains a mystery.

I've been going to Meredith for so long I remember when my Nokia 3110 didn't get any service.

After becoming a COVID close-contact the week prior to Meredith, it dawned on me I might have to miss MMF30. Upon testing negative 3-days later, I went for a sun-bathed walk along the beach listening to Nu Genea and teared up in anticipation. Meredith 30 did not disappoint. Much love to Aunty and her helpers and of course the Nolans.

I'm not one for ambition but it is my DJ career goal to be an interstitial DJ at Meredith/GP.

Smelling compost releases feel-good chemicals in the brain.

I went on the Ferris wheel four times.

Australia is wider than the moon.

Tom Mankeys full legal name is Thomas Winifred Mankeys.

My shoe laces are currently not tied.

I was just watching the 2006 doco and it made me cry (no huge deal; i am an excellent crier, and I specialise in happy/emotional tears). I'm sure you do know this, but you're all awesome. Thank you so much for sharing this space and creating something so extremely special. It's an act of such great good that I can't fathom it. That's what I came here to say. Just... deep thanks. xxx

My mate Louise and I have known each other for 27 years, but it took me bringing her to MMF (and introducing her to my other mate Sam and her herbal teas) that has made us inseparable.

Having reception this year was weird! More adventures must be had.

2 days felt like 2 weeks.

Pickle juice will get rid of a migraine faster than any painkillers.

At MMF 2022 Someone lovingly took my cardigan with their 'pile' from the stage back to their camp to stop it getting trod on. Thanks legends! It was cream and black diamond pattern with red and green embroidered flowers. What are the chances they bring it back to the helper hut one GP or MMF with a note 'for Angie' and I find it 2yrs later?! I might even leave a present at the helper hut to swap for it, should it arrive!

Wedge-tailed eagles mate for life and can have as many as 10 nests scattered throughout their territory.

My dad dropped me off to my first Meredith when I was about 15 years old. with a bottle of bourbon, tent and a gram. Crazy.

I had a blood pact with my mates Madcow and Murphy to attend every golden plains. Murphy has missed one due to child birth but I suspect madcow and I will be in the Sup' every Labour day long weekend for as long as you'll have us!

There were no hot sausage rolls Sunday morning at the 24 hour general store.

On Saturday morning, our camp overheard the dramas of a young chap who had gone to hook up with a girl in her tent, realised he didn't have any condoms, went to get some, and then couldn't find his way back to her tent! He had also left his jacket and wallet behind.... imagine. Thankfully we did hear that not only did he get his belongings back on Saturday night but that she turned out to be a lovely young lady. Aunty: there are free condoms available at Helper Huts.

Festoon doesn't refer to the lights themselves but rather the hanging shape of something draped between 2 points in a festive way. These were used and depicted regularly by ancient Greeks and Romans at entrances and on altars at celebrations.

If you add up the digits of any multiple of 9, the digits will always add up to 9. Even if the first addition adds to more than 9, add those digits up - you'll eventually end up at 9. E.g. $9 \times 5813 = 52317$. $5+2+3+1+7=18$. $1+8=9$.

Meredith changed my perspective on my future, at a low point in my life I was able to attend for the first time and spend my 30th with the most important person in my life - my brother. You didn't know that its a highlight of my life. THANKS MEREDITH

I like traffic lights.

I helped my 10yo son decorate cubicle T43 at Golden Plains. We have big plans for T42 this Meredith. Get on down to check it out.

My brother came back from schoolies on the Gold Coast (in 1998) with a tribal tattoo on his lower back. He told me it was a secret and not to tell mum and dad. It was a temporary tattoo and now he denies the whole thing ever happened.

I'm never any good at this but do I love reading them.

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Archatoothis is the scientific name for a giant squid and means giant tooth, cause initially all they could find was the teeth... I found 50\$ in the mud.

Riding roller coasters can help you pass kidney stones.

Butterflies can taste with their feet using chemoreceptors.

I met a mate 15 years ago at Meredith the last wet one, 2008 and met him again in 2023, the other wet one, we only seem to see each other at Meredith, even though we live really close to each other.

Stick-man won Meredith 2023 punter of the year for me. We love stick-man.

Our brains cannot create new faces, therefore, every person you have seen in your dreams, you have seen in real life.

The collective afterglow post Meredith is almost as good as Meredith itself.

My mate was managing one of the acts at GP2013 and he told me that Keb Darge told him that the George Clinton at GP2013 didn't look like the George Clinton he knew, and suggested it was an imposter. This is a pretty good conspiracy theory, and I'm proud of spreading it.

Your average cauliflower is 15–20 cm in diameter.

I watched the new Indiana Jones movie after Meredith. Some things we are just better off without.

The best time to have a shower is when everyone is asleep or queuing for drinks after a set has finished.

Humans have stripes!! Blaschkos lines are created in the womb when our bodies are formed. Some people have visible stripes, but mostly they are invisible to the human eye. However

cats and other animals can see them on us, so we are essentially their large, stripy, tabby cat friends. I sometimes think what my lines are like. I wonder what yours are too!

There have been at least five incidences of an animal that is not a crab evolving into a crab or crab-like creature. This process is called carcinisation and it occurs because the crab is one of the most effective life forms on earth. Also, I love you.

The giant spring rolls were delicious!

My first name is actually my second name.

Before you add milk, cereal is a salad. If you take the cereal out of the milk, it's a soup.

I did all my Meredith washing and drying straight away but almost a week later it still hasn't been folded.

Meredith is so joyful it feels criminal to be there.

When a large tree is felled or falls in a forest, the surrounding trees can keep the stump alive by sending sugars through the root system. This allows the neighbouring trees to keep benefiting from the living root system of the stump - maintaining the communication network to other individuals, the microbiome health of the soil and the supportive structure of the connected roots!

Apparently when one visits Iceland it is highly likely that you will run into Björk. My friend visited for a month and met her twice! Once was after a gig where Björk was DJing, and the second time was at the local pool. Everyone in Iceland seems to be very chill with Björk hanging around which makes me think she would be chill about coming to Meredith.

MMF provided the opportunity for this 45 year old to feel like he was flying. I thought those days had passed. Clearly not!

I went to the first or second Meredith. There was no grass and all the toilets were on the back of a truck. There were only a couple of thousand people. Wish I had taken photos.... Having said that, it's much more user friendly now.

Add a bit of MSG to the water when you're giving your houseplants a drink. It does them wonders.

The State Library of Victoria (originally opened as the Melbourne Public Library) is not only Australia's oldest public library but also one of the first free public libraries in the world.

I love rainbows x

Because of its postcode (3333), Meredith is the most Victorian town. In other states, the equivalent towns are Penshurst (NSW, 2222), Collinsfield and surrounds (SA, 5555), and the North Pole Arctic base (VIC, 9999). Sadly, the other quadruples don't exist.



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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.

Dolphins and whales can turn off half of their brains while they sleep, and one half stays on to keep them breathing and swimming.

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 perfect moment of their acid trip to show them. I'm a tiny merchant, it's the best fun!

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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