

Melbourne Trivia Quiz

Challenge yourself and your friends to see how many of the questions below you can answer correctly.

- In which year did Melbourne host the Summer Olympics?
a. 1934 b. 1956 c. 1981 d. 1943
- A Brighton Beach Bathing Box sold for how much in 2016?
a. \$36k b. \$120k c. \$326k d. \$510k
- Which person designed the Melbourne CBD grid?
a. Robert Hoddle b. John Monash c. Robert Burke d. Charles La Trobe
- According to the Crimes Act of 1958, in Melbourne you may not:
a. trade with a Pirate b. drive a goat attached to a vehicle c. change a lightbulb without a licensed electrician d. wear pink pants after noon on Sunday e. all of the above.
- Birrarung Marr's name comes from the Wurundjeri and Boonerwung peoples. Roughly translated, what does the name mean?
a. river of mists b. high ground c. wooden point of a reed spear d. where it meets the Yarra River.
- The first Australian Parliament was held in which building?
a. Victorian Parliament Building b. Old Treasury Building c. Melbourne Town Hall d. Royal Exhibition Building
- Which of the following was NOT a former name of Melbourne?
a. Batmania b. Barebrass c. Dutergalla d. New Albion
- On Sunday 5th April 1970, the Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Princess Anne all attended which event in Melbourne?
a. VFL Game b. The Ashes Cricket Tournament c. Melbourne Grand Prix d. The Melbourne Cup
- It was illegal for pubs to be open after 6pm in Melbourne until which year?
a. 1946 b. 1956 c. 1966 d. 1976
- The world's first feature film, 'The Story of the Kelly Gang' was made in Melbourne in which year?
a. 1901 b. 1906 c. 1911 d. 1926
- Which iconic Melbourne business opened first?
a. Hopetoun Tea Rooms b. Windsor Hotel c. The Mitre Tavern d. City Hatters
- What did Southern Cross Station used to be known as?
a. Spencer Street Station b. Batman's Hill Station c. Docklands Station d. Bourke Street Station.

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ANSWERS

- b. **1956.** This was the first summer Olympics held in Oceania. [Read more here.](#)
- c. **\$326k.** Pretty good for a one-room house with no plumbing or windows. [See the property listing here.](#)
- a. **Robert Hoddle.** Hoddle's first map of Melbourne, completed on 25 March 1837, covered the area from Flinders Street to Lonsdale Street, and from Spencer Street to Spring Street. [Read more here.](#)
- a. **trade with a pirate.** In fact all those answers are illegal, but under the Crimes Act of 1958, if you meet with a pirate in Melbourne, you may not trade with him or face up to 10 years prison. [Read more here me hearties!](#)
- a. **river of mists.** All the other answers are the aboriginal names for other Melbourne areas, including Fitzroy, Collingwood and Gardiner's Creek. [Read more here.](#)
- d. **Royal Exhibition Building.** This was the site of the first Australian Federal Parliament in 1901. In 1927 Canberra was set up as a compromise location between Melbourne and Sydney. [Read more here.](#)
- d. **New Albion.** In fact, New Albion was the name Arthur Phillip first gave to Sydney's colony. [Read more here.](#)
- a. **VFL Game.** The royal family watched the Richmond Tigers play the Fitzroy Lions in the season opener. [Read more here.](#)
- c. **1966.** This legislation gave rise to the '6 O'Clock Swill' when workers would leave their jobs at 5, rush in to the crowded pubs, and drink as much as they could until 6pm. This created 'an hour of drunken anarchy.' [Read more here.](#)
- b. **1906.** Directed by Charles Tait and starring Frank Mills, this was the world's first feature length film at over 1 hour long. [Read more here.](#)
- c. **The Mitre Tavern,** which began operating as a pub in 1868. The Hopetoun Tea Rooms opened in 1891, the Windsor Hotel in 1883, and City Hatters in 1910. [Read more about the Mitre Tavern's history:](#)
- a. **Spencer Street Station.** As part of a redesign and technological upgrade, the station was renamed in 2005. [Read more here.](#)

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