

Australia is the biggest island in the world, and also the smallest continent in the world.

No part of Australia is more than 1000 km from the ocean and a beach.

Australia has 516 National Parks.

Australia only has 6.15% arable land. Arable land is land that can be used for growing crops.

Kangaroos are prone to crossing the road in Australia the way deer do in North America.

The capital of Australia is Canberra, which is in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

The official name for the country is the Commonwealth of Australia.

Australia receives the least precipitation of all inhabited continents.

More than 80 per cent of Australia's plants, mammals, reptiles and frogs are unique to Australia and are found no-where else.

Australia is the 6th largest country in the world.

The Blue Mountains of New South Wales gained their name as a result of the blue haze that covers them when seen from a distance (especially in hot weather).

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest organic construction on earth.

A baby kangaroo at the time of its birth measures 2 centimetres.

Kangaroos need very little water to survive and are capable of going for months without drinking at all.

The Kangaroo and the Emu were chosen to feature on the Australian Coat of Arms because they are incapable of walking backwards and therefore symbolise a nation moving forward.

The Australian platypus and echidna are the only mammals (monotremes) to lay eggs.

The highest point in Australia is the top of Mt Kosciusko in New South Wales (2230 metres).

The lowest point in Australia is 15 metres below sea level at Lake Eyre in South Australia.

In 1838 it was declared illegal to swim at public beaches during the day! This law was enforced until 1902.

If you happen to be near The Great Barrier Reef and need to mail a letter or a postcard, you can. There is a mailbox located on the reef and uses the only stamp licensed by The Great Barrier Reef.

Australia is the only continent with a permanent population that is entirely below the equator, hence the name, 'Down - Under'.

Australia is the world's 13th-largest economy and has the world's fifth-highest per capita income.

Australia is the only country to occupy an entire continent.

In Australia a bathing suit is sometimes referred to as a cozzie or bather.

The Tropic of Capricorn runs through Queensland, Australia.

The didgeridoo is a native Australian musical instrument made out of a long hollowed log that is blown through to make a unique sound.

Ten of the most dangerous animals in the world can be found in Australia. Including the funnel web spider, the blue-ringed octopus, and the box jellyfish.

It wasn't until 1895 and beyond that women in some States of Australia were given the right to vote.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened in 1932 and is the widest steel arch bridge in the world.

The Purple-neck Rock Wallaby is found in Northwest Queensland. They discharge a dye that changes their face and neck into colours that can range from light pink to bright purple.

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