

**SPECIAL August 2020 – PUZZLES No 10**  
**General Knowledge 100 Question Quiz about MELBOURNE and VICTORIA**

**QUESTIONS**

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8	In 1925, Footscray (now the Western Bulldogs) joined the VFL (now the AFL). What other two teams joined at the same time?
9	In which fictional suburb of Melbourne is the TV soap <i>Neighbours</i> set?
10	Which area of the Melbourne suburb of Broadmeadows was named after a Victorian Governor and shares this name with a city in Texas USA?
11	In what year were Melbourne's 53 municipalities reduced to 26 and 1600 elected councillors sacked?
12	Bungaree, Cardigan Village, Haddon and Ross Creek are all within 20 km of which major Victorian city?

13	In what year was bushranger Ned Kelly hanged at Melbourne Jail?
14	How old was Ned Kelly when he died?
15	According to <i>Geoscience Australia</i> , the geographic centre of Victoria is located in the small rural town of Mandurang. What is the nearest city?
16	The Four'n Twenty pie was created in 1947 by café owner Leslie Thompson McClure. Where in Victoria?
17	Beside the Murray River, Victoria has four other rivers which exceed 300 km in length. Name them.
18	In what year did <i>Just A Dash</i> win the Melbourne Cup? Hint: it was the same year that Trevor Chappell famously bowled underarm in a one-day-international against New Zealand.
19	If the Peninsula Waves are taking on the Booroondara Express, what sport is being played?
20	In what year was Melbourne's Spencer Street railway station renamed Southern Cross?
21	In what year did the West Gate Bridge disaster result in the death of thirty-five construction workers?
22	Following on from the previous question: there was an earlier though non-fatal partial collapse of an important bridge across the Yarra River. What bridge, what year?
23	In what suburb of Melbourne did the sport of Trugo originate?
24	In Which Victorian Body of Water is Gunn Island?
25	In what Melbourne suburb provides both the title and the setting for a film starring Anthony Hopkins released in 1992?
26	From where in Melbourne did the Burke and Wills Expedition officially set out, and in what year?

27	In what year did Tullamarine officially replace nearby Essendon as Melbourne's premier airport?
28	In what years were the first (a) domestic and (b) international commercial passenger flights commenced from Avalon Airport?
29	Apart from two young women, how many animals, and of what type appear on Victoria's Coat-of-Arms?
30	Where does Melbourne's tram system rank in the World; 2 <sup>nd</sup> biggest; 4 <sup>th</sup> biggest; 6 <sup>th</sup> biggest; 8 <sup>th</sup> biggest.
31	True or false? Melbourne was originally named Batmania
32	In what year did compulsory 6 pm closing of pubs end in Victoria?
33	To the nearest 10%, what proportion of Melbourne's residents were born overseas: 20%, 30% or 40%?
34	Melbourne workers successfully campaigned for the world's first 8-hour work day. In what year?
35	Australia's first traffic lights were installed in Melbourne. What intersection, what year?
36	Australia's first pizza restaurant opened in Lygon Street Carlton (where else?) in what year?
37	Which Fitzroy chocolate factory was the birthplace of the Cherry Ripe in 1924, the Crunchie bar in 1929 and the Freddo Frog in 1930?
38	Victoria is claimed to be the first place in the world to enforce seat belt legislation. What year?
39	In what year was the first attempt to establish a penal colony in what is now Victoria?
40	Are there more males or more females in Victoria's population?
41	Commercial production of the first ute (utility vehicle or coupe utility) was first achieved by Ford Australia. Where and in what year?

42	In what year did Melbourne host the Commonwealth Games?
43	Where are Victorian car number plates made?
44	What is Victoria's highest peak?
45	Under which city is there a gold mine called the Central Deborah?
46	Where is Melbourne's Tramway Museum?
47	Where is Harry Hawker Airport?
48	What did Victoria do in 1975 that Sweden did in 1921, Britain did in 1965, France did in 1981 and New South Wales did in 1985?
49	How many of Australia's 30 prime ministers to date have been Victorian by birth or adoption?
50	Who wrote <i>The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke</i> set in Melbourne in the early 20 <sup>th</sup> Century?
51	Shane Warne played full-forward in which AFL Under 19s side?
52	Which Victorian Premier had the middle name of Gibb?
53	In New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, and Western Australia it's a "middy"; in the Northern Territory it's a "handle"; and in South Australia it's a "schooner." What is it in Victoria and Queensland?
54	How many operating lighthouses are there in Victoria? 24, 34 or 44?
55	A team led by Professor Graeme Clark developed what in 1978 at the University of Melbourne?
56	Who is the Copeland Trophy annually awarded to?
57	Which is the only Australian state that does NOT have a postcode for Gladstone?
58	Which of the main streets in Melbourne's CBD is often referred to as "Little Greece"?
59	Which Victorian country town is home to The Big Cigar?
60	Which Victorian school did Britain's Prince Charles attend for a year?

61	What was the name of the building, said by many to be Melbourne's greatest eyesore, which was replaced by Federation Square?
62	<i>The Vault</i> a.k.a. <i>The Thing</i> a.k.a <i>The Yellow Peril</i> is a sculpture created for Melbourne in 1978 which was not well received by the Press or public, and has been moved several times. Where is it now?
63	Name the three Railway Stations between Spotswood Station and Williamstown Station.
64	Is Victoria's railway gauge closest to 160, 170 or 180 centimetres? The railway gauge is the shortest distance between the rails.
65	Which of Australia's famous tourist drives has the VicRoad designation B100?
66	In population terms, how many cities wholly within Victoria are among Australia's 20 biggest?
67	What percentage of Victorians get their driving licence before their nineteenth birthday; 50, 60 or 85?
68	You sometimes hear that <i>In Victoria, only licensed electricians may change a light bulb</i> . Is this an actual existing law, or is that just an urban myth?
69	Which Zoo is older: Royal Park Melbourne, or Taronga Park Sydney?
70	In which Melbourne suburb did the first Coles store open in 1914: Collingwood, Fitzroy, Richmond or South Melbourne?
71	Is Lockerbie, a new satellite suburb of Melbourne to the North, South, East or West of the CBD?
72	What colour are the seats in Victoria's Legislative Assembly?
73	In what year did Melbourne's Crown Casino open at its current site?
74	What two annual public holidays were last officially observed in Victoria in 1993?
75	The Victoria River is the longest river in which Australian state or territory?
76	Gold was first discovered in Victoria in 1851. Where?

77	Which Eureka Stockade leader was later Speaker of the Victorian Parliament?
78	Which Melbourne Racecourse has its main entrance off McPherson Street?
79	Phar Lap's hide, heart and skeleton are preserved in three different places. Which one is in Melbourne, which one is in Canberra and which one is in New Zealand?
80	In what year did Prime Minister Harold Holt go missing off Portsea?
81	When Daryl Somers did a commercial with the tagline <i>You'll never, never know if you never, never go</i> , which destination was he promoting?
82	The comedy series Kath & Kim is set in an outer suburb of Melbourne. (a) In what fictional suburb is it set? What actual locality is used for the outdoor scenes?
83	In what month is Greyhound racing's Melbourne Cup traditionally run?
84	Who was Victorian Premier between 1955 and 1972?
85	The Victorian and New South Wales state governments ran a set of similar ads in the 1980s with the words <i>Do the right thing</i> as a common thread. What was the "right thing"?
86	What is the name of the Highway designated Australian National Highway 31?
87	Since 1984, how many brothels are you legally allowed to own in Victoria at one time?
88	Where in Victoria is Cunningham Pier?
89	In what suburb of Melbourne was Percy Grainger born, and in what year?
90	Which Victorian federal politician was described by Paul Keating as "The soufflé that rose twice"?
91	What black comedy film co-starred John Clarke, Sam Neill and Gia Carides?
92	In what part of the Melbourne CBD did General Douglas McArthur set up his first headquarters on arrival in Australia in 1942?
93	How did Eddie Leonski also make news headlines in 1942?

94	Which Australian Prime Minister was thought to have been born in Prahran, a suburb of Melbourne, but later discovered to have been born in Wellington New Zealand? (Had his candidacy for elected office in Australia been challenged under section 44 of the Australian constitution he could have been declared ineligible)
95	Which famous Australian woman was born in 1842 in what is now Fitzroy, a suburb of Melbourne, died in North Sydney in 1909 and became famous all over again in 2010?
96	More than 30,000 tonnes of tomatoes are grown commercially in Australia each year. What percentage of these are grown in Victoria?
97	The Sydney to Hobart Yacht race commences on the 26 <sup>th</sup> December annually. On what date does the Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race, (a.k.a. the Westcoaster) commence?
98	Where did these celebrities attend secondary school? (a) Kylie Minogue (b) Olivia Newton-John (c) Shane Jacobson (d) Curtis Stone
99	Before writing and directing the hit film <i>The Castle</i> , what television show first propelled Rob Sitch, Jane Kennedy and Santo Cilauro to fame?
100	Which former world record swimmer, born and raised in South Melbourne set up a highly successful Australasian company in 1922 with the money awarded to him for saving a man from a shark attack?

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## ANSWERS

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2	What is the State of Victoria's official floral emblem?	The pink common heath
3	What is the State of Victoria's official bird?	The helmeted honeyeater
4	What is the State of Victoria's official animal?	Leadbeater's possum
5	What is the State of Victoria's official marine animal?	the common seadragon
6	What is the State of Victoria's official mineral?	gold
7	The Australian Open Tennis Tournament has been consistently held in Melbourne since which year?	1972
8	In 1925, Footscray (now the Western Bulldogs) joined the VFL (now the AFL). What other two teams joined at the same time?	Hawthorn and North Melbourne (now the Kangaroos).
9	In which fictional suburb of Melbourne is the TV soap <i>Neighbours</i> set?	Erinsborough
10	Which area of the Melbourne suburb of Broadmeadows was named after a Victorian Governor and shares this name with a city in Texas USA?	Dallas
11	In what year were Melbourne's 53 municipalities reduced to 26 and 1600 elected councillors sacked?	1994
12	Bungaree, Cardigan Village, Haddon and Ross Creek are all within 20 km of which major Victorian city?	Ballarat



13	In what year was bushranger Ned Kelly hanged at Melbourne Jail?	1880
14	How old was Ned Kelly when he died?	26
15	According to <i>Geoscience Australia</i> , the geographic centre of Victoria is located in the small rural town of Mandurang. What is the nearest city?	Bendigo
16	The Four'n Twenty pie was created in 1947 by café owner Leslie Thompson McClure. Where in Victoria?	Bendigo
17	Beside the Murray River, Victoria has four other rivers which exceed 300 km in length. Name them.	Goulburn, Loddon, Snowy, Glenelg
18	In what year did <i>Just A Dash</i> win the Melbourne Cup? Hint: it was the same year that Trevor Chappell famously bowled underarm in a one-day-international against New Zealand.	1981
19	If the Peninsula Waves are taking on the Booroondara Express, what sport is being played?	Netball
20	In what year was Melbourne's Spencer Street railway station renamed Southern Cross?	2005
21	In what year did the West Gate Bridge disaster result in the death of thirty-five construction workers?	1970
22	Following on from the previous question: there was an earlier though non-fatal partial collapse of an important bridge across the Yarra River. What bridge, what year?	King Street Bridge, 1962
23	In what suburb of Melbourne did the sport of Trugo originate?	Newport
24	In Which Victorian Body of Water is Gunn Island?	Albert Park Lake

25	In what Melbourne suburb provides both the title and the setting for a film starring Anthony Hopkins released in 1992?	Spotswood
26	From where in Melbourne did the Burke and Wills Expedition officially set out, and in what year?	Royal Park, 1860
27	In what year did Tullamarine officially replace nearby Essendon as Melbourne's premier airport?	1970
28	In what years were the first (a) domestic and (b) international commercial passenger flights commenced from Avalon Airport?	(a) 1995 (b) 2018
29	Apart from two young women, how many animals, and of what type appear on Victoria's Coat-of-Arms?	Only one kangaroo
30	Where does Melbourne's tram system rank in the World; 2 <sup>nd</sup> biggest; 4 <sup>th</sup> biggest; 6 <sup>th</sup> biggest; 8 <sup>th</sup> biggest.	4 <sup>th</sup> biggest (and biggest outside Europe)
31	True or false? Melbourne was originally named Batmania	True
32	In what year did compulsory 6 pm closing of pubs end in Victoria?	1966
33	To the nearest 10%, what proportion of Melbourne's residents were born overseas: 20%, 30% or 40%?	40% (actually 38%)
34	Melbourne workers successfully campaigned for the world's first 8-hour work day. In what year?	1856
35	Australia's first traffic lights were installed in Melbourne. What intersection, what year?	Corner of Collins and Swanston Street, 1912
36	Australia's first pizza restaurant opened in Lygon Street Carlton (where else?) in what year?	1962 (Toto's)

37	Which Fitzroy chocolate factory was the birthplace of the Cherry Ripe in 1924, the Crunchie bar in 1929 and the Freddo Frog in 1930?	MacRobertsons
38	Victoria is claimed to be the first place in the world to enforce seat belt legislation. What year?	1970
39	In what year was the first attempt to establish a penal colony in what is now Victoria?	1803 (It was unsuccessful and they moved to Hobart instead)
40	Are there more males or more females in Victoria's population?	Females (50.8%)
41	Commercial production of the first ute (utility vehicle or coupe utility) was first achieved by Ford Australia. Where and in what year?	Geelong, 1934
42	In what year did Melbourne host the Commonwealth Games?	2006
43	Where are Victorian car number plates made?	Ararat Jail
44	What is Victoria's highest peak?	Mt Bogong
45	Under which city is there a gold mine called the Central Deborah?	Bendigo
46	Where is Melbourne's Tramway Museum?	St Kilda
47	Where is Harry Hawker Airport?	Harry Hawker Airport became an official alternative name of Moorabbin Airport in 1989
48	What did Victoria do in 1975 that Sweden did in 1921, Britain did in 1965, France did in 1981 and New South Wales did in 1985?	Abolished the death penalty

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52	Which Victorian Premier had the middle name of Gibb?	Jeff Kennett
53	In New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, and Western Australia it's a "middy"; in the Northern Territory it's a "handle"; and in South Australia it's a "schooner." What is it in Victoria and Queensland?	A "Pot" i.e. a 10 oz or 285 mL serve of beer.
54	How many operating lighthouses are there in Victoria? 24, 34 or 44?	34
55	A team led by Professor Graeme Clark developed what in 1978 at the University of Melbourne?	The Bionic Ear
56	Who is the Copeland Trophy annually awarded to?	Collingwood AFL team Best & Fairest
57	Which is the only Australian state that does NOT have a postcode for Gladstone?	Victoria
58	Which of the main streets in Melbourne's CBD is often referred to as "Little Greece"?	Lonsdale Street
59	Which Victorian country town is home to The Big Cigar?	Churchill (Gippsland)
60	Which Victorian school did Britain's Prince Charles attend for a year?	The Timbertop campus of Geelong Grammar School

61	What was the name of the building, said by many to be Melbourne's greatest eyesore, which was replaced by Federation Square?	Gas & Fuel Corporation Building
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63	Name the three Railway Stations between Spotswood Station and Williamstown Station.	Newport, North Williamstown, Williamstown Beach
64	Is Victoria's railway gauge closest to 160, 170 or 180 centimetres? The railway gauge is the shortest distance between the rails.	160 cm
65	Which of Australia's famous tourist drives has the VicRoad designation B100?	The Great Ocean Road
66	In population terms, how many cities wholly within Victoria are among Australia's 20 biggest?	4 (Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo)
67	What percentage of Victorians get their driving licence before their nineteenth birthday; 50, 60 or 85?	50%
68	You sometimes hear that <i>In Victoria, only licensed electricians may change a light bulb</i> . Is this an actual existing law, or is that just an urban myth?	Actual law
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70	In which Melbourne suburb did the first Coles store open in 1914: Collingwood, Fitzroy, Richmond or South Melbourne?	Collingwood
71	Is Lockerbie, a new satellite suburb of Melbourne to the North, South, East or West of the CBD?	North
72	What colour are the seats in Victoria's Legislative Assembly?	Green

73	In what year did Melbourne's Crown Casino open at its current site?	1997
74	What two annual public holidays were last officially observed in Victoria in 1993?	Show Day, Easter Tuesday
75	The Victoria River is the longest river in which Australian state or territory?	The Northern Territory
76	Gold was first discovered in Victoria in 1851. Where?	Clunes
77	Which Eureka Stockade leader was later Speaker of the Victorian Parliament?	Peter Lalor
78	Which Melbourne Racecourse has its main entrance off McPherson Street?	Moonee Valley
79	Phar Lap's hide, heart and skeleton are preserved in three different places. Which one is in Melbourne, which one is in Canberra and which one is in New Zealand?	Hide: Melbourne Heart: Canberra Skeleton: NZ
80	In what year did Prime Minister Harold Holt go missing off Portsea?	1967
81	When Daryl Somers did a commercial with the tagline <i>You'll never, never know if you never, never go</i> , which destination was he promoting?	Northern Territory
82	The comedy series Kath & Kim is set in an outer suburb of Melbourne. (b) In what fictional suburb is it set? (c) What actual locality is used for the outdoor scenes?	(a) Fountain Lakes (b) Patterson Lakes.
83	In what month is Greyhound racing's Melbourne Cup traditionally run?	November
84	Who was Victorian Premier between 1955 and 1972?	(Sir) Henry Bolte
85	The Victorian and New South Wales state governments ran a set of similar ads in the 1980s with the words <i>Do the right thing</i> as a common thread. What was the "right thing"?	Avoid littering

86	What is the name of the Highway designated Australian National Highway 31?	Hume
87	Since 1984, how many brothels are you legally allowed to own in Victoria at one time?	one
88	Where in Victoria is Cunningham Pier?	Geelong
89	In what suburb of Melbourne was Percy Grainger born, and in what year?	Brighton, 1882
90	Which Victorian federal politician was described by Paul Keating as "The soufflé that rose twice"?	Andrew Peacock
91	What black comedy film co-starred John Clarke, Sam Neill and Gia Carides?	<i>Death in Brunswick</i>
92	In what part of the Melbourne CBD did General Douglas McArthur set up his first headquarters on arrival in Australia in 1942?	401-403 Collins Street
93	How did Eddie Leonski also make news headlines in 1942?	He was an American soldier and serial killer responsible for the strangling murders of three women in Melbourne, Australia. (He was hanged)
94	Which Australian Prime Minister was thought to have been born in Prahran, a suburb of Melbourne, but later discovered to have been born in Wellington New Zealand? (Had his candidacy for elected office in Australia been challenged under section 44 of the Australian constitution he could have been declared ineligible)	John Gorton

95	Which famous Australian woman was born in 1842 in what is now Fitzroy, a suburb of Melbourne, died in North Sydney in 1909 and became famous all over again in 2010?	Mary McKillop (became Australia's first Saint)
96	More than 30,000 tonnes of tomatoes are grown commercially in Australia each year. What percentage of these are grown in Victoria?	70%
97	The Sydney to Hobart Yacht race commences on the 26 <sup>th</sup> December annually. On what date does the Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race, (a.k.a. the Westcoaster) commence?	27 <sup>th</sup> December
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99	Before writing and directing the hit film <i>The Castle</i> , what television show first propelled Rob Sitch, Jane Kennedy and Santo Cilauro to fame?	<i>The D Generation</i>
100	Which former world record swimmer, born and raised in South Melbourne set up a highly successful Australasian company in 1922 with the money awarded to him for saving a man from a shark attack?	Sir Frank Beaurepaire