

AUSTRALIAN CAR RALLY WIDE GAME – Sarah Ward.

You were on your way from Adelaide to Darwin in a Car Rally, but the car has broken down in the Australian Outback in the middle of the night. The first thing you must do is build a fire to ward away the dingoes and alert authorities to your whereabouts.

*Build a fire which will last at least ½ an hour. Do not light at this time. [Although the fire needs to be built correctly it can be “lit” by placing a torch covered with red/orange cellophane in the centre of the fire]

The stars seem really close out here and you remember that you can use them to navigate your direction.

*Locate the Southern Cross and Pointers. Work out which way is South by drawing an imaginary line through the long middle of the “kite” and another dissecting at right angles the line joining the two pointers. Where the two meet, draw an imaginary line to the horizon – this is South. [NB if you are doing this in the daytime, or when/where the stars cannot be seen – do this activity by giving each girl the following diagram on which to draw the lines mentioned, and provide a compass for the next step OR paste up a chart of the diagram on a handy wall/tree so that the finished lines do in fact point due south.]



You know that Darwin lies roughly to your North, so you set out in that direction.

* Take 50 paces to the North. **From this vantage point you can see smoke from an Aboriginal settlement to your North East.** *Take 24 paces to the North East. **You find you're a bit out – you need to travel slightly North of this point.** *Take 15 paces North

You finally make it to the Aboriginal settlement where they are busy preparing for a Ceremony. They give you the task of making a dot painting of the event.

* Make a dot painting [with cotton buds and paint] of a ceremony which you can explain to your patrol at the end of the game. **They also wish you to play the diggeridoo at their ceremony.** *Using a cardboard roll [out of alfoil/gladwrap] you must decorate and practise playing the diggeridoo.

The Aborigines point you in the right direction to reach Darwin. They say that someone has laid a trail that anyone can follow to get to Darwin.

* Follow the set trail to find your way to Darwin. [Trail must be set before the game]

You get to Darwin. Now you have to take a crew back to fix your car. You know it is a very long way back so you need to build another car to get you back there. *Build a car from the items which you find here – size doesn't matter! [recyclables are good here] **You know that your car now lies in a Southerly direction.** *Using your navigation skills, travel South until you reach your fire.

When you reach your car night has again fallen. You and the crew decide to relax around the campfire. You start to sing some songs. *Have a campfire. (Remember if you chose to use the same campfire to cook on afterwards, you must leave it and return to it, as a respect to tradition).

AUSTRALIAN CAMPFIRE

Australian Campfire Opening

(source: "Diamond Jubilee Songbook", Girl Guides Association, 1984; also in "Canciones de Nuestra Cabana", World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, 1980. Can also be sung as a round)

Sit round the campfire, now night is here
All birds are resting, no one is near
Clap with your hands and tap with your feet, now

Sway oh so gently, keep with the beat
Oh-oh-oh-i-i, Oh-oh-oh-i
Oh-oh-oh-i-i, Oh-oh-oh-i

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,
Merry merry king of the bush is he,
Laugh, kookaburra, laugh, kookaburra,
Gay your life must be, ha, ha, ha!

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,
Eating all the gumdrops he can see,
Stop, kookaburra, stop, kookaburra,
Save some there for me, ha, ha, ha!

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,
Counting all the monkeys he can see,
Stop, kookaburra, stop, kookaburra,
That's not a monkey, that's me, ha, ha, ha!

Kookaburra sits on the old corn-grinder.
Beady eyes are watching till he finds a -
Snake! Kookaburra, snake! Kookaburra,
Grab it for your tea, ha, ha, ha!



Cuddly Koalas

(to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

Cuddly koalas, cuddly koalas
Possums too, possums too
Wallabies and wombats, wallabies and wombats
Kangaroos, kangaroos

Drover's Dream (sheet music and midi at <http://folkstream.com/032.html>)

One night when droving sheep, my companions lay asleep
There was not a star to illuminate the sky
I was dreaming, I suppose, for my eyes were nearly closed
When a very strange procession passed me by
First there came a kangaroo, with his swag of blankets blue
A dingo ran beside him for a mate
They were travelling mighty fast, and they shouted as they passed
"We'll have to jog along, it's getting late"

The pelican and the crane, they came in from off the plain
 To amuse the company with a Highland Fling
 The dear old bandicoot played a tune upon his flute
 And the native bears sat round them in a ring
 The drongo and the crow sang us songs of long ago
 While the frill-necked lizard listened with a smile
 And the emu standing near with his claw up to his ear
 Said, "Funniest thing I've heard for quite a while"



The frogs from out the swamp, where the atmosphere is damp
 Came bounding in and sat upon the stones
 They each unrolled their swags and produced from out their bags
 The violin, the banjo and the bones
 The goanna and the snake, and the adder wide awake
 With the alligator danced "The Soldier's Joy"
 In the spreading silky oak the jackass cracked a joke
 And the magpie sang "The Wild Colonial Boy"

Some brolgas darted out from the tea-tree all about
 And performed a set of Lancers very well
 Then the parrot green and blue gave the orchestra its cue
 To strike up "The Old Log Cabin in the Dell."
 I was dreaming, I suppose, of these entertaining shows
 But it never crossed my mind I was asleep
 Till the Boss beneath the cart woke me up with such a start
 Yelling, "Dreamy, where the hell are all the sheep?"

There Ain't no Flies on Us

There ain't no flies on us!
 There ain't no flies on us!
 There may be flies on some of you guys,
 But there ain't no flies on us!
Other group will respond with :
 Oh yeah??
 There ain't no flies on us!
 There ain't no flies on us!
 There may be flies on some of you guys,
 But there ain't no flies on us!



Home Among The Gum Trees

I've been around the world a couple
 of times or maybe more
 I've seen the sights, I've had delights
 On every foreign shore
 But when my friends all ask me the place
 that I adore I tell them right away

(Chorus)

Give me a home among the gum trees

With lots of plum trees
 A sheep or two, a kangaroo
 A clothes-line out the back
 Verandah out the front
 And an old rocking chair
 You can see me in the kitchen
 Cookin' up a roast
 Or Vegemite on toast
 Just you and me, a cup of tea

Later on we'll settle down
And mull up on the porch
And watch the possums play

(Chorus)
Some people like their houses
With fences all around

G'day, G'day and how're you goin'

G'day, G'day and how're you goin'
What d'ya know, Well strike a light
G'day G'day and how're you go-o-o-ing
Just say G'day G'day G'day and you'll be right!

The Redback on the Toilet Seat

by Slim Newton

There was a redback on the toilet seat
When I was there last night.
I didn't see him in the dark,
But boy I felt his bite.

I jumped high up into the air
And when I hit the ground,
That crafty redback spider
Wasn't nowhere to be found.

I rushed into the missus,
Told her just where I'd been bit.
She grabbed a cut-throat razor-blade
And I nearly took a fit.

I said, "Just forget what's on your mind
And call a doctor please,
'Cause I got a feeling that your cure
Is worse than the disease."

There was a redback on the toilet seat
When I was there last night.
I didn't see him in the dark,
But boy I felt his bite.

And now I'm here in hospital
A sad and sorry sight,
And I curse the redback spider
On the toilet seat last night.

Others live in mansions
And some beneath the ground
But me, I like the bush, you know
With rabbits running 'round
And a pumpkin vine out the back
(Chorus Twice)

I can't lie down, I can't sit up
And I don't know what to do,
And all the nurses think it's funny
But that's not my point of view.

I tell you its embarrassing,
And that's to say the least,
That I'm too sick to eat a bit
While that spider had a feast.

And when I get back home again
I tell you what I'll do,
I'll make that redback suffer
For the pain I'm going through.

I've had so many needles
That I'm looking like a sieve,
And I promise you that spider
Hasn't very long to live.

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A sad and sorry sight,
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"I've Been Everywhere, Man"

by Geoff Mack

Well, I was humpin' my bluey on the dusty Oodnadatta road,
When along came a semi with a high and canvas-covered load.

If you're goin' to Oodnadatta, mate, um, with me you can ride.
So I climbed in the cabin and I settled down inside.
He asked me if I'd seen a road with so much dust and sand, I said
Listen, mate, I've travelled ev'ry road in this here land.

Chorus

Cause I've been everywhere, man,
I've been everywhere, man.
'Cross the deserts bare, man;
I've breathed the mountain air, man.
Of travel I've had my share, man.
I've been everywhere.

"Been to . . ."

I've been to Tullamore, Seymour, Lismore, Mooloolaba,
Nambour, Maroochydore, Kilmore, Murwillumbah,
Birdsville, Emmaville, Wallaville, Cunnamulla,
Condamine, Strathpine, Proserpine, Ulladulla,
Darwin, Gin Gin, Deniliquin, Muckadilla,
Wallambilla, Boggabilla, Kumbarilla,
I'm a killer.

Chorus

"Yeah but listen here, mate, have you been to..."

I've been to Moree, Taree, Jerilderie, Bambaroo,
Toowoomba, Gunnedah, Caringbah, Woolloomooloo,
Dalveen, Tamborine, Engadine, Jindabyne,
Lithgow, Casino, Brigalow and Narromine,
Megalong, Wyong, Tuggerawong, Wanganella,
Morella, Augathella, Brindabella, I'm the feller.

Chorus

"Yeah, I know that, but have you been to..."

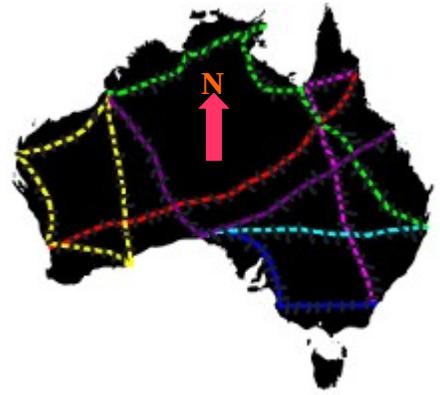
I've been to Wollongong, Geelong, Kurrajong, Mullumbimby,
Mittagong, Molong, Grong Grong, Goondiwindi,
Yarra Yarra, Bouindarra, Wallangarra, Turramurra,
Boggabri, Gundagai, Narrabri, Tibooburra,
Gulgong, Adelong, Billabong, Cabramatta,
Parramatta, Wangaratta, Coolangatta, what's it matter?

Chorus

"Yeah, look that's fine, but how about..."

I've been to Ettalong, Dandenong, Woodenbong, Ballarat,
Canberra, Milperra, Unanderra, Captain's Flat,
Cloncurry, River Murray, Kurri Kurri, Girraween,
Terrigal, Fingal, Stockinbingal, Collaroy and Narrabeen,
Bendigo, Dorriggo, Bangalow, Indooroopilly,
Kirribilli, Yeerongpilly, Wollondilly, don't be silly.

Chorus



I've been here, there, everywhere, I've been everywhere.
"Okay, mate, you've been ev'ry place except one,
and ya don't need my help t'get there . . ."

Go Well and Safely

Go well and safely
Go well and safely
Go well and safely,
The Lord be ever with you.

Live well and safely
Live well and safely

Live well and safely
The Lord be ever with you.

Stay well and safely,
Stay well and safely,
Stay well and safely,
The Lord be ever with you.

You are now starving hungry. You decide to cook Billy Tea and Damper. Use the following recipes [better on a campfire, but alternative cooking is allowable].

BUSH DAMPER

3 cups of self-raising flour
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
Water

Sift flour and salt into a bowl.

Make a well in the centre, add the water, mix lightly with a knife until dough leaves sides of bowl. Gently knead on a lightly floured surface and then shape into a round, put on a greased oven tray. Pat into a round 15-16 cm (6-6 1/2 inch) diameter.

Bake wrapped in foil in ashes until firm and sounds hollow when tapped.

BILLY TEA

Bring water in a billy (can with handle) to the boil. Throw in a measure of tea. Remove from fire and stir. Pour into cups & add milk/sugar to individual preference.

Refreshed, you now decide to check out the Australian wildlife which is mostly nocturnal. Taking a torch you see what animals you can find in trees and undergrowth. [These can be cardboard cutouts – kangaroos, koalas, possums, dingoes, tawny frogmouths, snakes, redback spiders etc. - girls can be given a challenge to find all of them, marking them off a list as they do so]

Having found all the wildlife you can, you still have time to wait for the mechanics to fix the car, you are all very bored so you decide to have a competition. Limited in equipment you work out you will have first a Thong Throwing competition, followed by a Cooee competition. *Participants line up armed with a thong which on the starter's command they must throw as far as possible. The farthest throw is the winner. [NB – A thong in Australia is a form of footwear – called flip-flops in some places – not a form of underwear!] *Following that, participants line up and taking quick turns, cup their mouths with their hands and yell “Cooee!” [Places/prizes can be awarded to loudest, longest, highest-pitched etc.]

Hooray – at last the car is fixed! You and the crew return to Darwin for a celebration!

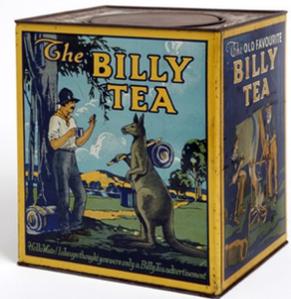


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