

Australian Christmas Trivia

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1. On which night is Melbourne's Carols by Candlelight held each year?
2. A pavlova's crisp meringue shell is mostly whipped egg white and what?
3. Which sport is played in the Boxing Day Test?
4. Christmas Island's robber crabs got their name from a habit. What kind of things do they carry off from campsites?
5. Which shellfish do many Aussie families peel and eat at Christmas lunch?
6. What do Australians call the flip-flops they wear to the beach?
7. The Sydney to Hobart yacht race finishes in the capital city of which state?
8. Which juicy tropical fruit, often cut into "hedgehog" cubes, is in season over an Aussie summer Christmas?
9. Before decimal currency, what did families hide in the Christmas pudding, so the lucky finder would have good luck?
10. What do Aussies call selling lamingtons to raise money for a school or charity?
11. At the end of the Sydney to Hobart, the yachts sail up which river to the finish line in Hobart?
12. Since 1959, Melbourne's Carols by Candlelight has been held at which outdoor venue?
13. Christmas beetles belong to which well-known family of beetles?
14. For 30 years, Sydney Fish Market's old Pyrmont site held a Christmas "Seafood Marathon", staying open non-stop. For how many hours?
15. In Queensland, a native plant with showy white summer flowers is called the Christmas what?
16. The word "solstice" comes from Latin. What does it mean?
17. About how many hours of daylight does Hobart get at the summer solstice?
18. Which yacht won the first Sydney to Hobart?
19. What do Christmas beetle larvae (grubs) eat?
20. Up to how many eggs can one female red crab produce?
21. The WA Christmas tree is unusual because it partly relies on what for its food?
22. In what year did Anna Pavlova tour Australia and New Zealand?
23. Which Melbourne radio broadcaster founded Carols by Candlelight?
24. The Sydney to Hobart race record, just over 1 day and 9 hours, was set in which year?
25. Which capital city has the hottest Christmas Day on record of any Australian capital, at 42.8°C in 2021?

Answer Key

1. On which night is Melbourne's Carols by Candlelight held each year? **Christmas Eve (24 December)**
2. A pavlova's crisp meringue shell is mostly whipped egg white and what? **Sugar**
3. Which sport is played in the Boxing Day Test? **Cricket**
4. Christmas Island's robber crabs got their name from a habit. What kind of things do they carry off from campsites?
Shiny things, such as pots and cutlery
5. Which shellfish do many Aussie families peel and eat at Christmas lunch? **Prawns**
6. What do Australians call the flip-flops they wear to the beach? **Thongs**
7. The Sydney to Hobart yacht race finishes in the capital city of which state? **Tasmania**
8. Which juicy tropical fruit, often cut into "hedgehog" cubes, is in season over an Aussie summer Christmas?
Mango
9. Before decimal currency, what did families hide in the Christmas pudding, so the lucky finder would have good luck? **A coin (a silver threepence or sixpence)**
10. What do Aussies call selling lamingtons to raise money for a school or charity? **A lamington drive**
11. At the end of the Sydney to Hobart, the yachts sail up which river to the finish line in Hobart?
The River Derwent
12. Since 1959, Melbourne's Carols by Candlelight has been held at which outdoor venue?
The Sidney Myer Music Bowl
13. Christmas beetles belong to which well-known family of beetles? **Scarab beetles (family Scarabaeidae)**
14. For 30 years, Sydney Fish Market's old Pyrmont site held a Christmas "Seafood Marathon", staying open non-stop. For how many hours? **36 hours**
15. In Queensland, a native plant with showy white summer flowers is called the Christmas what?
Christmas orchid
16. The word "solstice" comes from Latin. What does it mean? **"Sun-stopping"**
17. About how many hours of daylight does Hobart get at the summer solstice? **About 15 hours**
18. Which yacht won the first Sydney to Hobart? **Rani**
19. What do Christmas beetle larvae (grubs) eat? **Grass roots**
20. Up to how many eggs can one female red crab produce? **Up to 100,000**
21. The WA Christmas tree is unusual because it partly relies on what for its food?
Other (host) plants; it is parasitic
22. In what year did Anna Pavlova tour Australia and New Zealand? **1926**
23. Which Melbourne radio broadcaster founded Carols by Candlelight? **Norman Banks**
24. The Sydney to Hobart race record, just over 1 day and 9 hours, was set in which year? **2017**
25. Which capital city has the hottest Christmas Day on record of any Australian capital, at 42.8°C in 2021? **Perth**

Answers checked in October 2026 against the Bureau of Meteorology, Australian Museum, Museums Victoria, Parks Australia, Australian National Botanic Gardens, the official Carols by Candlelight and Sydney to Hobart race sites, Tourism Tasmania, Sydney Fish Market, ABC News, The Conversation, The Sydney Morning Herald, WAtoday, Weatherzone and Wikipedia.