

Strathfield
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Rotary Club Strathfield Wednesday Night Meeting

Sergeant Session

20th August 2025

Theme : First Ranked Antipodean Achievements

A quiz based on Australian achievements, practices and product leading the world.

Question 1.

Name the hot beverage that has
had many masters, but now
Australia is the master?

Question 2.

A multicultural start up, that is
now guiding you?

Question 3.

These help avoid ugly
impressions your nose and
manage your vision?

Question 4.

An overseas protein that is now being championed in Australia with scientific development?
Name the protein by its original regional name.

Question 5.

This is not a child's playground toy. Name this inflatable life saver?

Question 6.

A blessing for every home
handyman?

Question 7.

A burns ward innovation?

Question 8.

The most internationally used
Australian slang word?

Question 9.

Obedient Wool?

Question 10.

The sugar experts?

Question 11.

Vroom Vroom TV?

Question 12.

A vaccine for women and girls?

Question 13.

Avoiding a fishy extinction?

Answer 1. Coffee



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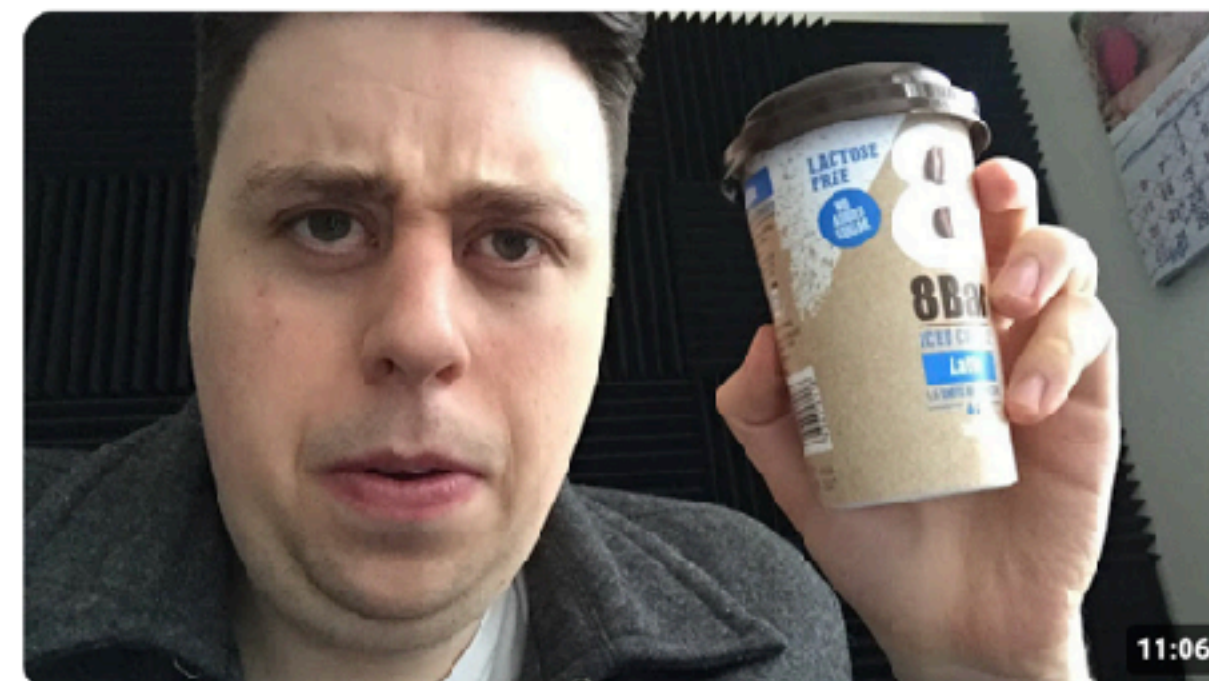


Will Smith discovers the Australian coffee scene

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Will Smith discovers the Australian coffee scene.



Australian Ice Coffee vs USA

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Answer 2. Google Maps

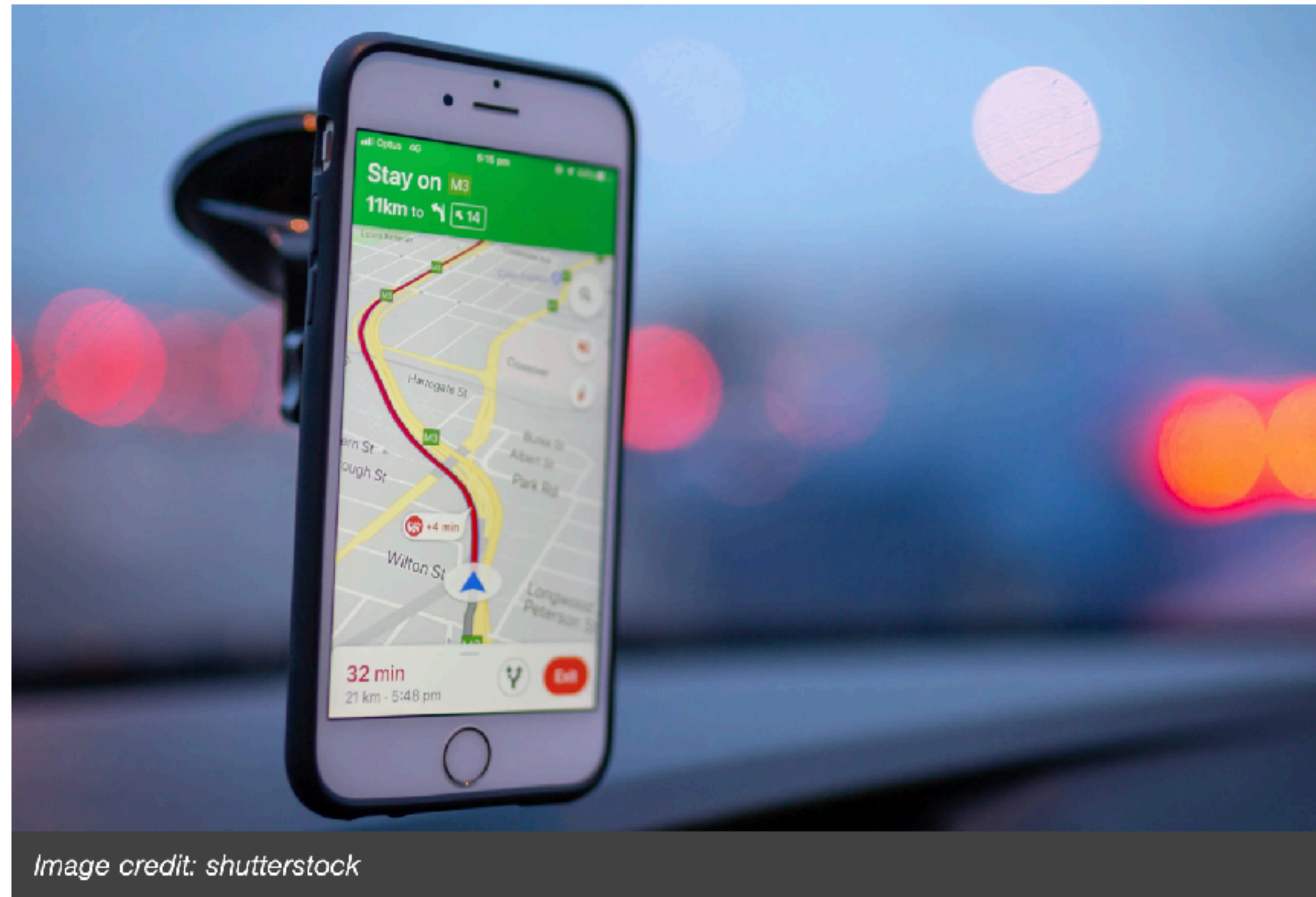


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Danish brothers Lars and Jens Rasmussen developed the platform for Google Maps in Sydney in the early 2000s. Along with Australians Neil Gordon and Stephen Ma, they founded a small start-up company called Where 2 Technologies in 2003. The following year it was bought by internet giant Google, which also hired the four men, and the technology was turned into what we now know as Google Maps.

Source: Australian Geographic -
20 Australian Investments that
changed the world

Answer 3. Plastic Spectacle Lenses



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In 1960 Sola Optical released the first scratch-resistant plastic lens for glasses. The technology was further developed to create the first plastic bifocal, trifocal, and progressive-focus lenses. Plastic lenses are used throughout the world due to their many benefits including safety, their light weight, and durability.

Source: Australian Geographic -
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Answer 4. Wagyu Beef



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Japanese and Australian farmers are competing for the U.S. wagyu market that will be worth \$1.1 billion by 2023. WSJ visits one ...

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Source: The Wall Street Journal

Answer 5. Inflatable escape slide and raft



In 1965 Jack Grant, an employee of Qantas, invented the inflatable aircraft escape slide, which is now mandatory safety equipment on all major airlines. The slides can also be used as a flotation device if the aircraft lands on water.

Source: Australian Geographic -
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changed the world

Answer 6. Electric Drill



DIY-enthusiasts can thank an Aussie for this indispensable piece of equipment. In 1889, Australian electrical engineer Arthur James Arnot patented the world's first electric drill with his colleague William Brain. The invention was originally designed to drill rock and dig coal, and although it was a long way from the portable hand-drills used today throughout the world, the underlying technology was the same.

Source: Australian Geographic -
20 Australian Investments that
changed the world

Answer 7. Spray-On Skin



Professor Fiona Wood patented the spray-on skin technique. *Image credit: TONY ASHBY/AFP/Getty Images*

In 1999, Perth-based plastic surgeon Professor Fiona Wood patented her spray-on skin technique. The innovation involves taking a small patch of the victim's healthy skin and using it to grow new skin cells in a laboratory. The new skin cells are then sprayed on the victim's damaged skin. This process significantly reduces recovery time and scarring.

Fiona and her spray-on skin technique played a key role in treating burns victims from the 2002 Bali bombings. Fiona and her team are credited with saving the lives of 28 people.

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Answer 8. Selfie

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Source: The Guardian

Answer 9. Permanent_Crease Clothing



In 1957, CSIRO developed a process called Si-Ro-Set. The technique uses chemicals to permanently alter the structure of wool fibres so they can be set with heat. This technology allowed for fashion innovations such as permanently pleated skirts.

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Answer 10. Sugar Research Institute

About SRI

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Answer 11. Racecam



In 1979, Channel 7 introduced live television broadcasting from racing cars, allowing viewers to watch the race from the driver's perspective. Today the Racecam has been adapted to fit other sporting events such as snow skiing, basketball and cricket.

Source: Australian Geographic -
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Answer 11. Gardasil and Cervix Cancer Vaccine



In 2006, Brisbane-based medical researchers Professor Ian Frazer and Dr Jian Zhou developed the world's first anti-cancer vaccine. Known by the commercial name, Gardasil, the vaccine protects women against four strains of a virus called human papillomavirus (HPV), known to cause three-quarters of all cervical cancers. As cervical cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women, the vaccination has huge implications for the prevention of cancer. Since 2008, the vaccine has been approved for use in more than 120 countries.

Source: Australian Geographic -
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Answer 11. Tank-Bred Tuna System



In 2008, German-born but South Australian-based Hagen Stehr may have saved the southern blue fin tuna from extinction. The clean-seas system fools the tuna in a tank into thinking they are swimming out of the Australian Bight and into their breeding grounds.

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