



## Quiz, Questions & Activities!

### Falls Creek Hume Highway Travelling Quiz (ex Melbourne)

1. Count the number of overpasses you drive under
2. List and draw all the different types of animals you see on your journey
3. Record the name of as many creeks as you come across
4. Can you spot the Hume Highway Rooster? (hint: it is atop a hill as you look to the right, approximately 4km from the Clonbinane exit)
  - a) How many trees make up the Rooster?
  - b) Does it look like any other animal?
5. What is the current temperature at Broadford?
6. How many different breeds of cows can you identify on your journey?
7. In what town is one of Australia's best known army bases located?

*This military camp opened in November 1939 to accommodate troops of the 17th Brigade of the 6th Australian Division. It was one of several new camps built for the concentration and training of the Second AIF. Initially 5,714 hectares of grazing land was acquired to the west of the town of Seymour (96km north of Melbourne). Seymour had been a site for military training since the late 1800s. The camp's name was derived from the name of a large hill within the field training area. It is an English rendering of an Aboriginal word the meaning of which is obscure. Various translations include "death to the eagle", "the outer barbarians", "the middle hill", "place of exile" and "valley of the winds". The camp facilities were spartan at first - consisting primarily of unlined, windowless corrugated iron huts - but were progressively improved as the war continued. Both AIF and militia units were trained there, and the camp was also home to several Army schools. The camp remains in use by the Australian Army today and the field training area now encompasses almost 40,000 hectares. Since the Second World War a wide array of units, of both the regular and reserve, have been based at the camp or used it for training. It remains best known, however, as the home of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps, the first units of which moved there in February 1941.*

8. What animal features on the Strathbogie Shire sign?
9. Euroa is known as “\_ Creeks Country”
10. What town is named after a plant?
11. Can you spot the squirrel gliders' rope bridges & glider poles crossing the highway?  
(hint they is very close to the Violet Town exit)

*The rope bridges are a means for the squirrel gliders, possums and other native animals to safely cross the highway. The project is the first of its kind in Australia and is the culmination of a three-year research program into the effect that roads and traffic have on wildlife.*

*The bridge and glider poles are mainly being installed for the Squirrel Glider, a species threatened with extinction in Victoria and New South Wales. The animal moves by gliding from tree to tree: where there are large gaps in tree cover, such as roads, it is unable to cross.*

*It is crucial to encourage movement across roads and among squirrel glider populations so that they can access food, shelter and mates. Without access paths, squirrel gliders who are on opposite sides of the highway are effectively different groups.*

*Research undertaken by a Monash University student involved capturing 315 squirrel gliders and fitting radio collars to sixty of them. The squirrel gliders when then tracked on various sites along the Highway. 70 per cent of the gliders tracked at sites with trees in the median strip were observed crossing the freeway compared with 10 per cent crossing where there were no trees.*

12. What creek is named after a northern European country?
13. Where was Ned Kelly's last stand?

*The Kelly Gang arrived in this township on 27 June 1880 forcibly taking about 70 hostages at the town inn, owned by Ann Jones. They knew that a train loaded with police was on its way and ordered the rail tracks pulled up in order to cause a derailment.*

*The gang members wore armour made with stolen and donated plough parts, weighing approximately 44 kg.*

*While holed up in the inn, the Kelly gang's attempt to derail the police train failed due to the bravery of a released hostage, schoolmaster Thomas Curnow. Curnow convinced Ned to let him go and then as soon as he was released he alerted the authorities, at great risk to his own life, by standing on the railway line near sunrise, waving a lantern wrapped in his red scarf. The police then stopped the train and laid siege to the inn.*

At about dawn on Monday 28 June, Ned Kelly emerged from the inn. He marched on to the police firing his gun at them, while their bullets bounced off his armour. His lower limbs however were unprotected and he was shot up to twenty-eight times in the legs (sources vary, some saying six times). The other Kelly Gang members died in the hotel, Joe Byrne allegedly by loss of blood due to a gunshot wound that severed his femoral artery, and Dan Kelly and Steve Hart, which the witness Father Gibney said was by suicide. The police suffered only one minor injury: Superintendent Francis Hare, the senior officer on the scene, received a slight wound to his wrist then fled the battle. For his cowardice the Royal Commission later suspended Hare from the Victorian Police Force. Also, several hostages were shot, at least two fatally.

Ned Kelly survived to stand trial, and was sentenced to death by the Irish-born judge Sir Redmond Barry. This case was extraordinary in that there were exchanges between the prisoner Kelly and the judge, and the case has been the subject of attention by historians and lawyers. When the judge uttered the customary words "May God have mercy on your soul", Ned allegedly replied "I will go a little further than that, and say I will see you there when I go". He was hanged on 11 November at the Melbourne Gaol for multiple murder. Although two newspapers (*The Age* and *The Herald*) reported Kelly's last words as "Such is life," another source, Ned Kelly's gaol warden, writes in his diary that when Kelly was prompted to say his last words, he (Kelly) opened his mouth and mumbled something that he couldn't hear—and since the warden's office is closer to the scene of the hanging than the witnesses' allotted space, Ned Kelly's last words actually remain uncertain. Sir Redmond Barry died of the effects of a carbuncle on his neck on 23 November 1880, twelve days after Kelly.

Approximately 32,000 Victorians signed a petition against Kelly's sentencing.

14. What is the elevation of Mt Buffalo?

15. Milawa is known as the \_ o \_ \_ m \_ \_ region of north east Victoria

16. Match the Aboriginal meaning to the place

Kiewa	flight through the air
Bogong	resting place of the comorant
Tawonga	big fella
Wangaratta	sweet water

17. List three wineries you pass on your travels

18. What is the population of Mt Beauty?