Lesson IX:

Social Etiquette in Australia
Egalitarianism

- Most of the rules to expressing equality, irrespective of social, racial or financial background: no display of wealth or no acceptance of generosity, tending to be direct, avoiding using respectable titles.
Splitting the Bill at a Restaurant
irrespective of the economic standing or gender, the bill to be split among them

Sitting by the driver when getting into a taxi

The Rounds at the Pub
a round where one individual will pay for the drinks of the other members of the drinking party by disregarding their financial status, background, or gender
Mateship

- Strongly claimed to be distinctively Aust’n
- Commonly used among men
- Strongly relied upon
A Fair Go
encouraging Aust’ns to support the underdog over any oppressor

Seek & Express Empathy, not Sympathy
Aust. giving respect to underdogs who have self-confidence to stand by themselves as Aust. was built by victims; turning problems into funny stories
Others

- Taking the Piss
- Tipping
- Bringing Booze to a Barbecue
- Honesty
- Wine for the Dinner Party
- (More Etiquette)
Lesson X: Culture of Australia

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Until the mid-20th century dominated by Anglo-Celtic evolving with the environment & its people & having finally been affected by American pop culture, non-English-Speaking countries including Asians.

- Visual arts starting with the cave & bark painting of the Aboriginal people.
- Literature starting with oral tradition of telling the Dreamtime.
- Dance & music starting from Ab’l sacred ritual.
Since the European settlement, the themes for visual arts & literature centering on the Australian landscape by capturing the experience of the bush life as crystallized in egalitarianism, mateship & a fair go (anti-authoritarianism); a new kind of performing arts (music, ballet & theater) introduced but affected by Ab’l arts

In 1973, Patrick White, the only Aust’n awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature
Sports contributing significant part in developing Aust’n culture

Harsh life experience in the past seen in Aust. rules football (footy) in winter while in summer, they play cricket

The English spoken enriched with local dialect
Lesson XI:
Australian Traditions
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The traditions departed from two different starting places i.e. European traditions & those developed in Australia

The European traditions as developed in different land giving rise to some problems

- Halloween seen insignificant
- Christmas to conform with natural conditions (Santa Claus, “A White Christmas”, Christmas trees)
The home-grown traditions based on the European ones & some truly Australian

- Boxing Day (Dec. 26): the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race & Cricket
- A New Year’s Eve: spending outdoor
- Melbourne Cup (the 1st Tuesday in Nov.)
- ANZAC Day-Dawn Service (April 25): Reading “Ode for the Falle”
Problems of the National Day

- Australia Day (Jan. 26) associated with crime: invasion & convict heritage
- January 1,
- December 3 (the Eureka Stockade)
- St. Patrick’s Day
- A Ned Kelly Day