



# BEING AUSTRALIAN

Explorer Level

## Purpose

This badge is to help you understand and appreciate what it means to be an Australian. It also helps you to understand that as an Australian Christian you have a special task and responsibility.

## Exploring

Australians eat meat pies and Italians eat spaghetti, right? Right. But that's not the only thing that make Australians and Italians different. Americans play baseball and Australians play cricket, but playing cricket doesn't make you an 'Aussie'. In this badge you have to think a little bit about what it means to be an Australian.

1. Complete the sentence in your own words: *I think an Australian is someone who* .....
2. Write down four things you like about being an Australian.  
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Most countries in the world claim that they are special in some way, they have something that others don't have. Holland is famous for tulips, the Austrians have music and the Spanish bull-fights.

3. Write down at least four things you think are typically Australian.  
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4. Find and write down the name of the following important Australians:
  - a. The Prime Minister .....
  - b. The Premier of your State .....
  - c. The Mayor of your city.....
5. Australia is a multi-cultural country. That means people who live here come from many places and backgrounds.  
Find out the names of some of the countries and cultures from which various Australians come. Write a word or phrase from their language. Name at least four countries.  
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**Doing**

1. Find a short poem, or brief story which was written by an Australian and is about Australia. Read it over a few times and present it at your next Cadet evening by reading it aloud to your group or club.

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2. Draw a map of Australia. Find pictures (from magazines, newspapers, brochures etc.) of typical Australian activities. Paste the pictures on and around the map in the places where the activities occur.  
Which of these activities do you enjoy?

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3. Ask a Christian teacher, nurse, carpenter, office worker or other what contribution they are making in their work as a Christian to Australia.

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4. Write down three things which you could do to make Australia a better place (projects which would take two hours or less).

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Choose one of these projects and **do it!** (Try to get someone to take a photograph)

**Reflection**

Read the following Bible passages in an easy-to-read Bible translation:

Philippians 3:20-21, Hebrews 11:13-16, Matthew 22:19-20

What is more important than being an Australian according to these Bible passages?

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Ask your Counsellor or parents for their opinion and write it down.

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Ask your Counsellor to sign below and arrange for the presentation of your badge.

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