

## Q150

Queensland born Queensland bred  
Many thoughts flow through my head  
The time has come to beat the drum  
This colony deserves some cred!

A story told on fields of gold  
Where Glasshouse Mountain views unfold  
With sun and surf and Gabba turf  
And Allan Border blazing bold!

Across the field – our maiden Shield  
Matt the Bat – his windmills wield  
With wide verandah – Cairns Kuranda  
Jacaranda then revealed

A tribe of thongs in Billabongs  
With Billy Thorpe and Bee Gees songs  
Now Malouf's book says James can Cook  
With Dickie Johnson's true blue tongs!

The backyard crew in barbeque!  
There's Judith Wright and Oodgeroo  
Gold Coast Indy – Dad of Bindie  
Crikey it's Australia Zoo!

Great White Sharks, National Parks  
Savage Gardens, Birdsville larks  
Perkins' pool, Wayne Bennett's rule  
With Cathy Freeman – on ya marks!

Ah here we go and hail Sir Joh  
And ride the Isa Rodeo!  
Where cane toads croak for Woodford folk  
Declare an end to polio

Yes vaccination, Frazer's station  
Railway tracks free education  
City Halls and Burdekin Falls  
And Yungaba for immigration

Islands, ridges, Hornibrook bridges  
Straddie, Fraser, back deck fridges  
XXXX brewin – Mickey Doohan  
Parliament could hear the didges!

Currumbin's wild and Southbank's nice

Lives are saved in Paradise  
The Daintree lush with Geoffrey Rush  
Whitsundays adds Magnetic spice

Allan Langer, Rocky banger!  
Tree of Knowledge, airplane hangar  
Powderfinger, Mal Meninga  
Feastin' on a mud crab sanger!

Rocket Rod, he gets the nod  
Wally Lewis – demigod!  
Knew every blade of Lang Park Stade  
And Blue Care fought against the odds

Johnny Flynn – the great Gunsynd!  
Was sailing on a Gladstone wind  
Old Clem Jones – he bled maroon  
Matilda winked and Mabo grinned

Regatta chains for female claims  
82 - The Commonwealth Games  
Our Qantas Roo got up and flew!  
The Longreach Stockman's Hall Of Fame

The Belle Hotel and Cloudland fell  
Will McInnes, Charles Chauvel  
With flower clusters, Gympie Musters  
Hugh Lunn - Q1 - Paw Paw Gel

And Yatala Pies and Noosa Tris  
And gold was Madam Butterfly's  
And Mango Weis and Leslie Thiess  
And Kingsford Smith – he ruled the skies!

Now kids alive to do the five  
A place where big pineapples thrive  
The outback honours Graeme Connors  
Lava tubes and lammie drives!

Hey spend a day on Moreton Bay!  
SES – ICPA  
Tilted trains through fields of cane  
twomates.com.au... ay!

Ekka Mecca St John's spire  
Tone Fitzgerald – let's enquire  
Doctors flying, Dingoes trying  
Old museum and Riverfire

The Bundy Bear – we're almost there!  
B&S - School of the Air  
On Rafter's racquet – Big Grant Hackett!  
Gateway to the Great Court square

Skyrail leaf – the Barrier Reef  
Brekky Creek does beer and beef  
Expo crowns the Darling Downs  
I'm Glad there's room for Miss Moncrieff!

With floods and spuds and stormy scuds  
Dad and Dave was Mister Rudd's  
Stanthorpe grapes, Panyiri crepes  
And Urban tunes – there ain't no duds!

Carnarvon Gorges Bunya grange  
Macadamic nuts exchange  
Royal Ag signs, Koala Pines  
Where none divides except the Range!

No every feather stands together  
Thick and thin – through any weather  
Cross the Story bridged by glory  
Fastened by a friendly tether

Strengthened by a spirit crown  
A pride that never lets you down  
With that, I say hip hip hooray  
Happy birthday Queensland town!

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