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REGIONAL TOWNS of VICTORIA – A QUIZ

And now for something completely different. A quiz about Regional Towns of Victoria. You have to identify the town from the given clues. But wait... there's more. To earn bonus points you also have to fill in the blanks.

1. One of the world's largest _____ rookeries can be found near this town on the Murray River.
2. This is the burial place of John Riley, the horseman about whom Banjo Paterson wrote the poem _____.
3. The author, _____, described it as a railway station with a town attached.
4. This was the first Victorian country town to have its _____ lit by electricity.
5. John _____ set up a foundry here in 1873 to manufacture his well-known water cart.
6. This is a picturesque fishing port famous for its annual _____ Festival.
7. The world's largest gold nugget was found here in 1869. Weighing 65 kg it was called the _____.
8. Sometimes known as 'the capital of the Western District' this town was where _____ started his transport business.
9. In 1834 Edward _____ landed here, from Van Dieman's Land, and established the first permanent settlement in Victoria.
10. Settled mainly by the Irish fleeing from the famine of the 1840s, this southern town is in one of Australia's leading _____ growing areas.
11. The birthplace of _____, Prime Minister from 1949 to 1966.
12. Declared Australia's first Notable Town in the mid 1970s it has a mine called _____ Tunnel.
13. Transport magnate _____, was born here in 1909. He is the same person as in question 8.
14. Birthplace, in 1879, of artist and author _____. He wrote about this town in a controversial novel called 'Red Heap'.
15. The 91 metres long bar in the _____ Club in this town was reputed to have been the longest bar in the world until it was demolished in 1995 to make way for renovations.
16. Gold was discovered here in 1855 and the settlement became known as the New _____ Diggings. It was later renamed after a French leader in the Crimean War.
17. Well known cyclist and politician _____ was born here in 1904.
18. The founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, _____, was born here in the year 1880.
19. In its heyday this port on the Murray River had a _____, which was almost one kilometre long.
20. In 1880, the bushranger, _____ was captured here after a siege and shootout with the police.

Score one point for the town and one point for the blank.

A score 31-40 is excellent and means you've been everywhere, man. 21-30 is good and you've nearly been everywhere. 11-20 is not bad and you've not quite been everywhere. 0-10 means you must get out and about more often.

Answers.

1. Kerang, ibis.
 2. Corryong, The Man from Snowy River.
 3. Maryborough, Mark Twain.
 4. Nhill, street lamps.
 5. Shepparton, John Furphy.
 6. Port Fairy, Folk Festival.
 7. Moliagul, Welcome Stranger.
 8. Hamilton, Reg Ansett.
 9. Portland, Edward Henty.
 10. Koroit, potato.
 11. Jeparit, Robert Menzies.
 12. Maldon, Carman's Tunnel.
 13. Inglewood, Reg Ansett.
 14. Creswick, Norman Lindsay.
 15. Mildura, Working Man's Sports and Social Club.
 16. St. Arnaud, New Bendigo Diggings.
 17. Rochester, Hubert Opperman.
 18. Moliagul, John Flynn.
 19. Echuca, wharf.
 20. Glenrowan, Ned Kelly.
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