

AUSTRALIA ON THE MOON

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Australia, the PM said,
should get in on the race
to grow our share of territ'ry
and go out into space.

"We'll hop up to the moon
and build ourselves a little town,"
He ordered Jules and Bazza,
"Get this project off the ground!".

He said, "See, what I have in mind's
a bonza moon resort
where folk can go for relaxation,
shopping tours and sport.

A little Aussie paradise,
complete with pub or two,
and maybe we could add, in time,
a golf course and a zoo".

It took a fair few days to get
a decent rocket made
and finalise the groundwork,
but quite soon the plans were laid

To fire the pioneers up to
the Lunar building site.
"We've got the brains," the PM said,
'to do this project right".

And so, in Bazza's backyard shed,
a rocket was produced
(or 'looney moony firework'
as they said on Seven News).

Well-pleased when they had finished it,
their spacecraft was a beaut,
all built with Victa mower parts
and Bazza's Holden ute.

Then hooking up a trailer
was Jules' brilliant idea
to take all the materials,

the string and other gear,

Like sheets of tin and lengths of wood,
and lots of handy tools,
an esky and a water jug –
'that's all we need', said Jules.

The big day came and with it
many people gathered round
with pollies and reporters
at the oval outside town.

Excited Jules and Bazza sat
in their converted ute,
both wearing, with their scuba gear,
a custom-made foil suit.

The PM wished them well while trying
to stand very tall,
and autographed a photo
to pin on the moon's first wall.

Retreating fast he signalled for
the countdown to commence.
You could have heard his tear drop
in that moment of suspense.

'Hold tight, 10, 9, 8, um, 6
and 54321'
Australia's first mission to
the moon had now begun.

Jules turned the key, the engine coughed
and spluttered into life
and Bazza cut the mooring ropes
with his old Stanley knife.

The launch went just like clockwork.
It was great to see
them fly up straight and narrow,
like an arrow, piercing the sky.

Jules and Bazza waved back
to their mates down in the crowd
before the ute and trailer
disappeared beyond the cloud.

The ute made quite an impact
in the moondust when it dropped
down safely to its target
on the surface where it stopped.

They've been there now a week or two
and things are being done.
Of course, the first requirement
was to care for number one.

So if you get your telescope
and look up at the moon
you'll see where shops and hotels will
be built there, very soon.

But look! The sun is glinting on
some corrugated tin
- the moon's first outback dunny
- proudly Australian.