

The answers to the clues can be paired with the words corresponding in the picture bank (picture first, then clue answer) to get localities in Australia. The populations of these in 2021 can be found here: <https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/search-by-area>: type in the name of the place, then click "QuickStats." Take these populations modulo the number in the corresponding picture to get a number from 1 to 26. The letters corresponding to these numbers spell out "TUZI NATION," and the answer is the nation containing Tuzi, which is Montenegro.

Clue	Picture	Clue answer	2021 pop.	# from Picture	Remainder	Letter
Extra, eclipse, trident, etc. (4, W)	SALMON	GUMS	146	42	20	T
Duke of York, to the monarch (7, N)	MIDDLE	BROTHER	52	31	21	U
Leveled (4, S)	STANLEY	FLAT	401	75	26	Z
Where to put small items in a pair of <i>POLITIX</i> pants (6, Q)	FRIDAY	POCKET	39	30	9	I
Side of the dollar coin no kangaroos (4, N)	HAT	HEAD	365	27	14	N
Heaps (6, V)	UPPER	PLENTY	415	46	1	A
Statement following "if" (4, T)	NOWHERE	ELSE	49	29	20	T
Kylie Minogue's is roughly C#3 to F#6 (5, S)	PROOF	RANGE	20	11	9	I
For when the lift is broken (6, Q)	CAR	STAIRS	91	38	15	O
Throw for a ____ (4, W)	USELESS	LOOP	134	40	14	N