

How will 2014 define us? Voting for the Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year opens today!

They're at it again! Those busy bees down at the Macquarie Dictionary lab have had their ears to the ground all year, collecting all the new words which have gripped the nation, in order to choose a Word of the Year from the annual update of the Macquarie Dictionary Online.

The categories have been selected, the nominations are in, and now it's time for you to decide the People's Choice! Cast your vote for which word you think was the most striking contribution to Australian English in 2014. The voting will determine the People's Choice.

Voting opens Monday 19 January 2015 and ends on Friday 30 January 2015. To vote, go to www.macquariedictionary.com.au and follow the links.

The overall winner for the Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year 2014 will be announced on Wednesday 4 February 2015.

The overall winning word will be selected by the Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year Committee:

- Dr Michael Spence (Vice-Chancellor, University of Sydney)
- Professor Stephen Garton (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Sydney)
- Anne Bell (Director of University Libraries, University of Sydney)
- Catriona Menzies-Pike (Arts Editor, The Conversation)
- John Birmingham (Journalist and author of the cult classic, *He Died with a Falafel in his Hand*, the award-winning history, *Leviathan*, and *After America*)
- Susan Butler (Editor, Macquarie Dictionary)

precariat, daughterless technology, normcore, wikiwash, baby hatch, typosquatting, facekini, decision fatigue... What's your pick for WOTY 2014?

As we countdown to the Word of the Year 2014, make sure to join us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) (@MacqDictionary #MacqWOTY)!

WORD OF THE YEAR PHOTO COMPETITION

This year, Macquarie dictionary is also asking you to send them photos depicting the new words from 2014 that you like best. Full details are on the [Macquarie website](#).

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