

What are some of the slang terms I will hear in New Zealand?

Here are a few New Zealand slang words to help you adjust to New Zealand culture:

Awesome	Fine, excellent
Bach	A holiday home (also known as a crib in the South Island)
Barbie	Barbecue (also written as BBQ) - food cooked outside over a charcoal or gas fire
Bro	Term of address for a male friend or relative
Bring a plate	Everyone brings food to share. Don't bring an empty plate.
Bush	New Zealand's native forest
Bushed, had it	Exhausted
BYO	Bring Your Own. A BYO restaurant is a restaurant that allows customers to bring their own wine to drink with their meal.
Choice	Fine, excellent
Crook	To be ill or unwell. Also means a thief
Cuz	Term of address for friend or relative
Dag	An amusing person, a character
Dude	A cool or good looking male
G'day	Greeting meaning hello
Gumboots	Waterproof rubber boots (called Wellingtons in Britain)
Grog	Alcohol
Hard case	A tough but likeable person, an eccentric person
Heart of gold	Describing a person who is very kind
Hook up	Meet up or join in
Hoon	A noisy person, a lout
Jandals	Rubber sandals or thongs (called flip flops in Britain)
Kiwi	New Zealand native bird symbol. New Zealander
Lolly	The usual word for a confection or sweet
Mate	A friend, also a term of address
Mission	An adventure
Mongrel	A term of abuse or contempt for a person
Munted	To be broken or distorted
Narley	Cool, good
Nerd	A boring person
No worries	Common phrase of agreement
On to it	Efficient or intelligent
Potluck dinner	Everyone brings prepared food to share with all the guests
Pub	A bar where alcoholic drinks are served over the counter
Rapt	Very pleased
She'll be right	Everything is going to be OK
Smoko	Coffee or tea break
Snowed under	Usually has too much work or responsibility
Sticks	Remote or rural district, the countryside
Stoked	Very excited
Sweet as	Great
Swot	Study hard, especially before an exam
Ta	Thanks
Togs	Swimming costume
Tucker	Food
Uni	University
Veggies	Vegetables
Wicked	Fine, excellent
Wop-wops	Remote or rural district, the countryside

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