

Kylie factor helps us Love Aussies (including Russell Crowe who's a Kiwi)

THEY brand us 'whinging poms' and claim their boys are about to snatch the Ashes from England's cricketers. But Australians have become our favourite foreigners, a survey has found.

Yes, the English like people from Down Under more than the Irish, the Welsh and, perhaps less surprisingly, the Germans and the Scots.

The phenomenon could be down to stars like pop icon Kylie Minogue and I'm A Celebrity's Jason Donovan.

Or the English could be displaying an altogether more practical side.

After all, you would be hard pressed to get a drink in any number of bars in the South-East if you did not get on with the folks from Down Under.

A total of 64 per cent of the English

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say Australians are their favourite 'other' nationality, a survey of 3,000 people by cider maker Old English found. That compares to just 11 per cent who voted for the Irish. Third on the list come Italians (six per cent); French (five per cent) and Scots (three per cent).

Less than one per cent named the Welsh.

The nation's favourite Aussie is Kylie. And despite his record against English batsmen, spin bowler Shane Warne is second.

Rolf Harris is third, followed by Peter Andre, Nicole Kidman, Elle Macpherson, Hugh Jackman, Guy Pearce and Jason Donovan.

Somewhat bizarrely, Russell Crowe also made it. The actor, originally from New Zealand, was in tenth place.



Russell Crowe



Aussie icon: Kylie Minogue



Award: The Dominion Theatre

Theatre is a star at recycling

A RECYCLING scheme started by London's mayor, Ken Livingstone, has saved 175,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being released. The Green Procurement Code, which commits organisations to buying recycled products, has also re-used enough waste material to fill the Albert Hall four times over.

The mayor presented awards to five organisations yesterday, including the Dominion Theatre and the London borough of Tower Hamlets, for their achievements after signing up to the scheme.

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