



# MACQUARIE DICTIONARY

## WORD OF THE YEAR 2022

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### **bachelor's handbag**

*noun Colloquial (humorous)* a takeaway roast chicken.

[from the fact that such a chicken requires no further preparation before consumption, so is seen as an easy meal favoured by a single person, and is often packaged in a small plastic bag with a handle, resembling a *handbag*]

### **Barbiecore**

*noun* a fashion characterised by an all-pink colour palette, especially bright pink.

[trademark for a popular female doll *Barbie* + -CORE]

### **bossware**

*noun Computers Colloquial* software installed on an employee's computer which allows their employer to remotely monitor and measure activity and productivity, as by logging keystrokes and mouse movement, taking screenshots, etc.

### **brigading**

*noun* the organisation of a concerted effort by a large number of people to effect a particular action or change, as by online voting or reviewing.

### **clapter**

*noun* applause from an audience to indicate agreement with a comedian's joke or statement, especially one of a social or political nature. [CLAP<sup>1</sup> + (LAUGH)TER]

### **e-change**

*noun* a move from a city environment to a rural location, made possible by the facility of being able to, and being permitted to, conduct one's work remotely from home. [E-<sup>2</sup> + (SEA) CHANGE]

–**e-changer**, *noun*

### **gigafire**

*noun* a fire which burns through more than 100 000 ha. Compare **megafire**, **terafire**. [GIGA- + FIRE]

### **goblin mode**

*noun Colloquial* a pattern of behaviour characterised by an embrace of indolence and slovenliness. [from the grotesqueness ascribed to the appearance of a GOBLIN]



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### hidden homeless

*phrase* **the**, people with no home who stay temporarily with friends, family members, etc., and who do not access homeless support services during this period.

### nepo baby

*noun* *Colloquial (sometimes derogatory)* a celebrity, often in the entertainment industry, who has a famous parent. Also, **nepotism baby**. [so called from the insinuation that they have attained a high profile as a result of their parent's fame or connections]

### orthosomnia

*noun* insomnia thought to be caused by preoccupation with obtaining the amount and quality of sleep recommended by a wearable sleep tracking device, often resulting in anxiety, which can in turn adversely affect sleep quality and the ability to fall asleep. [ORTHO- + (IN)SOMNIA]

### pirate trail

*noun* a trail which has been established or constructed without the required permission, used for mountain biking.

### prebunking

*noun* the practice of challenging the veracity of misinformation or disinformation, and the authority of its source, before such information is disseminated. [modelled on DEBUNK + -ING<sup>1</sup>]

### quiet quitting

*noun* the practice of strictly limiting oneself to performing the tasks within one's job description, and working only the hours for which one is contracted. **-quiet quitter**, *noun*

### skin hunger

*noun* desire for loving or friendly physical contact with another. Also, **touch hunger**.

### spicy cough

*noun* **the**, *Colloquial* COVID-19.

### teal

*noun (also upper case)* *Politics* an independent political candidate who holds generally ideologically moderate views, but who supports strong action regarding environmental and climate action policies, and the prioritising of integrity in politics. [so called as many of the candidates use the colour *teal* in their electoral material]



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### truth-telling

*noun* the act of relating the facts of a situation, exclusive of any embellishment or dilution applied as justification for past actions.

### yassify

*verb* to apply multiple filters and edits to an image or digital photograph, in order to transform the original image to one which is glamorous and beautiful. [from YAS QUEEN, popularised in 2021 by a Twitter account which posts such images] –**yassification**, *noun*