

Mystery of who invented pavlova solved

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Australians have claimed many things from our friends across the ditch, including Russell Crowe and Phar Lap, but it may be time to hand one back.

The origin of the tasty dessert pavlova has been debated for years but now the Oxford English Dictionary has come to rain on the Aussies' parade, linking the original recipe to our Kiwi neighbours.

The dictionary is in favour of New Zealand's argument for the pavlova after stating the first recorded recipe was in 1927 in the book Davis Dainty Dishes.

It was originally named after the Russian ballet dancer Anna Pavlova and made in her honour around the time of one of her tours to Australia and New Zealand in the 1920s.

It might be time to start munching on the good old lamington – one sweet we can claim - this Australia Day instead of the meringue-based dessert.

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