Week 15. Australian (i)


1. Southern Hemisphere English (Australia, New Zealand, South Africa)
   Phonologically very close to RP, but phonetically rather different.


3. Origins:
   • ‘Mixing bowl’
   • ‘SE English with the RP brakes taken off’?
   • Trudgill’s ‘koinéization’.

4. Vowel system (as a system) = that of RP.

   4.1 Weak [i - æ]: [i] only before velars (classic, running), otherwise [æ]
   rabbit rhymes with abbot, valid with salad
   boxes is homophonous with boxers, founded with founded
   4.2 The vowel in happy can be identified with /iː/ (can be diphthongal [ai])

5. Vowel realization

   5.1 Raised /æ e ɛ/ (‘pancake vocalism’) in TRAP, DRESS, KIT
   NZ: /ɪ/ is central, [æ] fish and chips
   5.2 Shifted diphthongs in FLEECE, FACE, PRICE (like Cockney)
   5.3 Fronted quality in GOOSE, MOUTH, GOAT [uː, ʊ, ʌ]
   5.4 Fronted quality in PALM-START [ə]
   5.5 Monophthongs in NEAR [i?] and SQUARE [ɛ]
   5.6 Rounded vowel in NURSE [ʊ] (even more so in NZ)
   5.7 No smoothing