♫ *Day in and day out I work my job, job that I could only dream to have* ♫

Ever since I started these rambling summaries of the year that was, this is probably the least I've had to report back. The house is still a house, the dogs are all still dogs I think, the job is usually hectic yet usually great. My brother got married and he's moving into a new house in just a few weeks. Dad's new place isn't far off from being finished as well. I went to Cairns during the Victorian winter to end my longstanding drought of not having had longer than a week off work for several years. In October I was flown to South Korea for work where I was overseeing our Under 17 academy team participating in an international football tournament. For 10 days it felt like I was babysitting 18 teenagers: holding onto passports, packing and fixing suitcases, and putting on the teacher's hat when inevitably behaviour crossed the line. We only won a single game during the tournament which didn't really reflect the overall performances, as realistically we were only outplayed in one or two of the games. It was an amazing bonding experience with workmates and I'd certainly do it again if I could. However I don't think I'll be eating beef bulgogi again any time soon.

Gigs felt like they were above average in quality last year. The National were outstanding, and while I knew that eventually one day I'd go back and listen to their back catalogue and at least partly invest in it, it really does validate that doing that research can really pay off in a big way. I got the cheapest spot possible at Sidney Myer Music Bowl and was still fairly close to Matt when he did his big run into the crowd. To see Fleet Foxes and Annie Hamilton in support was great too, especially for the former as it was utterly brilliant to finally hear "Mykonos" in a live setting. Psychedelic Porn Crumpets were rad; Nick Cave without his bad seeds was challenging but incredibly moving; I took a slight punt on Blonde Redhead but had a great time; to hear one of my favourite songs of all time in "Karma Police" at the end of Thom Yorke's set was magical; and then to see Pearl Jam with my dad for the third time having not done so since just *two days* after I started my first ever chart is pretty cool. However, as the family institution that they have always been, it still felt a little empty without mum with us in attendance.

I ended up equalling my tally of 85 albums and 4 EPs listened to in 2024 compared to 2023, total coincidence I'll have you know, but they are all listed below in addition to ineligible tracks that may have made the list in some capacity. Again one way that I seem to consume music nowadays is that I tend to latch onto a small handful of older tracks in my library and play them on high rotation among all the usual new stuff. As such I've felt it pertinent to include a small list of those tracks also. As of 12 days ago of this blurb being published, I've officially been doing music charts here for longer than half my life. I'm incredibly grateful for this community and while we/I lead increasingly busy lives as adults compared to when the majority of us started as school students, the longevity and connection I have here is without precedent. So yeah, if you're reading this, a big bloody thanks as always.

Albums

1tbsp - megacity1000
Amyl and the Sniffers - Cartoon Darkness
annie hamilton - stop and smell the lightning
Being Dead - EELS
Big Scary - Wing
Billie Eilish - HIT ME HARD AND SOFT
Blu & Exile - Love (the) Ominous World
Bruiser Wolf - My $tory Got $tories
Cadence Weapon - ROLLERCOASTER
Cage the Elephant - Neon Pill
Charli XCX - BRAT
Cheekface - It's Sorted
Cigarettes After Sex - X's
Civerous - Maze Envy
Cloud Nothings - Final Summer
Cordae - The Crossroads
Crumb - AMAMA
Curren$y & DJ.Fresh - The Tonite Show The Sequel
Dehd - Poetry
Denzel Curry - King of the Mischevious South Vol. 2
Emily Wurramara - NARA
Everything Everything - Mountainhead
Famous - Party Album
Fat Dog - WOOF.
Fat White Family - Forgiveness Is Yours
Father John Misty - Mahashmashana
Fontaines D.C. - Romance
Freddie Gibbs - You Only Die 1nce
Future & Metro Boomin - WE DON'T TRUST YOU
Future Utopia - Django's High
Geordie Greep - The New Sound
Glass Animals - I Love You So F***ing Much

Godspeed You! Black Emperor - “NO TITLE AS OF 13 FEBRUARY 2024 28,340 DEAD”

Grinspoon - whatever, whatever

Hiatus Kaiyote - Love Heart Cheat Code

Husky - Deep Sleeper

HYUKOH & Sunset Rollercoaster - AAA

IDLES - TANGK

illuminati hotties - Power

Jack White - No Name

Jamie xx - In Waves

Joey Valence & Brae - NO HANDS

JPEGMAFIA - I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR YOU

Justice - Hyperdrama

Kendrick Lamar - GNX

Kim Gordon - The Collective

King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard - Flight b741

Kings of Leon - Can We Please Have Fun

Knocked Loose - You Won't Go Before You're Supposed To

La Luz - News of the Universe

Liz Lawrence - Peanuts

Magdalena Bay - Imaginal Disk

Make Them Suffer - Make Them Suffer

Megan Thee Stallion - MEGAN

MGMT - Loss of Life

Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds - Wild God

Nilüfer Yanya - My Method Actor

NxWorries - Why Lawd?

Osees - SORCS 80

Pearl Jam - Dark Matter

PlayThatBoiZay - VAMPIRES IMPERSONATING PEOPLE

Pond - Stung!

Regurgitator - Invader

Remi Wolf - Big Ideas

Royel Otis - PRATTS & PAIN

Sabrina Carpenter - Short n' Sweet

Sarah Blasko - I Just Need To Conquer This Mountain

ScHoolboy Q - BLUE LIPS

SOPHIE - SOPHIE

Speed - ONLY ONE MODE

Sugar Pit - Shhh…Don't Jinx It

The Black Keys - Ohio Players

The Cure - Songs of a Lost World

The Last Dinner Party - Prelude to Ecstasy

The Lemon Twigs - A Dream Is All We Know

The Smile - Cutouts

The Smile - Wall of Eyes

The Voidz - Like All Before You

TISM - Death to Art

Toro y Moi - Hole Erth

Tyler, the Creator - CHROMAKOPIA

Vampire Weekend - Only God Was Above Us

Vince Staples - Dark Times

Yard Act - Where's My Utopia?

Zach Bryan - The Great American Bar Scene

EPs

Little Guilt - Finding Space [EP]

Maruja - Connla's Well [EP]

Serj Tankian - Foundations [EP]

The Garden - Six Desperate Ballads [EP]

2023 bangers

Doja Cat - Agora Hills
Drake feat. Sexyy Red & SZA - Rich Baby Daddy
The Jungle Giants - Trippin Up
The National - Eucalyptus
Skrillex & Boys Noize - Fine Day Anthem
Sleep Token - The Summoning
TISM - I've Gone Hillsong
Upchuck - Crushing

Songs I listened to a lot that happen to be old

Blonde Redhead - Spring and By Summer Fall
Husky - History's Door
Megan Thee Stallion - Big Ole Freak
Midnight Juggernauts - 45 and Rising
The National - Conversation 16
The National - Lemonworld
Psychedelic Porn Crumpets - Found God in a Tomato
Queens of the Stone Age - The Lost Art of Keeping a Secret
The Strokes - Trying Your Luck

Here is a dog asking for a pat



Another dog who is considerably past his bedtime at time of photo



And da whole gang

