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**1803: Australia's first newspaper.** Sydney Gazette. George Howe.

**1817: Australia's first bank.** Bank of New South Wales. George Howe. Mary Reiby. Rum Rebellion. Governor Macquarie.

**1824: Battle for Press freedom.** Newspapers. Media. William Charles

Wentworth. Robert Wardell. Sydney Gazette. The Australian. Governor Ralph Darling. Privates Sudds and Thompson. The Monitor. The Sydney Morning Herald.

**1829: Colony on the Swan.** Western Australia. Captain Fremantle. HMS Challenger. Thomas Peel. James Stirling. Dirck Hartog. Convicts. Albany. Perth. Transportation.

**1830: Massacre in Tasmania.** Convicts. Aborigines. Truganini. Van Diemen's Land. Torture. Murder. Lieutenant-Governor Arthur. Black Line. George Augustus Robinson. Flinders Island. William Lanney.

**1837: May South Australia flourish!** Edward Gibbon Wakefield. Adelaide. Colonisation. Captain John Hindmarsh. Colonel William Light. South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register. Colonel Robert Torrens. Aborigines. Torrens River. Copper.

**1850: A Free Victoria!** Melbourne. Port Phillip District. Colony of Victoria. Port Phillip Bay. David Collins. John Batman. John Pascoe Fawkner. Governor La Trobe.

**1851: Gold Fever! New South Wales.** Goldfields. Diggers. Edward Hammd and Hargraves. John Lister. William and James Tom. **Victoria.** Bendigo. Ballarat. **Queensland.** James Mulligan. Cape York. Palmer River. Cooktown. Chinese. Aborigines. Cannibals. Race riots. Ravenswood. Charters Towers. **Western Australia.** Kalgoorlie. Coolgardie. Boulder. Arthur Bayley. William Ford. Prospectors. Paddy Hannan. Water. Drought. Pipeline.

**1854: Revolt under the Southern Cross.** Eureka Stockade. Ballarat.

Balaarat. Diggers. Riot. Revolution. Rebellion. Taxation. La Trobe. Sir Charles Hotham. James Scobie. Bakery Hill. Reform League. Peter Lalor. Raffaello Carboni. Southern Cross flag.

**1856: Government by the People.** New South Wales gets first Parliament in Australia. Manhood suffrage. Right to vote.

**1859: The Queen names a new colony.** Queensland born. Sir George Ferguson Bowen. Governor Brisbane. Explorer John Oxley. Moreton Bay. Convicts. Captain Patrick Logan. Aborigines. Convict ships Hashemy and Randolph. Transportation.

**1861-62: The Great Overland Race.** Crossing Australia from south to north. Victoria. Robert O'Hara Burke. William John Wills. John King. Charles Gray. Gulf of Carpentaria. South Australia. John McDouall Stuart. Coopers Creek.

**1869: Last convicts land.** Western Australia. Hougoumont. Fremantle. Transportation. Torture. Newcastle. Norfolk Island. Van Diemen's Land. Macquarie Harbour. John Price. Governor Arthur. Port Arthur.

**1872: Australia on the Line.** Overland telegraph from Adelaide to Palmerston (Darwin). Charles Todd.

**1874: Victoria Acts on factories.** Labour laws. Sweating. Workers exploited. Child labour. Working conditions.

**1880: Ned Kelly captured.** Crime. Bushrangers. Dan Kelly. Joe Byrne. Steve Hart. Glenrowan.

**1882: The Ashes.** Cricket in Australia. Sport.

**1894: Votes for women.** South Australia first colony to grant women the vote. Suffragettes. Campaign for the vote.

**1896: The Movies.** Film-making in Australia. Maurice Sestier. Salvation Army. Kelly Gang.

**1897: Australia's first motor car.** History of motor cars in Australia. H. Thomson. David Shearer. Car clubs. Motor racing.

**1901: Australia becomes a nation.** Federation. Commonwealth of Australia. Edmund Barton, first Prime Minister. Lord Hopetoun.

**1907: Davis Cup triumph.** Tennis in Australia. Norman Brookes. Anthony Wilding. Harry Hopman. Jack Crawford. Adrian Quist. Ken Rosewall. Lew Hoad. Frank Sedgman. Ken McGregor. Roy Emerson. Neale Fraser. Rod Laver. John Newcombe. Margaret Court. Evonne Cawley.

**1911: A Territory for the Commonwealth.** Northern Territory's history. Charles Darwin. Palmerston. Overland telegraph. Gold rush. Chinese. Riots over alcohol.

**1915: Gallipoli: Birth of a Legend.** World War I. Anzacs. General Birdwood. Dardanelles. Turks. John Simpson Kirkpatrick, man with the donkey. A.I.F. Western Front. Armistice. **Liquor Referendum.** Rum Corps. Temperance Union.

**1919: Ross Smith races home.** Keith Smith. Air race. Flying. Aircraft. Poulet. Jim Bennett. Wally Shiers.

**1922: Qantas takes off.** Pilot P.J. McGinnes. Engineer W.A. Baird. Pilot

Hudson Fysh.

**1923: Melbourne police strike.** Sir A. Robinson. **Radio broadcasting begins.** Nellie Melba. Bruce. Radio licences. Lyon Government.

**1924: Nellie Melba's first farewell.** Opera.

**1927: Child Endowment.** John Thomas Lang. Widows' Pensions Bill. Menzies Government. Forty-four-hour week. Workers' compensation. Women's Status Bill. Eight-hour day. Australian Labour Party formed. **ACTU founded. First Parliament House opened in Canberra.** Canberra named. Australian Capital Territory. Walter Burley Griffin.

**1928: Royal Flying Doctor Service started.** John Flynn. Qantas. John Clifford Peel. H. V. McKay. Alfred Traeger. **First Trans-Pacific flight.** Smithy. Charles Edward Kingsford Smith. Southern Cross.

**1929: Great Depression.** Susso. Wall Street crash. Sydney eviction battle. Communist-backed Unemployed Workers' Movement.

**1930: The Don bats into "cricket eternity".** Don Bradman.

**1931: First Australian-born Governor General.** Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs. John Latham. Prime Minister James Scullin. King George V.

**1932: Sydney Harbour Bridge opened.** Jack Lang. Opening of bridge. Francis Greenway. John Job Crew Bradfield. Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Walker. Captain F. E. de Groot. Philip Game. Scullin. Joseph Lyons. **Premier Jack Lang sacked.**

**1933: Was bodyline cricket?** Don Bradman. W. M. Woodfull. Douglas R. Jardine. H. Larwood. W. Voce. W. E. Bowes. G. O. Allen. S. McCabe. W. A. S. Oldfield. Test matches. Ashes. England. MCC.

**1934: Race riots in Kalgoorlie.** G. E. Jordan. Claudio Mattaboni. Philip Collier. Boulder. Kalgoorlie. Riots. Mining.

**1938: Black Sunday in the surf.** Surf lifesaving. Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club. Drownings. Public bathing. Lyster Ormsby. Design of the life saving reel. Charles Kingsford Smith. Surf Life Saving Association of Australia. Carl Jeppers. Carl Saur.

**1939: Black Friday in Victoria.** Bushfires in Victoria. Mr Justice Leonard Stretton. Stretton Commission. Gladys Sanderson. Country Fire Authority formed. Tasmania bushfires. **With the world at war.** Second World War. Robert Menzies. Conscription for home defence. Recruiting for active service. Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey. Anzac troops. John Curtin. Pearl Harbour.

**1942: Japan bombs Darwin.** Second World War. Sir Paul Hasluck. John Curtin. **Submarines shock Sydney.** Sydney harbour attacks.

**1944: Press censorship defied.** Arthur Calwell. Free speech. Billy Hughes. Rupert Henderson. Arthur Augustus Calwell. Brian Penton. Horace Mansell.

**1947: Battle for the banks.** Ben Chifley. Banks. Robert Menzies. Qantas. Trans-Australian Airlines. Coal mines. Fisher Government. Nationalise banking.

**1948: The Holden is born.** Depression. Motor vehicle production. Holden. James Alexander Holden. Edward Wheewall Holden. General Motors. Ford. Geelong. Prime Minister Ben Chifley. Laurence John Hartnett. Brian Carroll.

**1956: Television arrives.** First broadcast. Bruce Gyngell. Frank Packer. Dr Val McDowell. A.B.C. **Melbourne Olympics.** Dawn Fraser. Lorraine Crapp. Jon Hendricks. Betty Cuthbert. Shirley Strickland. Vladimir Kuts.

**1958: Namatjira jailed.** Albert Namatjira, acclaimed aboriginal landscape painter. Convicted of “supplying ... liquor to a native ward”. Sentenced to three months imprisonment.

**1962 to 72: Vietnam.** Australian troops. Prime Minister Menzies. Arthur Calwell. Gough Whitlam. Harold Holt. L.B. Johnson.

**1964: Royal Australian Navy aircraft carrier H.M.A.S. Melbourne sinks destroyer H.M.A.S. Voyager.** 82 men killed, including Captain Duncan Stevens. Royal Commission. Melbourne’s Captain Robertson resigns. Second enquiry absolves Robertson.

**1970: Australian Rules football sets a record.** Developed by cricketer Thomas Wentworth Wills. First match 1858. Australian Football Council 1906.

**1973: Sydney Opera House opened** by Queen Elizabeth II. Eugene Goossens. J.J. Cahill. Bennelong Point. Design competition. Winner Danish architect Joern Utzon.

**1974: Cyclone Tracy.** Darwin. 25 December 1974. Natural disaster.

**1975: Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam sacked** by Governor-General Sir John Kerr. Malcolm Fraser. Professor Manning Clark.

**1981: First freehold land title for Aborigines.** Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act. Senator Peter Baume. Aboriginal/European race relations. Assimilation. Mr Justice Woodward. Aboriginal Land Rights Act. Lands Trust. **The Mabo decision.**