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## **ICELY, Thomas (1797-1874)**

Having emigrated to Sydney in 1820, he began breeding stock on his 800 hectare grant in Bathurst while retaining the business he had established in George St, Sydney on his arrival. After moving to a new station covering 5250 hectares of land, Icely spent the next 23 years building up his stock and improving its quality through selective breeding. He also established a thoroughbred horse stud, and successfully prospected for minerals on his property. He was also active in politics, serving in the Legislative Council from 1843 until his death.

## **IDRIESS, Ion Llewellyn (1889-1979)**

Born in Sydney, he became an opal miner at Lightning Ridge before serving in the Gallipoli campaign in World War I. He travelled extensively in Australasia, and his experiences as a surveyor and crocodile hunter were to provide the material for his many novels. Between 1931 and 1964, he published one book almost yearly, and his vivid recreations of real events and people made him one of the country's most popular authors. Idriess's works include *Lasseter's Last Ride* (1931) and *The Great Trek* (1940).

## **IMLAY, Peter (1787-1881)**

Born in Scotland, one of three brothers, he emigrated to Van Diemen's Land in 1830. His two brothers, Alexander and George joined him in his pastoral ventures, although both were qualified physicians. Peter moved to New Zealand, opening up trade routes between the two countries, while Alexander

accrued more land in NSW, also working at Sydney's General Hospital. George's career followed a similar path to that of Alexander, but he took his own life in 1846 on discovering he was suffering from an incurable disease. The family name is perpetuated in place names in NSW and New Zealand.

### **INGPEN, Robert Roger (1936- )**

Born in Victoria, he studied at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and in 1958 became science illustrator in the Food Research Division of the CSIRO. After 11 years he set up his own practice and was appointed consultant to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in 1971 and 1975. Ingpen has painted murals and designed postage stamps, and has written and illustrated a number of books including *Australian Gnomes Pioneer* and *Settlement in Australia*.

### **IREDALE, Tom (1880-1972)**

Emigrating from England to Christchurch, New Zealand in 1901 because of poor health, he pursued his interest in natural history by associating with local ornithologists. After a time in Australia, Iredale returned to England where he worked at the British Museum of Natural History. In 1923 he settled in Sydney where his expertise in the study of shells earned him the position of conchologist at the Australian Museum for the next twenty years. During this time he also carried out much research in various areas of zoology, writing over 300 papers on many aspects of natural history, and naming over 2000 new genera and species of animal in the course of his long career.

## **IRELAND, David (1927- )**

Working as a labourer in Sydney, he began writing poetry and drama, winning the Adelaide Advertiser Award for his first novel, *The Chantic Bird*, in 1968. Funded by various fellowships, Ireland began writing full-time, and became the first author to receive the Miles Franklin Award three times. One of his winning novels, *The Glass Canoe*, was banned as a Higher School Certificate text in 1982 when it was deemed pornographic. Other books include *City of Women* (1981) and *Bloodfather* (1987).

## **IRONSIDE, Adelaide (1831-67)**

Became the first native-born Australian artist to study overseas, gaining permission from the Pope to copy paintings in the Vatican, and studying fresco in Rome and other parts of Italy. In 1862 she exhibited at the Kensington International Exhibition, where two of her works sold for 500 pounds each to the Prince of Wales and Charles Wentworth. Ironside specialized in religious painting and her works reside in the Art Gallery of NSW and in St Paul's College at Sydney University.

## **ISAACS, Sir Isaac Alfred (1855-1948)**

Studied law at Melbourne University, graduating in 1880. While practising as a barrister, he was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly as a Liberal representative, becoming Solicitor-General, and then Attorney-General. Isaacs was involved in the drafting of the Constitution, and in 1906 was appointed a High Court Judge. In 1931 he became the first Australian-born Governor-

General, Prime Minister Scullin overriding objections to this breaking with tradition voiced by King George V himself. Isaacs retired in 1936.

### **ISBISTER, Clair (1915- )**

Born in 1915 in Brisbane as Jean Sinclair Isbister, she studied medicine in Sydney and paediatrics in London. Back in Australia, she contributed articles on the subject of child health and welfare to various publications, gaining a wide audience. Isbister also published several books, including *Birth, Infancy and Childhood* (1969) and *Birth of a Family* (1976). She was health convenor of the National Council of Women, and has also lectured in medicine at Sydney University.