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PREFACE

government, and relations, historical and actual, with society within it, its political and social progress, mode of why and how it was settled, the development of civilized elucidate the way in which the country was discovered, name on the map, that of Anzac. It endeavours to space on the map, and ends with the record of a new Trais Short History of Australia begins with a blank

intelligent reader, who will of course have regard to the such questions as might reasonably be put to it by an The aim of the author has been to make the book answer the Empire of which it forms a part.

At the same time it is hoped that due importance picture of the phases through which the country has limitations imposed by its size; and also to present a

doings of men living in communities, not of blind, nervehas been given to personality. History is a record of the

less forces.

reader, whose thirst is not assuaged by what is to be found end of the volume, brief though they be, will assist the them. It is hoped that the bibliographical notes at the which need closer study than has yet been accorded to received. In Australian history there are large spaces require more adequate treatment than they have yet much at any section of history finds many aspects which liked to write at greater length. The student who works information. On some of these the author would have shout which various readers might desire to have more at a see of a see of se In a book written to scale, on a carefully prepared plan,

within these covers, to go to the wells and draw for himself.

An excellent Australasian Atlas, published while this book was in preparation, has been found useful by the author. Dr. J. G. Bartholomew and Mr. K. R. Cramp, who have produced it, call it an Australasian School Atlas*(Oxford University Press, 1915); but the author ventures to commend its series of beautiful historical maps (pp. 47-54) to any reader of this History who desires to obtain in a convenient form more geographical information than is afforded by the maps herein engraved.

THE UNIVERSITY,
MELBOURNE,
July 16, 1916.

A NEW chapter, summarizing the history of Australia during the period of the Great War, has been added in this edition; and the opportunity has been used to insert some fresh material.

^{*} The maps on pages 22, 79, 120, 224, and 233 are copied from this atlas.

CHRONOLOGY

1486. Diaz rounds Cape of Good Hope.

Botany Bay.

1785. Sir George Young's plan.

Foundation of Sydney.

Lapérouse in Botany Bay.

1782.

1783.

1786. 1788.

1497.	Vasco da Gama sails to India via the Cape
	Portuguese discover the Moluccas.
	Magellan enters the Pacific.
	Alvarez discovers the Solomon Islands.
1595.	Cornelius Houtman pilots Dutch ships to the East Indies.
1598.	Dutch established at Java.
1606.	Quiros discovers the New Hebrides.
	Discovery of Torres Strait.
	The Duyfken in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
1611.	Brouwer's new route to the East.
	Dirk Hartog on the Western Australian coast,
1622.	English ship Trial wrecked off the west coast.
1627.	Nuytsland discovered.
1636.	Van Diemen Governor of Dutch East Indies.
1642.	Tasman discovers Van Diemen's Land and New
	Zealand.
1644.	Tasman in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
1688.	Dampier in the Cygnet in Australian waters.
1699.	Dampier in the Roebuck in Shark's Bay.
1768.	Cook's Endeavour voyage.
1770.	Cook's discovery of New South Wales.
1772.	Cook's Resolution voyage.
	Banks suggests founding a convict settlement at

Matra's plan of colonization in New South Wales.

Determination to found a settlement at Botany Bay.

End of the American War of Independence.

1789. Establishment of New South Wales Corps. Settlement of Norfolk Island.

1792. End of Phillip's governorship.

1792-5. Administration of Grose and Paterson.

1795. Hunter Governor of New South Wales. First printing press at Sydney.

1795-6. Bass and Flinders make voyages in the Tom Thumb.

John Macarthur buys merino sheep. 1797. Discovery of coal.

1798. Bass discovers Bass Strait and Westernport. Bass and Flinders circumnavigate Tasmania in the Norfolk.

King Governor of New South Wales. 1800. Voyage of the Lady Nelson from England. Flinders's voyage in the Investigator.

Murray discovers Port Phillip. 1802. Flinders meets Baudin in Encounter Bay.

Flinders circumnavigates Australia. 1803. Wreck of the Porpoise. Flinders imprisoned in Mauritius. Collins's Port Phillip Settlement. Sydney Gazette, first Australian newspaper, published.

Foundation of Hobart. 1804. Settlement at Port Dalrymple.

Bligh Governor of New South Wales. 1806.

1807. Arrest of John Macarthur.

Mutiny in New South Wales; deposition of Bligh. 1808.

Macquarie Governor of New South Wales. 1809. 1810. Extinction of New South Wales Corps.

Liberation of Flinders.

Blaxland discovers a way across the Blue Mountains. 1813. Evans discovers the Bathurst plains. Davey Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land.

Death of Flinders. 1814. 'Australia' suggested as name for the country by Flinders.

Establishment of Civil Court in New South Wales.

1816. Bank of New South Wales founded.

1817. Oxley explores the Lachlan. 1818. Oxley explores the Macquarie.

1819. Commissioner Bigge in New South Wales.

1821. Brisbane Governor of New South Wales.

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1823. New South Wales Judicature Act passed.
Oxley in Moreton Bay.

1824. Wentworth's Australian.
Foundation of Brisbane.
Annexation of Bathurst and Melville Islands.

Hume and Hovell's expedition to Port Phillip.

1825. Alteration of western boundary of New South Wales.
Lockyer explores the Brisbane River.
Arthur Governor of Van Diemen's Land.

1826. The Astrolabe at Westernport.
Settlement at Westernport.
Darling Governor of New South Wales.
Lockyer's Settlement at King George's Sound.

1827. Darling's law to regulate the press. Allan Cunningham explores the Liverpool Range and the Darling Downs. Stirling examines the Swan River.

1828. Enlargement of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

Westernport Settlement abandoned. Sturt discovers the Darling.

1829. Annexation of the Swan River.
Whole of Australia claimed as British territory.
The Parmelia conveys first immigrants to Swan River.
Publication of Wakefield's Letter from Sydney.

1830. Accession of William IV.

Act establishing trial by jury in New South Wales.

Sturt explores the Murray to the sea.

Perth founded.

Governor Arthur's 'Black Drive.'
1831. First steamship, the Sophia Jane, arrived in Sydney from England.

1834, Act to establish Colony of South Australia.

The Hentys settle at Portland.

The Dorsetshire labourers transported.

1835. John Batman in Port Phillip.1836. Mitchell explores Australia Felix.Adelaide founded.

Lonsdale takes charge of the Port Phillip Settlement. Bourke's grazing licences policy.

1837. Accession of Queen Victoria.
Melbourne named.

1837. House of Commons Committee on Transportation.

1837-40. George Grey's explorations in Western Australia.

Gawler Governor of South Australia. Military settlement at Port Essington.

Latrobe appointed superintendent of Port Phillip. 1839. Strzelecki finds traces of gold. Death of John Batman. Lord Durham's report on the state of Canada.

McMillan's first expedition to Gippsland. Abandonment of Moreton Bay Settlement.

Order in Council discontinuing transportation to 1840. Australia. Evre starts for the centre of the continent. Strzelecki's journey through Gippsland.

Grey appointed Governor of South Australia. 1841.

Robert Lowe in New South Wales. 1842. Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land passed.

Ridley invents the stripper. 1843.

Convicts shipped to Port Phillip. 1844. Sturt's journey to the interior. Leichhardt's first exploring expedition.

Grey appointed Governor of New Zealand. 1845.

Burra copper mine discovered.

Fitzroy 'Governor-General' of Australia. Lieutenant Yule hoists British flag in New Guinea.

Gold found in Port Phillip. 1847. The Gladstone Colony at Port Curtis.

Melbourne elects Lord Grey to the Legislative Council. 1848.

Leichhardt's last expedition.

The Randolph in Hobson's Bay: resistance to convict 1849. immigration. Port Essington abandoned.

Western Australia becomes a penal colony. 1850. University of Sydney founded. Australian Colonies Government Act passed. Railway from Sydney to Goulburn built.

Separation of Victoria from New South Wales. 1851. Hargreaves digs for gold on Summerhill Creek. Gold found at Ballarat. The diggings commence.

University of Melbourne founded. 1852.

Tasmania named. 1853. Town of Gladstone founded. French annexation of New Caledonia.

The Eureka Stockade. 1854. Hobson's Bay railway built.

Transportation to Norfolk Island ceased.

First anti-Chinese legislation passed.

New constitutions come into effect in New South 1856. Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania. Ballot Act passed in Victoria.

Torrens Real Property Act passed. 1858.

Colony of Queensland proclaimed. 1859. Kingsley's Geoffrey Hamlyn.

McDouall Stuart reaches the centre of the continent. 1860.

Burke and Wills expedition. 1861. Cowper's quarrel with the New South Wales Legislative Council.

McDouall Stuart crosses the continent to Port Darwin. 1862.

Duffy's Land Act.

South Australia undertakes to administer the Northern 1863. Territory. New Caledonia a convict colony.

1865. McCulloch proposes protection in Victoria.

End of transportation to Western Australia. 1867. Gold discovered at Gympie. The Darling grant controversy.

First Queensland Act to regulate Kanaka labour. 1868. Attempted assassination of the Duke of Edinburgh in Sydney.

John Forrest's journey in search of Leichhardt. 1869.

1870. British troops withdrawn from Australia. Adam Lindsay Gordon died.

Overland telegraph line from Adelaide to Port Darwin 1872. constructed.

John Forrest explores the interior. 1873. Moresby's discoveries in New Guinea. Stephens's 'free, compulsory, and secular' Education Act.

University of Adelaide founded. 1874. John Forrest's journey from Perth to Adelaide. Fiji annexed by Great Britain. Clarke's For the Term of His Natural Life.

1875. Ernest Giles's inland journey.

1877. Dispute as to payment of members in Victoria. High Commissionership of the Pacific established. Brunton Stephens's poem, *The Dominion of Australia* published.

1878. 'Black Wednesday' (January 8).

1879. First Australian Trade Union Congress.

1880. Capture of the Kelly Gang.
Payment of members carried in Victoria.

1881. Reform of the Victorian Legislative Council.

1882. Discovery of Mount Morgan.
The Kimberley gold rush.
Henry Clarence Kendall died.

1883. Silver discovered at Broken Hill.

McIlwraith annexes New Guinea.

1884. German annexation of Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, the Bismarck Archipelago, and Samoa.

1885. Federal Council established.

Soudan contingent from New South Wales.

1887. Anglo-French Condominium in the New Hebrides. First Colonial Conference.

1888. Intercolonial Conference on Chinese immigration.

Robbery Under Arms published.

1890. Great maritime strike.
University of Tasmania founded.

Responsible Government in Western Australia.

1891. First Federal Convention.

1892. Coolgardie gold-field discovered.

1893. Corowa Conference on Federation.

1894. Women's enfranchisement in South Australia.

1895. Victorian Wages Board system established. Paterson's *The Man from Snowy River* published.

1896. Henry Lawson's In the Days when the World was Wide published.

1897. The second Colonial Conference.

1897-8. The Federal Convention.

1898. First Federal Referendum.
1899. Second Federal Referendum.

1899. Second Federal Referendum.
First Labour Government (Queensland).
Australian contingents sent to South African War.

1900. The Commonwealth Constitution before the Imperial Parliament.

LIST OF GOVERNORS AND MINISTRIES

GOVERNORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

(Before Responsible Government)

1788. Arthur Phillip.

John Hunter.

1800. Philip Gidley King.

William Bligh.

Lachlan Macquarie.

Sir Thomas Brisbane.

Sir Ralph Darling. Sir Richard Bourke.

1838. Sir George Gipps.

1846. Sir Charles Fitzroy.

Sir William Denison.

(Since Responsible Government)

Sir John Young.

1868. Earl of Belmore.

1872. Sir Hercules Robinson. 1879. Sir Augustus Loftus.

1885. Lord Carrington.

1891. Earl of Jersey.

1893. Sir Robert Duff.

Viscount Hampden.

1899. Earl Beauchamp.

1902. Sir Harry Rawson. 1909.

1913. Sir Gerald Strickland.

Sir Walter Davidson. 1917.

1924. Sir Dudley de Chair.

GOVERNORS OF TASMANIA

(Lieutenant-Governors before Responsible Government)

Collins David (Hobart

William Paterson (Port

G. A. Gordon (Port Dalrymple jurisdiction). Joseph Foveaux (Hobart

jurisdiction).

1813. Thomas Davey (with jurisdiction over whole island).

1817. William Sorell.

1824. Sir George Arthur. Sir John Franklin.

1843. Sir John Eardley-Wilmot.

1847. Sir William Denison.

(Governors after Responsible Government)

Sir Henry Fox Young.

Sir T. Gore Brown. 1869. Sir Charles Du Cane.

1875.

Frederick A. Weld. 1881. Sir George Strahan.

1887. Sir Robert Hamilton.

Viscount Gormanston.

Sir Arthur Havelock.

1904. Sir Gerald Strickland.

Sir Harry Barron. 1909.

1913. Sir William Ellison-Macartney.

Sir Francis Newdegate.

Sir William Allardyce.

1924. Sir James O'Grady.

GOVERNORS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(Before Responsible Government)

Sir James Stirling (Lieut. Governor since 1828).

1839.

Andrew Clarke. 1847. Frederick Irwin.

1848. Charles Fitzgerald.

Sir Arthur Kennedy. John Stephen Hampton.

1869. Frederick A. Weld.

Sir William Robinson.

Sir Harry Ord. 1877.

Sir William Robinson. 1880. 1883. Sir Frederick Broome.

LIST OF GOVERNORS AND MINISTRIES

(Since Responsible Government)

Sir William Robinson.

Sir Gerard Smith. 1901. Sir Arthur Lawley.

1903. Sir Frederick Bedford. 1909. Sir Gerald Strickland.

Sir Harry Barron. 1913.

1917. Sir William Ellison-Macartney.

Sir F. Newdegate.

1924. Sir William Campion.

GOVERNORS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

(Before Responsible Government)

1835. John Hindmarsh. 1838. George Gawler.

1841. Sir George Grey.

1845. Frederick Holt Robe.

1848. Sir Henry Young.

(After Responsible Government)

1855. Sir Richard MacDonnell.

1862. Sir Dominick Daly. 1869. Sir James Ferguson.

1873. Sir Anthony Musgrave. 1877. Sir William Jervois.

Sir William Robinson. 1883. 1889. The Earl of Kintore.

1895. Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton.

Lord Tennyson. 1899.

1903. Sir George Le Hunte. 1909. Sir Day Bosanquet.

Sir Henry Galway. 1914.

1920. Sir W. E. G. A. Weigall. 1922. Sir Tom Bridges.

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA

(Before Responsible Government) Charles Joseph La Trobe

(Lieutenant-Governor). 1854. Sir Charles Hotham.

(After Responsible Government)

Sir Henry Barkly.

1863. Sir Charles Darling.

1866. Viscount Canterbury. 1873. Sir George Bowen.

Marquis of Normanby. 1879.

1884. Sir Henry Loch.

1889. Earl of Hopetoun.

Earl Brassey.

George Sydenham Sir Clarke (Lord Sydenham).

1904. Sir Reginald Talbot.

1908. Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael (Lord Carmi-

1911. Sir John Fleetwood Fuller.

1914. Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley. Earl of Stradbroke.

1926. Earl Somers.

GOVERNORS OF QUEENSLAND

1859. Sir George Bowen.

1868. Samuel Wensley Blackall.

1871. Marquis of Normanby. William Wellington Cairns.

1877. Sir Arthur Kennedy.

Sir Anthony Musgrave.

1889. Sir Henry Norman. Lord Lamington.

1902. Sir Herbert Chermside.

Lord Chelmsford.

Sir William McGregor. 1909.

1914. Sir Hamilton Goold-Adams.

1920. Sir Matthew Nathan.

GOVERNORS-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Earl of Hopetoun (afterwards Marquis of Linlithgow).

Lord Tennyson. 1903.

1904. Lord Northcote.

Earl of Dudley. 1908. Lord Denman.

1914. Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson (Viscount Novar). Lord Forster.

Lord Stonehaven.

PREMIERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES MINISTRIES

1856 (June). Sir Stuart Donaldson.

1856 (August). Sir Charles Cowper.

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1856 (October). Sir Henry Par-	1868. Sir Charles Sladen.
ker.	1868 (July). Sir James McCul-
1857. Sir Charles Cowper.	loch.
1859. William Forster.	1869. John Alexander MacPher-
1860. Sir John Robertson.	son.
1861. Sir Charles Cowper.	1870. Sir James McCulloch.
1863. Sir James Martin.	1871. Sir Charles Gavan Duffy.
1865. Sir Charles Cowper.	1872. James C. Francis.
1866. Sir James Martin.	1874. George Briscoe Kerferd.
1868. Sir John Robertson.	1875. Sir Graham Berry.
1870. Sir Charles Cowper.	1875 (October). Sir James Mc-
1870 (December). Sir James	Culloch.
Martin.	
1872. Sir Henry Parkes.	1880. James Service.
1875. Sir John Robertson.	1880 (August). Sir Graham
1877. Sir Henry Parkes.	Berry.
1877 (August). Sir John Robert-	1881. Sir Bryan O'Loghlen.
son.	1883. James Service.
1877 (December). James S. Far-	1886. Duncan Gillies.
nell.	1890. James Munro.
1878. Sir Henry Parkes.	1892. William Shiels.
1883. Sir Alexander Stuart.	1893. Sir James Patterson.
1885. Sir George Dibbs.	1894. Sir George Turner.
	1899. Allan McLean.
1886. Sir Patrick Jennings.	1900. Sir George Turner.
1887. Sir Henry Parkes.	1901. Sir Alexander Peacock.
1889. Sir George Dibbs.	1902. Sir William Irvine.
1889 (March). Sir Henry Parkes.	1904. Sir Thomas Bent.
1891. Sir George Dibbs.	1909. John Murray.
1894. Sir George Reid.	1912. William Alexander Watt.
1899. Sir William Lyne.	1913 (December 9). G. A. Elm-
1901. Sir John See.	slie.
1904. Thomas Waddell.	1913 (December 22). W. A.
1904 (August). Sir Joseph Car-	Watt.
ruthers.	1914. Sir Alexander Peacock.
1907. Sir Charles Wade.	1917. John Bowser.
1910. J. S. T. McGowen.	1918. Harry S. W. Lawson.
1913. W. A. Holman.	1924. Sir Alexander Peacock.
1920. John Storey.	1924 (July). George Michael
1921. James Dooley.	Prendergast.
1922. Sir George Fuller.	1924. (November) John Allan.
1925. John Lang.	1927. E. Hogan.
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MINISTRIES	AUSTRALIAN MINISTRIES
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1855. William Clark Haines.	1856. B. T. Finnis.
1857. Sir John O'Shanassy.	1857. John Baker.
1857 (April). W. C. Haines.	1857 (September 1). Robert Tor-
1858. Sir John O'Shanassy.	rens.
1859. William Nicholson.	1857 (September 30). R. D.
1860. Richard Heales.	
	Hanson.
1861. Sir John O'Shanassy.	1860. T. Reynolds.
1863. Sir James McCulloch.	1861. E. M. Waterhouse.

1863 (July 4). Francis Dutton. 1863 (July 15). Sir H. Ayers. 1864. A. Blyth. 1865 (March). Francis Dutton. 1865 (September). Sir H. Ayers. 1865 (October). John Hart. 1866. J. P. Boucaut. 1867. Sir H. Ayers. 1868 (September). J. Hart. 1868 (October). Sir H. Ayers. 1868 (November). H. B. T. Strangways. 1870. J. Hart. 1870 (November). Arthur Blyth. Sir H. Ayers. A. Blyth. 1872. 1873. 1875. J. P. Boucaut. 1876. John Colton. 1877. J. P. Boucaut. 1878. William Morgans. 1881. Sir John Bray. 1884. J. Colton. 1885. Sir John Downer. 1887. Thomas Playford. 1889. Sir John Cockburn. 1890. T. Playford. 1892. F. W. Holder. 1892 (October). Sir John Downer. 1893. Charles Cameron Kingston. 1899. V. L. Solomon. 1899 (December). F. W. Holder. 1901. J. G. Jenkins. 1905. Richard Butler. 1905 (July). Thomas Price. 1909. A. H. Peake. 1910. John Verran.1912. A. H. Peake. 1915. Crawford Vaughan.1917. A. H. Peake. 1920. Sir Henry Barwell. 1924. J. Gunn. 1926. L. L. Hill. PREMIERS OF QUEENSLAND

MINISTRIES

1859. R. E. W. Herbert. 1866 (February). A Macalister. 1866 (July). R. E. W. Herbert. 1866 (August). A. Macalister. 1867. R. M. Mackenzie.

1868. Sir Charles Lilley. A. H. Palmer. 1874. A. Macalister. George Thorn.
John Douglas. 1877. 1879. Sir Thomas McIlwraith. 1883. Sir Samuel Griffith. 1888 (June). Sir Thomas Mc-1888 (November). B. D. More-1890. Sir Samuel Griffith. 1893 (March). Sir Thomas Mc-1893 (October). Sir Hugh Nelson. 1898. J. T. Byrnes. 1898. J. R. Dickson. 1899 (December 1). A. Dawson. 1899 (December 7). Sir Robert 1903. Sir A. Morgan. 1906. W. Kidston. 1907. Sir Robert Philp. 1908. W. Kidston. 1911. D. F. Denham.
1915. T. J. Ryan.
1919. E. G. Theodore. W. N. Gillies. 1925.

PREMIERS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINISTRIES

W. Me-

1890. Sir John Forrest. 1901 (February). George Throssell. 1901 (May). George Leake. 1901 (November). A. E. Mor-

gans. 1901 (December). George Leake.

1902. Sir Walter James.

1904. Henry Daglish. 1905. C. H. Rason.

1925 (November).

Cormack.

1906. Sir Newton Moore.

1910. Frank Wilson.

1911. John Scaddan. 1916. F. Wilson.

1917. H. B. Lefroy. 1918. H. B. Colebatch. 1919. Sir James Mitchell.

1924. P. Collier.

XXVIII LIST OF GOVERNORS AND MINISTRIES

PREMIERS OF TASMANIAN MINISTRIES

W. T. N. Champ.

T. G. Gregson. 1857.

1857 (April). W. P. Weston. 1857 (May). Francis Smith.

W. P. Weston. T. D. Chapman. 1861. 1863.

James Whyte. 1866. Sir Richard Dry.

J. M. Wilson. F. M. Innes. 1869.

1872.

1873. Alfred Kennerley. 1876.

Thomas Reibey. Sir Philip Fysh. 1877.

1878. W. R. Giblin.

1878. W. L. Crowther.

W. R. Giblin. 1879. Adve Douglas. 1884.

1886.

J. W. Agnew. Sir Philip Fysh. 1887. 1892.

Henry Dobson. 1894. Sir Edward Braddon.

1899. Sir Neil Lewis.

1903. W. P. Propsting.

1904. J. W. Evans. 1909. Sir Neil Lewis.

1909 (October 20). John Earle.

1909 (October 27). Sir N. Lewis.

A. E. Solomon.

J. Earle. 1914.

1916. Sir W. H. Lee.

1922. J. B. Hayes. 1923. J. A. Lyons.

PRIME MINISTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Sir Edmund Barton.

1903. Alfred Deakin.

1904. John Christian Watson. 1904 (August). Sir George Reid.

1905. Alfred Deakin.

1908. Andrew Fisher.

1909. Alfred Deakin. Andrew Fisher.

1913. Sir Joseph Cook. 1914. Andrew Fisher.

1915. William Morris Hughes.

1923. Stanley Bruce.

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