

OVERSEAS

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WHEN AUSTRALIAN schoolchildren opened their 1938 edition of *Philip's school atlas*, published in Sydney, they found a largely familiar map of the world. Manchuria, now called Manchukuo, was ringed with the brown of Japan, and Abyssinia was shaded with the orange of Italy. Otherwise the world map looked much as it had after the peace conference at the end of World War I.

The British Empire dominated, covering almost one quarter of the world's land area and one quarter of its people. These facts, recited in schools, bred a sense of superiority. Nine-year-old Keith McCance was proud that he

belonged to the British Empire—I probably tended to think of myself more as a citizen of the British Empire than even as an Australian or a Victorian . . . the claim was made that the sun never set on the British Empire and I thought 'Now isn't that nice to be part of a big family like that'.

On *Philip's* map the red of imperial Britain caught the eye; the rest of the world was divided into an assortment of colours, usually slightly out of register. There was only one empire, the British Empire; other European powers merely had possessions. The world centred on London; Australia was on the edge, but tied comfortingly to the centre by lines representing trade routes and cables.

World maps were also reflecting shrinking international distances, and some now carried a third line joining England and Australia to represent the regular air services that had operated between Brisbane and London since 1934. But no atlas hinted at the changing balance of economic power in the world, which saw the United States and Germany outstripping Britain, and the Soviet Union building up heavy industry. And no atlas showed the shadow cast by fascism across the world as Germany joined Japan and Italy in challenging the established international order. During the year Germany would annexe Austria and part of Czechoslovakia, and Japan would continue its invasion of China. The empire itself was under strain, and was now being called—officially but not popularly—the British Commonwealth of Nations, which Robert Menzies thought 'something of a mouthful'. Some thought the old map was about to be torn up.



Philip's school atlas of the world and the commonwealth of Australia specialized, Sydney 1938.

But the old map did capture the way Australians thought of ‘overseas’. Australia was a cultural product of Europe distilled through Britain. Aborigines, who remained outside European culture, were not even counted in the census, and over half Australia’s exports, mostly primary products, went to Britain, while almost half the remainder went to continental Europe. Of imports, mostly manufactured goods, just over half came from Europe. The United States and Japan were challenging British dominance of the Australian markets, but official culture was resolutely British. Among imports for 1937–38, every work of art destined for public institutions came from Britain, as did 83 per cent of books. In New South Wales high schools children studying history spent three-quarters of their time on British history and a quarter on Australian history until third year, and in fourth and fifth years they studied the history of Europe from the fall of Rome to 1919.



Though this land was almost as far as it was possible to be from the centre of things, leader writers and speechmakers assured Australians that their country was being drawn closer to the rest of the world by the wireless, the aeroplane, the cinema, the modern newspaper and the telephone. Such changes could inspire dramatic visions of the future. In Sydney Ernest Fisk, founder of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd (AWA), explained to Hornsby Girls High School on Empire Day, 24 May, that radio was

a blessing given by scientists to mankind. It will soon be possible for a person to stand up and talk by radio to four hundred million people at the same time. It will be necessary to have a common language. You girls are going out into a new world. Fear nothing in the world if you do your best. There is a vast power at work for the good of mankind, even though we cannot see it.

For Fisk, radio was rather like God.

Most Australians had never been outside Australia, and many had never met a ‘foreigner’, the word used for people not British. Australia was a remarkably

Jack Noel Kilgour, A London square, 1938, oil on canvas on board. Kilgour, born in Melbourne, studied at the Sydney Art School under Julian Ashton and Henry Gibbons between 1925 and 1930. During 1938 he attended the Royal Art School in London where he and his wife, Nancy, supported themselves by illustrating books. Caption from A. McCulloch, Encyclopedia of Australian art, Melbourne.

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homogeneous society. In the 1933 census the four largest 'foreign' groups—the Italians, Germans, Chinese and Greeks—together made up less than 1 per cent of the population. Foreigners were stereotyped: they were Italian greengrocers, Greek cafe owners, Chinese gardeners, Indian hawkers. Being so few marked them out. John Russell and his wife, Mavis, a young Victorian farming couple, thought of Chinamen and Indian hawkers as 'characters':

They were a real talking point because they were so interesting . . . they'd give you different ideas of what went on over there and all that—but they were wonderful to listen to.

There was as well a trickle of a new type of foreigner: refugees from Nazi Germany and Austria. Their presence confirmed a criticism that foreign countries were dangerous places to be, and that foreigners were inherently prone to social upheaval.

Attitudes to the British born were quite different. They were rarely recent arrivals: some had come as early as the migration boom of the 1880s, and relatively few had come since 1929. For many Australians the migration experience, only one or two generations back, was an important part of family lore. For some, Britain was still Home; for most, British migrants were relatives coming to help build the future. Among those migrants the English dominated, not only numerically but because empire culture was essentially English culture. Government in Australia looked to Westminster, the law to the Privy Council, the press to Fleet Street, the Church of England to Canterbury, the universities to Oxford and Cambridge. Other British peoples had to make an effort to maintain their distinctive traditions, so there were Hibernian, Caledonian and Cambrian societies, Catholic schools and Scots colleges, and a variety of national celebrations.

Australians learned much about the outside world from visitors. In 1938 33 480 came. They included famous names brought 'out' to lecture—John Logie Baird, Sir Josiah Stacey, Lord Nuffield, H.G. Wells—and their presence made such occasions as the World Radio Conference in Sydney or the British Commonwealth Relations Conference at Lapstone major events in the calendar. To entertain a celebrity was a social coup; a cult of the visitor kept alive the strong links between an Australian elite and overseas.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) contributed to this cult. In addition to opening its airwaves to their opinions it set up its own circuit of celebrities, who travelled beyond the big cities so that even country centres such as Kalgoorlie, Wagga Wagga and Canberra might enjoy performances by famous people from overseas.

The press also promoted the cult of the visitor. Reporters raced each other to ships as they neared dock in Fremantle, Melbourne or Sydney, skimmed lists of notable passengers prepared by the purser, and ran the newcomers to ground to ask what they thought of Australia, what were the latest fashions, and what light they could throw on the latest world crisis. In Melbourne Norman Banks went out with the Customs launch to interview notable arrivals for his 3KZ program, 'The voice of the voyager'.

Few Australians had been overseas. Perhaps 250 000 men now aged between 40 and 70 had gone with the Australian Imperial Force between 1914 and 1918. They had seen the world, and had dotted Australia with strange names from Egypt, Gallipoli and France; their homes were likely to display souvenirs got 'at the war'. But they could tell other Australians little of the world in 1938. Australians had made 237 540 temporary departures since 1926, from a population of just under seven million, but many had been more than once, and some went annually.



Left to Right, Mrs. Doreen Owen, Miss Gwen Alworth, Miss Gwen Purdie, Miss Judith Miles, Miss Joan Gillispie, and Miss Jane Chamberlain, who returned by the *Orcades* from England.



Left: His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Queensland, who returned by the *Orcades* from England.



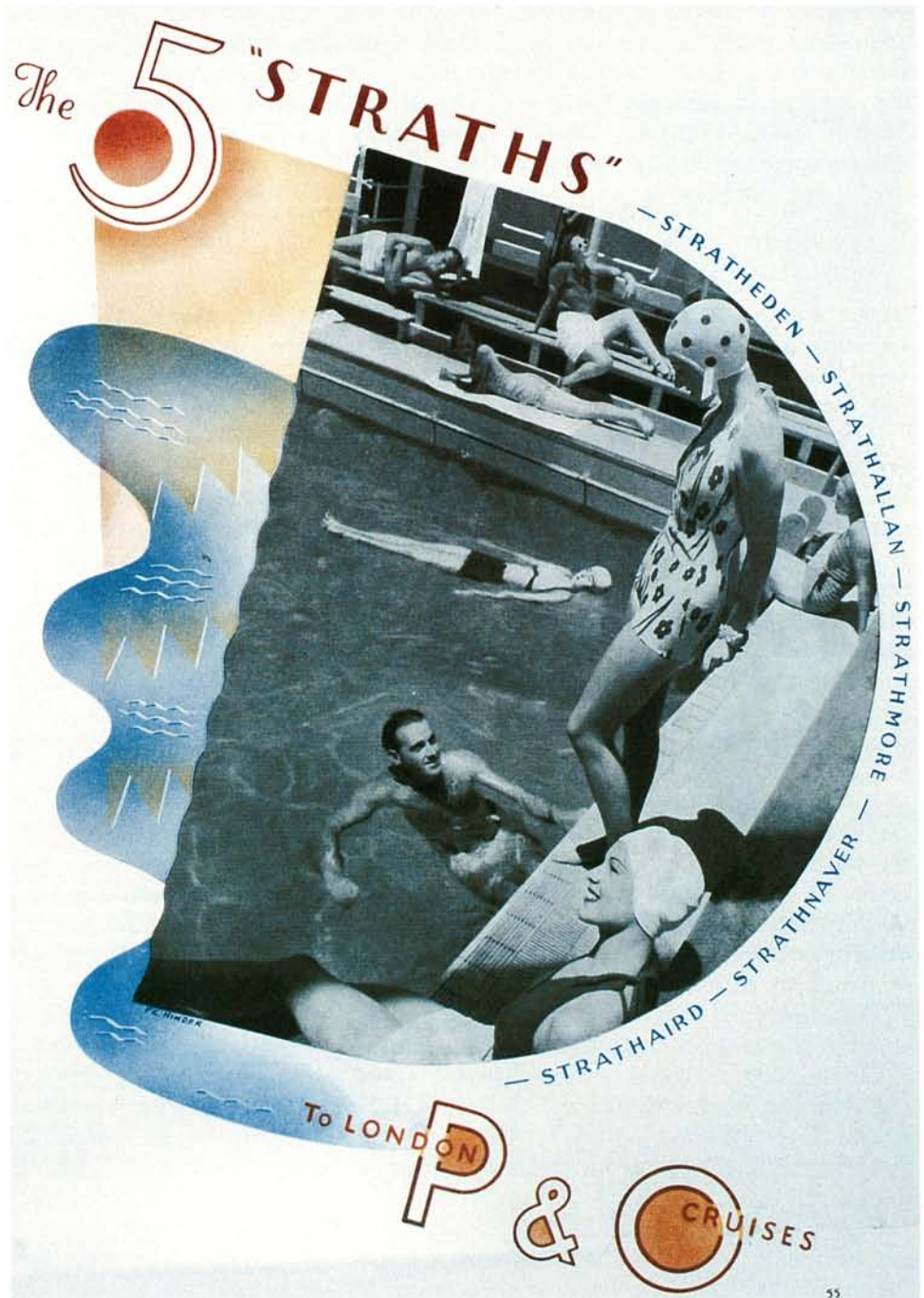
Right: Sir Ernest Fisk, Managing Director of the A.W.A., who returned from England by the *Orcades*.



Below: Sir Alexander and Lady MacCormick, of Jersey, Channel Islands, arrived by the *Orcades* for a visit to their son, Mr. Malcolm MacCormick.



Knights and ladies arrive from overseas on the Orient Line's Orcades. Home, 3 Jan 1938.



South Australian homes and gardens, Apr 1938.

For those who could afford it, the 1930s were great years for travel. The luxury passenger liners were in their heyday. In 1938 the *Queen Elizabeth*, the world's largest ship, and the *Dominion Monarch*, the largest ship on the Australian run, were launched, and the P & O liners *Stratheden* and *Strathallan* joined the Australian run. The P & O tourist class fare from Sydney to London was £43. That was expensive enough when the average adult wage was £4 11s 5d and the female wage £2 10s 3d, although assiduous saving, no dependants or generous parents might bring it within reach. Pete and Joan Thomas, newlywed Perth journalists, saved by moving

to a dingier flat and giving up their water view. But travel cost time as well as money: a trip to Europe and back took ten weeks. Travellers had to be relatively idle as well as relatively rich.

Time and money sharply divided how Australians thought about travel. When the *Sydney Mail*, weekly companion to the *Sydney Morning Herald*, asked a range of people in 1938 where they would go if time and money were no object, wealthy people set out clear itineraries in which England, Italy, Germany and the United States were most popular, whereas those who had no chance of travelling spoke of a fantasy world made up of Hollywood, romantic fiction, and vague memories of school geography and stamp albums. Evelyn Davis, 'soda fountain dispenser', wanted to 'go to Hollywood to see if Clark Gable really is as handsome as he is on the films', and Norma Murphy, a salesgirl, 'grew dreamy-eyed at the thought of travelling. I want to see a Rajah riding a jewelled elephant', she said,

and I want to lie in the Shalimar gardens on a moonlight night ... I'd like to be kidnapped by a sheik, and then be fought over in a desert camp ... And then to Rome to see Mussolini, and then to Capri, where a wild Corsican doctor would fall violently in love with me ... to the French Riviera, where I would meet a young French marquis who would introduce me into society ... Of course I'd have afternoon tea with Hitler in his mountain chateau ... Then I'd go to Hollywood and see all the stars and be fallen in love with by a casting director ... It may sound silly to you, but then it is silly, because I'll never have enough money even to go to Melbourne.

Those who could travel did so with remarkable ease. Apart from New Zealand, which hardly counted as going overseas, most of them went to Europe. Some sailed via the Cape of Good Hope, the roughest and cheapest route; others crossed the Pacific to California and went by train to New York to board a Cunard liner, or followed the 'all-red route' through Canada; but by far the most popular route was via Suez. Students sitting for the New South Wales Intermediate examination were asked to

Describe carefully the scenery, nationalities, and types of trade commodities likely to be met with on a sea trip from Sydney to Naples via Singapore, Colombo, and the Suez Canal.

Seasickness prevented many travellers who actually took the sea trip from noticing the scenery on the voyage to Fremantle; but then the days got warmer, people adjusted to the motion of the ship, inhibitions faded and some passengers slept on deck. At Colombo, the first foreign port, they began to be really overseas. 'What a thrill when we got off the pier out on the square', wrote Ida Hayson, 'our first native port. It was like a dream. Colombo!' Hiring a car with a 'nice little native chauffeur', she set out to explore the world. Una Falkiner, from western New South Wales, found the natives 'amusing', but native ports could also be trying for those less confident in dealing with perceived inferiors. In Port Said a schoolboy traveller 'did not enjoy it when the Arab people wanted to sell their goods. It would be good if, after selling one, they would go away; but this they will not do'. European ports of call included Malta, Naples, Toulon, Marseilles and Gibraltar. Harriett Roberts found Naples large but shabby.

Paint much needed everywhere. In all the streets clothes hang out to dry—sheets etc. that once were white ... All rubbish is deposited in the streets. Filthy.

Others found the continent was prone to violence and extremism. In Italy Griffith Taylor's photographs and sketches led to his arrest as a spy, and in Munich

the Thomases felt intimidated into giving a Nazi salute. Rounding Spain, planes fighting the civil war could be seen in the air, and in Marseilles Alec Chisholm saw

a street memorial—a plaque set fairly in the middle of the roadway—commemorating the assassination in 1934 of King Alexander of Yugoslavia... the visitor from a less turbulent land must be pardoned a grimace on meeting such a sight within a few minutes of setting foot on the Continent.

By comparison England was a refuge, and many relieved travellers gave thanks that they were British when they arrived. At last the names, the plants and the seasons corresponded to art and literature. Australians spoke of the English countryside as 'indescribably lovely!', 'so beautiful' and 'beyond description'. Some dredged up memories of Shakespeare and Wordsworth from school, and Hudson Fysh, the chairman of Qantas Empire Airways, copied into his diary lines from Halliday Sutherland about

old English parks, having within themselves peace, security and contentment everlasting. In those gardens of Eden the mind for a few moments may know a pantheistic calm in which conflict, sin and death are forgotten.

Yet there was a despondency about London. There were 'bombers zooming overhead day and night', and Australians were fitted for gasmasks in village halls. During the crisis in September, when Hitler threatened to invade Czechoslovakia and Neville Chamberlain flew to Munich, the negotiations were followed anxiously on the wireless. Dorothy Pinnock, staying with relations in Cork, noted in her diary on the 29th: 'Disturbed night. Uncle did not sleep much'. Then, heavily underlined, came, '*News good in morning. Peace agreement signed.* Great relief. Back in Ballarat her sister also underlined the momentous news: '*Peace at last. Thank God.*'

Not that Australian tourists were easily put off. The glossy monthly magazine, *Home*, declared that they would continue 'going forth bravely, come what may'. Going Home was not to be abandoned at the whim of some foreign dictator. The privileged still went to London for the summer peak of the English social calendar, some hoping that their daughters might be presented at court. A long line of Australian women had already married into the British aristocracy. The latest was 21-year-old Viscountess St Davids, once just Doreen Jowett of Melbourne. She was, according to the *Weekly*, busy giving small dinner parties 'where the long refectory tables in beautiful polished black oak, at which generations of St Davids have dined, reflect the armorial bearings on the walls'. Breathless awe for the venerability of the aristocracy infused columns in Australian newspapers and magazines which presented London society news.

For less well connected travellers 'a trip Home' was, in the words of travel advertisements, 'one of life's most important events'. One offered 'The Real Europe. A Tour for the Discriminating Few'. For £310 there was a return passage and 56 days touring, all accompanied by 'La Comtesse de Vilme-Hautmont as Travel Hostess'. One group of Australian travellers were the 1938 test cricketers, although Bill O'Reilly advised those wanting to see Britain: 'For Heaven's sake don't have yourself selected in a cricket team. We had five minutes this morning in Edinburgh and crossed the Forth Bridge in the usual fog, so our new chums did not even see that'. Cook's advertised a Roman Catholic Pilgrimage Tour for the Eucharistic Congress in Budapest in May, with special attention to 'Catholic Shrines of Europe'; a tour to coincide with the International Council of Women Conference in Edinburgh in July; and a variety of other tours including Australian and New Zealand Farmers' Tours with 'visits to special agricultural centres, farms,

etc. both on the Continent and in Great Britain'. But Cook's standard offer was the Grand Tour, accompanied by couriers, who were 'gentlemen of proven ability' and 'never in uniform'.

Doing Europe on the cheap was another exciting possibility. The quirks of exchange rates could make living expenses quite low. Germany and Italy were especially recommended, because they wanted foreign currency and gave tourists bargain rates of exchange. In the *Sydney Mail* Denzil Batchelor commended Mussolini's 'new Italy', promising: 'It is not hard to live in Rome in luxury by British standards (and Tiberian opulence by Roman) for six shillings a day'.

For writers and artists, travel was more than just a way to spend a holiday. Many of them saw Australia as hopelessly provincial. They felt cut off from the real world and identified Europe with 'sophistication', one of the vogue words of the day. Many strove to leave Australia for good. Alan Moorehead, a budding journalist who had managed to 'escape' when he was 26, was living happily in rooms in Bloomsbury. 'Perhaps best of all', he found,

was the feeling I had that at last I was in the centre of the world instead of being on the periphery; you could observe events with your own eyes instead of forever hearing about them secondhand.

He was one of the hopefuls of whom Brian Penton wrote

Every second man one meets in the Cheshire Cheese or the Falstaff in Fleet-street seems to be an Australian. Every second man one meets at the Musicians Association seems to be an Australian. Every second stranded theatrical star, literary genius, penurious artist, seems to be an Australian.

Nancy Phelan bought a one-way ticket to London in 1938. She had saved £100 for the trip. At the ship her father said 'There she goes. To Mecca', and with an attic in Bloomsbury she too felt at 'the centre of the universe... Handel had lived round the corner, Shelley down the road, Virginia Woolf up the street and Katherine Mansfield almost next door'.

Europe offered experiences simply not available in Australia. In London Hudson Fysh saw Spitfires, television and a striptease for the first time. An assortment of travelling scholarships recognised that a trip to England was educationally broadening in more important ways. Rhodes scholarships had a particular glamour in sending young Australian males overseas. Often they went permanently: by 1938 nearly 100 Rhodes scholars had been, as the *Rhodes review* put it, 'lost to Australia'. But even those who returned were marked out as having broken the bonds of provinciality.

A trip to Europe could also be a bold step into adulthood. While the daughters of the rich went to London for their debut in society, for others gangplank farewells marked the beginning of their first long break from the family circle, the first real test of initiative, the first taste of freedom. Often this had a romantic dimension. Ida Hayson had a 'shipboard romance' with a young car salesman from Bondi, with whom she regularly 'yarned' until 2 am. 'The moon shining on the calm water made a glorious picture', she wrote 'the whole atmosphere seemed like a dream of a make believe tale'. A difficulty with shipboard romance was the disproportion of females to males. About 55 per cent of 'temporary departures' were female, but there were about three women in their twenties for every man of comparable age. The only age groups in which males outnumbered females were under five and over sixty-five. The disparity was greatest among those headed for England, although at Colombo British army officers stationed in India might join the ship.



Robert Helpmann, an Adelaide ballet student, joined the Sadler's Wells company in London in 1933. In 1937 he made his English acting debut as Oberon in *A midsummer night's dream* at the Old Vic. On 7 April he appeared as 'The Emperor' in the premiere of *Ninette de Valois'* new ballet *Le roi nu* at Sadler's Wells. Home, 1 June 1938.



'The evening of the "Australia Day" party—flashlight taken by Cal—who gave me this enlargement... The "Adams" mantelpiece & fireplace looks rather queer amid the Aust gums, doesn't it? but it shows up well. Note the wattle button holes. The trees spread out into branches higher up & the room was in twilight except while the flash light was on, of course. Doesn't the koala look real? & there was another higher up. Sorry the cockatoo's head is out of sight.' This postcard was written by Lucy Lillywhite, an Adelaide nurse who won a scholarship for further training in London.

L. LILLYWHITE,
1938 COLLECTION

The most powerful conqueror of distance overseas was flight, which for a generation had had a particular fascination for Australians. By 1938 flying was a fully fledged industry, able to pay dividends and attract government subsidies, and airlines went out of their way to stress that 'Air travel is normal travel ... a revelation of effortless speed, solid comfort and unforgettable scenic beauty without the least vestige of a thrill'. Yet change was still rapid. In aeroplane design, progress merged with science fiction in reports of the imminence of a flying yacht, a submarine/boat/plane and a pick-a-back plane. Hudson Fysh thought things 'so dramatically speeded up nowadays' that he contemplated Qantas planes becoming obsolete within seven years. One in twenty vessels entering Australian ports was still powered by sail, yet a regular passenger air service to London had been operating for four years.

The air traveller paid £200 and was flown in five different aircraft, then travelled from Brindisi to Paris by train, taking fourteen days in all. But by land and sea the trip took 34 days, and in contrast to the well-trodden tourist lanes of the shipping line, the air route offered robust excitement. De Havilland 86s, four-engined biplanes carrying ten passengers, left Brisbane at 8 am, landed at Roma for tea and sandwiches, and made three more stops before settling at Cloncurry for the night. Fysh, travelling late in 1937, noted in his diary, 'All lavs inland require concentrating on—general memo'. On Lombok Island in the Dutch East Indies the rest house contained only three huge beds which passengers had to share. In Singapore passengers stayed at Raffles, but in Sharjah in the Middle East the night was spent in a British fort where 'heavily armed guards keep a close watch for roving Bedouins, who follow the lawless ways of their ancestors'.

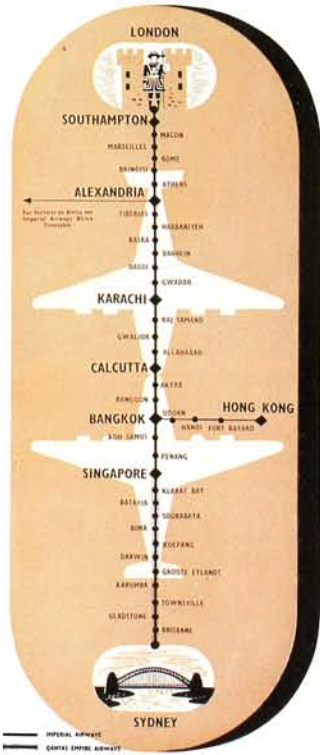
But the air lanes to Australia were filling. During 1938 the Dutch line, K.N.I.L.M., began flying to Sydney, and Qantas introduced a flying boat service: the first left Rose Bay on 5 July. Carrying fifteen passengers, flying boats could offer full meal service, the bacon and eggs or roast mutton, peas and potatoes being kept hot in thermos flasks. Passengers enjoyed the comfort of a smoking cabin and a promenade deck, and they got to London in nine days.

Despite the cost, flight was central to the modernism of the 1930s, and not just for schoolboy addicts of the popular English magazine, *Modern wonder*. When the first flying boat arrived in Adelaide, attracting a 'great throng of citizens', the *Advertiser* saw its 'mammoth' yet 'graceful proportions' as epitomising 'this age of wonders'. As a symbol of modernity the aeroplane had a particular appeal for young poets in England, who had their Australian followers. In the opening poem of T. Inglis Moore's first book of verse, published in 1938, the aeroplane is a metaphor for the liberating power of poetry itself:

Out of the earth-firm hangars we have driven Audacious wings to take the
castled cloud, Leaping blue moats of space that long held Heaven From our bold
eyes, thrusting dark gods from proud Pretence ...



Most Australians knew no-one who had gone overseas. Their knowledge came from news which was reaching Australia with increasing rapidity. Items in English morning papers would appear almost simultaneously in Australian evening papers. Cables could be lodged at the London office of Australian Associated Press (AAP), radioed to Australia, typed up at the AWA office in Queen Street Melbourne, sent by pneumatic tube to the AAP office around the corner in Little Collins Street,



Flying boat passengers from Sydney to London had nine overnight stops and 24 others. The flight took ten days. Qantas Empire Airways: Sydney, Singapore, London Thrice Weekly Service 1938. MITCHELL LIBRARY



Above.
The first flying boat, a modern marvel to boys on bikes, left Rose Bay on 5 July.
QANTAS



Left.
The new Qantas Empire Airways terminal building, Rose Bay. The publicity photograph showed overseas travellers as rich and sophisticated.
QANTAS

and finally sent by teleprinter to subscribing newspapers which could recast an edition for a big story in 40 minutes. Of the 58 860 words which reached Australia in press telegrams in an average week, 86 per cent came from the United Kingdom, 5 per cent from the United States and 9 per cent from the rest of the world.

Although the *Sydney Morning Herald* and other papers conservative in style still devoted their front page to classified advertisements (especially for shipping—a sign of the connection with England) the more sensational papers, led by Melbourne's *Sun News Pictorial*, shouted the news in front page banner headlines, with boldly displayed photographs. Phototelegrams from overseas had been available since 1934 but, as they were expensive and usually needed touching up, they were used only for the most important events, such as cricket matches and coronations. Otherwise newspapers waited for photographs to come by air. The *Sydney Morning Herald* was printing the 'latest airmail photos' of Chamberlain's return from Munich two weeks after the event.

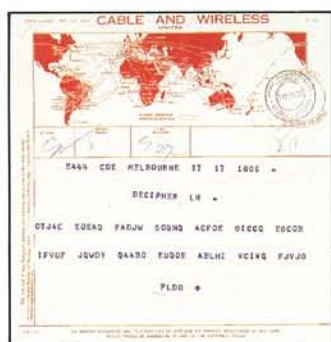
Newspapers were changing the way they presented overseas news because new, popular machines—newsreels and radio news—were challenging their traditional monopoly. A newsreel's action footage and a sense of climacteric urgency in its commentaries gave it an immediacy which disguised the fact that its overseas content was at least a week old; and although radio by agreement normally broadcast news only after its publication in newspapers, it did so in novel ways, and featured talks and commentaries on world affairs by 'experts'—'well-known students of world affairs' such as the ABC's 'Watchman' or 2UW's J.C. Prentice, or foreign visitors and returned travellers. As a 1938 critic noted, wireless experts strained to 'exaggerate and over-dramatize world events' in an effort to be 'bright, provocative and interesting'. There were also direct overseas broadcasts via short wave, including a weekly short-wave broadcast relayed by the ABC from the Empire Station at Daventry in England. Speeches and announcements from 'important Government authorities in overseas countries' were also commonly recorded for rebroadcast: a crisis was no longer a crisis without the crackle of short wave.

Foreign news could entertain and astonish, and editors had an eye for items that portrayed life outside Australia as hazardous or bizarre. Short paragraphs told of a Rumanian railway guard eaten by wolves, or Filippo Marinetti's call for Italian women to paint their lips and fingernails the national colours of red, white and green. But Australians were also able to follow the ominous course of European politics in considerable detail as newspaper and radio commentators tried to predict Mussolini's next move, guess what was in Hitler's mind or offer advice to Albania's King Zog. Foreign affairs, not merely imperial affairs, enlivened dinner table conversation, classroom debates and political meetings. The *Sydney Morning Herald* gave advice to Mahmoud Pasha and King Carol in editorials on 'Egypt's Troubles' and 'Whither Rumania?' The *Women's weekly* asked readers who were the most talked of public figures of 1938, and came up with Hitler, Mussolini, Daladier, Franco, La Guardia, Churchill, Eden, King Carol, King Zog, King Farouk, the Duke of Windsor and Stokowski. Of the *Sydney Sun's* banner headlines for 1938, just under half concerned foreign news; sport and crime were the other main topics. The monthly, *Man*, combined titillation for males with commentary on international affairs.

Substantial criticism was directed at overseas news coverage by academics, trade unionists, members of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Left Book Club enthusiasts and officers of the Department of External Affairs, formed in 1935. The critics ranged from communists to conservatives, and they criticised the shallowness of overseas news, its dependence on English sources and government

Businessmen and diplomats benefited from advances in cable services and overseas telephone links. Cable sent from Dalgety London to Dalgety Melbourne in code.

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'Then there's Czechoslovakia and Germany, a situation fraught with interest.'
Man, Sept 1938.

attempts to stifle comment on foreign policy. They attacked both government and opposition for isolationism, appeasement of Nazism and fascism, and complacency in the face of threatening world war.

Being a critic, from whatever political background, meant believing that you knew more than those who relied on traditional sources of information. Conservatives drew on informal networks, including access to those in power in government or industry, radicals on the Left Book Club. By the end of 1938 there were 50 Left Book Club groups in Australia. According to their *Australian Left News*, first published in November, the members were 'thinking people' who recognised 'the dangers of the present political and economic position of Australia and the world in general'. In Broken Hill the Left Book Club group sent ten shillings to the Spanish government from sales of a booklet, and raised £1 for Chinese relief at a social. By December the trade unions' Spanish Relief Committee had raised £11 000, and at the end of the year waterside workers were on strike refusing to load pig iron for Japan, alleging that it would be used to manufacture arms for the war in China or for a future war against Australia.

If being involved in foreign affairs sometimes gave critics the moral authority to challenge the established order, it also allowed 'thinking people' to distinguish themselves from ordinary Australians, 'the pleasure-loving masses on their way to the races'. At the beginning of 1938 Miles Franklin made this contrast in her notebook: 'The very glimmer of intellectual freedom remains to be won all over again in Europe', yet 'The Australian sits in a segregated Paradise of which he is too parochial to realise the value or the extent'. Earlier she had written of the 'pretty mess' Europe was in while Australia still went 'on surf bathing and horse and dog and tin hare racing, and the women polish the linoleum and repolish it in blissful peace'. For Franklin, Europe, where she had lived for nineteen years, where she had the friends she longed for, was as real as Australia. Her attitude was a world away from that of Alice Osborne, a mother of three children in East Brunswick, Melbourne, who was not aware of 'much that was going on in the outside world; everything happened to me inside the house, that was my world'.

But the remote world of international affairs and the domestic worlds of people like Alice Osborne could collide in horrific ways. Not only might a new war make new demands on Australian households, but modern technology might bring war directly into civilian lives, and was doing so now in Spain and Abyssinia and China. The aeroplane, conqueror of distance, was also the source of fear. Michael Thwaites, a Victorian Rhodes scholar who wrote the Newdigate Prize Poem for 1938, was sitting among the crocuses in Oxford

That day the droning sky let fall on China
Its bloody rain, plastering street and wall
With quivering flesh.

The vision of a war in which cities would be bombed from the air had haunted the world since H.G. Wells had first imagined it, and now, overseas, it was happening. The *Sydney Morning Herald* spoke of 'the new Dark Age', and reported that

Europe is oppressed by a sense of impending calamity. Its capitals dread particularly a sudden, unheralded onslaught from the air. Their inhabitants are drilled in nocturnal raid precautions, and are made familiar with the gas mask—that hideous travesty of our civilisation...

The aeroplane meant that Australia would no longer be isolated from a world either at peace or at war. Distances were contracting—for better and for worse.

'CURRENT CAMERA HISTORY: ENGLAND—MASKS FOR THE MASSES: A £40 000 000 PREPAREDNESS THAT PRECEDED PEACE. It is not MAN's intention here to recapitulate details of the recent international emergency that swept Europe into a panic, threatened to engulf civilization. Nor is it MAN's intention to berate or uphold peace-maker Chamberlain's strivings and results... London, overnight, became a city thrown behind masks, a city drenched with propaganda, appeals, warnings, emergency instructions—a city preparing against stark, grim terror.'
Man, Sept 1938.



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ABBREVIATIONS

%	per cent	MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
£	pound(s)	MP	Member of Parliament
AA	Australian Archives	ms(s)	manuscript(s)
AAL	Australian Aborigines League	nd	no date
AAP	Australian Associated Press	NEF	New Education Fellowship
AAPA	Australian Aborigines Progressive Association	NLA	National Library of Australia
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Commission	no(s)	number(s)
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	NSW	New South Wales
ADB	<i>Australian dictionary of biography</i>	NT	Northern Territory
AFDA	Australian Funeral Directors' Association	NTFL	Northern Territory Football League
AIF	Australian Imperial Force	OHC	Oral History Collection, Faculty of Education, Monash University
AIS	Australian Iron and Steel	OHP	Oral History Project, Department of Politics, Macquarie University
Anon	Anonymous	P&C	Parents and Citizens Association
ANZAC	Australian and New Zealand Army Corps	PD	<i>Parliamentary debates</i> (followed by volume, year and page number)
app	appendix	PMG	Postmaster General
ARU	Australian Railways Union	PP	<i>Parliamentary papers</i> (followed by volume, year and page number)
Aust	Australia	pseud	pseudonym
AWA	Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd	Qld	Queensland
BHP	Broken Hill Proprietary Company	RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
C	Commonwealth	RAF	Royal Air Force
c	circa	Rev	Reverend
ch(s)	chapter(s)	RSL	Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia
CIB	Criminal Investigation Bureau	s	shilling(s)
CMF	Citizens' Military Forces	SA	South Australia
cm	centimetre	SCG	Sydney Cricket Ground
CSR	Colonial Sugar Refining Company	SMH	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>
CYB	<i>Commonwealth year book</i>	sp	starting price
d	penny/pence	Supt	Superintendent
ed(s)	editor(s)/edited by	Tas	Tasmania
est	estimated	TB	tuberculosis
<i>et al</i>	and others	TLC	Trades and Labour Council
FHP	Family History Project, University of Melbourne Archives	UAP	United Australia Party
FIA	Federated Ironworkers' Association	USA	United States of America
FRCOG	Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	V&P	<i>Votes and proceedings</i>
GPO	General Post Office	VC	Victoria Cross
<i>ibid</i>	in the same work	VFA	Victorian Football Association
J	journal	VFL	Victorian Football League
km	kilometre	Vic	Victoria
lb	pound	vol(s)	volume(s)
m	metre	WA	Western Australia
mfm	microfilm	YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
ML	Mitchell Library	YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly		

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 - 19 The *SMH* noted the morose Aborigines on 27 Jan and *Bulletin* the well-behaved million on 2 Feb. Over eleven kilometres of streets in Sydney were decorated with festive pylons and coloured banners. The only decorations to have survived are six of the twelve sculptured plaster panels, each measuring 3.6 metres by 4.1 metres, which were erected by the Sydney City Council on the George Street facade of the Queen Victoria Building. These panels were later erected inside the Sesqui cinema at Crows Nest, later renamed the Metro and then the Dendy cinema. For Boote and labour's attitude to the celebrations see *Australian Worker*, 26 Jan. For the Apr and May celebrations see *Worker's Weekly*, 12 Apr, 3 May.
 - 19–20 For the Aboriginal attitude to the celebrations see the six issues of their newspaper *Abo Call* published monthly from Apr to Sept 1938. The editorial casting Aborigines as skeleton at the feast is *Age*, 12 Jan. The Day of Mourning resolution is from *Abo Call*, Apr. See photographs in *Man* 3/4, 1938, 84–5.
 - 20–1 The speeches by Lyons and Stevens at the regatta are reported in *SMH*, 27 Jan.
 - 21 'I dub thee Knight' is from *J of the Institution of Engineers Australia* 10, 1938, 137. J.M. Baddeley, the Labor member for Cessnock, suggested 'Sir John', 25 Nov 1936, NSWPD 150, 1936–37, 741.
 - 22 The *SMH* noted that the Aboriginal float was awarded first prize, but ruled ineligible, 27 Jan.
 - 22–3 For the summer school of the Australian Institute of Political Science and W.C. Wentworth see *SMH*, 31 Jan. For defence expenditure see G. Long, *The six years war*, Canberra 1973, 5–6.

- 23 The *SMH* reported the mobbing of the Italian consul-general, 27 Jan.
- 23-4 The *SMH* reported the big-game angling competition, 25 Apr. For Hindmarsh and Daisy see *SMH*, 13 Apr.
- 24 For *SMH* review of *Capricornia* see 5 Dec 1937.
- 24-5 For Phillip see *Punch* cartoon 26 Jan. The Adelaide *Advertiser* noted that Sydney was 'larger than eternal Rome', 26 Jan, and Clive Turnbull writing in the Brisbane *Courier Mail* that it had 'a little of Paris', 26 Jan.
- 25 The quotation from *Australia 1788-1938*, Sydney 1938, was by Oswald L. Ziegler who produced the book for the Celebrations Council. For Bates' comment see her *The passing of the Aborigines*, Melbourne 1938 (1966), 243.
- 25-7 For the editorial 'What has Australia done' see *West Australian*, 26 Jan.
- 27 For Mowll and Anzac Day see *SMH*, 26 Apr. Will Longstaff's painting *Menin Gate at midnight*. (*The ghosts of Menin Gate*), 1927, is in Australian War Memorial. For Anzac Day as the 'glorious climax' see *SMH*, 26 Apr.
3. THE DAY OF MOURNING
Jack Horner and Marcia Langton
- 29-32 For the Day of Mourning conference and the events and people connected with it see *Abo Call*, Apr 1938, and J. Horner, *Vote Ferguson for Aboriginal freedom*, Sydney 1974, esp 61-4.
- 33 On taking girls from their families see C. Edwards, 'Is the ward clean?' in B. Gammage and A. Markus (eds), *All that dirt, Aborigines 1938*, Canberra 1982, 4-8; H. Goodall, 'A history of Aboriginal communities in NSW 1909-1939', PhD thesis 1982, University of Sydney, 133-53; and P. Read, *The stolen generations: the removal of Aboriginal children in New South Wales 1883 to 1969*, Sydney 1982. For the formations of the AAPA and the AAL, the talk at Salt Pan Creek and the strikes see Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 230-41, 275-81. The petition was reported in *Argus*, 29 Sept 1933; *Herald*, 28 Nov 1933; *SMH*, 26 Oct 1937; Attorney-General's department files, CRS A2694/X, M1, 18/1, AA; Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 287-90; and A. Markus, 'William Cooper and the 1937 petition to the king', *Aboriginal history* 7/1, 1983, 46-60.
- 33-4 For Ferguson see Horner, *Ferguson*, and *Dubbo Dispatch*, 28 June 1937; for Moseley see Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 343-9; for Stephensen see C. Munro, *Wild man of letters*, Melbourne 1984, 180-3; for Patten see Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 357-9, and Horner, *Ferguson*, 39.
- 34 The 2SM transcripts are in Stephensen's papers, Y2146, ms 1284, ML. On the collapse of the select committee see Horner, *Ferguson*, 49-52. For the Nov 1937 meeting see *Argus*, 13 Nov 1937. The pamphlet was reprinted in the *Publicist*, (Sydney), 1 Jan 1938. For the financing of the Day of Mourning see Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 369; Horner, *Ferguson*, 63-7; and Munro, *Wild man*, 180.
- 34-5 The meeting with Lyons was reported in *Argus*, *Herald*, *Sun*, *SMH*, 1 Feb; the Ten Points in *Abo Call*, Apr.
- 35 For the Cabinet decision on Cooper's petition see Attorney-General's department files, CRS A2694/X, and Markus, 'William Cooper'. For Gollan's opinion see correspondence between Gollan and Stevens, PCDF A37/193, AONSW, and Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 360. For Patten and Ferguson's dispute see Stephensen papers; *Abo Call*, Apr, July; *SMH*, 18 Apr; Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 377-85; and Horner, *Ferguson*, 71-3.
4. MIRROR OF THE NORTH
Ann McGrath
- 37 Herbert wrote to Arthur Dibley about his eight riotous days, from Xavier Herbert Collection, 3, ms 758, NLA. All other quotations are from this collection unless indicated. Darwin as something off the back of a truck is from Dorothy Spalding's Darwin diary 1911, 4/11, 24 June 1938, Dorothy Spalding Collection, ML. I thank John Richard for references from this source. For information on settlement patterns in Darwin see CYB 1938; Report of the administration of the Northern Territory, 1937-38, CPP 3, 1937-40, 1005-77 and 1938-39, CPP 6, 1940, 737-72; CRS A1 26/5350 and CRS F1 38/366, AA; and *Northern Standard*, 4 Feb.
- 38 Herbert recalled his reaction to the rejection of *Capricornia* in London when interviewed by A. McGrath, 15 Feb 1982. See also his 'The facts concerning the publication of *Capricornia*', Xavier Herbert Collection, 2. His letter to Franklin and all later references to Franklin are from Miles Franklin Collection, 28, ms 364, ML.
- 39 For Herbert's hopes for his tin mining see transcript re Finniss River land claim, 25 Aug 1980, 546-7, Bureau of the Northern Land Council. Differences between Herbert and Cook were recounted by Herbert to A. McGrath, and by Cook, interviewed by A. McGrath, 8 Dec 1981. See also Herbert to Dibley, 15 Jan.
- 41 For Stephensen's reaction to *Capricornia* see *Northern Standard*, 15 Feb. The sexual attacks on women are reported *ibid*, 15 Feb, 4, 8 Mar; see also CRS A4 38/4793, AA. Herbert acknowledged Sadie's inspiration for *Capricornia* in the book's dedication and when interviewed by A. McGrath.
- 41-2 Weedon's letter is in *Northern Standard*, 4 Mar, and the words Herbert used were given in a letter to A. McGrath written in 1981.
- 42 The court's reaction to the news of the prize is from the interview with A. McGrath.
- 42-3 His reaction to *Capricornia* is from McGinness 5905, OHP.
- 43 The 1937 NT report on 'progress' is CPP 4, 1937-40, 69; Thomson's Recommendations of policy in native affairs in the Northern Territory is CPP 3, 1937-38, 805-12; and Cooper is in *Northern Standard*, 25 Jan.
5. UNDER THE ACT
Andrew Markus
- 47 On the constitution see Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, 1900, s127. Thomson's comment is in his *Recommendations of policy in native affairs in the Northern Territory of Australia*, Canberra 1938, 4. For Truganini's skeleton see L. Ryan, *The Aboriginal Tasmanians*, Brisbane 1981, 258.
- 47-8 The comment on Lake Tyers was made by N. Tindale in 'Survey of the half-caste problem in South Australia', *Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, South Australia* 42, 1944, 66-161. H. Fry and K. Pulleine discuss the results of one expedition in 'The mentality of the Australian Aborigine', *Australian J of experimental biology* 8, 1931, 153-67. Estimates of the Aboriginal population are in CYB, 1939, 408. L. Smith subjects these estimates to critical scrutiny in *The Aboriginal population of Australia*, Canberra 1980.
- 48 For enumeration of people of mixed descent see CYB, 1924, 960; 1939, 408.
- 49 The Qld definition is in the Aborigines Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Acts Amendment Act of 1934, 25 Geo 38, s4(b). For the WA definition see the Aborigines (Amendment) Act 1936, s2(e) and (f); on exemptions see s71 of the principal act. An example of definition on the basis of appearance is found in NSW Aborigines Protection (Amendment) Act, 1936, s18b.
- 50 For restriction on freedom of movement and settlement see, for example, the West Australian Native Administration Act, 1905-1936, s12, 40-2, 61. The power of the Qld minister is established in the Aboriginal Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Acts, 1934, s21. Concerning cultural identity, in WA there was power to prohibit 'injurious' tribal practices under the Native Administration Act, s66. The NSW offence was established in NSW Aborigines Protection Act, 1909-1936, 9 Edw 7, no 25, s10; the Vic in the Vic Aborigines Act 1928, 19 Geo 5, no 3631, s12.

For the NT exemption, see C. Cook to acting administrator, Darwin, 30 Mar 1937, Office of the Administrator, F1, 40/478, AA Darwin; see also F1, 38/17. On the SA chief protector, see SA Aborigines Act, 1934, 25 Geo 5, no 2154, s35(a). The Qld franchise is discussed in J. Bleakley to under-secretary, Home department, 13 Feb 1934, Dept of the Interior, A1, 34/4190, AA. For entitlement to pensions see commissioner of pensions to secretary to the treasury, 30 June 1939, A 571, 38/883, AA.

- 51 NSW record keeping is discussed in *Aborigines protection. Report and recommendations of the Public Service Board of New South Wales*, Sydney 1940, 29. This report also discusses inadequate facilities and services, 14–15. Expenditure restraints, Christmas gifts and accession celebrations are in Aboriginal Welfare Board minutes, 7 Oct 1936, 2 Dec 1936, 3 Mar 1937, mfm 2792, AONSW. On the Alice Springs institution see government secretary to administrator, 16 Apr 1938, F1, 40/153 and P. Reilly to district officer, Alice Springs, 29 Oct 1937, F1, 37/30.
- 51–2 For conditions in Darwin see W. Lancaster, Memorandum for the secretary, 10 Aug 1936, F1, 38/366. In attitudes to medical problems see, for example, the file dealing with the incidence of trachoma, F1, 46/47. The policy of the Australian Inland Mission is criticised by Dr C. Duguid in letters to J. Perkins, 2 Oct 1934 and D. Chapman, 7 July 1936, Duguid papers, ms 5968, NLA. The NT administration is detailed in List of Officers of the Public Service, F1, 36/244. For government expenditure, see CYB, 1939, 219 and subsidies to missions, NT, Memorandum by H. Barrenger, 18 Mar 1940, F1, 44/193.
- 52–3 Strehlow's observations are in letter to chief protector of Aborigines, 10 May 1937, F1, 39/549 and 23 Sept 1937, F126, 49. Estimates of WA population are based on the Annual report of the commissioner of native affairs, WAPP 1, 1939. For the Lake Tyers population, see D. Barwick, 'A little more than kin', PhD thesis 1963, Australian National University, 54. NSW government policy is discussed by H. Goodall, 'A history of Aboriginal communities in New South Wales, 1909–1939', PhD thesis 1982, University of New South Wales, 78, 276, 299, 410, 413.
- 53 Staffing and size of NSW reserves is in *Report and recommendations of the Public Service Board*, 37–8, 44. The removal of children is discussed by Goodall, 'Aboriginal communities', 80–1, 135–40 and Read, *The stolen generations*. The distribution of Qld Aborigines is in Aboriginal department, report for the year ended 31 Dec 1938, QldPP 2, 1939.

The effect of the WA legislation is mentioned by W. Marshall, 3 Dec 1936, WAPD 98/2, 1936, 2390, 2397. For the position in Darwin, see *Northern Standard*, 4 Mar 1938 and the Department of the Interior A1, 38/4793.

Unless otherwise indicated, transcripts in this section are in the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies in Canberra, which funded some of the research for this section. Narratives have been edited from question and answer interviews, and also reduced in length, sometimes considerably.

6. THE DISCRIMINATION WAS SO THICK

Alfie Gerrard talks to Bruce Shaw

- 55–63 Bruce Shaw was assisted by grants from the Literature Board of the Australia Council and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. He interviewed Alfie Gerrard several times in 1982–83.

GLOSSARY

- Balga* A secular corroboree style common to the north and east Kimberley.
- Djulurnu gadia* Secret dance from the Derby area.
- half-caste White man, white men.
- A person of mixed Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal descent. The term is common in the east Kimberley, often in self-reference, but elsewhere is a term offensive to people of Aboriginal descent.
- Moola Bulla A government ration station established in 1910, supposedly to feed Aborigines, in fact to control them in what had been an area of unrest in the days of European invasion and settlement.

- ring place Cleared circular ground for secret and sacred rituals.
- squirt Revolver, pistol.
- Wangga* A secular 'saltwater' dance style known along the north Kimberley coast as far as Darwin.
- Yurami* A type of corroboree.

AURUKUN

Mabel Pamulkan talks to Kath Hinchley

- 64 Kath Hinchley interviewed Mabel Pamulkan in 1982.
- ARNHEM LAND
- 65 Judith Wiseman prepared the essay on Donald Thomson. In 1970 Thomson's widow, Dorita Thomson, gave the artefacts he bought and the botanical, ornithological and zoological specimens he collected to the University of Melbourne. This collection along with Thomson's photographs and field notes are now in the Museum of Victoria. The quotation is from Thomson's diary for 1937, Dorita Thomson. See also N. Peterson (ed), *Donald Thomson in Arnhem Land*, Melbourne 1983.

7. LEARNING

RAUKKAN SCHOOL, POINT McLEAY

Sophie Harrison talks to Doreen Kartinyeri

- 79–83 Raukkan school was on a mission at Point McLeay on the southern shore of Lake Alexandrina, about eighty kilometres southeast of Adelaide. Sophie Harrison talked to Doreen Kartinyeri in May 1982.

CHERBOURG

Cecil Fisher talks to Andrew Markus

- 84–8 Cecil Fisher talked to Andrew Markus in Dec 1983. 'An ordinary Australian' is from South Australian Archives.

CUMMEROOGUNJA

Merle Jackomos talks to Alick Jackomos

- 89–92 Merle Jackomos was interviewed by her husband Alick in Aug and Sept 1983.

8. PUNISHMENT

A PUNISHMENT PLACE

Dawn May

- 95–103 Marnie Chester, Isaac Gundy, Willie Thaiday, Jack Garbutt, Bill Skuthorpe, Eva Kennedy and Moses Dallachy were interviewed by Dawn May and Caroline Strachan between 1973 and 1983. Transcripts are in the Black Oral History Collection, History Department, James Cook University of North Queensland. The author thanks Brian Dalton for help in arranging this article.
- 108–15 *Aboriginal welfare . . . initial conference of commonwealth and state Aboriginal authorities, held at Canberra, April 21–23, 1937*, Canberra 1937, pp. 11, 14, 16, 17, 20. Part of this first appeared in *All that Dirt, Aborigines 1938. An Australian 1938 Monograph*, edited by Bill Gammage and Andrew Markus, Canberra 1982.

9. THE PROUDEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

Ossie Ingram talks to Peter Read

- 117–24 Ossie Ingram talked to Peter Read in Sept 1980, Apr and Nov 1983, and to Bill Gammage in Dec 1981. For William James Weir see *Narrandera Argus*, 30 Sept.

10. EMOH RUO

Maisy Stapleton

- 129 House and land buying is from Watton 1302, Southwell 2315, Gibbons 2001, Crombie 2002, Potts 1300, OHP.
- 130–1 For Burnham Thorp see *Decoration and glass*, Nov; for Sherbrooke *ibid*, Dec.
- 131–2 The architect and woman at the exhibition are in *SMH*, 23 Mar. The inspiration for plans is from Wicks 1307, Watton 1302, Leard 1304, Enderbury 1306, OHP. The builders are from Bourke 1305, Spears 1310, OHP.
- 132 For the uselessness of the front verandah see *Decoration and glass*, Feb. The comment on sleeping out is from Harrison 2312, OHP.
- 133 For their houses see Mengel 1308, Polley 1301, Spears 1310, OHP.
- 134 For loans see Shea 6411, Wicks 1307, OHP. Mrs N Armson wrote

- to Peter Spearritt, 5 Feb 1984. For architect-designed house at Vaucluse, see Sale 1304, OHP. For Wilkinson's houses see L. Wilkinson et al, *Leslie Wilkinson: a practical idealist*, Sydney 1982.
- 134-5 Saving money on building is from Gibbons 2001, Polley 1301, Mengel 1308, Potts 1300, OHP. Bush skills are from Taylor 1309, and 'homesteads' from Lever 6525, OHP.
- 135 Gowrie Gate is from *Decoration and glass*, Sept; their popularity is from Harrison 2312, OHP. The Erskineville scheme is in *Architecture*, 1 Dec, and *Building*, 24 Dec.
- 135-6 Modern design is from Tepper 2011, Enderbury 1306, OHP.
- 136 The Lawton and Cornell houses are from *SA Homes and gardens*, 1 Sept. For white interiors see R.B. Fisher, *Syrie Maugham*, Texas 1978.
- 136-7 The furniture is from Vincent 6301, Potts 1300, Wicks 1307, OHP. The Hall's offer is in *SMH*, 27 Jan. The venetian blinds and Farmer's are from Crombie 2002, OHP.
- 137-8 Interiors are from Spears 1310, Wicks 1307, OHP.
- 138-9 Heating is from Crombie 2002; water heating from Innes 5023, Opie 5029, Mengel 1308; and laundries from McKenzie 6014, OHP.
- 139 Ice is from McCance 3107, and electrical appliances from Crombie 2002, Wicks 1307, OHP.
- BUILDING ON TRUST
Bernard O'Neil
The author thanks Sue Marsden, consultant historian to the SA Housing Trust, for her help.
- 139-41 The South Australian Housing Trust Act was passed on 3 Dec 1936. An amendment act was passed 15 Dec 1837. See also debate on a further amendment act 10 Aug, 31 Aug 1938 in *SAPD* 1, 1938, 847-9, 1273-6. See annual reports of SA Housing Trust, *SAPP* 2, 1937-39.
11. BABIES
Kerreen Reiger
- 143 The inevitability of bearing children is from Holland 3006, Davidson 5501, OHP.
- 144 Allan's fear is in his address to the Australasian medical congress of 1937 in *Medical J of Australia* 17/2, 1937, 698.
Women's experiences in maternity hospitals are from Eden 4005, and in public hospitals from Linton 3012, Holland 3006, OHP.
The expectations of 'Vesta' are in *Argus*, 24 Dec 1937.
- 144-6 Birth at home is from McGrath 4028, Cox 4024, OHP. Hospital delivery is from Shea 6411, Hone 5034, Davidson 5501, OHP.
- 147 The husband's absence at the birth is from Davidson 5501, Oliver 2521, OHP.
Routines are from Parr 2107, Linton 3012, OHP.
- 147-8 Clinics are from Parr 2107, OHP. Feeding by the clock is from Davidson 5501, Shea 6411, Hone 5034, OHP.
- 148-50 Doctors versus clinics is from Taylor 2822, Howat 3013, OHP.
- 150-1 For an example of 'expert' opinion on child care and control see M. Harper, *The parent's book*, Sydney 1927. For the Dionne quintuplets see *Women's weekly*, 22 Jan, 9 Apr, 1938. The psychology class is from McEwen 2400, OHP.
- 151 For Lady Gowrie centres see J.H.L. Cumpston and C. Heinig, *Pre-school centres in Australia*, Commonwealth Health department 1945. The role of the husband in child care is from Parr 2107, OHP.
- BEING BORN IN ADELAIDE
Ian Maddocks
- 152 The statistics come from ANZAAS, *Handbook of South Australia*, Adelaide 1946.
The table 'Live births by location of usual residence of mother' records 9678 births for SA, and 4707 for metropolitan Adelaide, Australian Bureau of Statistics, *SA Statistical register*, 1938-39, 912.
- 152-3 Ivy Excell remembered neighbourliness and card evenings in an interview with Ian Maddocks, 21 May 1983.
- 153 Dr S.M.L. Dunstone, a student at Adelaide medical school in 1938, recalled being expected to look like gentry when interviewed by Ian Maddocks, 14 Feb 1983.
For maternal mortality and Sarah Gamp see E. Sydney Morris, 'An essay on the causes and prevention of maternal morbidity and mortality', *Medical J of Australia* 11/2, 1925, 309.
Mrs Gladys Masters recalled her stay at Petrone and Ashford when interviewed by Ian Maddocks, 14 Apr 1983.
- 154-5 Dr L. Llewellyn Davey recalled forceps deliveries and chloroform when interviewed by Ian Maddocks, 12 June 1983. The methods of Nurse Edith Sloan were related by her daughter, Mrs E.E. Griffin, in interviews with Ian Maddocks, 15 Mar, 24 Apr 1983.
- 155 Her granny as midwife is from Stoddart, 20 Mar 1983.
- 155-6 Confinement and length of stay calculations are from the 1938 admission book of the McBride Salvation Army Hospital, Menindie, held by the hospital. Mrs D. Williams recalled the upstairs/downstairs division in an interview with Ian Maddocks, 30 July 1983. For St Joseph's see admission book, St Joseph's Centre for Unmarried Mothers, Fullarton, SA.
- 156 The Little Company of Mary was founded in England in 1877 to work in maternity as well as general nursing, but its sisters were forbidden a close association with childbirth, which was seen as 'capable of arousing the emotion and exposing modesty to danger'. Only after 1936, when the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith affirmed that it was desirable to take up this work, did it become a possibility for Catholic hospitals.
Contraception is from Stoddart, 20 Mar 1983, and H.S. McLelland, 'Maternity and some of its problems', *Medical J of Australia* 16/1, 1938, 687.
- 156-7 The *On Dit* article appeared as Anon, 'Stray thoughts on legalised abortion—some aspects of a social problem', *Medical student review* 30/2, 1938, 29. Fisher's reply was in correspondence, 'Maternity and some of its problems', *Medical J of Australia* 20/1, 1938, 871.
- 157-8 For Halloran see correspondence, 'Maternity and some of its problems', *Medical J of Australia* 19/1, 1938, 833. For Queen's Home see *Annual report*, 1938, Mortlock Library of South Australiana, Adelaide.
- 158 For P.B.M.S.'s complaints see correspondence, *Medical student review* 28, 1935, 47.
- 158-9 For private charity at Queen's Home see *Annual report*, 1938. Bird Lady is in a letter from Mrs Lindsay Sowton to Miss M. Casanovas, Nov 1940.
12. BOYS AND GIRLS
Ruth Thompson
- 161 The temperature is from *Argus*, 3 Jan. The Coupland summer holidays and visit to Port Melbourne is from Dabitz 3001, OHP.
- 161-2 Thompson's 'sheep' game is from Kemp 2523, OHP. The visit to Sydney and the sesquicentennial procession is from Porter 4015A, OHP.
- 162-3 The Souters' move to Kempsey is from G. Souter, *The idle hill of summer*, Sydney 1972; his quandary is 16.
- 164-5 Marbles, playground games, nick-knock and swimming are from McCance 3017, OHP.
- 165 Boarding school is from Moroney 2310, OHP.
- 165-6 For the Easter Show see G. Mant, *The big show*, Sydney 1972, 71-2. The Beauchamps and the bulls were reported in *SMH*, 9 Apr and *Daily Telegraph*, 9 Apr.
- 166 Empire Day in Hobart was reported in *Mercury*, 25 May.
- 166-7 Cracker night is from Toby 2309, OHP; the fires and McManus were reported in *Daily Telegraph*, 25 May.
- 167-8 The admission price at the pictures is from Toby 2309; the entertainment other than watching the feature is from Holt 2307; and Leavesley and 'Old Phil' from Rowe 6303, OHP.
- 168-9 Ginger Meggs and the horseriding of Beale is from Jones 2017, OHP. Thompson's reading material is from Kemp 2523, Captain Marryat is from McCance 3107, OHP.

- 169 Penfriends are from *Queenslander*, 16 Nov and *Argus*, 23 Sept.
- 169–70 The death of Porter's mother and stamp collecting are from Porter 4015A, OHP.
- 170 The sale of golf balls by the Couplands and jacks are from Dabitz 3001, OHP.
- 171 The scout jamboree and Powell's broadcast were reported in *SMH*, 2 Jan 1939.
- SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN
Brian Dickey
- 171–3 The SA Department of Community Welfare gave permission to quote from the file GRG 29/123, SA Archives. The letters quoted from the file were written, in order, on 1 Nov, 5 Dec, 9, 29 Mar, 29 Nov, 11 Nov, 1 Dec 1938. Pseudonyms are used.
- 173 'Elizabeth's' tease is quoted from Report of the children's welfare and public relief board, 30 June 1939, *SAPP* 2, 1939, 5.
13. SCHOOL
Bill Connell and Andrew Spaul
- Bill Connell was a Diploma of Education student at Melbourne University in 1938 and taught at Carlton Primary School. Andy Spaul and graduate students at Monash University interviewed many teachers and pupils who attended Vic schools in 1938. These interviews, conducted between 1977 and 1982, form part of the Monash University, Faculty of Education, Oral History Collection (OHC).
- 175 For the NEF conference see K.S. Cunningham (ed), *Education for complete living*, Melbourne 1938.
- 175–6 For intelligence testing see G.A. McIntyre, *The standardization of intelligence tests in Australia*, Melbourne 1938. For ability grouping see H.S. Wyndham, *Ability grouping*, Melbourne 1934. For the arithmetic tests see K.S. Cunningham and W.T. Price, *The standardization of an Australian arithmetic test*, Melbourne 1934, 62; see also W.F. Connell, *The Australian Council for Educational Research 1930–1980*, Melbourne 1980.
- 176 For preschool education see K.S. Cunningham, G.A. McIntyre and W.C. Radford, *Review of education in Australia, 1938*, Melbourne 1939, 179–82.
- 176–7 The loyal oath and flag ceremony is in *Vic Education gazette* 39, 1938. Bernard Parsons, a teacher at Ivanhoe, Vic, remembered using songs to lift spirits when interviewed by Robin Rhodes, Oct 1981, OHC.
- 178 For Duras and physical education see F.C. Happold, 'Education as a training for real life', in Cunningham (ed), *Education*, 180.
- 178–9 Elizabeth Wright attended Williamstown Primary School, Vic, and remembered the theft of the teacher's strap and Pat Woodruff recalled her embarrassment when interviewed by Evelyn Collins, Feb 1982, OHC.
- 179 The advice on moral training is from *Vic Education gazette* 39, 1938, 157.
- Terry Meehan of Richmond, Vic, recalled leaving school at thirteen to work after his father had an accident when interviewed by Anita Ware, Oct 1977, OHC. Bert Hayward also remembered irregular schooling when interviewed by Tony Tsaousis, Feb 1982, OHC.
- 179–80 Jack Hicks who taught at Wyuna South Rural School, Vic, remembered conditions in country schools when interviewed by Jan Heath, Sept 1981, OHC.
- 180 The Vic chief medical officer's report is in *Annual report of the minister for Public Instruction, 1937–38*, 31.
- For the Tas bicycle subsidy see P.R. Cole (ed), *The rural school in Australia*, Melbourne 1937, 237–8.
- For area schools see *The Tasmanian area school*, Hobart 1942.
- 181 The Orange District Rural School is from Gammage 1150, OHP.
14. BECOMING AN ADULT
Louise Douglas
- 187 The information on the Tullys is from letter to L. Douglas, 6 Feb 1984.
- 188 Marriage and birth statistics are from *CYB*, 1940.
- Parents' influence is from Watkins 6314, Davies 6205, Laycock 2906, OHP.
- 188–9 Copying dress designs is from a letter by Bennett to L. Douglas, 2 Oct 1984. Acne and 'puppy fat' are from Davies 6205, Jones 6314, Wagener 5014, Wolski 4508, OHP.
- 189 Controlled reading is from Weise 4020, OHP. For 'pulp' magazines see P. Coleman, *Obscenity, blasphemy, sedition. Censorship in Australia*, Sydney 1974 (1960). Lending libraries are remembered by Dickson 6032, OHP, see also I. Vincent, 'Lending libraries in 1938', *Australia 1938 bulletin* 3, 1980, 3–9.
- 189–90 For the *Weekly* see A. Wright, 'The *Women's weekly*: depression and war years romance and reality', *Refractory girl* 3, 1973, 9–13. For *Man* see R. White, 'The importance of being *Man*' in P. Spearritt and D. Walker (eds), *Australian popular culture*, Sydney 1979, 45–67, and Holt 2307, OHP; and for attempts to ban it, Coleman, *Obscenity*.
- 190–1 Horne's memories of wireless are in his *The education of young Donald*, Melbourne 1968, 112–13; 2KY's programs and the experience of Edmund Sydney are from *Young Australia* 2, 1937. The handing over of wages is from Moroney 2310, Neighbour 3306, OHP.
- 191 'Modern' young people are discussed in *Daily Telegraph*, 19 Apr; the quotation on restricted social life is from Tait 5006, OHP.
- 191–2 McLaren and Porter were interviewed by L. Douglas about youth organisations 1 Sept 1984; for the Australian Council of Youth see *Young Australia* 1, 1937; *Sun*'s editorial was 2 Jan.
- 192 Coughlan's memories are in *SMH*, 15 Apr 1971; for dance bands see *Australian music maker and dance band news*, 1938.
- 192–3 For the dominance of American films see *CYB*, 1938, and D. Collins, 'The movie octopus' in Spearritt and Walker (eds), *Popular culture*, 102–20. The fantasies induced by movies is from Fletcher (pseud), OHP, and the sophistication from Watkins 6314, OHP.
- 193 For sex see R. Auchmuty, 'The truth about sex' in Spearritt and Walker (eds), *Popular culture*, 169–89; for lack of parental advice on it Atkins (pseud), Weise 4020, OHP. Sherman's complaint is in *Young Australia* 2, 1938.
- Masturbation is from Fletcher (pseud), and unmarried mothers from Odgers 6510, OHP. Antheil's advice is from *Daily Telegraph*, 24 Jan.
- 193–4 Parental control of going out is from Millican 2027, Watkins 6314, OHP. The 'glory box' is from Odgers 6510, OHP.
- 194–5 The Grahams' wedding is from *Australian woman's world*, brides number 18/207, Mar 1938. The Scotts' wedding is from letter to L. Douglas, 13 Feb 1984; Bethunes' from letter to L. Douglas, 8 Feb 1984. Favourite honeymoon spots are from *Australian woman's world*, holiday number, 18/205, Jan 1938. The James's honeymoon is from letter to L. Douglas, 7 Feb 1984; the Wicks's from letter to L. Douglas 8 Feb 1984; the Noakes's from letter to L. Douglas, 10 Feb 1984; the Spears's from letter to L. Douglas, 5 Feb 1984.
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15. HOUSEHOLDS
Patricia Grimshaw and John Lack
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- 198-9 Feeding her husband and ten children is from Ethel Watkin (pseud) 130, FHP. Hurling out her husband and working together are from Mary Young (pseud) 92, FHP. Doing everything and working for yourself are from Wolski 4508, OHP.
- 200-1 The authors are grateful to Beryl Hooley for her comments on homes and housework. Carrying water for a bath upstairs is from Alice Croft (pseud) 22, FHP. Washing hints and routines are from *Women's weekly*, 24 Sept. Knitting and dressmaking advice is given in *New idea* for 1938.
- 202-3 The breadwinner's sleep is from Ethel Watkin (pseud) 130, FHP. The travelling salesman is from Myra Wilcox (pseud) 136, FHP. Friction is from Anne Miller (pseud) 61, FHP. The religious in-laws are from Shirley Grey (pseud) 407, FHP. For divorces and separations see *CYB*, 1939, 206.
- 203 The rod of iron is from Wolski 4508, OHP. The free hand is from Russell 3312, OHP.
Strict parents are from Walker 7500, OHP; the strap from Neighbour 3306, OHP.
The tyrannical father is from Beryl Phillips (pseud) 93, FHP. Softening up is from McEwen 2400, OHP.
- 204-5 Dithering about is from Baird 6204, OHP. Going out to work is from Millie Harris (pseud) questionnaire 72 and letter, FHP.
- 205 Going away to school is from Walker 7500, OHP. Parental choice is from Wolski 4508, OHP.
Children's farm wages and help are from John Henty (pseud) 44, FHP; Wolski 4508, OHP; Walker 7500, OHP.
- 205-6 Neighbourly exchange is from Mabel Hutcheson questionnaire 125, FHP.
- 207 Information on widows is compiled from 48, 50, 53, 74, 81, 84, 91, 108, 113, 137, 140 FHP and questionnaires 32, 45, 66, 68, 74, 75, 93, 126, 128, 131, 147, 409, 417, 501, 502, FHP. For statistics on widows see *Census*, 1933.
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- 208-10 The Thompson family is from Kemp 2523, OHP.
- 210-12 The Coupland family is from Dabitz 3001, OHP.
- 212-13 The Scotney family is from Scotney 6507, OHP.
- 215-16 The Brown family is from John Brown 12, FHP; Frank Brown 13, FHP; Christine O'Flanerty 66, FHP.
- 216-19 The Parr family is from Parr 2107, OHP.
- 219-21 The Murray family is from Murray 2003, OHP.
16. MIND AND BODY
David Walker
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- 228 For the proportion of women in the NSW asylum population see S. Garton, 'Some aspects of the social history of insanity in New South Wales, 1870-1958', PhD thesis 1984, University of New South Wales, ch 4.
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- 229-30 For Mary Farrelly see her letter of 26 Sept to the NSW director of Education, 20/12794. She enclosed several handbills and a pamphlet, *A woman's view on food reform*. Portia Geach, president of the Federated Association of Australian Housewives, wrote to the NSW minister of Education, 20/12794. The *Final report of the advisory council on nutrition* was published in 1939. Malnutrition among NSW state schoolchildren and parental resistance to advice were reported by the Education department's medical branch, 20/12795. For 25 years of lunches see L. Milverton to the minister of Education, 20/12794.
- 230-1 Sulphur in socks is from May 3314; creosote from McCance 3107, OHP. Mrs Burtland-Hales wrote to the minister on 12 Jan, Education department, 20/12849. 'Paralysis Patrol' is in *SMH*, 1 Sept 1937. *Health* published annual statistics on infectious diseases in Australia, and statistics of the epidemic are in H. Sutton, *Lectures on preventative medicine*, Sydney 1944, 489-97.
- 231-2 For Sister Kenny see V. Cohn, *Sister Kenny: the woman who challenged the doctors*, Minneapolis 1975, who quotes the *Courier Mail*, 109.
- 232 Castor oil is from Morgan 3301, OHP. Margaret Devenish (Dwarjanyan) was interviewed by David Walker, 1 Sept 1983. For Krause see Wolski 4508, OHP.
- 232-3 The unpaid nurse is from Weise 4020; boils from Scott 5901; nits from Booth 6415, OHP.
- 233 The chemist is from Toby 2309, Neighbour 3306 and Vincent 6301, OHP.
17. PASSING AWAY
K. S. Inglis
- This chapter has benefited by help from Jan Brazier, Graeme Griffin, Rob Nicol, Bernard O'Neil, Marion Stell, Des Tobin, Duncan Waterson and a number of colleagues at the Australian National University.
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- at home and in hospital are calculated from notices in *SMH* and *Age*, 2–7 July 1888 and morning papers for each state capital, 4–9 July 1938.
- 236 Verdicts, petitions and executions in the two murder cases are reported in *Argus*, 14–15 and 26 July, 2 and 12 Aug for the Adelaide case, and 18 Jan, 25 Mar, 11–12, 17, 24 and 26–27 May for the Sydney case.
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- 237–8 Street's obsequies are reported in daily papers, 14 Sept; Barnes's, 3 Feb; Hobbs's, 16 May; Hawker's, 28–29 Oct; Myer's, 21 Feb. For Barry's, see *Catholic press*, 31 Mar. Catholic practices were described by Sisters Gemma Brereton, Annette Johnston, Catherine McCormack, Barbara Murray, Pamela O'Rourke, Scholastica Page and Veronica Roach, Sisters of Mercy, interviewed by K.S. Inglis in Canberra, 8 Dec 1983. On All Souls' Day see *Freeman's journal*, 27 Oct. The male company at a funeral is from Harrison 2312, OHP. The brother died in 1936. Gramp's funeral is reported in *Herald*, 28 Oct. On Jewish practices see G.M. Griffin and D. Tobin, *In the midst of life: the Australian response to death*, Melbourne 1982, 86, 113. The Chinese funeral is from Uren 5906, OHP. The Hindu funeral is described in *Argus*, 26 Oct.
- 238–9 On Aborigines' ceremonies see A.P. Elkin, *The Australian Aborigines*, Sydney 1954 (1938), 312–14; for the view that they were dying out, see editorial in *SMH*, 16 May, and reports in *SMH*, 14, 17 May, 16 Aug.
- 239–41 Starting places for funerals in 1888 are calculated from notices in *SMH*, *Age* and *Argus*, 2–7 July, and for 1938 from notices in morning papers for each state capital, 4–9 July. The records of A.V. Tobin Ltd are held by the firm. Toorak funerals are mentioned by Lt-Col G.H. Knox, quoted in *Argus*, 13 Oct. Dunstan is quoted by J.V. Barry as reported *ibid*.
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- 241–2 The secretary of the Undertakers' Association is quoted in *Argus*, 14 Oct. The advertiser referring to distress is A.A. Sleight Pty Ltd in *Argus Weekend Magazine*, 20 Aug. M.N. Bull advertised in *Catholic press*, 24 Feb. On fixed minimum prices see Griffin and Tobin, *In the midst of life*, 127.
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- 243–4 The architect is Robert Marsh, reported in AFDA, *Fourth annual convention at Melbourne* [Melbourne] nd, 14. Sleight's new quarters are described and illustrated in *Argus Weekend Magazine*, 20 Aug. For the man in white see *Argus*, 16 Dec. Sleight's offer is in *Argus Weekend Magazine*, 20 Aug. On Kinsela's see I. and M. Stapleton in H. Tanner (ed), *Architects of Australia*, Melbourne 1981, 124.
- 244 Wenzel is reported in AFDA, *Fourth annual convention*, 4–7; he mentions the Service Book.
- CEMETERIES
- 244–5 The criticism of expensive headstones is in *SMH*, 12 Oct 1888, cited by A.D. Gilbert in *Australians 1888*, ch 16.
- CREMATION
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- THE ANZAC DEAD
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18. THE COUNTRY
- D. N. Jeans
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- CANECUTTERS
- Diane Menghetti
- 273 This narrative was constructed from 42 taped interviews, conducted by the author or Ms Sammi Reindl of Ingham and tapes in the Oral History Collection, History Department, James Cook University of North Queensland. Some paragraphs contain extracts from more than one interview. Ingham (population about 10 500 in 1938) is the central town of Hinchinbrook Shire; other settlements mentioned are nearby rural communities. Although some farms on the Ingham line sent their cane to the Invicta mill, the district was divided into two main mill areas, Victoria and Macknade, both mills owned by CSR.
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19. LABOURERS
- Beverley Burgmann
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- 283-4 For hours of labour see CYB, 1939, 432. The milkman is from Coombe 5028, OHP. The two shilling piece is from Sincock, 5302; the physical effort from Edwards 6025, OHP.
- 285 Joy Percy is from Smith 6011, OHP. The Perth tiler is from Huxley 6409; the Adelaide soap factory is from Crompton 5007, OHP.
- Collins and the millinery is from Lawrence 6003; the compensation claim is from Huxley 6409; the Adelaide brewery manager is from Cooper 5013, OHP.
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- Mitchell and her weekly notice is from Walters 6410; no strikes at Cooper's brewery is from Cooper 5013, OHP.
- 286-7 For statistics on factory size see CYB, 1939, 705-6. For the Redfern-Waterloo area see G. Weary, *Pictures for cities*, Sydney 1984, 26.
- 287-8 The siren is from Davis 6036; the business study is from Anderson 3407; the value of apprenticeships is from Smith 6011, OHP.
- 288-90 The Marrickville engineers, the weather and the friendly society are from Cox 2104; the Woodville metal worker, new machines and health are from Cook 5101, OHP.
- 290-1 Crump, the Perth seamstress, is from Hardman 6005, OHP.
20. PORT KEMBLA WORKERS
- Peter Cochrane, Winifred Mitchell and Geoffrey Sherington
- We would like to thank the people we spoke to about 1938, and the people who helped us with both written and oral sources: Narelle Crux, Gary Griffith, Marian Walsh, Shirley Nixon, John Shipp, Education Research and Development Committee, and N. Dwyer and S. Inverarity of AIS.
- 293 Dave Bowen was interviewed by Shirley Nixon, 17 Feb 1983, tape in University of Wollongong Archives. The letter from 'the Hill' is in AIS records, Port Kembla I/1, 1938.
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- 294-6 For AIS see AIS records. BHP's Port Kembla expansion and the stress this put on AIS workers is in AIS records, H/2, L/6, L/14, L/16, S/1, S/7, all 1938, and N. Wills, *The economic development of the Australian iron and steel industry*, Sydney 1948, 130-2. AIS showers are in AIS records, S/1, 1938; accidents in AIS records, W/1, 1938 and *Illawarra Mercury*, 13, 27 May, 9 Dec; compensation

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Tom Stannage
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Political preferences is from Crompton 5007, Thorn 4022, OHP. For the New Guard see E. Campbell, *The rallying point*, Melbourne 1965. Anderson is from Walter 3502, OHP.
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- WORKING FOR ELDERS
Lenore Layman and Gail Reekie
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Alex Castles
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- 321 For the establishment of the detective school and the purchase of scientific equipment see *Police in Victoria*, 46, 95.
- 323 The capture of Wallace is from *Age*, 7 Sept.
- 324 For Castlemaine reformatory as a crime university see *Truth* (Vic), 17 Dec. For the coroner's inquiry and finding see *ibid*, 16 Oct. The capture of Jenner is from *Age*, 21 Oct.
- 324–5 For the trial and sentencing see *Herald*, 28 Nov to 3 Dec; *Age*, 29 Nov to 3 Dec; *Truth* (Vic), 3 Dec; *Truth* (NSW), 4 Dec.
- 325 The commutation of sentences is from *Age*, 22 Dec.
22. THE UNEMPLOYED
Sheilah Gray and Peter Hempenstall
- 327 For unemployment and the remarks on it see M. Keating, *Australian workforce 1910–11 to 1960–61*, Canberra 1973, 377–8; *Round table*, Sept, 826–36; *Bulletin*, 15 June; *Age*, 16 Aug; *Boilermakers' Society of Australia quarterly report* Oct 1938 231–2, 270–1. For different unemployment figures see 23 Nov 1938, CPD 158, 1938, 1861–68, and for the 'susso' see F.A. Bland, 'Unemployment relief in Australia', *International labour review* 30, 1934, 23–57. The 'Report of the royal commission on youth employment and the apprenticeship system', WAV&P 1938, xlviii–lv, contains a comprehensive discussion of employment insurance.
- 329 For Pollard see 29, 30 June 1938, CPD 156, 1938, 2872–5; for Curtin see *Bulletin*, 10 Aug; the TLC attitude is in *Workers Weekly*, 26 Aug.
- 329–30 M. Heagney, *Are women taking men's jobs?*, was published in Melbourne 1935. Anti-women employment sentiments are in *Bulletin*, 30 Nov. For the proposed quota of women see WA royal commission, 208; for the NSW select committee see NSW PP 1, 1940–41. Hartrey's evidence is in the WA royal commission, 204–9. Letters on the falling birthrate are in *Bulletin*, 28 Dec. I. McKinnon and B. Rischbieth gave evidence to WA royal commission, 240–1, 172–6. The NSW select committee's opinion is xxix–xxxi.
- 330 'Youths who have lost their chance' is from Adelaide *Advertiser*, 4 Mar; examples of the parliamentary discussion combined in this quotation are Mahoney, 3 Nov 1938, CPD 157, 1938, 1224; James, 8 Dec 1937, CPD 155, 1938, 493; Forde, 23 Nov 1938, CPD 158, 1938, 1913.
- 331 For fear of 'isms', see Keane and Amour 23 Nov 1938, CPD 158, 1938, 1866, 1868.
- 331–2 The NSW *industrial gazette*, 31 May 1939, 846–52 reports on vocational guidance. The WA royal commission surveys guidance in section 5, xxxiii–xxxvii, and app 1–5. See for example the Newcastle Young Citizens' League in S. Gray, *Newcastle during the great depression*, Newcastle 1984, 29.
- 332 The NSW select committee's conclusion on inevitability is in its report xiii.
- 332–3 The WA royal commission, app 1–5, surveys aspects of youth employment state by state. Comments on the NSW schemes are in *SMH*, 10 Nov and *Workers Weekly*, 1 Mar, 6 Dec.
- 333 McKenzie and the threat of unemployed boys is in WA royal commission, 18–25, 207–8; the routine of forestry camps is compiled from the NSW select committee report, 64–5. McKeen's story is 23 Nov 1939, in QldPD 175, 1939, 1822–3.
- 333–4 For McKay see the NSW select committee's report, 1–6, and also app 1–3.
- 334 E. Dumbleton recalled a statement made to her solicitor in the 1960s, when interviewed by S. Gray, 1976.
The case of rickets is from the commonwealth advisory council on nutrition, *Final report*, 21 July 1938, 29.
- 334–6 Camps for the unemployed are described in L. Richardson, *The bitter years. Wollongong during the great depression*, Sydney 1984, 211–22 and in Gray, *Newcastle*, 18–21. Information on Ryder is from W. E. Curnow interviewed by S. Gray, 26 Jan 1983; Vera Deacon is in L. Fox (ed), *Depression down under*, Sydney 1977, 100.

- 336-7 The Melbourne investigator is from F.O. Barnett and W.O. Burt, *Housing the Australian nation*, Melbourne 1942, 21-2. The poem is from Barnett's *I hear the tramp of millions*, Melbourne 1945, 12-13.
- 337-8 For national fitness see *Age*, 12 Aug, *SMH*, 17 Nov, *Advertiser*, 29 Nov.
- 338 The no-confidence debate was on 2 Nov 1938, see *CPD* 157, 1938, 1092, 1095, 1145. For Cameron, see *CPD* 158, 1938, 1970.
- OUTLIVING THE DEPRESSION
Alan D. Gilbert
- 339 For 'permissive occupancy' see the ministerial directive in report 32/265, 'Blocks for unemployed', 3 Nov 1932 in NSW Department of Lands, 'Illegal occupation of Happy Valley, La Perouse, 1931-40', 3/2417.4, AONSW.
- For the number and location of settlements and camps around Sydney see NSW Department of Lands, *ibid*, 3/2417.1 and shire council records, Sutherland Shire Council. The author also received information from Stan Gray, a national park ranger responsible for the transport of unemployment relief workers in the early 1930s.
- Bag and tin shanties are from the minutes, 1938, C1/13, Central Illawarra Council. For the Illawarra see also *South Coast Times*, especially 5 Aug, 11 Nov.
- 342 'Humping their bluey' is from K. Tennant, *The battlers*, London 1941, 310. Unemployment relief camp numbers were reported in *NSWPD* 158, 1938-39, 4521. Davison's view is *ibid*, 4520.
- The camps in the Sutherland Shire are from the shire clerk's report, 49/38, committee minutes, July-Dec 1938, Sutherland Shire Council. Numbers employed in outdoor relief work are from committee minutes, Jan-June 1938, Sutherland Shire Council.
- 342-3 The Sutherland-Liverpool road proposal and the Engadine Progress Association are *ibid*, July-Dec 1938, 1837/1098, 1931/4. Their agitation for amenities and improvements is *ibid*, Jan-June 1938, 60/20, 60/93, 267/146, 302/146, 302/189, 318, 609/361.
- 343 Council assurances about restrictions on further squatting is *ibid*, Jan-June 1938, 257/136. The Heathcote squatter is *ibid*, May 1938, 838. For refusal to sanction work in lieu of rates see *ibid*, Jan-June 1938, 270/149, 602/345, 605.
- The recreational reserve episode is *ibid*, July-Dec 1938, 1326/788. The bridge is *ibid*, Jan-June 1938, 608/360, 743/2.
23. FOR GOD'S SAKE KEEP US ENTERTAINED!
John Rickard
- This chapter has benefited by help from Charlie Fox, Bruce Eames, Barbara Gardiner, Ann Gibson, Stuart Menzies, Fay Ovendon and Stuart Soley.
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- The five hundred is from Taylor 2822; the bridge from Solly 6008, OHP. A. Christie, *Cards on the table*, was published in London 1936.
- 348 Saturday afternoon cooking is from Parr 2107; mum and drink from Opie 5029; beer as a luxury, Scotney 6507, OHP.
- For car ownership see *CYB*, 1934, 200; 1939, 134. Dissolving disharmony is from Moroney 2310; the yabbies are from Uren 5906, OHP.
- Pix* reported on waterskiing, 12 Nov, *Sunday Times*, 23 Jan, described Cottesloe as the 'Bondi of the West'. On beach accessories see *Pix*, 1 Oct, and on dress, Melbourne *Herald*, 3 Jan, 15 Oct.
- 348-52 Holt 2307, 'had a holiday, even during the depression', Scotney 6507, claimed that a holiday 'was cheaper than doctor's bills', OHP. The *Launceston Examiner*, 17 Dec had a camping supplement, and *Sunday Times*, 27 Feb gave information on caravan holidays. *Walkabout*, June 1938, felt a special responsibility for promoting tourism in Australia.
- 352 Sumner Locke Elliott's *Edens lost*, London 1970, described the 1938 train journey of the hero to Medlow Bath. Information on Vic
- guesthouses is from S.J. Soley, 'Tourist development in Victoria, 1919-39', BA hon's thesis 1983, Monash University, ch 3.
- 352-3 Murdoch's last article for the *Argus*, 9 Apr, was 'A frivolous sermon on today's news'; the quotation is from J. La Nauze, *Walter Murdoch: a biographical memoir*, Melbourne 1977, 127. Cinemas opened in 1938 included the Century in Sydney, the El Grondo in Casino and the Regal in Subiaco.
- 353 *Pix*'s celebration of the usherette is 11 June.
- 353-4 W.H. Croll's account of the Alice theatre comes from Melbourne *Herald*, 6 Oct, in the Croll papers, ms 8910, 1243/1, La Trobe Library. Vetting films in Darwin for Aborigines is from Scott 5901, OHP. Film reviewing was generally poor. For 'the Durban wonder' see *Man*, Jan 1938, and for Darrieux, *Man*, Nov 1938. *Honi Soit* praised *Snow White* on 13 Apr 1938.
- 354 On *Lovers and luggers* see *Film weekly*, 6 Jan 1938; *Table talk* discussed *On our selection*, 10 Feb 1938. O'Reilly's comments are taken from the Rockhampton *Evening News*, 26 Mar. *Film weekly*'s account of the reception accorded *A nation is built* was, 27 Jan 1938.
- For dancing as 'health giving' see *Sunday Times*, 3 Apr. Friday night is from Scott 5901, OHP.
- 354-5 The description of the Early Settlers' Ball is from *Launceston Examiner*, 18 June. The Fremantle Young People's Ideal Club is from Shea 6411, OHP. A. Bissett, *Black roots white flowers: a history of jazz in Australia*, Sydney 1979, tells of the big bands and the dance halls. Coughlan is *ibid*, 63; the all-women band is *ibid*, 65-7 and Davidson *ibid*, 68.
- 355-6 *Pix*, 12 Mar, did a photo story on the Big Apple; for jitterbugs see Bissett, *Black roots*, 71.
- 356 Leonie Sandercock interviewed Laurie Crump of Boort in 1983; James Burrow was interviewed by Nancy Ley, 13 Nov 1981, Glenelg Regional Library Interviews, GTMS 24, La Trobe Library.
- For a Foster's Lager advertisement see *Walkabout*, Jan; for Tooth's see *Man*, July.
- 357 Seven days is from Peck 4201, OHP. The report by 'Prying Pommy' is from *West Australian*, 3 Sept; the controversy over Sunday opening is in *Kalgoorlie Miner*, 2 Mar.
- The *Sunday Sun*, 6 Mar reported on the use of children as runners; for 'secret gambling haunts' see *Man*, Apr 1938.
- Attendance figures for the Launceston Show were reported in *Examiner*, 7 Oct; the account of the attractions on 1 Oct.
- 357-8 The *Sunday Times*, 9 Jan, has the program for Fremantle Week; the Rockhampton *Evening News*, 17 June, announced the beginning of Gala Week. The *Kalgoorlie Miner*, 20 Aug gives the entire program for the Carnival, for particular items see 24, 29, 30 Aug.
- 358 Melbourne's Eight Hour Day march is described in *Herald*, 28 Mar; Bailey is from her diary; Spalding's Darwin diary is ms 669, ML. The St Patrick's Day march is described in Rockhampton *Evening News*, 19 Mar, and Sydney's Anzac Day celebrations in *Man*, June 1938.
- Community singing is from Dabitz 3001, OHP.
- Pix*, 10 Sept, reported on women and the popularity of wrestling. Croll's diary is in his papers, ms 8910, 1236/3, La Trobe Library. Ice skating is from *Pix*, 28 May. Cycling is from Launceston *Examiner*, 1 Jan; Melbourne *Herald*, 26 Feb; *Sunday Sun*, 3 July. Bachelor girl is from *Pix*, 23 July.
- 358-9 V. Tait, *A family of brothers: the Tait and J.C. Williamson; a theatre history*, Melbourne 1971, chs 18 and 19, surveys the Firm's productions in the 1930s. See also S. Browne, 'Theatre in Melbourne 1910-1930', BA hon's thesis 1982, Monash University, 57. *The women* is reported in *Herald*, 25 Oct.
- 359 Nettie Palmer saw *Till the day I die* on 20 Mar 1938, Palmer papers, ms 1174/16, NLA. The *West Australian*'s review of *Are you ready comrade* is 10 Oct.
- The ABC's encouragement of Australian drama in the 1930s is in K.S. Inglis, *This is the ABC: the Australian Broadcasting Commission 1932-1983*, Melbourne 1983, 53-4. The organist was W.H. McKie, *Herald*, 2 July. Cardus was reported in *SMH*, 31 Jan; Tibbett in *Table talk*, 2 June; Borgioli in *West Australian*, 21 Apr.

- 359-60 Pinnock's involvement in the music club is from her diary; Bailey's donation to the South Street Society is reported in a newscutting in her diary, 11 May 1938. Bailey attended Flagstad concerts on 30 June, 2, 7, 9 and 13 July 1938.
- 360 For the ABC and music, see Inglis, *This is the ABC*, 49-53. Hill's letter to Grainger, 20 Oct 1938, is in the Grainger papers, Percy Grainger Museum, Melbourne University.
- 360-1 For the art world in 1938 see R. Haese, *Rebels and precursors: the revolutionary years in Australian art*, Melbourne 1981, ch 2. Nettie Palmer's comment on Vassilief was from her diary, 27 Jan 1938.
- 361 *Man*, Aug, gives details of the fellowship's deputation. The Melbourne circular can be found in the Croll papers, ms 8910/1202/3C.
- Bailey began her 1938 diary with a list of 'Books I read in 1938'; Dorothy Pinnock noted the death of C.J. Dennis on 23 June. For more serious reading see *Herald*, 1 Sept, and for the Launceston library, *Examiner*, 23 Feb.
- The advertisement for *Pix* comes from *Kalgoorlie Miner*, 4 May. For *Smith's weekly*, see G. Blaikie, *Remember Smith's weekly*, Rigby 1966; for *Bulletin*, see P. Rolfe, *The journalistic javelin: an illustrated history of the Bulletin*, Sydney 1979; for *Man* see R. White, 'The importance of being *Man*' in P. Spearritt and D. Walker (eds), *Australian popular culture*, Sydney 1979. The *Bulletin* wrote about pulp literature on 31 Aug, and the *Women's weekly* on 8 Oct.
- 361-2 Diana Howell was interviewed by Christina Hindhaugh, Mar 1981, GTMS 74, La Trobe Library; on the life of the squattocracy see also the scrapbook diaries of Una Falkiner, ms 423, ML.
- 362 Porter on 'the attics and back rooms' is quoted by Haese, *Rebels and precursors*, 25. Nettie Palmer writes about the Cafe Petrushka's first birthday party in her diary for 12 Mar.
- Pix* reported on spaghetti, 8 Oct, and snails, 27 Aug. King's Cross is from *The home*, 1 Dec. 'Eyes of the City' is from *Homi Soit*, 5 May; see also 28 Apr. The remarks on religion and politics are *ibid*, 6 Apr.
- 362-3 Ruth Draper's comparison of Australia and the United States is in a letter to Corinne Robinson, 1 May 1938; she refers to 'the poor things' in a letter to Dorothea Draper, 8 May 1938, both published in N. Warren (ed), *The letters of Ruth Draper 1920-1956: a self-portrait of a great actress*, London 1979, 203, 204. The *Women's weekly* complained about Hollywood, 14 May.
- 363 The unsophisticated people is from Warren, *Letters of Ruth Draper*, 205.
24. WIRELESS
Lesley Johnson
- 365 The postmaster-general made the claim that two out of three homes in Australia owned a wireless set, see MP 1170/3, BP 19/1, 14 June 1938, AA. His figures do not include unlicensed sets. Recharging batteries is from Hurt 2601, Taylor 2822, OHP.
- For the extent of the Australian listening public's interest in radio see F.W. Daniell papers, ms 1634, NLA.
- 365-6 For the development of *Dad and Dave* and Wrigley's see J. Potts, 'The function of advertising in the 1930s: Wrigley's *Dad and Dave*—"Solving the Problem"', paper delivered to ACA Conference, Sydney, July 1983.
- 366 The success of the typical family is from *Listener In*, 18 July 1936.
- For publicity materials for the purpose of selling women as a daytime audience to potential advertisers see F.W. Daniell papers.
- 367 For information on the formation of the Macquarie Broadcasting Network see publicity release for *Radio Pictorial*, 14 July 1938, F.W. Daniell papers; see also I. MacKay, 'Macquarie—the story of network', Broadcasting Tribunal Library, Melbourne.
- 368 The 'normal audience' is from W.A. McNair, *Radio advertising in Australia*, Sydney 1937, 391.
- 368-9 For brief comments on the value or quality of particular ABC productions see Official Listeners' Reports, SP 341/1, AA. For W.J. Cleary see his speech to the Legacy Club in 1940, SP 341/1, AA.
- 369 Listening to radio after washing up is from Wheeler 2301, OHP.
- For a discussion of King George V as a broadcaster see *Broadcasting Business*, 23 Jan 1936. The abdication speech is from Glynn 4027, OHP. The *Listener In*, 27 Aug 1938, gave a report on 3AW's special cricket show for the first night of the final cricket test match.
- 370 Different types of radiograms are from Harrison 2312, Cox 2104, Karmel 3414, Innes 5023, OHP. The 'thing that the world spoke to you through' is from Wheeler 2301, OHP.
- 370-1 For references to the postmaster-general as 'the Australian Goebbels' see *Labor Daily*, 28 Apr, *Truth*, 8 May; for details of the agreement signed by Australia see Postmaster-General's department, G40/4150, MP 544/1, AA. For information about the withdrawal of 2KY's licence see *Argus*, 22 Dec, and McKenzie 6014, OHP.
- 371 For the Foster incident see 7 May 1938, J.W. Kitto, ABC Head Office, CA 1726, SP 1489/1, AA. See also W.J. Cleary to H. Brookes, 11 May 1938, Herbert Brookes papers, 26/659, ms 1924, NLA.
- For information about the removal of Constance Duncan's talks, see MP 237/1, AA; for 'The Watchman' and his basic stance, see K.S. Inglis, *This is the ABC: the Australian Broadcasting Commission 1932-1983*, Melbourne 1983, 63-4.
- The *Listener In*, 8 Oct 1938 reported the role of radio in telling listeners of Germany's invasion of Czechoslovakia.
- For one broadcast of the Melbourne Cup see Booth 6415, OHP.
25. SPORT
Leonie Sandercock
- 373 For the national sport see *SMH*, 24 Jan.
- The big-game fishing contest was described in *Walkabout*, June 1938, 43.
- 373-4 The best sources on bowls were the monthly *Bowls in Australia*; the NSW Bowling Association's *Annual report, 1938-39*; the Australian Bowling Council's *Eleventh Australian bowling carnival*, Sydney 1938; J. May, *Our game*, Sydney 1938. The quotation is *ibid* 23.
- 374 Laurie Crump of Boort corresponded with and was interviewed by Leonie Sandercock during 1983. For golf see also the monthly *Golf in Australia*, and Miller 6521, OHP.
- 375 Bradman's record breaking was noted by *SMH*, 4, 12 Jan. On Bradman and revenue see P. Derriman, *The grand old ground: a history of the SCG*, Sydney 1981.
- The railways interstate cricket carnival is from the *Souvenir program commemorating the interstate railways cricket carnival*, Sydney 1938, ML. For the teams playing in different competitions see *SMH*, 7 Mar, 18 Oct.
- 375-6 The *SMH* carried regular reports of speedway racing, see 7 Mar, 15 June. See also M. Rogers, *The illustrated history of speedway*, Suffolk 1978. The monthly *Australian cycling and motor cycling* is revealing on the defensive ideology of those involved in this new sport.
- 376 For the Australian Grand Prix and the development of the Mt Panorama circuit at Bathurst see J. Pollard, *One for the road*, Sydney 1966, 100-2, 175-81, and P. Davis, *Australians on the road*, Adelaide 1979.
- 376-7 Surf lifesaving activities were extensively covered by the daily press, see especially *SMH*, 3, 29 Jan, 26 Feb, 2 Mar; for the Black Sunday episode see *SMH*, 7 Feb. See also *The Referee*, 13 Jan, and J. Wilson, *Australian surfing and surf lifesaving*, Adelaide 1979. Lifesavers as rude beer drinkers is from McEwan 2400, OHP.
- 377-9 Information on ticket sales and crowds for the Empire Games is from *SMH*, 12 Jan; *Argus*, 23 Feb; and *The Referee*, 27 Jan. For the Thelma Peake controversy see Derriman, *Grand old ground*, 143. The pre-games feature in *Women's weekly* on 'Glamour girls of sport' appeared on 29 Jan. The thoughts of Dunningham were reported in *SMH*, 11 Mar.
- 380 Tennis was covered in *SMH*, 1, 7, 10, 13, 24, 31 Jan, 3 Feb, and in *The Referee*, 6, 13 Jan, 3 Feb.
- 380-2 Harry Gordon's comment on the fair sex and cycling comes from *The Healing cycling year book, 1937-38*, Melbourne 1938, 37. The

- numbers of cycling clubs is *ibid*, 203, 205, 207, 213. The description of Opperman's record 1000 mile ride is from *SMH*, 3 Dec and Ozzie Nicholson's New Years Eve reception is from *The Referee*, 6 Jan. *The Referee*, 6 Jan reported Valda Unthank's record ride from Melbourne to Nyah and the 'charming feminine types' is *ibid*, 27 Oct.
- 382 For the discussion of the decline of horseracing as a spectator sport see B. Stoddart, 'Sport and society 1890-1940: a foray' in C.T. Stannage (ed), *A new history of Western Australia*, Perth 1981, 656, and on the SP bookies see J. Pollard, *The pictorial history of Australian horse racing*, Sydney 1981, 232-4.
- The account of the Melbourne Cup is drawn from *The Referee*, 3 Nov, *SMH*, 2 Nov, *Argus*, 2 Nov, *Daily Telegraph*, 2 Nov, and *Bulletin*, 9 Nov. Jackeroos returning early is from Kemp 2523, OHP.
- 382-3 Trotting as the people's sport is from Stoddart, 'Sport and society', 657-8, and *The Referee*, 27 Jan. Greyhound racing is from *Pix*, 19 Feb, and *The Referee*, 6 Jan.
- 383 Ern, the professional sportsman, is from W. Lowenstein, *Weevils in the flour*, Melbourne 1977, 317-22. The account of the VFL grand final is from *Argus*, 26 Sept, and *Daily Telegraph*, 26 Sept. See also L. Sandercock and I. Turner, *Up where, Cazaly?*, Sydney 1981.
- 383-4 Information on NSW Rugby League is from *The Referee*, 8 Sept, 20 Oct, and *SMH*, 5 Sept.
- 384 The boom year is from *The Referee*, 29 Dec.
- THE ASHES
Brian Stoddart
- The 'happy spirit' is from *Wisden cricketers almanac*, London 1939, 202. Australians in England is *ibid*, 195-202; test averages are *ibid*, 203-4; test descriptions are *ibid*, 218-21, 224-7, 232-5, 243-6.
- 384-5 For Bradman's statistics and no 'waning of his powers' see *ibid*, 196. For Bradman writing on the tour see A.G. Moyes, *Bradman*, Sydney 1948, 27, and for the wives on tour controversy see *ibid*, 116-18.
- 385 For the increasing professionalisation of cricket see D. Bradman, *My cricketing life*, London 1938, 28, and *Wisden*, 42-3.
- For Bradman's attitude to a sticky wicket see Moyes, *Bradman*, 187.
- 386 For the number of radio sets see *CYB*, 1939, 171. For 'synthetic' calls see K.S. Inglis, *This is the ABC. The Australian Broadcasting Commission 1932-1983*, Melbourne 1983, 37-8.
- For Hughes and Bradman see *Argus*, 8 Mar.
- FAR FROM THE CROWD
Don Dickson
- 386-7 For rifle shooting, hockey and holiday sports, see *Northern Standard*, 1 Feb, 12 Apr, 24 May, 5 July, 13 Sept; for boxing see *ibid*, 8, 19 July, 16, 20 Sept, 4 Nov; horseracing acceptances and results appeared in each issue.
- 387 Links between sports and occupational groups are from Don Bonson interviewed by D. Dickson 8 Mar 1983, Heather Harris interviewed by D. Dickson 1 June 1983, McGinness 5905, Scott 5901, OHP, and *Northern Standard*, 26 Jan 1937. Population figures are in *Report on the administration of the Northern Territory for the year 1937-38 (Annual Report)* 1921-40, 10, 26, and players counted in published lists in *Northern Standard*.
- For holiday sports see *Northern Standard*, 1 Feb, 5 July, 13 Sept. The Wacko Maroo incident was reported *ibid*, 1, 8, 27 Feb and 1, 8 Mar.
- 387-8 Notes on golf club and fees from Harris interview; Darwin basic wage from court evidence, *Northern Standard*, 3 May. 'Golf Notes' were recorded regularly *ibid*, but see 8 July, 4 Oct, 8 Nov. The clubhouse joke is *ibid*, 26 July. For tennis see *ibid*, 15, 26, 29 Apr, 3 May and Harris interview.
- 388 Saturday cricket scores and descriptions appeared in *Northern Standard* on the Tuesday or Friday following. For the special Sunday match see *ibid*, 2 Sept; for the last match score sheet, 14 Oct. Bradman stories appeared *ibid*, 11 Jan, 11 Feb, 29 Apr, 3, 27 May, 12, 19, 26 July, 9 Sept. Comment on ABC broadcast is *ibid*, 26 July.
- 388-9 The description of the oval and its impact on players is from Bonson interview, and *Northern Standard*, 29 Dec 1933, 19 Nov, 7 Dec 1937. For teams and members' occupations see *ibid*, 26 Jan, 5 Nov 1937, Bonson interview, Scott 5901, OHP, and letter from R.S. Leydin to D. Dickson, 29 May 1983. The premierships positions are from *Northern Territory News*, 25 Mar 1983. Early games are reported in *Northern Standard*, 23, 30 Nov 1937. For the fifth game and comments see *ibid*, 21 Dec 1937. For biographical details of Bob Murray see *Northern Standard*, 11 Dec 1928, 11, 15 Jan 1929, 7 Nov 1934, 26 Jan 1937, 4 Feb, 2 Aug; his contributions to *Northern Standard*, are from 1 Mar, 22, 25 Feb, 1 Mar. For reports of finals see *ibid*, 5, 12 Apr.
- 389 For class and race see Bonson interview, McGinness 5905, Scott 5901, Uren 5906, OHP; for Cook's policy see NT *Annual report*, 1937-38, 24; for Aborigines at picture theatre see NT GG, 14 Jan.
26. SUNDAY MATTERS
F. B. Smith
- 391-2 Much of the detail about what Australians did on Sundays comes from conversations with my mother, Mrs M.B. Smith, who was living in Oakleigh, Melbourne, in 1938. The estimates for telephones, wireless receivers and automobiles are taken from the *CYB*, 1939, 168-9, 171, 132-3. The ban on mowing is from Weise 4020, OHP. Sunday visiting is from Brennan 2028, OHP and from a conversation with Allan Martin, Apr 1984.
- 392 For English Sunday observance legislation see J. Wigley, *The rise and fall of the Victorian Sunday*, Manchester 1980. For the Australian legislation see the *Statutes at large* of the six states. Sunday soccer is from W. Wand, *Changeful page*, London 1965, 120-1; tennis is from recollections of Mr T.F. Mau, Richmond, NSW, conveyed by his daughter Mrs Pauline Barratt, Apr 1984.
- 393 Lee's comment is reported in *Argus*, 25 July.
- 393-4 Religious affiliation is calculated from the *Census of the Commonwealth of Australia*, 30 June 1933, vol 3, 144-5.
- 394 Calculations of church attendance from W. Phillips, 'Religious profession and practice in NSW, 1850-1901: the statistical evidence', *Historical studies* 15/59, 1972, 374-400.
- The fall in Victorian Anglican attendance is discussed in *Argus*, Jan and throughout the year in the *Church of England Messenger*. For Adelaide see *Year-book of the Adelaide diocese of the Church of England*, 1938-39, 93-7.
- Presbyterian anxieties about falling attendances are reported in the *Presbyterian Messenger*, 8 July 1938 and in F. Maxwell Bradshaw, *Rural village to urban surge, Hawthorn Presbyterian Church*, Melbourne 1964, 98-101.
- 394-5 These calculations are made from *Census*, 1933, vol 3, 141-7.
- 395 The descriptions of services are derived from Bradshaw, *Rural village*, 96-7; R.E. Wade, *The Methodists of Wagga and district*, Wagga Wagga 1980, 187; *The living church*, (Wangaratta Anglican diocesan magazine) 1 Jan 1938; J. Wischer (ed), *The Presbyterians of Toorak*, Melbourne 1975, 77; E. Campion, *Rockchoppers: growing up Catholic in Australia*, Melbourne 1982, 56-8; the recollections of C. Wilfrid Mader interviewed by Bernie O'Neil, 5 Dec 1983; and from Booth 6415, Innes 5023, Kroker 3320, Vincent 6301, Murray 2003, O'Reilly 2013, Holt 2307, Maurer 2004, OHP. Simonds' revelation is smugly reported in the *Church of England Messenger*, 12 Aug 1938, 380.
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- 396 The change at Mordialloc is lamented in *Link*, June 1938.
- 397 The Brisbane camps are described by N.F. Nelson, *To help them find their feet*, Brisbane 1966, 20-2, 47. Jamison's advice is in his *Life problems*, Melbourne 1933, 15.
- For representative accounts of Protestant parish sporting teams see Anon, *Celebrating 75 years of happy service: Lygon Street Church of Christ*, Melbourne 1940, 10-11; Anon, *Hurstville Methodist Church*, Sydney 1953, 21; and *Victorian Independent*, 1 Feb 1938, 27-38.

- 397-8 Parish activities at Croydon North are in *Victorian Independent*, 1 June, 1 Aug 1938, 120, 159. The Epping Street Methodists are from W.H. Bossence, *Epping Street*, Melbourne 1978, 59. The life events of the Seddon Congregationalists are in *Victorian Independent*, 1 June 1938, 15.
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