

# DECEMBER

**1 December** Former Qld premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen began giving evidence before the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld. He admitted taking large cash political donations from anonymous sources. Some of the donations were not paid directly to the National Party, but placed in a fund to maintain his support within the party. He also admitted intervening in police investigations.

**1 December** Federal opposition leader John Howard outlined his 'One Australia' policy at a congress on multiculturalism organised by the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia in Canberra.

**1 December** Health Minister Neal Blewett launched the federal government's \$1.8 million advertising campaign against AIDS in Sydney on World AIDS Day. The campaign was aimed at discouraging sexually active people aged between 16 and 24 from practising unsafe sex. Memorial services were held throughout Australia for people who had died from AIDS.



*Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen attracted much media attention during his week of evidence before the Fitzgerald Inquiry.*  
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*The December AIDS advertising campaign was aimed at the heterosexual population of Australia. It encouraged the sexually active to practise safe sex.*

NACAIDS

LLOYD REES 1895-1988

**1 December** Artist Lloyd Rees died aged 93 in Hobart. Known for the use of light in his works, Rees had first acquired a reputation as a lithographer in the 1920s. After a period spent in Europe he held his first exhibition in 1931 in Sydney. In 1932 he was elected a member of the Society of Artists. In 1937-38 he won the Silver Medal for drawing at the Paris Exhibition and his paintings were acquired by the National Gallery of Victoria and the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Still painting three days before his death, he put the final glaze over an oil painting *Sydney Harbour vision*. Committed to protecting the landscapes he painted he had addressed an anti-woodchip rally outside the ALP national conference in Hobart in June. In November he was seated between the prime minister and the governor-general at the bicentenary dinner honouring 200 'great Australians'. An exhibition of Lloyd Rees lithographs *A tribute to light* was opened by Neville Wran in Sydney on 9 December.



Above. *Ninety-three year old artist Lloyd Rees. Photograph by Michel Lawrence.*

Right. *Lloyd Rees, Summer evening, Tasmania 1986. Photograph by Henry Jolles. AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES, MELBOURNE*

**1 December** President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Marcus Einfeld ruled that sexually orientated jokes without consent or invitation, sexually explicit or implicit cartoons, photographs displaying naked bodies and lewd magazines in the workplace were unlawful under the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act. The ruling was part of a judgment handed down against a factory owner, Frederick Everitt, who was also found guilty of sexually assaulting two female employees.

**1 December** The House of Representatives standing committee on the environment, recreation and the arts tabled a recommendation that Australia should not have food irradiation, a process that extends the shelf life of food.

**1 December** Western Australian Environment Minister Barry Hodge gave provisional approval for the oil explorer Minora Resources

NL to drill for oil in Exmouth Gulf, WA, an area close to Australia's second-largest coral reef.

**1 December** Olympic gold medallist Debbie Flintoff-King was named Australian Sports-woman of the Year at a presentation in Sydney.

**2 December** The commission of inquiry into allegations against judges Angelo Vasta and Eric Pratt, arising from evidence at the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld, opened for an initial procedural hearing. Commissioner Sir Harry Gibbs adjourned the hearing until 6 February 1989.

**2 December** The director of the National Gallery of Victoria, Rodney Wilson, resigned after ten months in the position.

**2 December** The deputy leader of the Australian Democrats, Michael Macklin, warned that the tertiary tuition fee payable under the Higher Education Funding Bill could be



declared illegal if challenged in the High Court.

**2 December** Victorian Premier John Cain named the 19-member Olympics for Melbourne Committee to be headed by John Ralph, chief executive of CRA Ltd. On 5 December Cain flew to Vienna to present Melbourne's candidacy for the 1996 Olympic Games to the International Olympic Committee. The final decision would be made in September 1990.

**2 December** Bill Sweetenham announced he would resign as head swimming coach of the Australian Institute of Sport in 1992. Sweetenham had resigned as national head coach of Australian Swimming Incorporated after the Seoul Olympics.

**2-3 December** Descendants of the people involved in the Eureka Stockade held a reunion at Ballarat, Victoria. On 3 December 1854 five soldiers and thirty miners were killed when police and troops stormed the stockade built by



*Val D'Angri hoists the Eureka flag at Ballarat among local children. D'Angri is a descendant of the woman who sewed the 1854 flag. Age, 3 December 1988.*

gold miners, who were resisting the government's attempts to enforce a licensing system.

**2-6 December** The West Indies defeated the Australian men's cricket team by 169 runs in the second cricket test match in Perth. Australian bowler Merv Hughes took a hat-trick.

**3-4 December** More than 300 Aborigines rioted at the Northern Territory Aboriginal settlement Port Keats, 250 kilometres southwest of Darwin. Aborigines stormed the local social-club, which had a community-imposed limit of four cans of alcohol per person per day, and allegedly stole 400 cartons of beer.

**4 December** The eight staff of the Yugoslav consulate-general in Sydney and their families left Australia. The federal government had closed the consulate on 2 December after it refused to hand over the security guard who shot Josef Tokic on 27 November. On 6 December Yugoslavia expelled three Australian staff from Belgrade in retaliation.

**4 December** A seventeen-year-old Australian woman Simone Cerqueira was allegedly tortured and murdered by Brazilian police during a holiday in Rio de Janeiro. On 15 December two Brazilian military police officers were charged with her murder.

**4 December** Federal opposition leader John Howard launched the coalition policy document

'Future directions; it's time for plain thinking' in Sydney. The 109-page document advocated a return to conservative 'family' values, more personal incentive and a commitment to 'One Australia'. It was part of a campaign leading up to a federal election in 1989.

**4 December** Peter Dowling was charged in the ACT Magistrates' Court with the murder of Queanbeyan woman Bente Mosessen. He was remanded in custody until April 1989.

**4 December** Minister for Trade Negotiations Michael Duffy chaired the 13-member Cairns group, which comprises Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Third World countries, at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in Montreal. The meetings were adjourned until April 1989.

**4 December** Australian Rodger Davis won the \$1.5 million Bicentennial Golf Classic at Royal Melbourne Golf Course.

**5 December** A fifty-metre scroll depicting the history of the Chinese people in Australia, *Harvest of endurance*, by artists Mo Xiangyi and Wang Jingwen, was unveiled at the Museum of Chinese-Australian History in Melbourne. The scroll's three sections depicted the hardships of gold, agriculture and commerce; the anti-Asian sentiment from the 1880s to the 1950s; and the



*The scroll Harvest of endurance by Chinese artists Mo Xiangyi and Wang Jingwen.*  
MUSEUM OF CHINESE-AUSTRALIAN HISTORY, MELBOURNE

subsequent decline of discrimination. The scroll would be lent to China in 1992.

**5 December** In federal parliament the opposition renewed pressure on Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gerry Hand to resign over misleading parliament on funding for the National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organisation.

**5 December** National president of the RSL Alf Garland called on the government to screen Australia's Japanese tourist intake for World War II criminals.

**5 December** Molecular biologist Nick Gough was awarded the Burnet Prize by the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, for his work in cloning the gene for a hormone called leukaemia inhibitory factor.

**5 December** Syria rejected Australia's proposed ambassador to Damascus, Richard Gate, because of his previous diplomatic service in Israel.

**5 December** The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission announced a national inquiry into racist violence to be conducted by the federal race discrimination commissioner, Irene Moss. The commission would accept submissions until 31 May 1989.

**6 December** Federal cabinet reduced the level of business migration for 1989-90 by 2000, and added that number to the family reunion program. The annual migration figure would remain at 140 000 people.

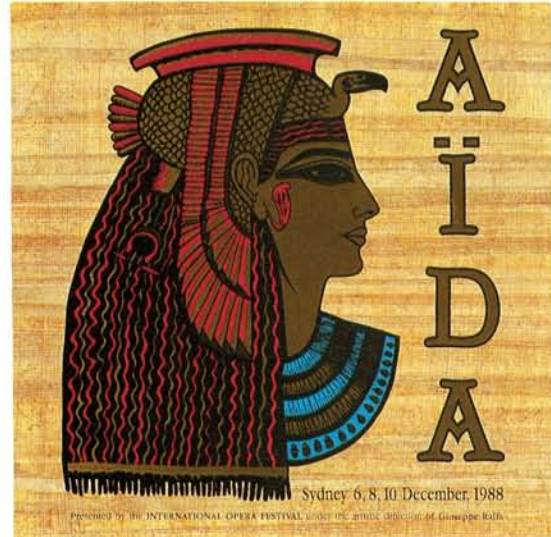
**6 December** The chief political correspondent of the Melbourne *Age*, Michelle Grattan, won the Graham Perkin Award for the Australian Journalist of the Year.

**6 December** Egypt contracted to buy 1.85 million tonnes of Australian wheat in 1989, 350 000 tonnes more than in 1988. The sale would make Egypt Australia's largest customer, ahead of Iraq and Iran.

**6 December** In a 6-1 majority the High Court ruled that an Aboriginal artist Louis Davis could sell t-shirts featuring the words '200 years of suppression and depression'. The

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act prohibited the use of the expression '200 years'. The court ruled that the section of the act referring to the expression was invalid.

**6 December** The Department of Employment, Education and Training released the report *Industry training in Australia*. It recommended more training by small firms and increased training of women to broaden and raise the national skills base.



Souvenir program cover for *Aida*.  
BRIAN NEBENZAHL/PLAYBILL PTY LTD

**6 December** The first of three performances at the Sydney Football Stadium of Verdi's *Aida* was held. The production featured elephants, camels and other animals in the Triumphal March and a cast of more than one thousand. Ticket prices ranged from \$30 to \$200.

**7 December** Independent WA Senator Jo Vallentine introduced a bill into the Senate to ban children's television programs featuring acts of violence and war toys.

**7 December** The full bench of the SA Supreme Court reduced the damages awarded against former SA health minister John Cornwall on 4 August from \$150 000 to \$50 000.

**7 December** Eleven Aboriginal women aged between 16 and 18 were recruited for a police cadet training program in Western Australia. The state police force contained no Aboriginal women.

**7 December** Former ambassador for disarmament, Richard Butler, was named as Australia's new ambassador to Thailand.

**7 December** Three women graduated as firefighters with the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Previously only Sydney and Adelaide employed women as firefighters.

**7 December** In an inquiry into the death of Bill Vandenberg, the convicted killer of Megan Kalajzich, Coroner Kevin Waller found that Vandenberg had hanged himself in his gaol cell.

**7 December** The West German women's tennis team defeated Australia in the quarter-finals of the Federation Cup at Flinders Park, Melbourne.

**8 December** The World Heritage Committee meeting in Brazil voted unanimously to officially place 8943 square kilometres of Qld rainforest located between Townsville and Cooktown, known as the 'Wet tropics of Queensland' on the World Heritage List. It became Australia's eighth World Heritage site.

**8 December** The High Court ruled that the Family Court should not grant custody or access to a parent if it would expose the child 'to an unacceptable risk of sexual abuse'. It ruled that it was not necessary to find that sexual abuse had occurred in the past.

**8 December** Immigration Minister Robert Ray announced the government's response to the FitzGerald report on Australia's immigration policies, *Immigration — a commitment to Australia*. The government decided to maintain the migrant intake at the 1988 level of 140 000; to change the migration selection system to narrow the definition of family migration; and to establish a \$4 million bureau to research the impact and benefits of immigration.

**8 December** Sydney writer Frank Moorhouse received the \$3000 *Age* Book of the Year Award for his novel *Forty-seventeen*, published by Viking. The \$3000 non-fiction award went to Robin Gerster, *Big-noting: the heroic theme in Australian war writing*, published by Melbourne University Press.

**8 December** Sydney artist Lise Floistad won the \$10 000 Blake Prize for religious art for her



*Virginia Bell (left), Michelle Field and Jacky Segger of the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Photograph by John Lamb, Age, 8 December 1988.*

painting *The sign is a hidden treasure which desires to be known.*

**8 December** In a 4-3 majority the High Court ruled that States and Territories could not make laws to abolish Aboriginal land rights retrospectively.

**8 December** The Australian Bureau of Statistics released figures which revealed that the unemployment rate was 6.7 per cent at the end of November.

**9 December** The Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld finished taking evidence. It would reconvene in February 1989 to hear submissions on the content of the final report. The inquiry, which began in July 1987, heard 340 witnesses, produced 21 000 pages of transcript and prepared 2188 exhibits.

**9 December** Provisional liquidators of the Western Australian merchant bank Rothwells Ltd revealed that the bank lost \$481 million in the 1987/88 financial year.

**9 December** Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women Senator Margaret Reynolds announced the establishment of a federal government committee to monitor media portrayal of women following a

public forum on women in advertising held in October.

**9 December** The SA Court of Appeal reduced the gaol sentence of former chief of the SA police drug squad Barry Moyse, convicted on drug-related charges, from 27 years to 21 years.

**9 December** The NSW Court of Criminal Appeal ruled that the magistrate at the May committal hearing of Al Grassby exceeded his authority when he permanently stayed the charge against him of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

**9 December** The Australian Electoral Commission proposed the abolition of the federal Vic seats of Henty and Streeeton in a redistribution.

**10 December** As part of International Human Rights Day the Australian Human Rights Medal for 1988 was presented to the Reverend Dorothy McMahon, an active critic of apartheid, by Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen in Sydney.

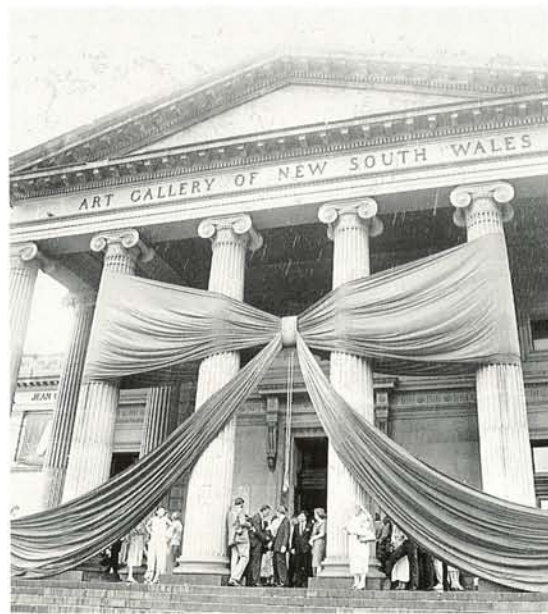
**10 December** The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal commenced an inquiry into the portrayal, presentation and reporting of violence on television. The tribunal was to report its findings by 31 August 1989.

**11 December** The 1988 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the United Nations peace-keeping forces. Some of the 1500 Australians who had served in the forces met in Sydney to mark the occasion and remember the three Australians killed while on duty.

**11 December** A report released by the Australian Institute of Family Studies *On the outside* estimated that 17 000 people aged between 15 and 19 are homeless in Australia.

**11 December** More than 500 people were evacuated from their homes in Lara, Vic, after torrential rain caused flooding. The rain destroyed a third of Victoria's wheat crop estimated to be worth \$6.2 million.

**11 December** The NSW premier, Nick Greiner, officially opened the new \$25 million wing at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.



*The be-ribboned main entrance to the Art Gallery of New South Wales decorated for the opening of the \$25 million extension. Australian, 12 December 1988.*

**12 December** The opposition leader in the Senate, Fred Chaney, announced he would stand for the House of Representatives seat of Pearce at the next federal election.

**12 December** Marise Payne was elected national president of the Young Liberal Movement, the first woman to hold that position.

**12 December** The Victorian Football League issued a licence to a consortium fronted by Mike Willesee to run the Sydney Swans Australian Rules football team. The sale was stalled by an action in the Federal Court on 16 December.

**13 December** A British documentary on Australian Aborigines by ITV's *World in action* program, entitled *Down under and dying*, was screened in Britain. The program stated that black people in custody in Australia died at a rate thirteen times higher than those in South Africa. The program ended with the comment from an Aboriginal woman that 'they all say we are equal in Australia but we are not — we are classed as second class citizens.'

**13 December** The unemployment benefit for single adults rose by \$3.90 to \$116 per week.

**13 December** A statement issued by Australia's 42 Catholic bishops described AIDS as 'a symptom of a moral disease damaging national life' and cited homosexual sexual practices as the main cause of transmission, 'heterosexual spread of the contagion can often be traced to earlier infection of the transmitting partner through homosexual practices.'

**13 December** Queensland Premier Mike Ahern announced the twelve-month appointment of Doug Drummond as a special prosecutor to launch criminal actions against people targeted by the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld under a new Special Prosecutions Act. Drummond was formerly the senior counsel assisting Fitzgerald at the inquiry.

**13 December** The chief executive of FAI Insurances Ltd, Larry Adler, died aged 57 in Sydney. FAI, an Australasian insurance business, is listed on four continents and has more than \$2 billion in gross assets.

**13 December** Attorney-General Lionel Bowen announced that Michael McHugh of the NSW Supreme Court would replace Sir Ronald Wilson on the High Court in February 1989.

**13 December** Federal cabinet agreed in principle to increase science funding in Australia. Funding had been cut in the August budget.

**13 December** Twelve Australians were inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The twelve are Frank Burge, Alan Davidson, Frank Dempsey, David Forbes, Joe Marston, Judy Pollock, Bob Pratt, Noel Ryan, Fred Stolle, Don Tallon, Beverley Whitfield and Jack Young.

**14 December** The Higher Education Funding Bill providing for the controversial \$1800 graduate tax was passed by the Senate.

**14 December** The Tas ALP voted to replace their leader Neil Batt with deputy leader Michael Field in the lead up to a 1989 State election.

**14 December** Primary Industries Minister John Kerin announced the federal government's changes to Australia's \$2.5 billion wheat indus-

try including plans to end the domestic wheat marketing monopoly held by the Australian Wheat Board and the opening of the market to private competition.

**14 December** Administrators at the Art Gallery of New South Wales disqualified Sir Sidney Nolan's entry for the Archibald Prize after fellow artist Vladas Meskenas challenged his eligibility in the NSW Supreme Court. Nolan had not been resident in Australia for the twelve months prior to the competition as required by the rules.

**14 December** The Federal Court approved an application by Bond Corporation for an extension of time to sell media assets acquired during the Bell Group takeover to avoid breaching the cross-media ownership provisions of the Broadcasting Act. The court extended the deadline from 31 December 1988 to 31 January 1989.

**14 December** Melbourne lawyer Pierre Mark Le Grand was appointed to head the National Crime Authority's inquiry into criminal activity in South Australia. The inquiry was expected to commence public hearings in February 1989.

**14 December** Australia's largest circulation foreign-language newspaper, the Italian *Il Globo*, criticised the government's new immigration program, stating 'Bicentenary or no Bicentenary, never has Australia been so far away, so cold, inhospitable and so low in application and consequences as it is today for the European community.'

**14 December** Administrative Services Minister Stewart West announced the completion of the topographic mapping of Australia at a scale 1:100 000. The mapping began in 1965.

**15 December** Health Minister Neal Blewett announced the signing of a voluntary agreement between cigarette manufacturers and the government to reduce nicotine and tar levels in Australian cigarettes. Australians smoke 34 billion cigarettes per year.

**15 December** Brisbane tourist Michael Henderson was shot by Vanuatu police after the car he was travelling in passed through a roadblock in Port Vila.





*Officer Cadet Karen Webb graduated top of the class from the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra. Australian, 16 December 1988.*

**15 December** Three of the four awards for graduating Australian Defence Force Academy cadets were won by women, including the most prestigious award, the Commander-in-Chief Medal, awarded to Karen Webb.

**15 December** More than 2000 metal workers in Melbourne commenced a week-long strike in support of a pay claim.

**15 December** Six months after his original visit to Toomelah Aboriginal mission, the president of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Marcus Einfeld, returned

to review the living conditions of Aborigines. He noted some progress, including the building of 16 new houses.

**16 December** The Qld government appointed Gary Crooke as deputy commissioner to the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Queensland.

**16 December** Bond Media Ltd announced the sale of nine radio stations and the television station STW9 Perth.

**16 December** Anthony Farrell, charged with the murder of two police constables in Melbourne on 12 October, was remanded in custody to appear on 31 January 1989. On 30 December Victor Peirce was also charged with the murder.

**16 December** Victorian Minister for Planning and Environment Tom Roper approved an application for the demolition of the big dipper at Melbourne's Luna Park.

**16 December** The Australian Bureau of Statistics released figures which revealed that the current account deficit was \$1545 million.

**16 December** Ten people were killed when a light aircraft crashed after an electrical storm 40 kilometres east of Leonora, Western Australia.



*Marcus Einfeld suspended in a cherry-picker over the Toomelah Aboriginal mission. Age, 16 December 1988.*



John Beard by Fred Cress won both the Archibald Prize and the People's Archibald Prize. To celebrate the opening of the gallery extension the trustees invited the public to be judges.

ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

**16 December** Sydney artist Fred Cress won the \$20 000 Archibald Prize for his portrait of painter John Beard. He also won the \$5000 People's Archibald Prize. Elwyn Lynn won the Wynne Prize for his landscape *Fire and drought near old Junee*; Bob Marchant won the Sulman Prize for *Catching rabbits and yabbies at Five Mile Dam*; Suzanne Archer won the Pring Prize for *Towards the paddock at the Bundu*; and John Wolseley won the Trustees' Watercolour Prize for *The purple noon's transparent might*.

**17 December** The Vic amnesty to surrender illegal or unregistered guns ended. More than 1645 guns had been handed in.

**18 December** A Taronga Park Zoo senior carnivore keeper, Victoria Scrivener, died from injuries she received in an attack by two adult Sumatran tigers the previous day. The attack was believed to have occurred when she tried to separate the female tiger from her two cubs.

**18 December** The Australian women's cricket team defeated Great Britain by eight wickets in the final of the Bicentennial Women's World Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The World Cup had been contested by Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand, Ireland and the Netherlands.

**19 December** The Vic Department of Community Services launched a central register of child abuse cases in an effort to improve child welfare services.

**19 December** A Sydney girl was electrocuted in a backyard swimming pool when a power cable electrified the pool. On 26 December a second girl died from injuries received.

**19 December** A 16-year-old Sydney schoolboy was placed on a \$50 six-month good behaviour bond by Minda Children's Court for swearing at his teachers.

**20 December** The Senate passed the contentious War Crimes Amendment Bill after four days of debate. The legislation is designed to enable the trial of people now living in Australia who committed war crimes during World War II.

**20 December** The final report tabled in the Nauruan parliament by the Commission of Inquiry into the Rehabilitation of Nauru claimed that Australia, New Zealand and Britain should be responsible for rehabilitating the worked-out phosphate lands of Nauru at a cost of \$72 million.

**20 December** Hunter Valley coal miners voted to allow production to continue over the Christmas holiday period for the first time in fifty years.

**21 December** The House of Representatives was recalled for one day after the Senate amended a number of bills that had to be passed in order to make available essential funds for schools and higher education institutions. The House had risen on 1 December.

Opposite. Poster for the World Cup women's cricket competition. The final was televised live on ABC television.

AWCC (AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CRICKET COUNCIL)

# Shell BICENTENNIAL WORLD CUP

PERTH  
NOV. 29-30

SYDNEY  
DEC. 3-6

CANBERRA  
DEC. 7

MELBOURNE  
DEC. 9-18



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SPORT 88

**21 December** The Vic parliament was recalled for the tabling of a report under parliamentary privilege on the Victorian Economic Development Corporation. The report was critical of Deputy Premier Robert Fordham who, as Minister for Industry, Technology and Resources, was responsible for the VEDC's \$111 million loss and alleged mismanagement.

**21 December** The NSW Supreme Court overturned a magistrate's decision on 15 July to dismiss conspiracy charges against Sydney businessperson Abe Saffron and former deputy police commissioner Bill Allen.

**21 December** The New Zealand government decided to sell Air New Zealand for \$490 million to a consortium consisting of a NZ based company Brierley Investments Ltd (35 per cent), Qantas (19.9 per cent), American Airlines (7.5 per cent) and Japan Air Lines (7.5 per cent). The remaining shares would be sold to the NZ public.

**21 December** The OECD's biannual *Economic outlook* was released in Paris. It predicted Australia's inflation rate would drop from 7 to 4.25 per cent by the middle of 1989.

**22 December** The NSW Supreme Court awarded Rick Johnstone, a former RAAF mechanic, \$679 500 for suffering from the effects of radiation during the Maralinga nuclear tests in 1956. Johnstone, the president of the Australian Nuclear Veterans Association, was the first person to receive damages for radiation sickness after working at the atomic testing site in South Australia.

**22 December** The federal government abolished sales tax on computer software, which was introduced in the August budget.

**22 December** The NT Supreme Court refused an application by the Aboriginal communities at Mutitjulu, Imampa and Amata to prevent the licensee of the Curtin Springs Roadhouse from selling takeaway alcohol. They claimed that the unrestricted sale of alcohol was causing problems in their communities.

**22 December** Minister for Transport and Communications Ralph Willis forced the resignation of the managing director of Overseas

Telecommunications Commission, George Maltby, after OTC awarded large pay rises to technicians and executives. Willis claimed the rises had 'major ramifications for the wage-setting system' as they could flow on to other sectors of the workforce and undermine the centralised wage-fixing system. OTC staff began a two-day strike in support of Maltby. On 23 December the chairperson of OTC Alan Coates resigned.

**22 December** Alan Bond revealed he was the buyer of Vincent Van Gogh's *Irises* for \$US49 million.

**23 December** Federal politicians accepted a recommendation from the Remuneration Tribunal to receive a \$112-per-week pay rise from 1 January 1989. The base salary for a member of parliament would rise from \$49 180 to \$55 000.

**23 December** The historian Professor Manning Clark, reflecting on the bicentennial year, stated: 'I think on the whole it has been very, very disappointing. We have missed the opportunity to have a good and serious look at what Australia stands for, to be reminded of the great dreams and visions of all the people who have come to this continent.'

**23 December** Journalists Brian Toohey and William Pinwill agreed in the Federal Court to a federal government submission to remove sensitive material from their forthcoming book *Oyster*, a history of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service.

**24-29 December** The West Indies defeated the Australian men's cricket team by 285 runs in the third test match in Melbourne.

**25 December** In her Christmas Day broadcast to Britain and the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth II referred to her part in the Australian bicentennial celebrations and the 'extraordinary developments which have taken place in Australia in the short space of 200 years.'

**25 December** The Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee and the Australian Committee of Directors and Principals in Advanced Education recommended self-regulation for tertiary institutions in their report on performance indicators.

**26 December** American-born theatre and television entertainer, Evie Hayes, who had been resident in Australia since 1947, died aged 77 in Melbourne.

**26 December** The Bureau of Air Safety Investigation stated that 60 deaths had occurred in civil aviation accidents in 1988. The average annual fatality rate (for the previous ten years) was 46 deaths.

**26 December** SBS television began screening *The bicentennial retrospective* a series of documentaries, shorts and specials on the bicentenary.

**26 December** A 119-boat fleet departed from Sydney Harbour in the annual AWA Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race. Bad weather forced the withdrawal of 37 yachts. *Ragamuffin* won the line honours and *Illusion* the handicap honours.

**27 December** Aboriginal magistrate Pat O'Shane described the bicentennial year as 'basically fireworks and champagne . . . In other words, a fizzer,' although she added, 'I think there has been a very great effort on the part of a great number of Australians to overcome racial prejudice.'

**28 December** The Muirhead Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody released its interim report based on the investigation of the first twenty deaths. Recommendations included legislation to ensure prison was used as a last resort for defaulters; the abolition of the offence of drunkenness; police to consider alternatives to detaining intoxicated people in police cells; police and prison departments to positively encourage recruitment of Aborigines; the close monitoring of people in custody for the first six hours; and a policy not to confine Aborigines alone in a cell. On 30 December the federal government proposed a national summit early in 1989 to discuss the implementation of the recommendations.

**29 December** Resources Minister Peter Cook approved a 15-year woodchipping export licence for the Japanese company Harris-Daishowa Ltd.

**29 December** The Vic Treasurer, Robert Jolly, disclosed that the Victorian Investment Corporation had lost \$9.5 million in the 1987/88 financial year.

**30 December** Five people drowned in treacherous seas along the NSW south coast.

**30 December** The Tas government announced an investigation into a fuel spill in the Derwent River, Hobart, during the refuelling of the polar supply ship *Gondwana* owned by the international environment group Greenpeace.

**31 December** The national road toll was 2876, 112 more than in 1987.

**31 December** Aboriginal Roderick Maher was found dead in the so-called 'suicide-proof' cell at the Geraldton police lock-up in Western Australia.

**31 December** More than eighteen thousand young people attended the official closing ceremony of the bicentennial celebrations at Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills. The ceremony coincided with the end of the fifteenth Australian Scout Jamboree. Prime Minister Bob Hawke announced that the government would give \$10 million to establish a Bicentennial Youth Foundation to help Australians aged between 16 and 25 develop their talents and contribute to Australia's future in fields such as the arts, commerce, industry, science, sport and community work.



Guests at the Great Mates Jamboree, Opposition Leader John Howard (left) and Prime Minister Bob Hawke see out the bicentennial year. Photograph by Brian Charlton, Age, 1 January 1989.



# ENDNOTES

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