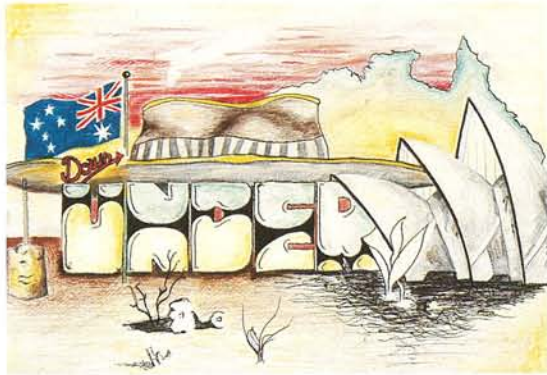


FEBRUARY



Above. Design by thirteen-year-old Barbara Laing of Edinburgh, Scotland.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA



Designs from the National Gallery of Victoria's exhibition Out of the artroom: from overseas: impressions. The exhibition was the result of a project initiated in March 1987 by the International Club of Broadmeadows Technical School, Vic, which corresponded with overseas schools to seek their 'impressions' of Australia.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA



Above. Thirteen-year-old Jan Koivunen from Suomi, Finland, produced this depiction of Australia.

Left. Design by fifteen-year-old Rory Pierce of Edinburgh, Scotland.

1 February Aboriginal prisoners in Yatala Labour Prison, Adelaide, went on strike over alleged harassment of witnesses due to appear before the Muirhead Royal Commission.

1 February Under the provisions of the 1986 Affirmative Action (Equal Opportunity for Women) Act, companies with 1000 or more employees were required to begin submitting reports on how they have implemented equal opportunity programs for women. Companies with between 500 and 999 employees were to begin introducing affirmative action programs.

1 February Queensland Premier Mike Ahern announced a \$6 million feasibility study for a privately-run space base at Cape York Peninsula.

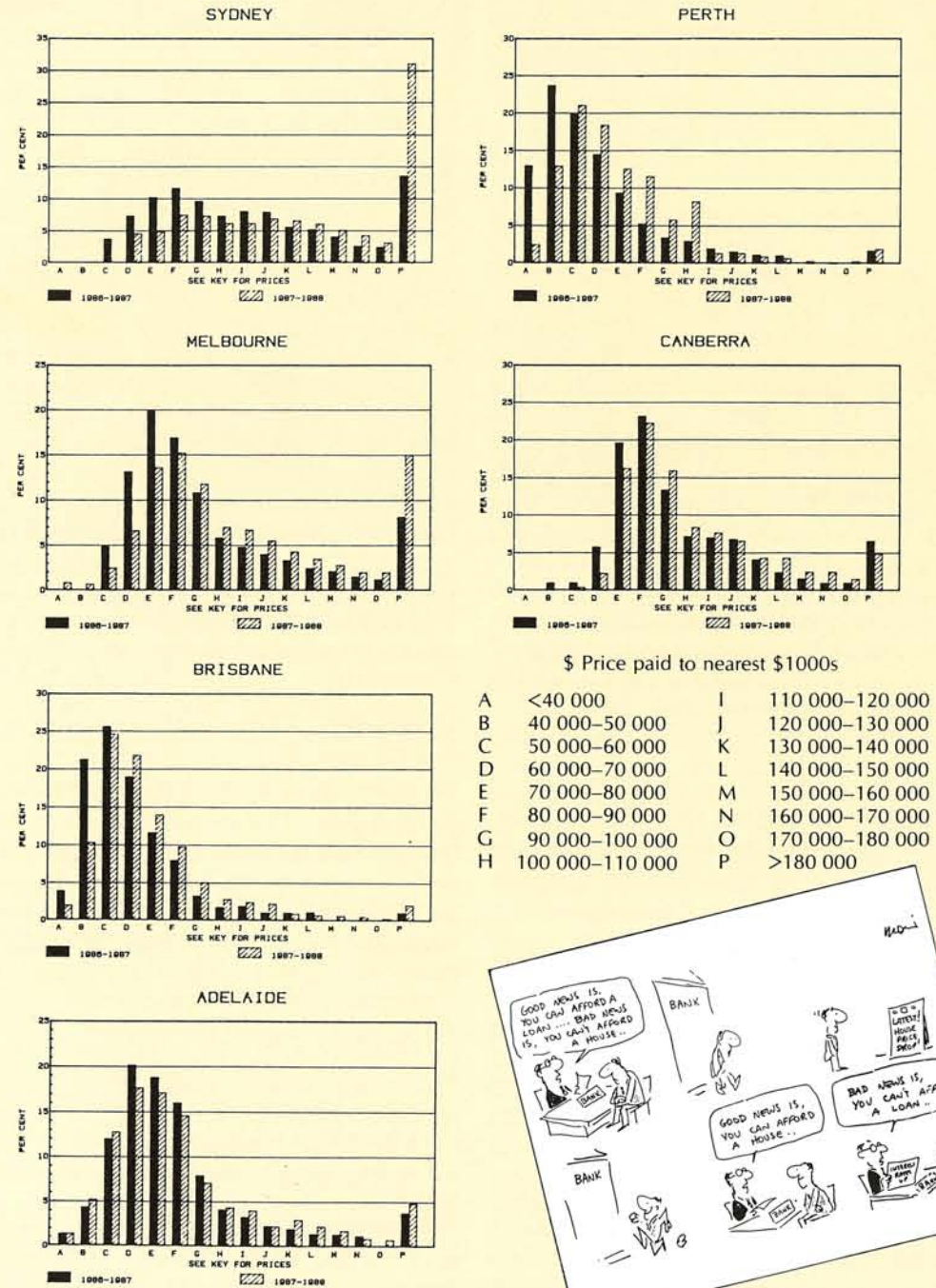
1 February Thirteen protestors were arrested near Clumner Bluff in northwest Tasmania over the federal government's failure, despite assurances in June 1986, to use all its powers to protect National Estate values in Tasmania. The protest centred on an area partly registered on the National Estate near the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, 50 kilometres south of Devonport, where logging was taking place.

1 February The Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs heard evidence that approximately 430 people were being investigated for alleged war crimes by the federal government's special investigation unit.

1 February The Prison Officers' Association of Australia rejected Health Minister Neal Blewett's call for the distribution of condoms in prisons to help prevent the spread of AIDS.

HOUSING

Established houses Established house prices rose in all capital cities during 1987-88, with Sydney and Melbourne experiencing the largest increases. Sydney prices increased most, stimulated in part by the extremely tight rental market and scarcity of listings. Illustrated below are the relative distribution of established house sales by price reported in both 1986-87 and 1987-88.



Cartoon by Leunig.
Age, 18 June 1988.



'Going once, going twice, SOLD for ninety-seven thousand dollars! Congratulations sir, a bargain price for such a charming little letterbox. And now ladies and gentlemen, we move on to item number two. The house!'

THREE-BEDROOM HOUSES

City	June Qtr 1986 \$	June Qtr 1987 \$	June Qtr* 1988 \$
Sydney	152	252	223
Melbourne	129	136	143
Brisbane	110	128	128
Adelaide	120	125	123
Perth	135*	123	130
Canberra	152	153	152
Hobart	—	—	85

MEDIAN WEEKLY RENTS TWO BEDROOM UNITS/TOWNHOUSES

City	June Qtr 1986 \$	June Qtr 1987 \$	June Qtr* 1988 \$
Sydney	110	154	157
Melbourne	94	97	110
Brisbane	82	88	107
Adelaide	91	89	90
Perth	80	95	97
Canberra	144	129	130
Hobart	—	—	120

* Rent levels for the June Qtr 1988 are realised rents. In previous years, data referred to asking rents.
* Small sample.

1 February Ted Hill, one of Australia's best-known communists and left-wing lawyers, died aged seventy-three. Hill represented the Communist Party of Australia during the Petrov Royal Commission (1954) and successfully challenged the Menzies government's Communist Party Dissolution Bill (1950), which outlawed the Communist party.

2 February The Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld began hearing evidence in Brisbane. Evidence was presented suggesting that suspended Qld police commissioner Sir Terence Lewis, senior members of Qld's police force and police ministers were aware of corruption within the police department's Licensing Branch, which deals with prostitution, SP betting and illegal gambling. The inquiry, headed by Gerald Fitzgerald, former judge of the Federal Court, commenced substantive hearings on 27 July 1987 with evidence from Sir Terence Lewis, who denied that Queensland's police force harboured corruption. The inquiry is expected to hand down its report in May 1989.

2 February In a joint submission to the Committee to Advise on Australia's Immigration Policies headed by Stephen FitzGerald, Australia's former Ambassador to China, the Australian Chamber of Manufactures and the Chamber of Manufactures of NSW argued for

an increase in immigrants with business and other skills.

2 February Architect Harry Seidler handed over Rose Seidler House on Sydney's north shore to the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales. Designed by Seidler in the 1950s, it is an example of early modern home design.

2 February At a meeting of the Commonwealth Committee on Southern Africa in Lusaka, Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden put forward proposals to limit South Africa's access to the world's finance markets.

2 February In evidence to the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld, 'Mr Brown' alleged that former Qld Police and Racing Minister Russ Hinze had 'taken his pick' of the prostitutes at a Brisbane brothel and gambled at an illegal casino.

2-4 February Peter Brook's production of *The Mahabharata* was performed over three nights in the Boya Quarry on the outskirts of Perth. The epic narrative was recounted by thirty actors and five musicians.

3 February The Electoral Commission and the federal police began investigation of a \$10 000 donation to the Australian Labor Party from NSW south coast woodchip company Harris Daishowa (Australia) Pty Ltd. The company sent its donation to ALP National Presi-



Protestors demonstrate outside the Bondi Pavilion, Sydney, where Prime Minister Bob Hawke was officiating at a ceremony marking the two millionth immigrant to receive Australian citizenship. Photograph by Greg White, Sydney Morning Herald, 30 September 1988.

dent and Immigration Minister Mick Young on 11 June 1987. An accompanying letter specified that the donation was for campaign funds which, under the Electoral Act, must be declared. Young forwarded the donation to Stephen Loosley, secretary of the NSW ALP, who deposited it in the NSW ALP's administration account which is not subject to disclosure. Loosley accepted responsibility for the affair.

3 February The USSR became the first nuclear power to ratify the Treaty of Rarotonga, the South Pacific nuclear-free zone treaty.

3 February The public inquest into the deaths of teenage jackeroos James Annetts and Simon Amos resumed in Kununurra, Western Australia. The jackeroos had disappeared in December 1986 from the Nicholson and Sturt Creek stations, remote cattle stations in the Kimberleys, owned by the Sherwin Pastoral Group. Their skeletons were discovered on 27 April 1987 in the Great Sandy Desert, 400 kilometres south of the cattle stations. Amos had a suspected bullet hole in the skull. Coroner David McCann held the first sittings of the inquest in Perth in December 1987. On 7 February the inquest was adjourned.

4 February The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal refused to renew the licence for STW 9, Alan Bond's Perth-based television station, until it had considered the apparently contradictory evidence that Bond gave to the ABT in 1987, over the payment of \$400 000 to former Qld Premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen to settle a 1983 legal writ. Bond told the tribunal that 'at no stage during my negotiation with the Queensland Premier did I give any indication or state that any favours were being asked for, or should be given, as an adjunct to the settlement.' But in a Channel 9 interview, part of which went to air in January 1988, Bond told reporters 'certainly the Premier made it under no doubt that if we were going to continue to do business successfully in Queensland, then he expected [the writ] to be resolved.'

4 February Australia won the one-day Bicentennial men's cricket match against England by 22 runs, in Melbourne.

4-7 February The International Rodeo took place at the Tennis Centre, Kooyong, Melbourne. Events included saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, rodeo bullfighting and barrel racing.

5 February The Conciliation and Arbitration Commission awarded a \$6 a week national wage rise after a delay of nearly two months. The decision was the last to be handed down under the two-tier system of wage fixing. Under this system, which began in March 1987, unions had to agree to productivity increases before the 4 per cent second tier award would be granted.

5 February The board of management of Foundation 41 agreed to an independent inquiry into allegations of scientific fraud by gynaecologist and founder of Foundation 41 Dr William McBride. The ABC radio program *The science show* first broadcast the allegations that Dr McBride had tampered with the results of experiments to further his argument that Debendox, a drug commonly prescribed to pregnant women to control morning sickness, could cause congenital defects in babies similar to those caused by thalidomide.

5 February The Qld government ceased legal aid to Sir Terence Lewis and other senior police named in the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld.

5 February Owners of the ships taking part in the First Fleet Re-enactment sought assurance from the First Fleet Re-enactment Company that the outstanding charter fees would be paid. The company had suffered severe financial difficulties in 1987 but the Australian Bicentennial Authority, the radio station 2GB, through its 'Save the fleet fund', and a joint venture between Michael Edgely Holdings and the Hoyts Corporation injected funds totalling \$2.8 million. The agreement included a 'write-off clause' in the event that the First Fleet Re-enactment failed to make a profit.

5 February The federal government pledged \$100 million in aid over the next three years to six 'frontline' black African nations to help reduce their economic dependence on South Africa.



Among Indonesian fishing vessels to be confiscated during the year was the Km Ilahi, pictured here with its crew being towed to Broome, NT, after it was boarded by RAN officers from the patrol boat Gawler near the entrance to King Sound on 12 March. The Age, 14 March, 1988.

EMBARKATION

6 February 1788 'At 5 o'Clock this mornng. all things were got in order for landing the whole of the women & 3 of the Ships Long Boats came alongside us to receive them: previous to their quitting the Ship a strict search was made to try if any of the many things wh. they had stolen on board cd. be found, but their Artifice eluded the most strict search & abt. 6 O'Clock p.m. we had the long wish'd for pleasure of seeing the last of them leave the Ship — — They were dress'd in general very clean & some few amongst them might be sd. to be well dress'd. The Men Convicts got to them very soon after they landed, & it is beyond my abilities to give a just description of the Scene of Debauchery & Riot that ensued during the night. . .

'The Sailors in our Ship requested to have some Grog to make merry wt. upon the Women quitting the Ship indeed the Capt. himself had no small reason to rejoice upon their being all safely landed & given into the Care of the Governor, as he was under the penalty of 40 F for every Convict that was missing — — for wh. reason he comply'd wt. the Sailor's [sic] request, & abt. the time they began to be elevated, the Tempest came on — — The Scene wh. presented itself at this time & during the greater part of the night, beggars every description; some swearing, others quarrelling others singing, not in the least regarding the Tempest, tho' so violent that the thunder shook the Ship exceeded anything I ever before had a conception of. I never before experienced so uncomfortable a night expectg. every moment the Ship wd. be struck wt. the Lighteng. — — The Sailors almost all drunk & incapable of rendering much assistance had an accident happen'd & the heat was almost suffocating.'

MR BOWES, SURGEON OF THE *LADY PENRHYN*

5 February Customs and federal police officers seized an Indonesian fishing boat, *Rhmat kabaena*, near West Island north of Broome. It was one of a number of Indonesian vessels discovered sailing within Australia's territorial waters.

5-7 February The Bicentennial Cattle Drive took place in Tasmania. Two hundred cattle were mustered at the old family property *The den*, Mole Creek, near Devonport, and driven along the historic droving track to Borradaile Plain in the Mersey High Country.

5-8 February Australia defeated Mexico 3-2 in the first round of the Davis Cup tennis tournament in Mexico.

6 February The ALP lost the by-election for the federal seat of Adelaide, following the resignation of Chris Hurford on 31 December 1987 to take up the post of Australia's consul-general in New York.

6 February The fuel tank of the 160 000 tonne iron-ore bulk-carrier *Alexander Glen* began leaking at Port Walcott, WA, spreading oil for twenty kilometres.

6 February Charles Josef Berg, company director and chairperson of the Australian Opera 1974-86, died aged 70 in Sydney.

6 February Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden signed an agreement to provide \$6 million in emergency aid to Mozambique, bringing the total amount in aid to the country to \$9.5 million, for 1988.

6-9 February The 150th Royal Hobart Regatta was held on the Derwent River and the Queen's Domain, Hobart. The event, which included aquatic competitions, wood-chopping, aerobatic displays by the Roulettes and the Red Berets, a concert and fireworks, commemorated Abel Tasman's discovery of Tasmania in 1642.

7 February The Bicentennial Anniversary Service was held at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, to commemorate Australia's first Christian service conducted by the Reverend Richard Johnson on 3 February 1788. The

Anglican Primate, the Most Reverend Sir John Grindrod, expressed regret 'on behalf of all non-Aboriginal people of our Church . . . for the suffering that your people have had to endure, with its violence and hurt.'

7 February The first of three documentaries recording film maker and Australian journalist John Pilger's observations of Australian society in 1988 was screened. *The last dream* was preceded by a warning that the views expressed by Pilger were not necessarily those of the ABC. The last documentary implicated the CIA and Britain's overseas espionage agency MI6 in the downfall of the Whitlam Labor government in 1975.

7 February Prime Minister Bob Hawke withdrew his support for the proposal by Telecom Australia to introduce timed local telephone calls. His decision followed Labor's loss in the Adelaide by-election, which was largely fought on the telephone issue.

8 February Immigration Minister Mick Young resigned from parliament over the Harris Daishowa affair. Defence Minister Kim Beazley replaced him as government leader in the House of Representatives.

8 February A federal government report, *Life has never been easy*, indicated that isolation, inadequate essential services and poor home facilities were among the greatest problems faced by women in rural areas. The survey of approximately 14 000 women was conducted by the Office of the Status of Women and the Country Women's Association of Australia.

8 February The South Australian Electricity Trust signed an out-of-court settlement to compensate landowners for losses suffered in the 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires in southeast South Australia. The fire was allegedly caused by clashing powerlines although the Trust did not admit liability.

8 February Norway gave Australia the 12-metre gaff-rigged ketch *Kathleen Gillett* as its Bicentennial gift. Built in Sydney in the 1930s it sailed in the first Sydney-to-Hobart race in 1946. It will be moored alongside the *Akrana*, a Bicentennial gift from New Zealand, at the

Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

9 February Jack Herbert, a former Qld detective, was arrested in London on charges of alleged conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. Herbert left Australia in June 1987 after the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in Qld was announced.

9 February The government committee reviewing the role of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal began public hearings in Sydney.

9 February The Australian Bureau of Statistics released its study *Transition from education to work*, which showed that in 1987, 55 per cent of people aged fifteen to nineteen studied full-time compared with 48 per cent in 1983. There were 139 700 apprenticeships, 12.1 per cent of which were undertaken by women.

9 February Sir Charles Moses, general manager of the ABC from 1935 to 1965, died aged 88 in Sydney.

9 February The National Companies and Securities Commission failed in its attempt to prevent Larry Adler's FAI Insurances Ltd from selling its \$52 million Cumberland Credit Corporation shares to Ian Joye's Coronet Equities New Zealand Ltd.

10 February A Western Australian Interim Inquiry into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody made 32 recommendations including upgraded conditions in prisons, introduction of an Aboriginal visitor scheme and on-the-spot summons for non-violent offences. The report revealed that Aborigines comprise 2.7 per cent of the population but 35.6 per cent of the prison population.

12 February Warwick Capper, former Sydney Swans Australian Rules football player, signed a three-year contract with the Brisbane Bears worth in excess of \$400 000.

12 February Illegal immigrants Arthur Hempel and Laurence Etheredge, members of a US religious sect, failed in their High Court bid to remain in Australia. They had been held without trial since their arrival at Albany, WA, in January 1986 aboard an Israeli-owned

schooner *Oriana* with other members of their sect.

12 February John Fairfax Ltd rejected British media baron Robert Maxwell's \$1000 million bid for the Melbourne *Age* and the *Australian Financial Review*.

12 February The Aboriginal Development Commission criticised plans by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gerry Hand to restructure Aboriginal administration. His proposals included the establishment of a twelve-member Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commission, which would replace the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. The commission would be responsible to the minister and would also oversee functions administered by the Aboriginal Development Commission and the Institute of Aboriginal Studies.

12 February The Roman Catholic Church began its eighteen-month inquiry into the distribution of wealth in Australia. The Roman Catholic Bishops Committee for Justice, Development and Peace commissioned the inquiry.

12-15 February The Australian men's cricket team defeated Sri Lanka by an innings and 108 runs in a test match.

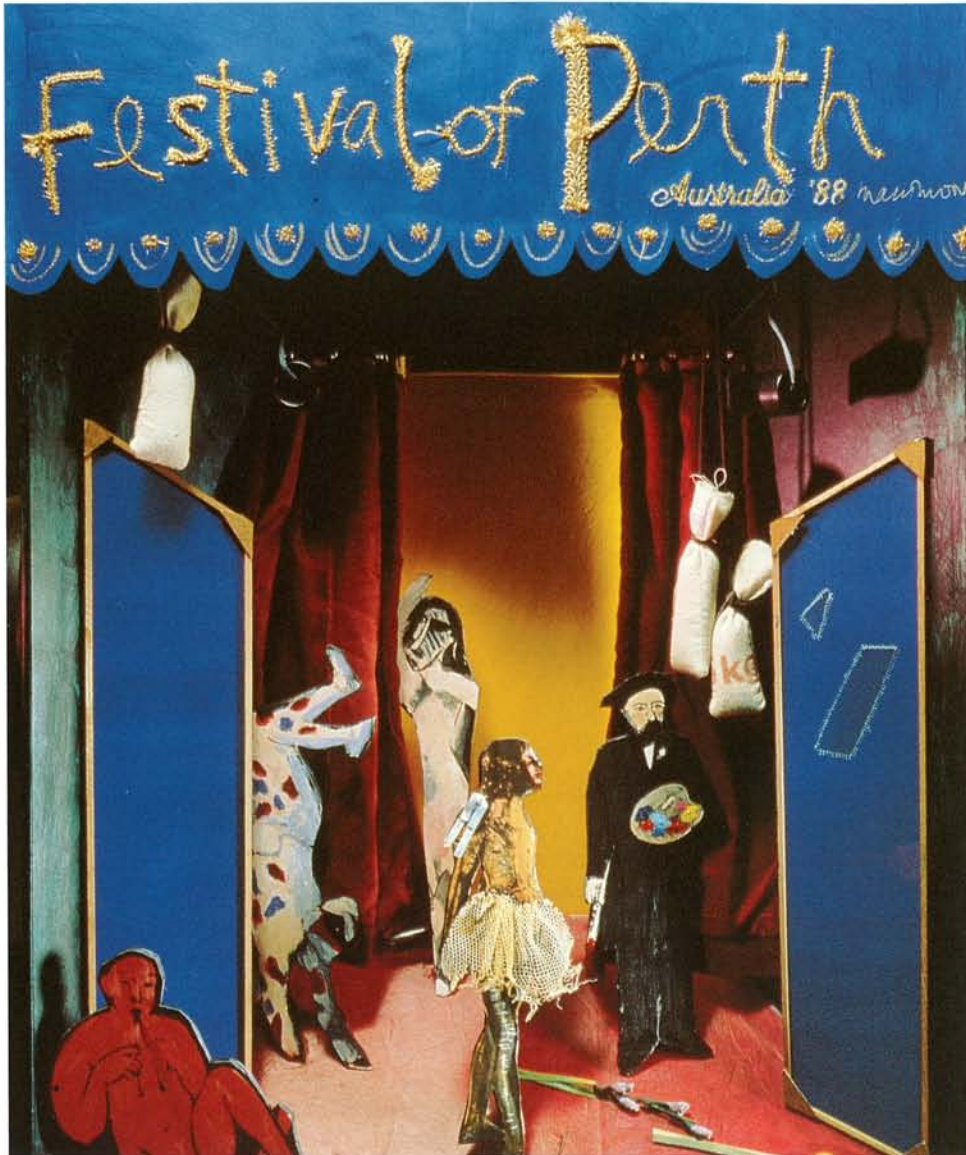
14-29 February Australia sent a seventeen-member team to compete in the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada. The Soviet Union headed the medal tally.

15 February Senator Nick Bolkus, aged 37, was appointed Minister for Consumer Affairs and Minister Assisting the Treasurer for Prices following the resignation of Mick Young.

15 February Sun Newspapers closed the morning *Daily Sun* and began a new afternoon newspaper the *Sun* in Brisbane. It succeeded the 115-year-old *Telegraph*, published by Queensland Newspapers, as Brisbane's only afternoon newspaper.

16 February R. (Peter) McAulay, former commissioner of the NT police, took up his appointment as federal police commissioner. He replaced Major General Ron Grey.

16 February James Finch was deported to London after serving 14 years of a life sentence. Finch was convicted for firebombing the Brisbane



1988 Festival of Perth poster, designed by Mary Moore.

FESTIVAL OF PERTH

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12 February The thirty-sixth Annual International Festival of Arts was officially opened in Perth by the WA governor, Professor Gordon Reid. Highlights included the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Twyla Tharp Dance from New York, John Williams, Kanze Noh Theatre from Japan and South Africa's Earth Players in the play *Bopha!* An exhibition *Old masters — new visions* at the Art Gallery of Western Australia featured masterpieces from the Phillips Collection, Washington, DC. The 1988 BHP Australian Television Festival, focusing on children and television, was held in conjunction with the festival, which closed on 6 March.

nightclub Whisky Au Go Go, which resulted in the deaths of 15 people.

16 February Donald Tait, aged 54, returned to Australia after spending more than three years in a Bangkok prison for possessing heroin.

16 February At a joint sitting of federal parliament, the third in its history, former ALP national secretary Bob McMullan was appointed Senator for the Australian Capital Territory.

16 February Radio National, the ABC's AM network, began broadcasting federal parliament, which had previously been transmitted on ABC metropolitan stations.

17 February The Chinese New Year began: the year of the dragon.

17 February *The Chinese warriors — secrets of an underground tomb* exhibition opened at the Museum of Chinese-Australian History in Melbourne. The twelve terracotta warriors, each about 45 centimetres high, date from the first century BC. They were uncovered in 1984 in the royal tomb of the Han dynasty in Jiangsu Province, Victoria's sister state. It was the first time they had been exhibited outside China.

17 February In the first of two releases, Australia Post issued a series of stamps on the theme 'living together', drawn by Australian cartoonists. The second series was released on 16 March.

17 February Western Australian Premier Brian Burke resigned after five years in office, to become Australia's ambassador to Ireland and the Vatican in July.

17 February Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen launched *Acts of parliament*, an official history of the Australian commonwealth parliament written by Gavin Souter.



Australia Post series of stamps Living together. AUSTRALIA POST

17 February Marion Sinclair, composer of the children's song *Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree* and a pioneer of the Australian Girl Guides organisation, died aged 91 in Adelaide.

17 February The Department of Social Security released its first video in an Aboriginal language for the Wik-mungkan community, at Aurukun on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula. The video outlines the department's services.

18 February Chris Anderson, Editor-in-Chief of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, was appointed Group Editorial Director of John Fairfax Ltd. Previously, he had resigned over the issue of editorial independence.

18-21 February The twenty-ninth International Skill Olympics was held at Darling Harbour, Sydney. Hosted by Work Skill Australia, nineteen nations competed in trade and other job categories.

FIRST CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

17 February 1788 'Major Ross sent down to ask if I would be so good as to let the Governor have our markee to take Sacremint in which I could not refuse, & I am happy that it is to be in my markee, never did it receive so much honour. I will keep this table also as long as I live for it is the first table that ever the Lord's Supper was eat of in this country.'

MARINE LIEUTENANT RALPH CLARK



Team members of the Bicentennial Everest Expedition reach the summit.

EVEREST EXPEDITION

19 February The Bicentennial Everest Expedition, led by Austin Brookes, began. It was the first attempt to climb Mt Everest without Nepalese guides. The twenty-one Australian climbers successfully reached the top on 25 May.



Photo-journalist Sorrel Wilby captured the progress of the expedition on film.

20 February An Australian film festival was held in Beijing and included the films *Crocodile Dundee*, *The man from Snowy River*, *Playing Beattie Bow* and *The empty beach*.

20 February *Barungin*, the third play in a trilogy by WA playwright Jack Davis, premiered at the Playhouse Theatre, Perth. The theme of the play is the loss of traditional Aboriginal survival skills under the introduction of alcohol and the impact of dispossession. It ends with a mourning recitation of the names of Aborigines who have died in custody since 1980. The other two plays in the trilogy are *The dreamers* (1982) and *No sugar* (1985).

20-21 February The Chung-Wah International Dragon Boat Festival Races were held on the Swan River, Perth.

21 February Queenslander Ian Baker-Finch won the Australian Masters golf tournament at Huntingdale, Melbourne.

21 February Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen presented the first National Engineering Excellence Awards at the opening of the Bicentennial Engineering Conference in Sydney. Winners included the Queensland Institute of Technology and the Universal Engineering Development Company for a computer-controlled sheet metal punch press; Australian Newsprint Mills for a new pulp mill plant in Tasmania; the Vic Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Connell Group for the Melbourne underground rail loop; the NSW Department of Public Works for its report *Management options for the Port Hacking marine delta*; Baulderstone, Hornibrook and the SA Department of Transport for Adelaide's guided busway system; and the Hydro-Electric Commission of Tasmania for the Pieman River Power Development scheme.

22 February Parents of a teenage boy who was granted a Children's Court order 'divorcing' his parents on the grounds of irreconcilable differences in September 1986, successfully challenged the order in the Supreme Court.

22 February Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden met with the US ambassador to Israel, Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhal Shamir and

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem to urge the resumption of peace talks.

23 February The federal opposition moved a censure motion against Health Minister Neal Blewett after his office gave a Labor backbencher confidential Medicare information on doctors who overcharged their patients.

23 February The federal government awarded a contract for the construction of a new embassy in Tokyo to Kumagai Gumi Co Ltd and Concrete Constructions (NSW) Pty Ltd, part of the MITA consortium. The building will be partly financed by the sale of approximately one third of the embassy's land and an apartment block to Kumagai Gumi.

23 February The Senate passed the Child Support Bill under which child maintenance payments set by the Family Court would be automatically deducted from the non-custodial parent's income from 1 June.

23 February Ford Motor Co of Australia Ltd announced that it would invest approximately \$2 billion in Australia over the next five years.

24 February Nance Wake-Forward, code named the White Mouse by the Gestapo, was awarded the *Croix d'officier de la Légion d'Honneur* for her work in the French resistance during World War II.

24 February Prime Minister Bob Hawke and French Defence Minister André Giraud, who was in Australia for the opening of the La Perouse Museum in Sydney, met in Canberra. The meeting formally ended a year-long freeze on ministerial contact imposed by the French government because of Australia's support for independent status for the French colony of New Caledonia.

25 February Peter Dowding took up office as WA premier following the resignation of Brian Burke. David Parker replaced retiring Deputy Premier Mal Bryce and backbenchers Dr Carmen Lawrence and Yvonne Henderson were elected to fill the ministerial vacancies created by the leadership change. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ernie Bridge was given the additional portfolio of Small Business.

FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS
NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS

25 February The annual Fellowship of Australian Writers National Literary Awards were presented in Melbourne. The Barbara Ramsden Award for the role of editorship in the production of an Australian book went to publisher's editors Jackie Yowell, Susan Hawthorne, Matthew Kelly, Sally Moss and Pat Mulcahy for Jessica Anderson's, *Stories from the warm zone and Sydney stories*. The C.J. Dennis Award for a work on an Australian subject was presented to Jan Taylor, *Evolution in the outback*. The Australian Natives' Association Literature Award for a work with an Australian theme went to Janette Turner Hospital for *Dislocations*. The Herb Thomas Literary Award for a published work of biography, autobiography or memoirs went to Brian Adams for *Sidney Nolan: such is life, a biography*. The Christina Stead Award went to Bill Cohen for *To my delight: the autobiography of Bill Cohen, a grandson of the Gumbangarri*. The Local History Award was presented to Richard Broome for *Coburg, between two creeks*. The Wilke Literary Award for a work of non-fiction published and wholly manufactured in Australia went to Manning Clark for *A history of Australia*, volume six. The Anne Elder Poetry Award went to Sarah Day for *A hunger to be less serious*.

	Australia		Victoria	
	1981 %	1986 %	1981 %	1986 %
<i>Christian</i>				
Anglican	26.1	23.9	20.3	17.8
Baptist	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.0
Catholic	26.0	26.1	27.8	27.5
Lutheran	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9
Methodist (Inc. Wesleyan)	3.4	—	2.4	—
Orthodox	2.9	2.7	4.5	4.4
Pentecostal	—	0.7	—	0.5
Presbyterian	4.4	3.6	4.6	3.4
Uniting Church	4.9	7.6	5.6	7.0
Other Christian	6.0	5.8	6.5	6.3
Total Christian	76.4	73.0	73.8	68.8
<i>Other religions</i>				
Buddhist	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.6
Hinduism	—	0.1	—	0.1
Jewish	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8
Muslim	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9
Other non-Christian	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Total other religions	1.4	2.0	1.9	2.6
<i>Others</i>				
Non-theistic	—	0.0	—	0.0
Inadequately described	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
No religion	10.8	12.7	12.1	13.9
Not stated	10.9	11.9	11.8	14.3
Total others	22.2	25.0	24.3	28.6

Chart from Combined churches survey for faith and mission reproduced in the Age, 25 February 1988.

25 February The Christian Research Association released its *Combined churches survey for faith and mission. Preliminary report*. The two-year study of 6500 churchgoers from five denominations (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Baptist and Pentecostal) is the first combined churches survey in Australia.

25-28 February New South Wales swimmer Janelle Elford won a record five gold medals at the Australian Swimming Championships held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre, Sydney. Elford won the 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres freestyle events and the 400 metres individual medley.

27 February Sydney's Gay Mardi Gras parade took place along Oxford Street to the Sydney Showground. An estimated crowd of 100 000 lined the route. Among the groups represented were the AIDS Council of NSW and, for the first time, Aborigines, whose float satirised the Bicentenary.



Gay Catholics march under the banner 'Acceptance' at Sydney's Gay Mardi Gras. Photograph by Brendan Read.

WELDON TRANNIES

27 February The Queensland state baseball team defeated Victoria to win the Claxton Shield in Brisbane.

27–28 February Forty-seven riders competed in the World Penny-farthing Championship at Evandale near Launceston, Tasmania.

28 February Australian novelist Kylie Tennant died, aged 76, in Sydney. On 6 February she published *The last letter to a friend*, in which she made a plea for euthanasia. She wrote 'Decades of erosion, looking the other way, do not favour your acceding to my last request . . . We recoil from the alarming unknown, but Death needs only a legal bridle and halter.' In 1935 Tennant published her first novel *Tiburón*, the year in which the world's first voluntary euthanasia society was founded in Britain.

29 February Prime Minister Bob Hawke launched the government's National Agenda for Women at Bondi Junction, Sydney. The agenda was the result of two years consultation with 25 000 Australian women concerning priorities for women up to the year 2000. It addressed discrimination, the portrayal of women in the media, income security, superannuation, housing, violence against women, and health. The theme for the agenda was 'A say, a choice, a fair go' — also the title of the booklet outlining the agenda's aims. The booklet stated 'By the year 2000, the Government wishes to see an Australia where women participate fully and freely in all aspects of life and



Award winning author Kylie Tennant died on 28 February. Australian, 28 January 1989.

where women can make their own place in the world by right, not concession'.

February Poet and author Jack Davis won the BHP Excellence Award. His works include *The dreamers* (1982), *No sugar* (1985) and *Baningin* (1988).

February The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposed not to include questions on religious beliefs in the 1991 census.

