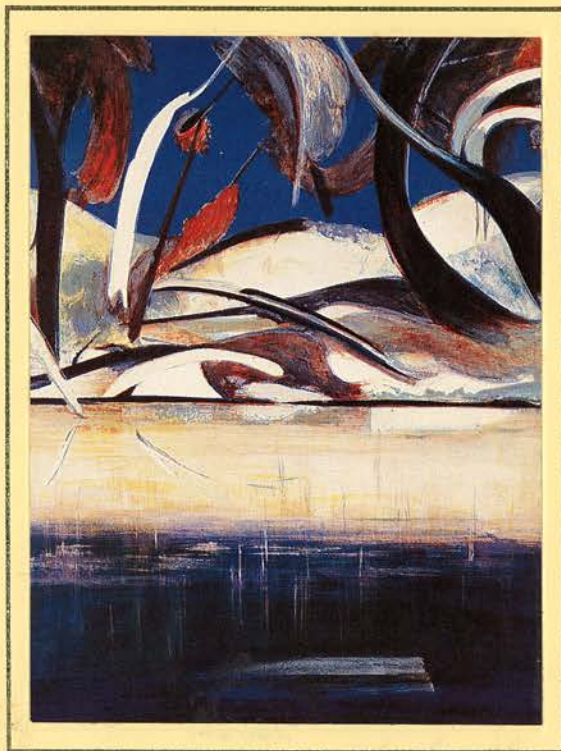


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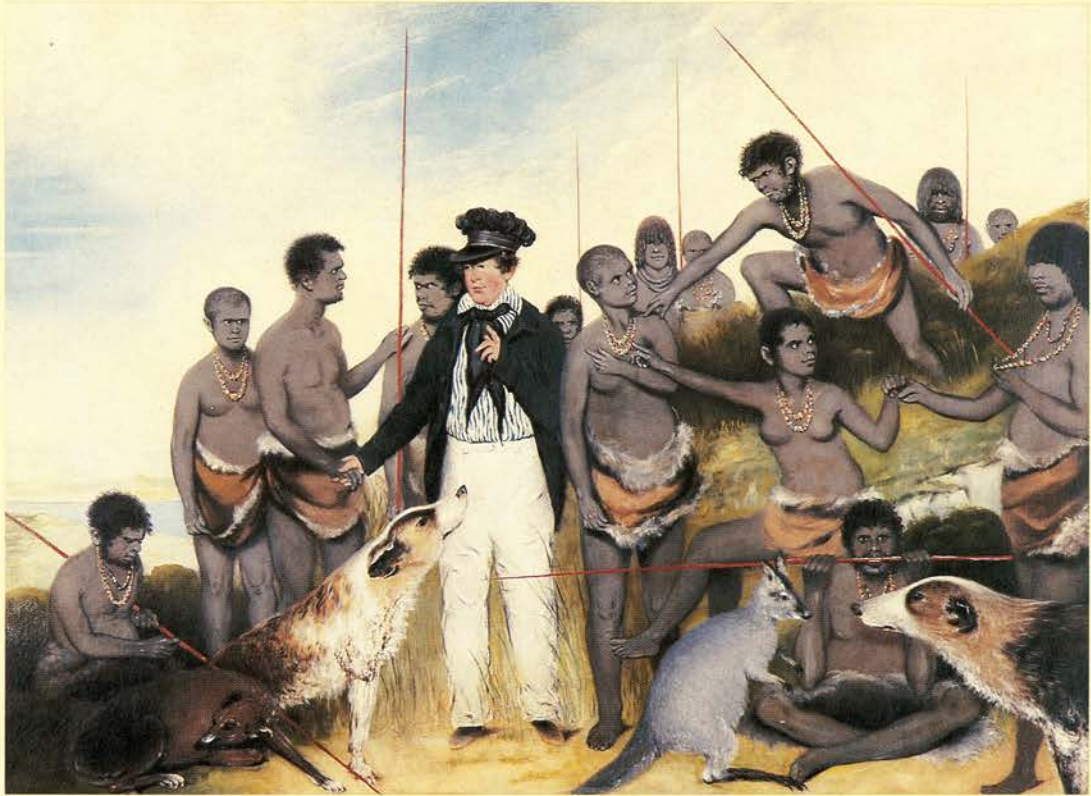


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## INTRODUCTION

Australia's Bicentenary marked one of the most significant events in Australia's past — an event that is often simply referred to as the 'European settlement' of the Australian continent. Many have argued that not all Australians place equal significance on 26 January 1788. Yet no event in the last 40 000 years of this continent's history has had such far reaching and even devastating consequences. For Aboriginal Australians it was 200 years ago that their ancestors realised that eleven of the numerous ships that had visited their shores had come to stay, to colonise, to conquer. It was also the end of one of the longest sea voyages in English history, and for those convicts who survived the 252 days that the voyage had taken, it was only the beginning of a much greater ordeal. Marines, too, felt the burden of their cargo and of the 'dreary prospect' before them.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the bicentennial theme 'Celebration of a nation' was to many Australians a controversial notion. Some felt its awkwardness as they sought to rediscover the past and, so, in some way, to redirect the future. Others believed it was an opportunity for reconciliation and unification for many people: for some World War II refugees and post World War II immigrants, Australia had provided opportunities and cause to celebrate.

Throughout the bicentennial year many projects and planned events did penetrate the 'birthday cake and candle' facade, producing regional unity in a way that national events could not hope to achieve. Indeed, it was through such regional unity that some national events, such as the Bicentennial Beacons, could be achieved.

*Australians 1988* records such events and at the same time reflects the varying and often conflicting responses to Australia's Bicentenary. We hope we have captured something of the mood and feeling of Australia in 1988, in the day-to-day transactions of politics, business, law, sport, leisure and the arts.

The selection of entries was based on a set of criteria, but these guidelines merely serve as a watchdog for consistency and evenness of style. They do not in themselves justify our selection — this is in all events our choice. Others, no doubt, would choose a different set of criteria.

The articles sprinkled throughout the chronology afford greater opportunity for assessment and evaluation of their subject. Together, with the chronology, we hope they will form a valuable record of Australia in 1988.

*Australians 1988* was inspired by the series *Australians: A historical library*. As publisher of the series, Fairfax, Syme & Weldon have endeavoured to maintain the standard of the series by producing a work that is comparable in its intent and quality. While not involved directly in the writing or publication of this book, we would like to take the opportunity to thank History Project Incorporated, the corporate authors of *Australians: A historical library*, and especially Peter Spearritt, for valuable time and advice.

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