

A globe centered on the Southern Hemisphere, showing Australia in green. A white rectangular box with a thin green border is superimposed over the upper part of the globe, containing the word "AUSTRALIA" in bold red capital letters. The globe has a light gray grid of latitude and longitude lines. The background is a solid light green color.

AUSTRALIA

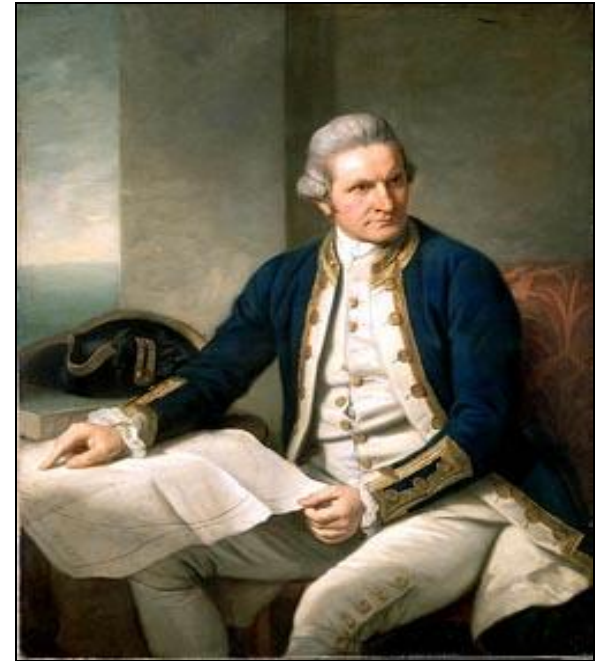
The national flag



The national Arms



Captain James Cook
discovered Australia in
1770

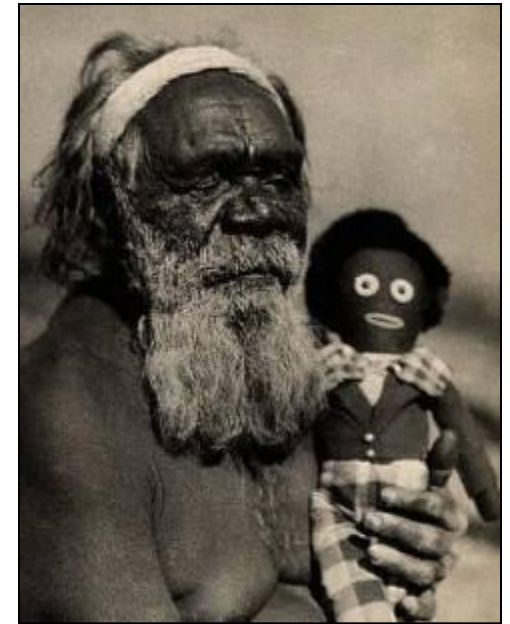


In **1851** gold was discovered about
300 km west of Sydney



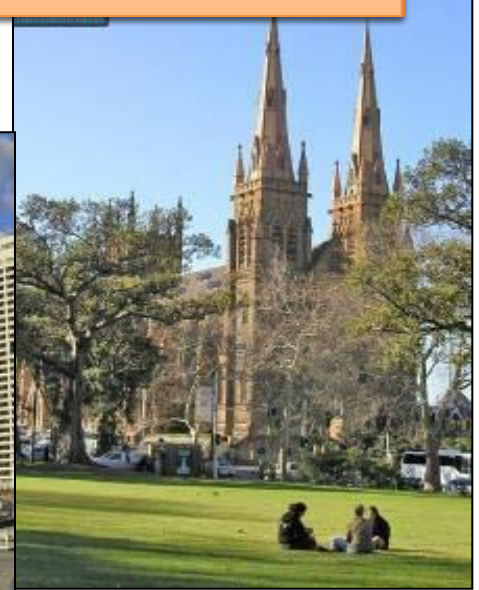
Aborigines

Australia's
native
inhabitants,
the Aborigines,
arrived in
Australia at
least 40,000
years ago.



The largest Australian city

SIDNEY



The second largest city

MELBOURNE



Australia's best-known animals and birds are the kangaroo, koala, dingo, wombat, emu, platypus



Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the natural wonders of the world.

It's the world's largest coral reef

