

A globe showing the continents of Australia, Asia, and Antarctica. The continent of Australia is highlighted in a solid green color. A white rectangular box with a thin green border is centered over the globe, containing the word "AUSTRALIA" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

AUSTRALIA

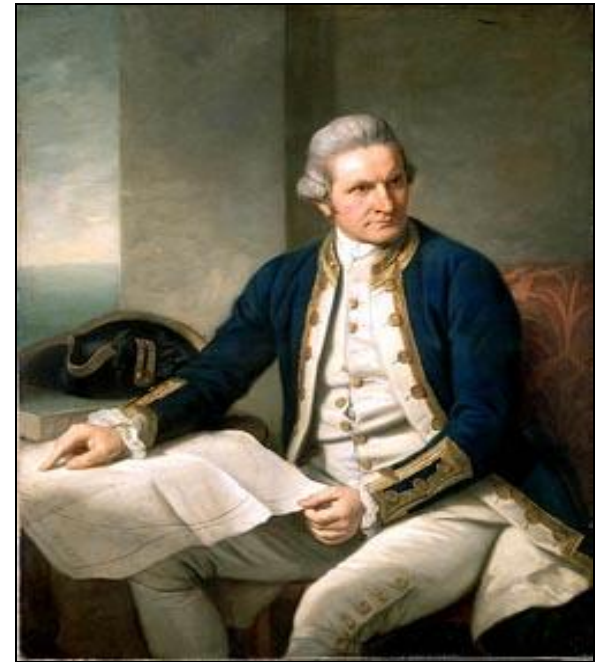
The national flag



The national Arms



Captain James Cook
discovered Australia in
1770

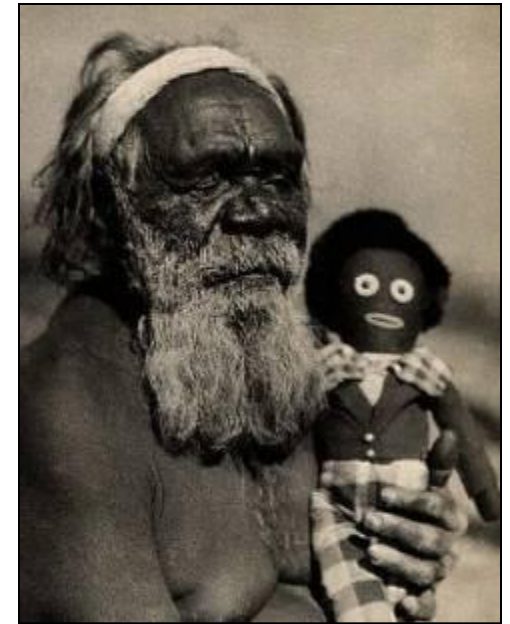


In **1851** gold was discovered about
300 km west of Sydney



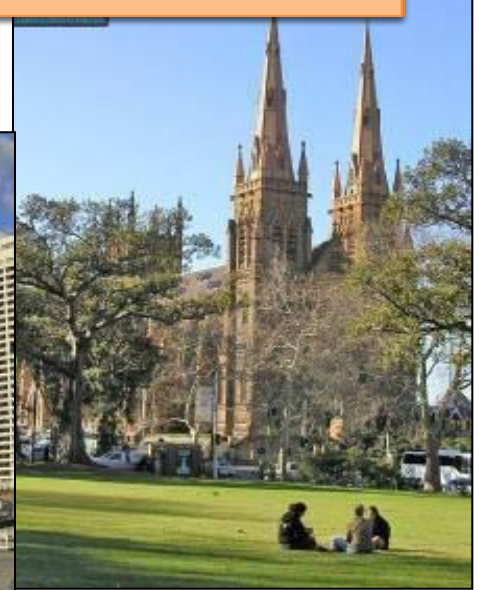
Aborigines

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

