

A stylized globe showing the continents in light gray and the oceans in white. The continent of Australia is highlighted in a solid dark green color. The globe is set against a solid green background. A white rectangular box with a thin green border is centered over the globe, containing the word "AUSTRALIA" in red capital letters.

AUSTRALIA

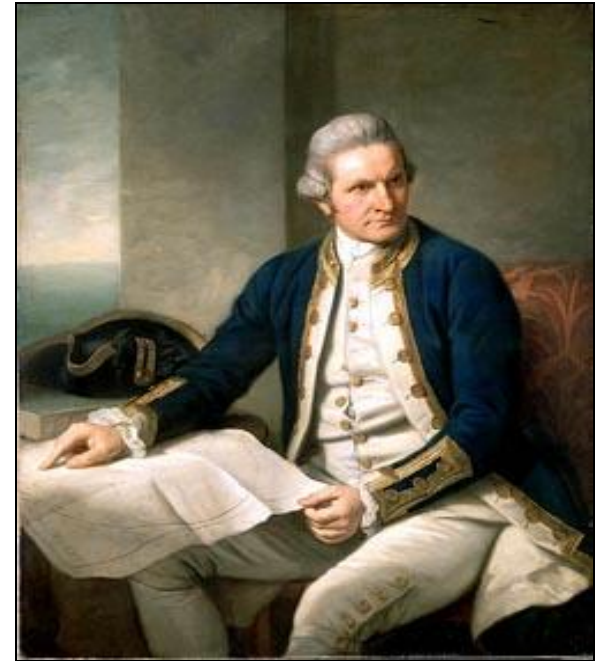
The national flag



The national Arms



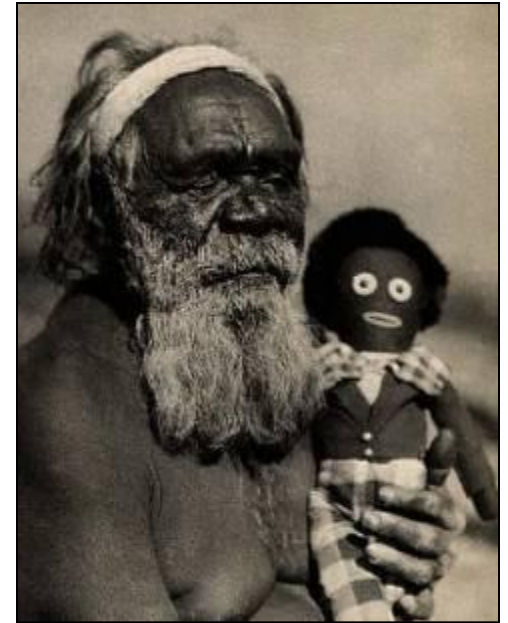
Captain James Cook discovered Australia in **1770**



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

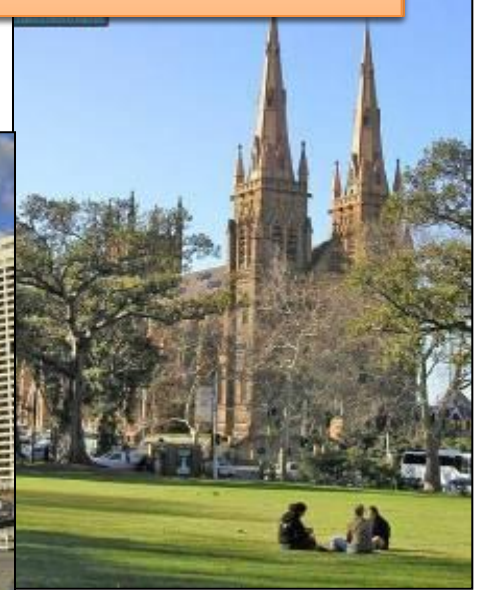


Aborigines
Australia's
native
inhabitants,
the Aborigines,
arrived in
Australia at
least 40,000
years ago.



The largest Australian city

SIDNEY



St. Maria's Cathedral



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

