

- 1883— Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery established, Adelaide.
- 1884— British Protectorate declared over New Guinea.
- 1885— Australian Contingent for Soudan sailed from Sydney.
- “ Silver-lead discovered at Mount Zeehan, Tasmania.
- 1886— Federal Council began first session, Hobart, Tasmania—Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, Western Australia, and Fiji represented.
- “ South Australia celebrated its jubilee.
- 1887— Bulli Colliery, New South Wales, explosion, 81 lives lost.
- “ Australian Conference in London.
- “ Gold was discovered at Yilgarn, Western Australia.
- 1888— Centenary of landing of Captain Phillip celebrated throughout New South Wales.
- “ Weekly mail service to England commenced.
- “ Imperial Defences Act passed.
- “ Second Victorian International Exhibition was opened at Melbourne.
- 1889— Cable was laid, Broome, Western Australia, to Banjoewangie, Java.
- “ Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge, New South Wales, was completed. Direct railway communication was established between Brisbane and Adelaide.
- 1890— Gold was discovered at Mount Morgan, Queensland.
- “ Federal Conference, Melbourne.
- “ Great strike disturbances at Sydney.
- “ Responsible Government granted to Western Australia.
- “ University of Tasmania established.
- 1891— Australian Federal Conference met at Sydney.
- “ Auxiliary Squadron arrived in Port Jackson.
- “ Colonies entered Universal Postal Union.
- 1892— Run on Savings Bank, Sydney, occurred.
- “ Public education made free in South Australia.
- “ Bayley discovered rich reefs at Coolgardie, Western Australia.
- 1893— The great flood at Brisbane.
- “ Financial panic at Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, many banks suspended payment.
- “ “One man one vote” came into force in New South Wales.
- “ Cable, Bundaberg, Queensland, to New Caledonia, was opened.
- 1894— Live cattle first shipped from Sydney to Great Britain.
- 1895— Conference of Premiers at Hobart.