

- 1875 — State aid to religion abolished in Victoria.  
 " Free Secular Education Act passed in Queensland.  
 1876 — Turganini, last of Tasmanian natives, died.  
 1877 — Gold discovered at Beaconsfield, Tasmania.  
 " Overland Telegraph Line, Adelaide to Perth, opened.  
 " Upper House, Victoria, rejected Payment of Members Bill.  
 " High Commissioner of Western Pacific appointed.  
 1877-78 — Chinese Immigration Restriction Act of Queensland passed.  
 1878 — Black Wednesday. Dismissal in Melbourne of hundreds of civil servants. Petition made to the Imperial Government to assist the colony with its constantly recurring constitutional difficulties—Mr. Graham Berry the spokesman. The Secretary of State refused to interfere at the request of one House only.  
 " Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was purchased by Government.  
 " Secular and compulsory education established in South Australia.  
 1879 — Ernest Favenc led the Queenslander trans-continental expedition from Blackall to Powell's Creek, on the Overland Telegraph Line.  
 " Discovery of the Ord and Margaret Rivers by Alexander Forrest.  
 " Garden Palace Exhibition at Sydney was opened.  
 " First Artesian Bore in Australia sunk, at Killara, New South Wales.  
 " Alex. Forrest discovered the Fitzroy River, Western Australia.  
 " New South Wales Mint first issued silver coin.  
 1880 — Fortnightly mail service with England commenced.  
 " Melbourne University was opened to women.  
 " Compulsory Secular Education Act passed in New South Wales.  
 " First International Exhibition, Melbourne, was opened.  
 " Federal Conference at Melbourne and Sydney.  
 " Australian frozen meat was first delivered in London.  
 1881 — Poll tax was imposed on Chinese.  
 " Nugget of 1,393 oz. was found at Temora, New South Wales.  
 1883 — Queensland Government sent officer to take possession of New Guinea. Annexation repudiated by Lord Derby.  
 " Sydney and Melbourne connected by railway.  
 " Charles Rasp discovered silver at Broken Hill, New South Wales.