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# Making and transforming the Australian nation (1750–1914)

## Student Research Guide

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This guide is designed to help you discover items on topics studied in **Making and transforming the Australian nation** that you can access on site, from your school or home.

## Before you get started

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## Featured Databases

The [Oxford Companion to Australian History](#) draws on the latest scholarship and covers people, institutions, and events that have shaped Australian society, politics and culture.



The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website interface. At the top, the 'Oxford Reference' logo is on the left, and a search bar is on the right. Below the logo, there are navigation tabs for 'Subject' and 'Reference Type'. On the right side of the header, there are links for 'My Content (1)' and 'My Searches (0)'. Below the header, there is a 'Back to Results' link on the left and a set of utility icons (print, copy, share, etc.) on the right. The main content area features a book cover for 'The Oxford Companion to Australian History' on the left. To the right of the cover, the title 'The Oxford Companion to Australian History' is displayed with a green 'a' icon. Below the title, the editors are listed: 'Edited by: Graeme Davison, John Hirst, and Stuart Macintyre'. A descriptive paragraph follows, stating that the book draws on the latest scholarship and covers people, institutions, and events that have shaped Australian society, politics and culture. It lists various topics covered, such as politicians, colonisers, visionaries, newspaper barons, industrialists, explorers, writers, artists, and scientists. Below the description, there is a 'BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION' section with details: Publisher: Oxford University Press; Print ISBN-13: 9780195515039; Current Online Version: 2003; eISBN: 9780191735165; Print Publication Date: 2001; Published online: 2003; DOI: 10.1093/acref/9780195515039.001.0001. On the far right, there is a biographical section for the editors: Graeme Davison, John Hirst, and Stuart Macintyre, with a 'La More' link at the bottom.

The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images, videos, primary sources, eBooks and more on events that made and transformed the Australian nation with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Teens interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a menu icon. Below the header is a large landscape illustration of a colonial settlement. The main article title is "free settlement in colonial Australia". A sidebar on the left contains a "TABLE OF CONTENTS" with sections for "Introduction", "History", and "Daily Life". The article content begins with an "Introduction" section, featuring a small image and the text: "Most European settlers in Australia in the early colonial years were convicts sent by the British government. There were also some free".

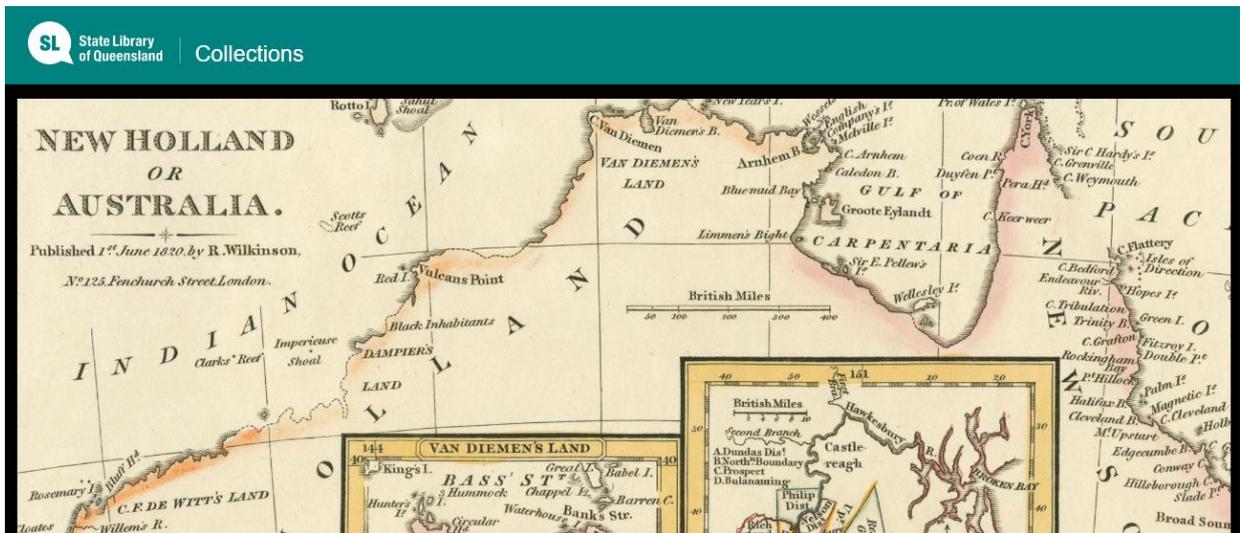
[JSTOR](#) is a great resource for finding primary sources from Australia between 1750 and 1914.

The screenshot displays a JSTOR search results page. On the left, there is a "Refine Results" sidebar with filters for "SEARCH WITHIN RESULTS", "CONTENT TYPE" (Academic content: Journals (27,697); Primary source content: Serials (5,921), Documents (3,960), Images (1,572), Books (754)), "IMAGE RESOLUTION", and "DATE" (FROM 1750 TO 1914). The main results area shows a grid of image thumbnails with titles and download icons. The titles include: "Australia, Part of Sou...", "Australia, Victoria or...", "Adelaide, South Austr...", "A pharmacist making up...", "Australia: an aborigin...", "Australia: an aborigin...", "Australia: a dead body...", "Australian grass trees...", "Orphan Rock, Katoomba...", and "Nine species of native...".

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## Featured Map

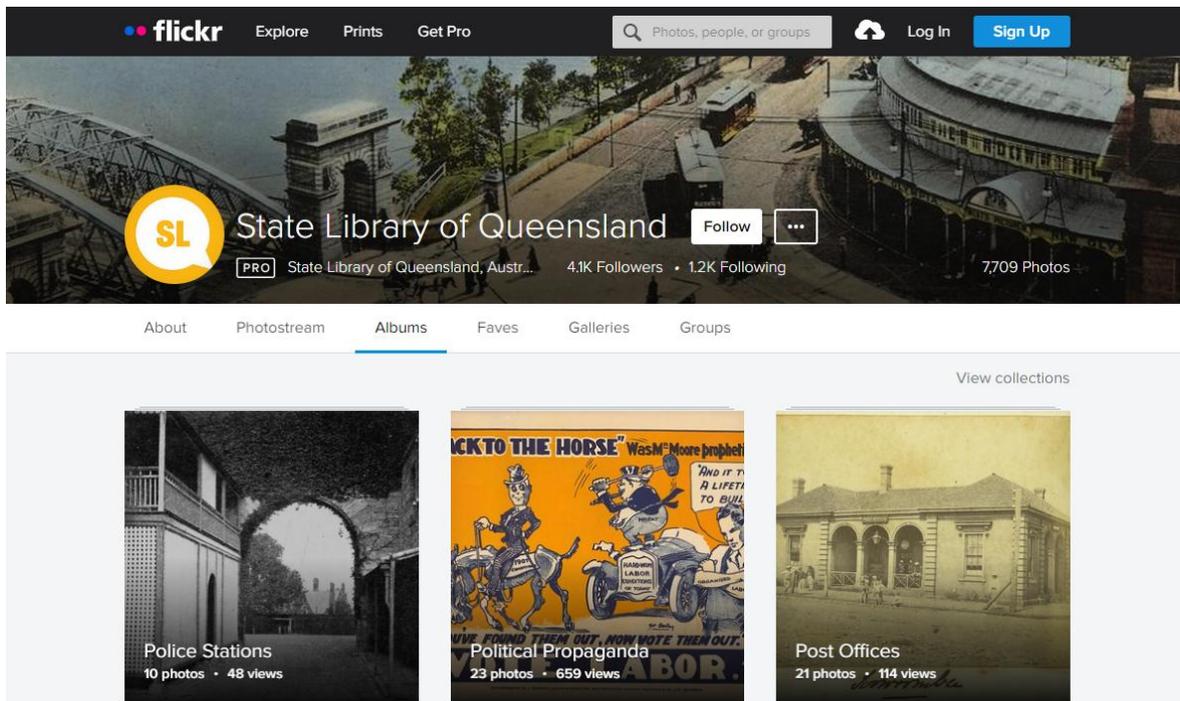


# Images

State Library has a large collection of digitised [images from Australia between 1750 and 1914](#).

## Featured Collections

[State Library's Flickr page](#) contains albums of historical images from Australia on a range of topics.



# Newspapers

State Library provides access to archives of Australian and international historical newspapers covering events that made and transformed the Australian nation.

## Australia

[Trove Newspapers \(1803-1954\)](#)

## Britain

[The Times Digital Archive \(1785-2014\)](#)

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[The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003](#)

## Featured Article



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