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Edited by: Graeme Davison, John Hirst, and Stuart Macintyre

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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's a dark blue header with the Britannica 250 logo and the text 'Britannica Library Teens'. A search bar and a menu icon are on the right. Below the header is a large historical painting of a colonial settlement. A dark blue navigation bar contains a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' link and a list of sections: 'Introduction' (selected), 'History', and 'Daily Life'. To the right of the painting, the title 'free settlement in colonial Australia' is displayed. Below the title are icons for sharing, saving, and other actions. A red 'Article' tab is active, with 'Images & Videos' and 'Related' tabs also visible. The main content area shows the 'Introduction' section, which includes a small image and text stating: 'Most European settlers in Australia in the early colonial years were convicts sent by the British government. There were also some free'.

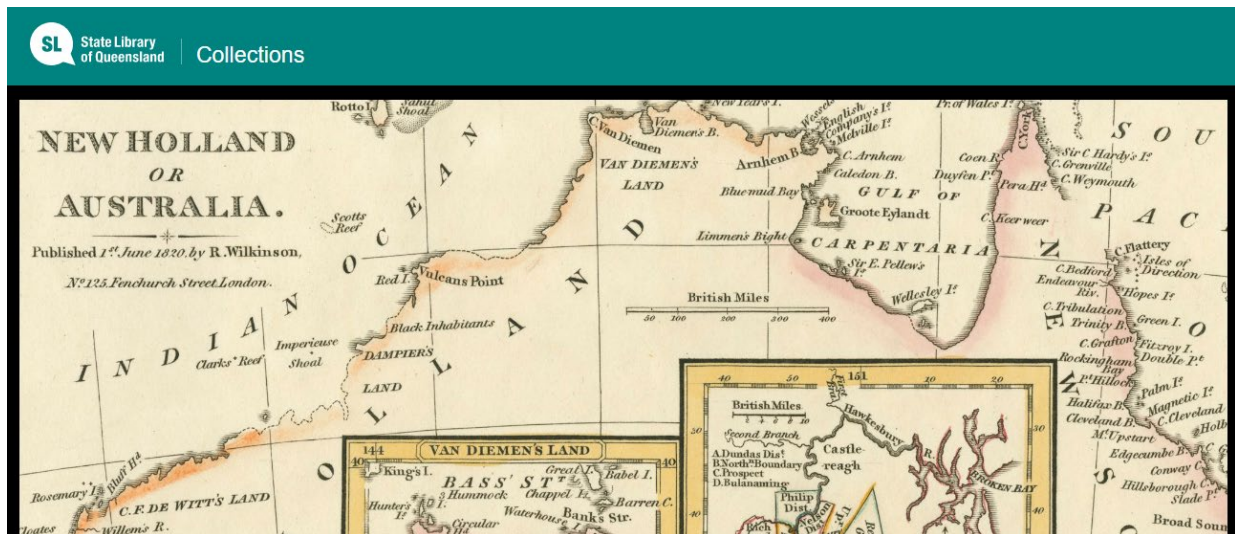
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The screenshot shows the JSTOR search results page for the term 'Australia'. On the left, there's a 'Refine Results' sidebar with filters for 'SEARCH WITHIN RESULTS', 'CONTENT TYPE' (Academic content: Journals (27,697), Primary source content: Serials (5,921), Documents (3,960), Images (1,572), Books (754)), and 'IMAGE RESOLUTION'. The main search area shows filters for 'Images', 'After: 1750', and 'Before: 1914', with a 'Sort by: Relevance' dropdown. The results are displayed in a grid of 10 items, each with a thumbnail image, a title, and a download icon. The items are: 'Australia, Part of Sou...', 'Australia, Victoria or...', 'Adelaide, South Austra...', 'A pharmacist making up...', 'Australia: an aborigin...', 'Australia: a dead body...', 'Australian grass trees...', 'Orphan Rock, Katoomba...', and 'Nine species of native...'. Each item is linked to a specific collection or source.

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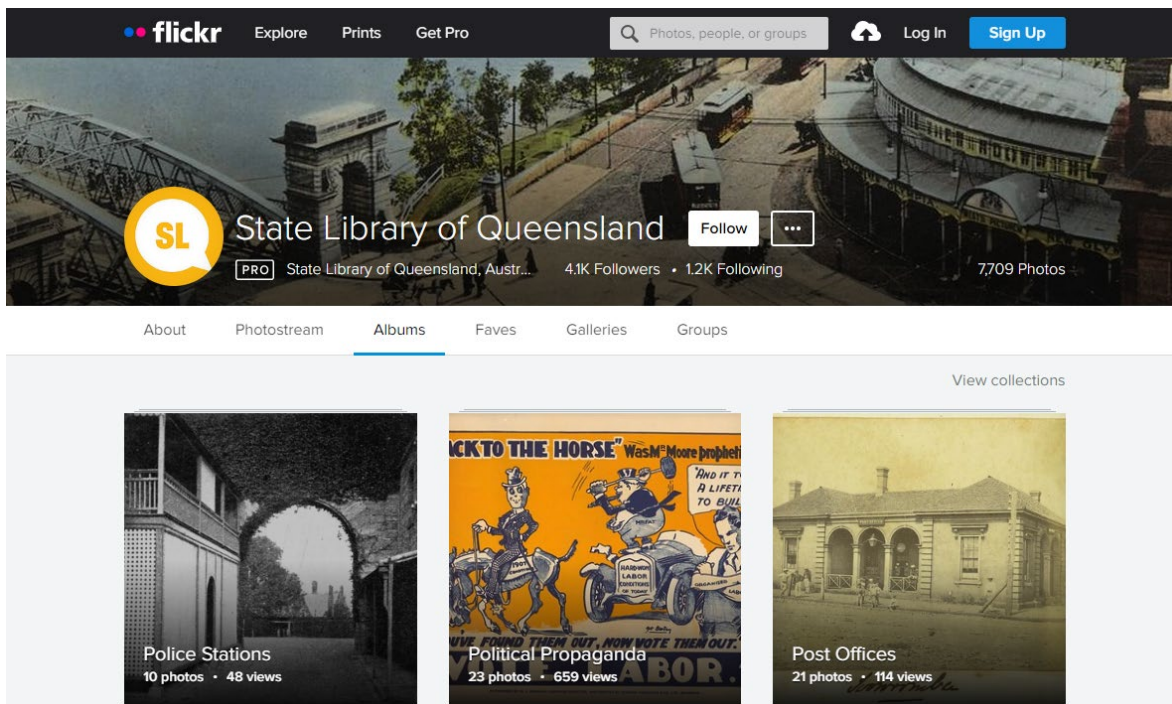


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