

# Australian Timeline & Kimberley Moments



**1788**

The First Fleet lands at Port Jackson, selecting a cove with a stream and named it Sydney Cove. Raised the colours of the British on the 26th January, and proclaimed British sovereignty over NSW.



**1978**

The Kimberley Land Council is formed during the fight to save a sacred site at Noonkanbah.



**1979**

Noonkanbah - Nyikina and other Kimberley people protest Amax who are looking for oil. They win their native title in 2007.

The National Sorry Day Committee announces that in 2005, Sorry Day will be a 'National Day of Healing for all Australians'.

**2006**

The first Stolen Generations compensation scheme in Australia is set up in Tasmania by the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Children Act 2006 (Tas).

**2005**

The Commonwealth Government establishes a memorial to the Stolen Generations at Reconciliation Place in Canberra.

**2004**

Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation established.

**2001**

Federal Parliament passes a motion of 'deep and sincere regret over the removal of Aboriginal children from their parents'.

**1999**

The Commission presents the 'Bringing them Home' report.

**1997**

June Oscar's five-year term as Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner begins.

**2017**

Divina Grace D'Anna elected to WA Legislative Assembly representing Kimberley for Labor.

**2021**



**1838**

Myall Creek Massacres – white settlers are punished through British law.

Beagle Bay Mission was established by the Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance (Trappists).

**1895**

Halls Creek Gold rush begins, when Charles Hall found a 28-ounce nugget.

**1885**

National Referendum to amend the Constitution to make laws for Aboriginal people to be included in the census for the first time.



**1967**

Neville Bonner first Aboriginal Senator to Parliament.

**1975**

The Commonwealth Government passes the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

**1980**

Ernie Bridge elected to WA Legislative Assembly  
Noonkanbah dispute with Amax over drilling on sacred site draws national and international attention.

**1982**

Eddie Mabo commences land rights proceedings in the High Court of Australia.

Jandamarra a Bunuba warrior is killed at Tunnel Creek after a three-year campaign (1894 – 1897) to halt the colonisers from taking over his country near Fitzroy Crossing (WA).

**1897**

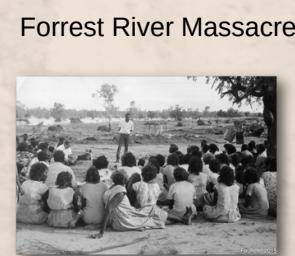


**1966**

Wave Hill walk off due to intolerable conditions on the NT cattle station owned by Lord Vesty. A 7-year fight for country begins.

**1965**

Charlie Perkins leads the Freedom Ride protest through NSW, drawing National and International attention.



**1926**

Forrest River Massacre.

**1992**

The High Court of Australia hands down its landmark decision in Mabo vs Queensland. It rules that native title exists over particular kinds of lands, and that Australia was never 'terra nullius'.

**1991**

The Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation is set up. The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody presents its report.

**2012**

An Act of Recognition Bill is passed through Parliament. The Bill demonstrates the Parliament's commitment to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's unique and special place in our nation's history.

**2013**

The 10 years National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan – 'Closing the Gap' report is released.

**1999**

Josie Farrer elected to the WA Parliament for Kimberley region; she was re-elected in 2017.

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