

## Appendix A

*Principal Events 1st July, 1958 — 30th June, 1960*

1958

- July 9* : Salary increases, ranging up to £400 a year, for Victorian public servants announced by the Public Service Board—estimated to total £400,000 for a full year.
- July 17* : Agreement between the Federal, New South Wales, Victorian, and South Australian Governments in respect of the relationship of the Snowy River scheme to the water rights of the States under the River Murray Agreement.
- July 25* : Governor of Victoria (Sir Dallas Brooks), at special function to thank voluntary workers, announced that people of Victoria had voluntarily subscribed £1,350,603 to March–May Anti-Cancer Campaign Appeal—largest amount ever raised for a single appeal in Australia.
- July 26* : Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works announced plans to spend record £9,052,600 during current financial year to extend and improve Melbourne metropolitan water supply, sewerage, and drainage.
- July 30* : Acting Premier of Victoria (Mr. Rylah) announced that State Electricity Commission of Victoria would spend £25 million on developmental work in current financial year.
- August 12* : Victorian Minister for Transport (Sir Arthur Warner) announced Government approval of one-class railway travel in Melbourne suburban network, and substantial increases in suburban rail, tram, and tramway bus fares.
- September 28* : Governor of Victoria (Sir Dallas Brooks) opened R.S.L. War Veterans' Home at Frankston (Victoria), built at cost of £300,000 and accommodating 120 veterans of Boer War and First World War.
- October 7* : Mr. Clive Stoneham elected Leader of Victorian Parliamentary Labor Party in succession to Mr. A. E. Shepherd, who died recently. He is the first country member to lead Labor in 26 years.
- October 8* : Premier of Victoria (Mr. Bolte) announced substantial salary increases for judges, heads of departments and commissions. Increases ranged from £88 to £650 a year, but generally £300 a year.
- October 26* : Melbourne had its nineteenth consecutive day of rain, plus a 70 m.p.h. gale which caused damage and power blackouts in bayside suburbs.
- October 27* : Wreckage found in the Snowy Mountains, New South Wales, confirmed as being that of the airliner "Southern Cloud" which disappeared 27 years ago while on flight from Sydney to Melbourne.
- October 31* : Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) opened new 12 storey £1,700,000 block of Commonwealth Offices at corner of Spring and Latrobe Streets, Melbourne.
- November 13* : Premier (Mr. Bolte) stated that the new Monash University will be built at Clayton, 12 miles south east of Melbourne.
- November 20* : Minister for Civil Aviation (Senator Paltridge) stated that preliminary work had commenced at Melbourne Airport on a £200,000 terminal building to be used for international traffic pending finality as to the location of a new international airport.

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1959

- January 6*: Victorian Attorney-General (Mr. Rylah) announced that on 1st August, 1959, Victorian Government will lift all landlord and tenant rent control on business premises.
- January 8*: Announcement that time for 589 mile Sydney–Melbourne express train trip will be cut by two hours (to 12½ hours) when standard gauge (4' 8½") line between Melbourne and Albury is completed in 1961.
- January 19*: Temperature of 109 deg. in Melbourne, being first time in city's history that the temperature has exceeded 107 deg. on three successive days.
- February 2*: Plans to establish a synthetic rubber plant at Altona were announced by the Vacuum Oil Co.
- February 11*: Gas and Fuel Corporation developed a new type fuel at Yallourn which could be the "metallurgical" fuel of the future.
- February 12*: New "Sidney Myer" Music Bowl, of unique design, built in King's Domain, Melbourne, officially opened by Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies).
- February 19*: Ten nations attended the Symposium on Antarctic Meteorology at the Royal Society in Melbourne.
- February 21*: Soil Conservation Authority will start "healing" 8,000 acres in the Yarack district without cost to the property owners.
- February 26*: First International Trade Fair in 71 years held in Melbourne opened at the Exhibition Building.
- March 10*: First 400 m.p.h. Lockheed Electra Prop-Jet Airliner for service in Australia reached Melbourne at end of its delivery flight from United States.
- April 1*: Announcement that Melbourne's trams and buses in financial year ended 30th June, 1958, carried lowest number of passengers for eighteen years and operated at a loss of £1,230,130 for year.
- May 6*: Tumut I, the first major power station of the Snowy Mountains scheme, began to operate.
- May 21*: Appointment announced of Professor James Matheson, 47 year old Professor of Engineering at University of Manchester (England) as Vice-Chancellor of the new Monash University.
- May 26*: Announcement that the "Sidney Myer" Music Bowl, Melbourne, had been awarded the "R. S. Reynolds" Memorial Award.
- June 10*: Victorian State Parliamentary Liberal and Country Party approved in principle the design for Melbourne's proposed £25 million underground railway, scheduled to begin in 1966.
- July 6*: Qantas Boeing 707 jet airliner created new record for Sydney–Melbourne flight (482 statute miles), covering the distance in 56 minutes. Previous record was 65 minutes.
- July 20*: Plans for helicopter services to the Mornington Peninsula, Geelong, Ballarat, and Bendigo announced by a Melbourne company.
- July 27*: Melbourne City Council approved establishment of a floating heliport (for helicopter traffic) on River Yarra in Melbourne inner city area.
- August 25*: The Parliamentary Liberal and Country Party approved, in principle, a system of legalized off-course betting.
- August 27*: Governor (Sir Dallas Brooks) opened the State's first civil rehabilitation hospital in Hampton.

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- September 4*: Chairman of Australian Wool Bureau (Mr. W. A. Gunn) announced discovery and long-term thorough testing of a new washable no-iron wool fabric developed at the C.S.I.R.O. laboratories at Geelong.
- September 15*: Princess Alexandra arrived in Victoria for an eight day visit.
- September 21*: Heavy rains and gales reported over nearly all parts of Victoria during week-end, causing floods and other damage. This brought to an end a long, seriously dry period in many country districts.
- September 23*: New £2 million Bass Strait ferry, "Princess of Tasmania", left Port Melbourne on its "shake-down" run to Devonport (Tasmania).
- September 30*: Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) announced that next population Census of Australia will be taken on 29th June, 1961.
- October 1*: New £2 million carbon black plant opened at Altona.
- October 15*: Housing Commission's 40,000th dwelling, built on Sunset Boulevard, Jacana, was officially handed over to the owners by the Minister of Housing (Mr. Petty).
- November 1*: Dame Pattie Menzies, wife of the Prime Minister, officially opened £12,500,000 Tumut I power station, the first underground station completed of huge Snowy Mountains hydro-electric scheme.
- November 20*: Minister for Water Supply (Mr. Mibus) opened the only water filtration and softening plant of its kind in Australia, at Bacchus Marsh.
- November 20*: Announcement that permits for new buildings costing £14 million would be issued for the City of Melbourne this year, compared with £3 million in 1953.
- December 16*: Work commenced on new Monash University, Melbourne, with preparation of site for chemistry building.
- December 16*: Preliminary work on bridges and culverts having been completed, track-laying commenced along route of £10,750,000 standard gauge railway (4' 8½") between Melbourne and Albury (190 miles).
- December 23*: Melbourne City Council approved proposal by Pan American Airways to build a £5 million hotel on the Eastern Market site on the corner of Bourke and Exhibition Streets, Melbourne, to be named "Southern Cross".
- 1960
- January 6*: A £5 million development of 2,380 houses, with a large drive-in shopping centre, golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, and bowling green, will be undertaken at Lilydale. The estate of 1,200 acres adjoins the Maroondah Highway.
- January 7*: Construction began on a £320,000 building programme at Dookie Agricultural College—a new administration block, dormitory, and classroom section.
- January 12*: Petroliferous flow gas discovered by the Frome-Broken Hill Company near Port Campbell.
- January 15*: Melbourne reputed to have 75,000 unsewered homes—increasing at a rate of 7,000 a year.
- January 15*: Victoria's biggest bush fire raging in rugged mountain country in the Grampians, 8 miles south of Hall's Gap.

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- January 15* : A £937,500,000 master plan for road development in Australia over the next ten years announced by Commonwealth and State road authorities. Victoria's £202 million plan was presented in the report of the Australian Transport Advisory Council.
- January 19* : A new national telephone policy including direct subscriber dialling from Melbourne to Sydney and the simultaneous introduction of the latest Crossbar automatic switching equipment, was announced by the Postmaster-General's Department at an estimated cost of £50 million.
- January 22* : Official farewell to the retiring Governor-General (Sir William Slim).
- January 23* : Her Majesty the Queen conferred upon Mr. Casey, Australia's Minister for External Affairs, a life barony.
- February 27* : Nineteen foot statue of Field-Marshal Sir Thomas A. Blamey unveiled in King's Domain by the Prime Minister.
- March 21* : Work commenced on the first building (a portion of the science block, costing £792,195) at Melbourne's new Monash University.
- March 24* : Announcement that the Broken Hill Proprietary Co. had applied to the Victorian Government for oil prospecting permits for two areas off the Victorian coast—in the Southern Ocean, off the Western District coast, and in Bass Strait, off the Ninety Mile Beach.
- March 30* : Victorian Chief Secretary (Mr. Rylah) introduced in the Legislative Assembly a Bill under which hotels will be permitted to open, and sporting events and other forms of entertainment will be allowed on the afternoon of Anzac Day (April 25th).
- April 1* : Announcement that last month was Melbourne's third driest March on record—only 43 points of rain recorded. Most rainless March was 1934 when only 14 points were recorded.
- April 1* : The Government's new landlord and tenant laws, allowing rents for controlled dwellings to be fixed on present values, came into force today.
- April 4* : State Cabinet approved a Bill to provide for liquor reform in Victoria—mainly concerning restaurant licences.
- April 5* : Announcement that the number of women teachers in Victoria had decreased from 52% in 1934, to 42% in 1959.
- April 7* : A Bill to set up a new State Department of Social Welfare was introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Chief Secretary (Mr. Rylah).
- April 8* : Work on a broad-gauge electrified railway line between Upper Fern Tree Gully and Belgrave would be completed in August next year—at a cost of £425,000.
- April 10* : Local telephone call service will be extended to a radius of 25 miles from May 1st, 1960.
- April 12* : Melbourne's old Eastern Market began to fall to the wreckers' hammers.
- April 27* : Announcement that new master plan for the second section of the huge Snowy Mountains hydro-electric and water conservation scheme will enable the Snowy River water to be harnessed for power and irrigation two years earlier than originally planned.
- June 8* : Controversial Liquor Reform Bill finally approved in Victorian Legislative Council.

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- June 22* : A new faculty at the University of Melbourne—that of Applied Science—the first for 36 years, will begin courses next year. The last faculty to be created was Commerce in 1924.
- June 23* : The Australian Broadcasting Commission plans to begin a University-of-the-air programme of nation wide radio and television adult education broadcasts in October.
- June 25* : Victoria will receive about £66,500,000 in tax reimbursement from the Commonwealth during 1960–61, almost £6 million more than last year.
- June 30* : Compulsory National Service Training officially ended at midnight.

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 Appendix B

*Publications Issued by the Victorian Office,  
Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics*

**Printed Publications**

Victorian Year Book  
Victorian Pocket Year Book

**Mimeographed Publications***General*

Victorian Monthly Statistical Review

*Building*

Building Approvals (Monthly)  
Building Bulletin (Quarterly)  
Preliminary Building Estimates (Quarterly)

*Factory Production*

Factory Statistics  
Factory Statistics by Municipalities  
Factory Statistics by Municipalities—Preliminary  
Production Statistics (Monthly)

*Demography and Social*

Age Distribution of Population of Victoria  
Divorce  
Population and Dwellings by Local Government Areas  
Registered Schools  
Vital Statistics

APPENDIX B—*continued**Finance, Local Government, and Transport*

Fire, Marine, and General Insurance  
 Mortgages of Real Estate (Quarterly)  
 Motor Registrations (Monthly)  
 Municipal Finance Statistics  
 Road Traffic Accidents (Quarterly)

*Rural*

Agricultural Statistics  
 Apicultural Statistics  
 Apples and Pears in Cool Stores (Monthly : June–Dec.)  
 Citrus Fruit Production  
 Fruit Production  
 Grain and Seed Headers and Harvesters on Rural Holdings (Triennial)  
 Grasses and Clovers Harvested for Seed  
 Livestock  
 Maize Production  
 Oats and Barley  
 Onion Production  
 Pick Up Balers and Forage Harvesters on Rural Holdings (Triennial)  
 Ploughs on Rural Holdings (Triennial)  
 Potatoes—Estimated Acreage  
 Potato Production  
 Preliminary Sheep Statistics  
 Rural Holdings and Machinery Thereon  
 Rural Statistics by Local Government Areas  
 Tractors on Rural Holdings (Triennial)  
 Vegetables for Human Consumption  
 Viticultural Statistics  
 Wheat  
 Wholesale Sales and Stocks of Wine and Brandy

N.B.—The above publications are issued ANNUALLY except where otherwise indicated.