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## PREFACE

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This ninety-first edition of the *Victorian Year Book* carries on the task of recording the main aspects of life in Victoria today. In seeking to give an accurate, comprehensive, and balanced account of the State as a whole each year, the *Year Book* aims to present not only an unbroken account of significant activities, facts, and events, but also appropriate matter of special interest.

The rewriting of the *Year Book*, which was begun in the 1975 edition, has now almost been completed with the inclusion of a new and much enlarged chapter on health and medical research. A special committee under the chairmanship of Sir Lance Townsend worked to make this possible.

The shorter chapter headings now adopted in the *Year Book* will generally facilitate the incorporation of new subject matter reflecting the marked changes apparent everywhere. The Editor makes every effort to maintain the continuity of basic text and figures unimpaired as well as incorporating new material as appropriate. This is especially important at present when the economic circumstances in which the community finds itself are so much at variance with what obtained a decade or so ago. It is vital, for the sake of historical accuracy, that these changes are faithfully chronicled in the *Year Book* and special articles on major subjects will continue to be included to ensure that this is done. The first two of these, examining manufacturing from 1968-69 to 1973-74, and unemployment from 1970 to 1975 appear on pages 476-9 and pages 310-14 respectively of this edition.

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Overseas Telecommunications Commis-  
sion (Australia)

Port Phillip Authority  
Port Phillip Sea Pilots Service  
Portland Harbor Trust Commissioners  
Premier's Department  
Professor W. Prest, C.B.E.  
Prices Justification Tribunal  
Probate and Gift Duties Office  
Public Record Office  
Public Service Board of Victoria  
Public Trustee

Registrar-General  
Registrar of Co-operative Housing  
Societies  
Registrar of Friendly Societies

Reserve Bank of Australia  
Road Safety and Traffic Authority  
Royal Botanic Gardens and National  
Herbarium  
Royal Children's Hospital, Research  
Foundation  
Royal District Nursing Service  
Royal Melbourne Hospital  
Rural Finance and Settlement Com-  
mission

Mr P. Sanders  
Schools Commission  
Small Claims Tribunal  
Social Welfare Department  
Soil Conservation Authority  
Standard Newspapers Ltd  
Standards Association of Australia  
State Insurance Office  
State College of Victoria  
State Electricity Commission  
State Immigration Office  
State Library of Victoria  
State Rivers and Water Supply Commis-  
sion  
State Savings Bank of Victoria  
State Superannuation Board  
Mr P. S. Staughton  
Stock Exchange of Melbourne  
Supreme Court  
Surveyor-General

Mr R. C. Tadgell, Q.C.  
Mr W. N. Thompson  
Professor Sir Lance Townsend  
Town and Country Planning Board  
Transport Regulation Board  
Treasury of Victoria  
Trotting Control Board  
Trustee Companies Association

Universities Commission  
University of Melbourne (Vice-Chan-  
cellor, Department of Geography,  
Faculty of Medicine, School of  
Agriculture, Department of Civil  
Engineering)

Vermin and Noxious Weeds Destruction  
Board  
Victoria Institute of Colleges  
Victoria Law Foundation  
Victoria Police  
Victorian Arts Centre Building Com-  
mittee  
Victorian Bar  
Victorian Bush Nursing Association  
Victorian College of Pharmacy  
Victorian Institute of Colleges  
Victorian Nursing Council  
Victorian Plant Research Institute  
Victorian Railways Board  
Victorian Universities and Schools Exam-  
inations Board  
Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of  
Medical Research  
West Gate Bridge Authority  
Western Port Regional Planning Autho-  
rity  
Wine and Brandy Producers Association  
of Victoria

## SYMBOLS AND OTHER FORMS OF USAGE

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The following symbols mean :

n.a. not available

n.y.a. not yet available

.. nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable

p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision

r figure or series revised since previous edition

n.e.i. not elsewhere included

n.e.s. not elsewhere stated

**M** males ; **F** females

— Break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)

The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia : N.S.W. (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), S.A. (South Australia), W.A. (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), N.T. (Northern Territory), A.C.T. (Australian Capital Territory), and Aust. (Australia).

Yearly periods shown as, e.g., 1975 refer to the year ended 31 December 1975, those shown as, e.g., 1974-75 refer to the year ended 30 June 1975.

Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

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All data is presented in metric terms.

Where figures have been rounded discrepancies may occur between totals and sums of components.

## THE ROYAL VISIT 1977



H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh with Mrs R. J. Hamer, wife of the Premier, shown on their arrival at the National Gallery to attend the Victorian Government's State Reception. H.M. The Queen is wearing the insignia of the ancient Order of the Garter and that of the new Order of Australia.

*Lands Department*

## THE SILVER JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY'S ACCESSION

State Reception at the National Gallery of Victoria, 17 March 1977

The Hon. R. J. Hamer, E.D., M.P., welcomed the Royal visitors :

*"Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, this great gathering has come here tonight from every part of the State. It represents the people of Victoria celebrating with you the Jubilee of your Accession. In those 25 years you have both become familiar figures to us in a way that was never possible in previous reigns, and the loyalty that Victoria has always shown on such occasions is today reinforced by personal affection and high regard.*

*"This is Your Majesty's fourth visit to us and on each meeting formality has progressively given way to greater informality. I well remember your first visit to Victoria, two years after Your Majesty's Accession, with all its excitement of first meeting and occasions of some pomp. I remember, too, 1970, when, for the first time anywhere in the British Commonwealth, you walked through the streets of Melbourne to meet and talk with your people. On this visit you have done that again. You have met the people of Victoria at sporting events and many thousands of our children assembled to greet you. In this Jubilee year it is fitting in this way to emphasise the concept of family—the concept that binds us all together still.*

*"You are no stranger to this Gallery, either. It is one of our proudest possessions, and here today we are to record our loyalty in what is to be known as the Jubilee Acquisition. We have chosen this means of marking Your Majesty's Jubilee so as to give it real and lasting significance. One of the major purposes of the Gallery is to give a cultural vigour to people's increasing leisure time, and the people were directly involved late last year when the Government launched the Arts Foundation of Victoria. This Foundation is raising money to ensure that the Gallery's collection, fine as it is, is not merely preserved but increased and enhanced before it is passed on to future generations. I am proud to say that the fund has already raised two million dollars.*

*"By involving the Arts with the people, and your Jubilee with the Arts, this first purchase by the Arts Foundation, our first Renoir, will mark the occasion for all time in the minds and the hearts of the people of Victoria. I now ask Your Majesty to unveil the Jubilee Acquisition."*

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II replied :

*"Mr Premier, thank you very much for your kind greetings on behalf of the people of Victoria. We are very pleased to be here in this Silver Jubilee year and to have received such a loyal and generous welcome wherever we have been. And so it has been throughout our visit to Australia. I can assure you that my overwhelming impression has been of the kindness, warmth, and enthusiasm shown to us everywhere. This time we have not been able to visit any country centres, so I was delighted and grateful that your Government had brought in so many children from surrounding districts. It has been inspiring and encouraging to see them. I think the future of this State is in safe hands.*



*"Mr Premier, in the old days the constitutional experts proclaimed that the Crown is indivisible. By this they meant it could not function or feel differently in respect of separate Realms. Nowadays things are different, but I have often wondered what the real situation was for the wearer of the Crown, even in those far off days, when it came to cricket. However, as Queen of Australia and the Queen of the United Kingdom, which incidentally includes England, I have had no difficulty in enjoying every moment of this latest encounter in the hundred years war between Australia and England.\* I believe that sporting rivalry, such as we have seen, gives everybody a great deal of pleasure and excitement—long may it flourish!*

*"Mr Premier, the people of Victoria are rightly proud of this Gallery and I look forward to seeing later this evening recent developments to the rest of the Arts Centre. I am delighted that you have decided to mark my Silver Jubilee by adding a beautiful painting by Renoir to the collection. I am sure it will be a source of refreshment and inspiration to many. It gives me much pleasure to unveil the Jubilee Art Acquisition."*

\* This was the last day of the Centenary Test Match between England and Australia played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. After a series of vicissitudes, Australia won by 45 runs, the same margin as in 1877.



Hon. R. J. Hamer, Premier of Victoria, conveys the greetings of the people of Victoria to H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh at the Victorian Government's State Reception held in the National Gallery on Thursday 17 March 1977.

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H.M. The Queen, escorted by Hon. R. J. Hamer, beginning the walk along Swanston Street from Flinders Street to Collins Street to attend the civic welcome at the Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday 16 March 1977. The Royal couple during their 36 hours in Victoria also visited the Flemington Racecourse, the Royal Women's Hospital, the Zoological Gardens, and the Centenary Test Match held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

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H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh drive around a gathering of some 20,000 schoolchildren at Royal Park, Melbourne, on Thursday 17 March 1977.

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