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# Preface

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The *Victorian Year Book* has a long and proud history. The first official year book to be published in Australia was the *Victorian Year Book* of 1873. The then Government Statist, Henry Hayter, stated the role of the book in the preface as "it will be my endeavour in this succession of volumes to record the facts with correctness and impartiality; to comment upon them only so far as may be necessary to elucidate them properly; to set up no theories except such as may be fairly deducible from the materials before me; and, in drawing inferences, to exercise perfect fairness to all sections of the community." Since that time, 100 Victorian Year Books have been published, all maintaining the goals established by Hayter.

The period since the release of the first *Victorian Year Book* has seen major social, economic, and technological change. Of particular relevance to the Year Book has been the rapid change over the past 25 years in the Australian society's use of information. As our society has become more sophisticated in its use of statistical information, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has attempted to meet this challenge by significantly expanding both the range of information provided and the methods of dissemination. Whereas the *Year Book* was once the only source of published statistical output from the central statistical agency, the ABS now releases over 1,000 publications each year, disseminates information on microfiche, magnetic tape, micro computer diskettes and compact disks, and also delivers statistics electronically through VIATEL and AUSSTATS.

In this context, the role and concept of the *Year Book* has changed from one of being the primary means of disseminating official statistics to one which provides a compendium or overview of the information available from the ABS.

This 101st edition has been designed to fulfil the above role. It is offered as a convenient reference for the wide audience which requires a timely and authoritative guide to Victoria's demographic, economic, and social aspects.

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# General information

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## Symbols

The following symbols mean:

- cr. credit
  - dr. debit
  - n.a. not available
  - n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
  - n.e.i. not elsewhere included
  - n.e.s. not elsewhere specified
  - n.p. not available for publication, but included in totals where applicable
  - n.y.a. not yet available
  - p preliminary - figure or series subject to revision
  - r figure or series revised since previous issue
  - .. not applicable
  - nil or rounded down to zero
  - break in continuity of series (where a line drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
  - \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
- M, males; F, females; T, total

## Other forms of usage

The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: NSW (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), SA (South Australia), WA (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), NT (Northern Territory), ACT (Australian Capital Territory), and Aust. (Australia).

Yearly periods shown as, e.g. 1986 refer to the year ended 31 December 1986. Those shown as, e.g. 1985-86 refer to the year ended 30 June 1986. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) or cents (c) unless another currency is specified.

All data are presented in metric terms.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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