

Timeline of key Australian events that helped shape our democracy

Suggested key events could include:

- I. 60,000 + Aboriginal settlement
- II. 1770/1788 – British sovereignty established and First Fleet lands
- III. 1850 Self-government in the colonies
- IV. 1854 Eureka stockade
- V. 1856 Responsible governments established
- VI. 1858 Australian (secret) ballot
- VII. 1896 SA women vote for the first time
- VIII. 1898-1900 Constitutional Referendums
- IX. 1901 Federation (and Constitution comes into effect)
- X. 1948 UN Declaration of Human Rights (Australia's involvement)
- XI. 1962/1967 Indigenous voting and Referendum
- XII. 1975 Racial Discrimination Act
- XIII. 1999 Republic referendum