

50 More Western Australian Historical

Facts & Trivia

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- Q1.** Thirty-one year old Peter Broun, his wife Caroline and their two young children arrived on the *Parmelia* in 1829. What was Broun's position in the new Swan River Colony?
A. Colonial Secretary
- Q2.** What important historic event was celebrated between December 1996 and February 1997?
A. The tri-centenary of de Vlamingh's visit.
- Q3.** During the Second World War Mrs Chester, the eccentric widow of a former Subiaco mayor, purchased two spitfires and one training plane for the RAAF at a cost of 8000 and 1000 pounds respectively. For years she was a common sight in the city and most people identified her by what nick-name?
A. 'Birds' Nest'
- Q4.** What nationality was the early Benedictine Monk Rosendo Salvado who, together with fellow monks, founded the settlement of New Norcia?
A. Spanish
- Q5.** The Benedictine Monks came from Spain to establish an Aboriginal mission. In what year did they establish the settlement of New Norcia?
A. 1846 (New Norcia celebrated its 150th year in 1996)
- Q6.** In what area of the Wheatbelt was the earliest inland European settlement in Western Australia?
A. The Avon Valley
- Q7.** By 8 June 1829 three ships were anchored in Cockburn Sound. Name them.
A. HMS Challenger, Parmelia and HMS Sulphur
- Q8.** The sinking of *HMAS Sydney* in November 1941 remains a mystery. What was the name of the German merchant raider involved?
A. The Kormoran
- Q9.** What distinguished soldier and well-known Perth architect designed the State War Memorial in King's Park?
A. General Sir Talbot Hobbs
- Q10.** Who was responsible for the naming of King George's Sound, Princess Royal Harbour and Michaelmas Island in Albany?