

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?