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## PREFACE

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The year 1986 marks the attainment of the 100th edition of the *Victorian Year Book* since its inception with the edition for 1873. Despite a few occasions when the *Year Book* did not appear it is the oldest continuing *Year Book* in Australia and among the oldest in the world.

This year is also a population census year and by coincidence the 150th anniversary of the appointment of officers to undertake the collection of census data in the Port Phillip District of New South Wales. This was the commencement of official statistical recording in what later became the Colony and State of Victoria.

Such commemorations are the occasion for reviewing the past and an article on the work of Victoria's official statisticians is featured in this edition. The account of their achievements, as published in census volumes, *Statistical Registers*, and *Year Books*, is intended as a small tribute to our predecessors. It draws attention to their responses to changing circumstances while retaining the essential continuity of objectives of measuring the demographic, economic, and social aspects of Victoria, and presenting them in text, table, and illustration.

In assessing the relevance of publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in an era of rapid change, the *Year Book* has undergone some revision to ensure that the content and format fulfils its role of reflecting clearly the current situation in Victoria, based on the solid foundation of official statistics.

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**CHRONOLOGY OF IMPORTANT  
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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)

M, males; F, females; T, total

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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).

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