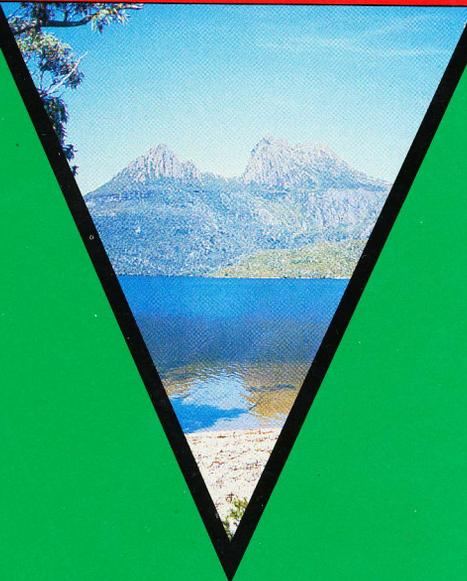


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GENERAL INFORMATION

SYMBOLS

The following symbols, where used, mean:

ASIC	Australian Standard Industrial Classification
n.a.	not available
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.e.i.	not elsewhere included
n.p.	not available for separate 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 to zero
— —	break in continuity of the series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
(H)	located in Hobart Statistical Division
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(H) (S)	parts in both Divisions.

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

Where reference is made to Acts of the Commonwealth or State Parliaments, the year quoted refers to the year in which the principal Act was passed; all subsequent amendments are inferred.

VALUES AND MEASURES

Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) and/or cents (¢). Metric units have been substituted for imperial units. The use of dollar currency and metric units has not been confined merely to tables; for the sake of uniformity, they have also been introduced into historical texts.

LOCAL NAMES OF CERTAIN REGIONS

Tasmanians describe certain regions in a manner confusing to strangers; nevertheless this book employs local usage in most contexts. The chief peculiarities are:

North-West Coast: The *north* coast from approximately Port Sorell, west to Cape Grim is called the *North-West Coast*.

North-East Coast: The *north* coast from approximately Low Head, east to Cape Portland is called the *North-East Coast*. With most of the north coast referred to as either 'north-west' or 'north-east' the term 'north' is rarely applied to this coastal region.

West Coast: The Tasmanian *West Coast* may also refer only to the mining settlements of Queenstown, Rosebery, etc. In other contexts, the user may be thinking of inland mountains and rainforests rather than of a coastline.

Midlands: The true *Midlands* are probably the Central Plateau but the Tasmanian term means the rural area east of the Plateau and lying along the axis of the Hobart-Launceston road (the *Midland Highway*).

PREFACE

This issue of the Tasmanian Year Book appears in the Australian Bicentennial year and presents a cohesive picture of the State of Tasmania seen from a number of different viewpoints.

Although there are elements of historical development included, the emphasis of the text and the statistics is on recent social and economic life in Tasmania. The statistics are designed to complement the text and to provide a quantitative view. In the same way that the commentary of a football match is enhanced by providing quarter-by-quarter scores and the numbers of kicks, marks, handballs and free-kicks, so the statistics on the number of sheep, the value of wool production, the tonnes of woodchips exported, the numbers of births, deaths and marriages, with commentaries and stories, provide a comprehensive picture of Tasmania.

The statistics presented in this volume are only a fraction of those available. If more detail, or statistics over a longer time frame are required, there are references at the end of each chapter that provide sources of further information.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics also provides an Information Service which, on request, supplies available statistical information and publications. All publications of the ABS and other statistical material are held in the Office library which is open to the public for reference purposes. People in business, manufacturers, primary producers, government authorities, students and the public generally are invited to make use of these services. Anyone requiring advice about the availability or interpretation of statistical information is invited to contact the Information Officer on (002) 205 800.

In producing a volume of this nature, the ABS relies on a number of staff within its own ranks and from people outside the ABS. I extend my thanks to all those who made a contribution to this edition, from supplying photographs to writing text and commentary; their effort and skills have made this volume possible.

Statistics are not just created. They are derived from information supplied to the ABS on statistical returns completed by individuals, businesses, Commonwealth, State and local government authorities, and other organisations. The ABS appreciates and relies on the assistance of these people and organisations in all its work.

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