Australia in the 1920's

Prime Ministers

- Billy Morris Hughes
  - He was a teacher and trade union official
- James Henry Scullin (1876-1953)
  - Scullin entered federal parliment in 1910 but lost his seat in 1913
- Stanley Melbourne Bruce (1882- 1967)
  - He studded law at Cambridge university in England

Jobs

- There were no un employment benefits
- For all jobs women's wages were less than men's
- Women made 20.3% of the total workforce in 1921
- Many women worked in factories

Communications

- Many Australian stamps commemorated special events such as the opening of the parliament house
- In 1925Jack Long the premier of New South Wales became the first political leader n Australia
- In 1923 sir Earle Page, while he was acting prime minister, noted that messages were enable to girdle the earth in one seventh of a second.

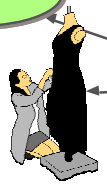
Entertainment

- In 1924 a regular airmail service began between Sydney and Adelaide followed by regular service between Melbourne and Sydney in 1925
- Elaborate dancers were advertised in the news papers
- Al Jolson starred in the first talking picture. The singer , and the era of the silent film passed into history.
- The new jazz music filled the air at parties and dancers

Transport

- The model T ford was the most popular car in the 1920s
- In the 1920s work began again after world war 1 had put a stop to progress in earnest and by 1923 all Melbourne suburban train services were electrified
  - Before the pictures were shown audiences were entertained by music played on wurlitzer organs
- Horse transport was still widely used in the 1920s but at the end of the decade, Motor cars well out numbered horse-drawn cars.
- November 1920 PJ Mcguiness and WH fysh formed the Queensland and NT Ariel services (QANTAS)

Fashions



- With new fashions , new music and new attitudes the 1920s are remembered as the 'good times decade
- In 1925 the Australian goverment encouraged British people to migrate to Australia

Interesting Facts

Food

- For most of the 1920s ice-cream was a special treat available picture theatre to some restaurant.
- In 1923 vegimite was produced
- There was a wide range of eating establishments

Important Events

Sport

- Swimming lessons were provided by most schools
- Australia won the ashes from England in 1920, 21, 24 and 25 but lost its supriority later in the decade
- Progress of cricket test matches would be splashed across the pages of news papers each day and crowds would anxiously await the papers as though the destiny of the nation depended on out come
- Norman Brookes was the star of the Australian tennis early in the century