



Australian History



PEACH'S EXPLORERS

Journalist Bill Peach retraces the journeys of the early Australian Explorers who opened up the great unknown areas of Australia in the nineteenth century. Dramatised re-enactments and on camera comments by Bill Peach vividly demonstrate the difficult feats and the proudest moments of these famous early Australians.

10 x 30 minute programs

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The Prison Walls

The Blue Mountains surrounding the settlement of Botany Bay were like prison walls. More land was needed. This program retraces the steps of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson as they set off in 1813 on their epic journey to cross the Blue Mountains in search of new grazing and farming land.

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East To West

In 1840, Edward John Eyre led an expedition to cross from Adelaide to the west coast of Australia. Four volunteers joined him including John Baxter and Wylie, an aboriginal. The country was desolate and unforgiving but Eyre and Wylie eventually arrived at Albany.

East To North

Ludwig Leichhardt led an expedition from the eastern settlements north to Port Essington in Northern Australia. Edmund Kennedy was asked by the Governor to explore the land between that explored by Leichhardt and Mitchell. Of the thirteen who set out, only three survived.

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South To North

The race to cross Australia from south to north was inspired by inter-colonial rivalry between South Australia, which financed John McDougall Stuart's expedition, and Victoria, which financed Burke and Wills expedition. Stuart's expedition was ultimately successful with him finally breaking through the centre to the north coast.

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New edited version by Dr Jonathan King

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