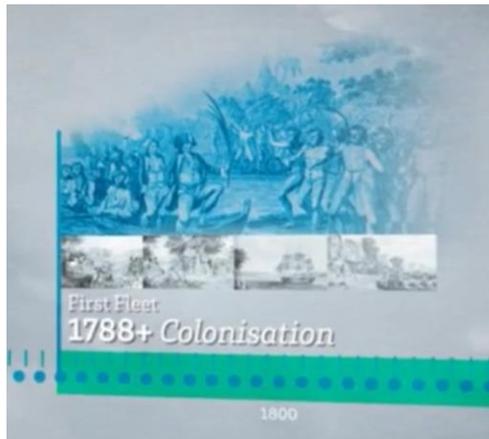


Shared History - Timeline



Colonisation

“A process when a country send settlers to a new place to establish control of the area and its indigenous population.”

Begins with the landing of the First Fleet and England declaring the land as empty – “**Terra Nullius**” (land belonging to no one).

The impact of colonisation still has consequences until now.



Protection

Aboriginal people were seen as a dying race due to ongoing (foreign) disease, violence (massacres, sexual abuse of women & children) and dysfunction eg. substances (alcohol etc) from the colonisation.

Reserves, missions and institutions were created to provide protection. Their purpose changed over time, but separation from non-indigenous people & highly controlled environment was seen as a solution to many problems.



Assimilation

Australia was still a very “British” country then. Indigenous people & migrants were expected to give up their heritage & adopt the dominant “white” culture & identity.

Some Indigenous children, particularly with lighter skin were separated from their families. To many, these children became known as the “**Stolen Generation**”.

Social Activism

Indigenous activists emerged from the community, campaigning against discrimination towards the Indigenous people.



Self Determination

Indigenous participation in policy and decision-making and in individual and community leadership began.

Some positive achievements & changes by the Indigenous people occurred, such as government recognition of Indigenous culture & creation of anti-discrimination law.

But some people found it difficult to adapt to the new way of life because they have spent most or their entire lives in highly controlled institutions.

Recognition (the beginning of Recognition) – where we are now

The government starts to acknowledge the significant damaging impact of European settlement on Indigenous Australians, and starts addressing it.

Many significant events mark this period – some good, some not so good.

- High Court Recognition of Native Title
- National Apology by PM Rudd
- Northern Territory Intervention
- Distressing report into Aboriginal death in custody

*Relationship – where we are now & hope to be, “*Australian Together*”

You love people and each other because of God’s love, no matter what colour or background people have.

Reconciliation = Resetting the Relationship - healthier & respectful

In practical terms:

- Genuine friendship: 2 different people caring & sharing together
- Participate in local Indigenous activities like sports, arts etc

*From Christian perspective