

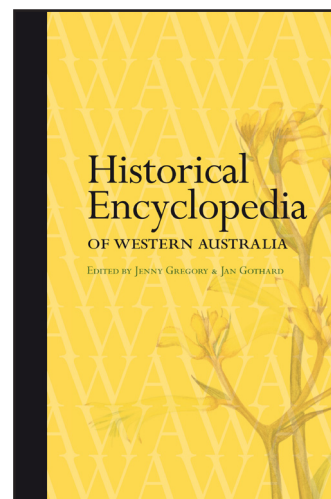
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More than five hundred writers have come together to produce a detailed encyclopedia of Western Australia's history, which will be launched by WA Premier Colin Barnett on June 24.

The *Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia* has been published under the former UWA Press imprint.

The product of seven years collaboration, work on this definitive guide to WA's past began when one of the editors realised it had been nearly a century since the last WA encyclopedia was produced by well-known state librarian J.S. Battye in 1912.

The *Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia* is the only central resource on detailed WA history in existence and includes research into the history of groups that were previously marginalised or ignored.

Entries on the Ugly Men's Association, race riots, convict labour, beauty competitions, Aboriginal servicemen and women and landclearing, among many others, detail the depth of research employed as well as the intriguing entries within this book.

The *Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia* will become an outstanding reference for researchers, teachers, students and the general public throughout Australia enabling them to locate information about significant events, institutions, people and places, themes and topics in the history of Western Australia - a gift from WA historians to the people of WA.

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