

FRONTIER WAR CALENDAR

(1788 – 1940s)



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TRIGGER WARNING FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE:
THIS ZINE CONTAINS THE NAMES AND STORIES OF
ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.

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Frontier War Calendar is a broader look at frontier conflict all over the country. For more information & in-depth descriptions on specific events and warriors check out issue 1 or 2.



- **1900 – 1901:**
Federation occurred, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people largely excluded from the new nation's citizenship.
- **1940s:**
Small-scale hostilities and resistance continued in remote areas, marking the end of the traditional "Frontier" period.

The Australian Frontier Wars were fought across diverse landscapes, with resistance led by warriors whose strategies adapted to the shifting frontier. Below are detailed profiles of key figures and a regional breakdown of the conflict.

1849 – 1920s:

The Native Police operated in Queensland, acting as a primary military instrument on the northern frontier.

1928:

The Coniston Massacre in the Northern Territory marked one of the last large-scale massacres of Aboriginal people.

1934:

The crisis in Arnhem Land is often cited as one of the final major “Frontier” incidents involving police and traditional groups.



INTRODUCTIONS

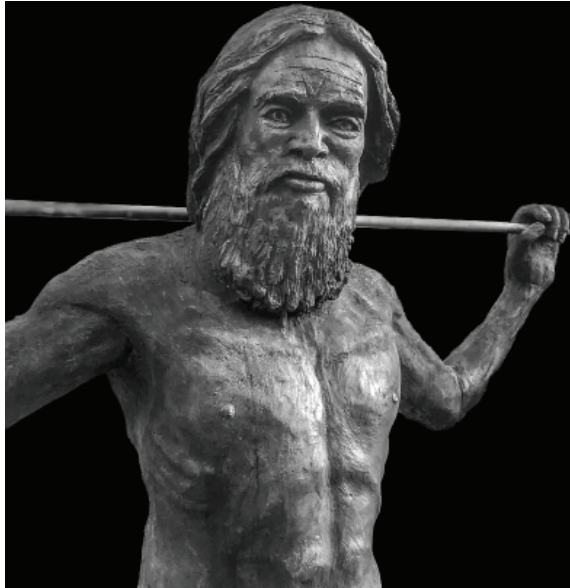
The Australian Frontier Wars (1788 – 1940s) were a series of conflicts, massacres, and acts of resistance following the invasion and colonisation by the British. While pre-1788 history is defined by ancient cultures and interactions with groups like the Makasar, the “Frontier Wars” officially began with the First Fleet’s arrival.



- **JANUARY 1788:**
Arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove; first violent clashes occurred within months as land clearing began.
- **1790 – 1802:**
Pemulwuy, a Bidjigal warrior, led a significant 12-year guerrilla war against British settlements in the Sydney region.
- **MARCH 1797:**
The Battle of Parramatta saw Pemulwuy led 100 men in a raid on colonial settlements.

- **1830S:**
Yagan led Noongar resistance in Western Australia against the Swan River Colony.
- **1890S:**
Jandamarra led a sophisticated three-year armed rebellion in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.





Yagan



Image from Jandamarra's War



1816:

The Appin Massacre occurred on April 17, when Governor Macquarie ordered an attack that killed at least 14 Dharawal people.



1824:

The Bathurst War broke out between the Wiradjuri nation and British colonists in New South Wales.



Pemulwuy



1838:

The Myall Creek Massacre took place in June; it was the first time colonists were tried and executed for killing Aboriginal people.



1840S:

The Eumarella War saw the Gunditjmara people defend their country in the region of Victoria.



1804 – 1830S:

Intensified fighting in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), leading to the Black War (1824–1831), the most intense conflict in the Frontier Wars.