

# 🔔 Christmas in Australia



# Its History

## *Beginnings:*

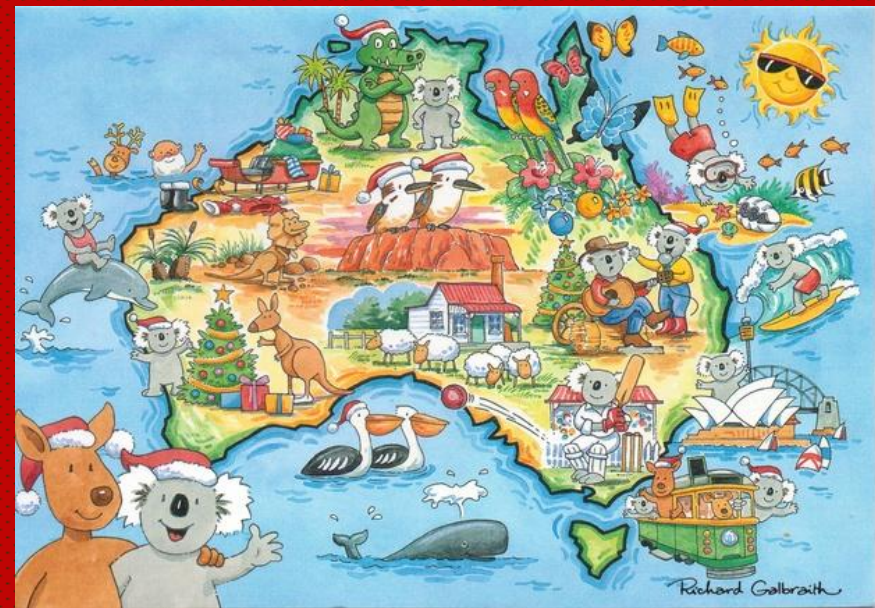
- Derived from British traditions
- People who moved to Australia celebrated their own traditions

## *Later:*

- European influences
- American ones

## *Other reasons for the difference:*

- Xmas in the middle of summer
- Children get a six week holiday



# Season's Greetings from Australia



*Greetings  
from  
the team*



# Christmas Traditions

- Decorating houses from December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Xmas stockings for children
- Midnight mass on Xmas Eve
- Celebrate the birth of Jesus
- Santa Claus arrives on a surfboard to beaches or on a sleigh pulled by kangaroos
- Leaving out some cakes and drinks for Santa
- Church services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- Not opening their presents on Christmas Eve, only the next day (Boxing Day)



# Decorated Houses



# Typical Xmas Dishes

There are two kinds of typical Australian Xmas dishes:

- Same as the traditional Victorian dish: turkey, ham, some side dishes, etc.
- Other dishes: crab, chicken, lamb, beef, kangaroo, some garnishes, etc.



# Typical Xmas Dessert

➤ Pavlova Cake





# Music at Xmas

Aussie Jingle Bells Lyrics

Dashing through the bush,  
in a rusty Holden Ute,  
Kicking up the dust,  
esky in the boot,  
Kelpie by my side,  
singing Christmas songs,  
It's Summertime and I am in  
my sing let, shorts and thongs



Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,  
Christmas in Australia  
on a scorching summers day, Hey!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is  
beaut!,  
Oh what fun it is toride in a rusty Holden Ute.



Thank You for Your Attention! 😊

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