

30000+

YEARS AGO:

The estimated age of oldest petroglyphs of Murujuga and the Dampier Archipelago

8000

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The outer islands of Dampier Archipelago formed when rising sea levels flooded coastal plains

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Sea levels stabilise and the Dampier Archipelago took on its present form

1606 Dutch VOC ship the Duyfken made the first recorded contact on Australian soil between the Aboriginal people of Australia and Europeans at Mapoon, QLD

1688 William Dampier anchored off one of the islands in the Dampier Archipelago

1818 First documented contact between Europeans and Aboriginal People in the Pilbara, WA

1840 First recorded report of Dampier Archipelago petroglyphs by HMS Beagle

1861 First expedition through western Pilbara led by Gregory

1863 First settlers arrived in Cossack and Roebourne

1866 Roebourne established as a town

1868 Flying Foam Massacre

1870 Rich Copper deposits discovered at Whim Well (renamed Whim Creek)

1872 Cossack established as a town

1880 Gold discovered

1886 Aborigines Protection Act passed

1900 By 1900 Many Yindjibarndi had been moved off their country to Roebourne

1901 Federation

1905 Aborigines Protection Act revised

1944 Natives (Citizen Rights) Act WA

1946 Aboriginal station workers stage a strike to demand wages instead of rations

1954 Full blood Aboriginal children were allowed to attend school, but separately from white and part Aboriginal children

1960 Weerianna Hostel established in Roebourne to provide care for Aboriginal children

1962 First iron ore deposit claimed at Mt Tom Price

1963 First iron ore agreement between Hammersley Iron and WA government

1963 The white and black schools in Roebourne were merged

1965 Dampier established as a closed company town by Hamersley Iron

1966 Iron ore exports begin

1966 John Pat was born 31 October

1967 Referendum held to change the Constitution to include Aboriginal people in the census and 90.77% of Australians vote yes

1968 Karratha established as an open town

1970 Vast quantities of natural gas and condensate are discovered in the Carnarvon Basin on Australia's north-west continental shelf

1972 Aboriginal people granted access to social services

1972 Wickham established as a closed company town by Cliffs Robe River

1975 38 families moved from the old Reserve to the government built 'Village'

1981 Cooya Pooya on the Harding River is selected as site for new dam

1982 Protests are raised by Indigenous Elders regarding the Harding Dam site

1983 Construction on Harding Dam begins

1983 John Pat dies in custody after being assaulted by off-duty Police Officers

1984 The North West Shelf Project Karratha Gas Plant was officially opened on 4 September 1984 and began delivering natural gas to Western Australia

1984 Injunction is sought by Aboriginal Legal Aid to stop further construction of the Harding Dam

1985 Harding Dam opened

1987 10 August, Prime Minister Hawke announced the formation of a Royal Commission to investigate the causes of deaths of Aboriginal people while held in State and Territory prisons

1988 Jack Davis wrote and published the poem John Pat

1989 The first liquefied natural gas cargo departs the North West Shelf Project Karratha Gas Plant bound for Japan

1991 339 recommendations handed down by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

1992 Mabo decision

1992 The Pilbara 21 Study, commissioned by the State Development Department, recognises the "immense" cultural values of the Burrup to all Australians

1992 Paul Keating delivers 'Redfern Park Speech' becoming the first Australian prime minister to publicly acknowledge that European settlers were responsible for the difficulties Australian Aboriginal communities continued to face

1993 Native Title Act

1996 Ngarluma/Yindjibarndi native title claim lodged with Federal Court

2003 Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estate Agreement

2005 Ngarluma/Yindjibarndi native title determination

2005 Pluto gas field discovered

2007 Pluto approved for development and construction commenced

2007 Archie Roach released the album Journey which included the song John Pat

2007 Woodside signed the Conservation Agreement with the Australian Government committing \$34 million dollars for recognition, protection and conservation of the National Heritage Values of the Dampier Archipelago

2012 First LNG production

2012 First LNG and condensate cargoes depart

2013 Hipbone Sticking Out premieres in Canberra