Australia
New South Wales

Geofacts

Area
800 642 sq km

Population
6 827 700

Largest city
Sydney,
4 254 900 people (F3)

Highest mountain
Mount Kosciuszko,
2 228 m (E1)

Largest national park
Kosciuszko National
Park, 6 470 sq km (E1)

Floral emblem
Waratah

Changing Sydney

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Case study

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Darling Harbour

Woolloomooloo Bay

Royal Botanic Gardens

Farm Cove

Sydney Opera House

Bennelong Point

Sydney Cove

Sydney Harbour

Bridge
Sea baths for people to bath in were built in Woollomooloo Bay in 1858. Not many houses had bathrooms in those days.

The land around Farm Cove was Australia's first farming area. Today it is the site of the Royal Botanic Gardens.

The Sydney Opera House is built on Bennelong Point. The site was originally occupied by Fort Macquarie.

Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788.

Wharves were constructed along Darling Harbour to export wool, grain, timber and coal. Today it is a place for entertainment, shopping and museums.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge was opened on 19 March 1932 to link the northern and southern shores of Sydney Harbour.