



2010

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Australian floods of 2010 and 2011 caused global sea level to drop | Sea level | The Guardian

Gallery - Jessica Watson Voyage | weebly.com

IN THE NEWS

Following a leadership spill, Julia Gillard replaces Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and becomes the first female appointed to the role.

Following 13 years of drought across Australia, three quarters of Qld is declared disaster zones, following a series of floods causing the evacuation of thousands, 33 deaths and over 90 towns and 200,000 people affected. The floods cause \$2.38 billion in damages. The Qld floods are followed by severe flooding in Vic and NSW and a powerful cyclone season in 2011.

The previous year, Victoria experienced the Black Saturday series of bushfires, among the worst bushfire disasters resulting in Australia's highest-ever loss of human life from a bushfire and many people left homeless.

Ross Garnaut releases final report of the Climate Change review, highlighting the severe adverse effects to agriculture and the natural environment in the absence of a global effort to reduce CO₂ emissions.

16 year old sailor, Jessica Watson, completes a solo voyage around the world.

Australian of the Year is Patrick McGorry, a psychiatrist known for his proactive approach to emerging mental disorders in young people.

PRIME MINISTERS

Kevin Rudd | Julie Gillard



Australian
POPULATION
22.1 million

TECHNOLOGY

In 2010, there are just over 2 billion users of the internet and Instagram is launched.

Samsung launches its first Galaxy S smartphone.

Apple's iPad is launched, following the release of the iPhone 2 years earlier and its virtual assistant Siri (the first one of its kind), is soon to be released.

IBM's 'Watson' beats Ken Jennings (longest standing contestant) at Jeopardy.

Microsoft competes with cloud-computing companies like Amazon, Google, Salesforce and IBM with its launch of Azure.

In finance news ...

Australia comes out of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) of 2007-2009, having maintained a relatively strong performance of the economy and financial system. The country did not experience a large economic downturn, however, the pace of economic growth slowed significantly, unemployment rose sharply and it was a period of heightened uncertainty.

In 2010, the Rudd govt. announces it will tax the above-normal profits of the mining industry to fund a superannuation rise and a company tax cut. However, PM Julia Gillard announces major changes via a Mineral Resource Rent Tax. (The Coalition, on winning government in 2013, repeals the tax altogether).

The Government releases the final report of the review into the governance, efficiency, structure and operation of Australia's Superannuation System (the Cooper Review).

The announcement of the Stronger Super reforms comes in 2011, including the MySuper product, with the goal of creating an easily comparable default funds system.

Government's response to Australia's future tax system review (the Henry Review) is released.

In 2010, super assets are at \$1.14 trillion and 89.8% of employed persons are covered by compulsory superannuation.

Reserve Bank of Australia Cash Rate at 4.75%.

Australia's inflation rate at 2.92%.

In Pop Culture

Avatar, Inception, The Blind Side and Toy Story 3 films release.

Good Morning Australia finishes and Bert Newton signs with Nine to host *Family Feud*.

Love the way you lie (Eminem feat Rihanna) and *Dynamite* (Taio Cruz) are ARIA hits.

Hey Hey It's Saturday (the variety and slapstick TV show that ran for 28 years from 1971 to 1999) had a short-lived return to screen.



- IQ Australia celebrates first decade of operations.
- Graham Samuels, CEO, is appointed Chair of ASFA eCommerce Committee in 2010 and the SuperStream Advisory Council in 2012.
- IQ establishes a Microsoft Solutions Practice to better leverage the use of existing Microsoft technologies throughout its financial services base.
- iqBoard is launched and QSuper is the first client to successfully implement stating "Any initial hesitation by Board and Committee members in regard to migrating to an electronic format on the iPad form factor has been replaced in a short period of time with great enthusiasm for the solution" (Chief Officer Systems and Change, Baden Sharples).
- In 2011, IQ announces its appointment as a Premier Partner with enterprise software company, OpenText to further support clients in the areas of information governance, document management and archiving. This year also sees iqCloud launched as a community cloud for the super sector and forming a cloud computing extension of the trustee office solution, iqBoard.
- IQ announces in 2012, it will extend its certified Partner status in the Microsoft Partner Program and achieve Gold competency for Portals and Collaboration, highlighting its expertise in building business applications across the Microsoft SharePoint 2010 platform.
- In 2013, IQ announces the successful implementation of iqATO with Vision Super. iqATO is the fully ATO-certified communications module that links super funds with the online Super TFN Integrity Check (SuperTICK) service.

SPORT

Australia defeats NZ in the Anzac test. QLD takes State of Origin with record-breaking fifth consecutive win. Collingwood finally defeats St Kilda in a AFL Premiership (after drawing in a first match). St George defeats Sydney Roosters in NRL Grand Final. Horse American wins Melbourne Cup. Australia brings home two gold and one silver from the Winter Olympics held in Canada.