Australia in the 1960’s

Important Events
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- Between 1949 and 1969, the population increased from 7.4 million to 12 million.
- By 1968, 8000 Australia soldiers were fighting in the Vietnam War.
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Prime Ministers
- Robert Gordon Menzies was prime minister two times.
- Harold Holt
- John Gorton
- John Young
- Gorton said not to send no more troops to the Vietnam War.

Interesting Facts
- The 1965 Falcon Station Wagon was a popular family car.
- In 1960, goods were shipped to Tasmania packed in containers.
- The cranes were moving containers about 25 Million to 35 Million tonnes per year.
- The first train straight thru Melbourne to Sydney on January 3rd 1962.

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- They also had hairstyles called a beehive.
- The had hairstyles like the Beatles.
- Her they also had a hair cut called a Twiggy.

Food
- In the 1960’s new processed foods allowed for faster preparation of food.
- Kentucky fried chicken became a favourite take away meal for Australians.
- The time of thousands of fans watched their teams every weekend.

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