Victoria (abbreviated as Vic) is a state in southeastern Australia. It is the second-smallest state with a land area of 227,444 km² (87,817 sq mi) and the most densely populated state in Australia (28 per km²). Victoria is bordered with New South Wales to the north and South Australia to the west, and is bounded by the Bass Strait (which separates it from the island state of Tasmania) to the south,[note 1] the Great Australian Bight portion of the Southern Ocean to the southwest, and the Tasman Sea (a marginal sea of the South Pacific Ocean) to the southeast. The state encompasses a range of Handbook to Australasia: being a brief historical and descriptive account of Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, and New Zealand. 1859, W. Fairfax and Co. in English. aaa. Not in Library. Add another edition? Handbook to Australasia. First published in 1859, Subjects. Bibliography, Description and travel. Places. Australia. Edit. Handbook to Australasia. being a brief historical and descriptive account of Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia, and New Zealand. This edition was published in 1859 by W. Fairfax and Co. in Mel Book description. Australia is the last continent to be settled by Europeans, but it also sustains a people and a culture tens of thousands years old. For much of the past 200 years the newcomers have sought to replace the old with the new. This book tells how they imposed themselves on the land, and brought technology, institutions and ideas to make it their own.Â “At long last here is an accessible, sensible, learned and digestible history of Australia. It is a triumph of Stuart Macintyre’s notable scholarship that he has come up with a book that is concise - not brief, not abbreviated - sharp and to the point â€” this is a tremendously useful tool for locals and outsiders. It should sit on every Australian’s bookshelf, next to the dictionary and the atlas.â€” Nick Richardson Source: Herald-Sun. As a result, the New South Wales Legislative Council was established in 1825 to give advice to the Governor of New South Wales. In 1835, William Wentworth formed the Australian Patriotic Association to demand a democratic government for New South Wales. This was the first political party in the country. In 1840, the Sydney City Council and the Adelaide City Council were developed and a certain group of people, those with a specific amount of money, could vote for them.Â In 1855, London granted partial self government to Tasmania, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria. The right to vote was also granted to men above 21 years old in South Australia. A year later, a new secret ballot was introduced in South Australia, Victoria and Victoria.