

Year 3 General Studies
Lachlan Macquarie

Governor Lachlan Macquarie (1761 – 1824) was a British military officer and the fifth Governor of New South Wales from 1810 to 1821. He had a leading role in the social, economic and architectural development of Australia. Historians say he changed New South Wales from a penal colony to a free settlement. This was very important in making the future of Australian society.



Legacy on Indigenous Peoples

Macquarie expressed an interest in living peacefully with Aboriginal groups in the area. However, he did not understand the complexity and diversity of Indigenous cultures across the country. He believed that Indigenous people needed to be assimilated, and so he established institutions to 'educate' Indigenous people in British ways of life.

Building a Colony

During his time as Governor, Macquarie oversaw the building of government infrastructure. This included the Macquarie Street government precinct, of Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney Hospital (now Sydney Mint and NSW Parliament House) and St James Church, and the Macquarie Lighthouse at the entrance of Sydney Harbour. He also made significant improvements to Sydney's transport infrastructure, by straightening existing roads, and adding hundreds of kilometres of new roads, thus establishing new townships outside Sydney.



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Questions

1. Governor Lachlan Macquarie was the first Governor of New South Wales.

True / False

2. How many years did Lachlan Macquarie govern for? (Circle the answer)

5 / 11 / 21

3. Fill in the blanks.

*Historians say he changed New South Wales from a _____
_____ to a _____ settlement. This was very important in
making the future of _____ society.*

4. Macquarie did not understand the complexity and diversity of Indigenous cultures across the country. True / False

5. "He established institutions to 'educate' Indigenous people in British ways of life." Why is educate written in quotations?

6. List three things that were built while Lachlan Macquarie was Governor.
