



Firsts

The **First** sighting of Lord Howe Island occurred in 1788 by Lt Henry Lidgbird Ball, Commander of HMS 'Supply', sailing from Sydney Cove to Norfolk Island.

The **First** European settlers arrived on Lord Howe Island in 1833.

Old Settlement Beach was **First** settled by British Whalers Messers Ashdown, Bishop and Chapman.

The **First** timber house was built by Nathan Thompson in 1860.

1876 was the year that the **First** recorded visit to the summit of Mt Gower took place.

Rats from the stranded Burns Philip ship the "Makambo" invaded Lord Howe for the **First** time in 1918.

1893 saw the **First** regular steamship service to Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands.

The **First** airmail was flown to the Island in 1931 aboard Francis Chichester's Gypsy Moth seaplane.

Trans Oceanic Airways commenced the **First** commercial flying boat service to the Island in 1947.

The **First** Lord Howe Island airstrip came into service in 1974.

In 1982 Lord Howe became the **First** Australian island to receive World Heritage Listed status.