



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