

**"THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER"**

**STATISTICS - - PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA**

**DATES AS STATED ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TABLES**

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**Key Dates**

1828 - the Dutch claimed the western half of the island as part of the Dutch East Indies

1884 - the German Empire took possession of the north east quarter of the island

6 November, 1884 - a British protectorate was proclaimed over the southern coast (Papua) of the island - British New Guinea

1899 - the German Imperial Government took control of the north east quarter - German New Guinea

1 September, 1906 - British New Guinea was renamed the Territory of Papua and placed under Australian Commonwealth control

1 September, 1914 - Australian forces occupied German New Guinea in WW1 and it remained under Australian military rule until 1921

17 December, 1920 - Post WW1 German New Guinea became the Territory of New Guinea administered by Australia under a League of Nations mandate

March, 1942 - During WW2 Australia (ANGAU) assumed military control of Papua and New Guinea

October, 1945 - Post WW2, Australian civil administration of each of the Territories of Papua and New Guinea commenced

1 May 1963 - Administration of Western New Guinea transferred to the Republic of Indonesia and renamed Irian Jaya

1 July, 1971 - Territory of Papua and New Guinea renamed Papua New Guinea

1 December, 1973 - Papua New Guinea became self-governing

16 September, 1975 - Papua New Guinea became an independent nation

The information reported in each year book changed over time, and only years which have published data are listed

Not reported means that the data was not reported specifically in the Year Books of Australia