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Note on Currency and Measurements

Australia changed to decimal currency in 1966 and the metric system for weights and measures was adopted over the next few years.

Currency

12 pennies (d.) = one shilling (s.)

20 shillings = one pound (£)

When Australia changed to decimal currency \$2 = £1

Area

1 acre = 0.40 ha

Length

1 foot = 0.305 m

1 mile = 1.61 km

Weight

1 ton = 1.016 tonne

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Abbreviations

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A-G	Agent-General
AJCP	Australian Joint Copying Project
AONSW	Archives Office of New South Wales
BL	British Library
Bod. L.	Bodleian Library
CDC	Colonial Defence Committee
CFB	Council of Foreign Bondholders
CO	Colonial Office
CP	Confidential Print
CSSB	Colonial Secretary Special Bundles
CWM	Council for World Mission
FO	Foreign Office
HL	House of Lords
KCMG	Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George
ML	Mitchell Library
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
Post	Post Office
PP	Parliamentary Papers
PRO	Public Record Office
RN	Royal Navy
<i>SMH</i>	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>
SRO	Scottish Record Office
V & P	Votes and Proceedings
WO	War Office

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