

Fit to Print: Defining Moments from the Fairfax Photo Archive

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Exhibition checklist

(all images are reproductions of glass plate negatives except where noted)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Line of photographers ready to photograph the Prince of Wales (the future Edward VIII), at Government House, Sydney 1920

[nla.obj-162931011](#)

Unknown photographer

Cars on the Sydney Harbour Bridge 1932

[nla.obj-161902952](#)

Unknown photographer

Washing a glass-plate negative in The Sun's processing department, Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-163371269](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Working the linotype machines at The Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney 1930

[nla.obj-163376529](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

George Bell, New South Wales c. 1920

[nla.obj-163369251](#)

Unknown photographer

Sydney Morning Herald photographer George Bell, New South Wales 1910

[nla.obj-163385448](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

A newly enlisted man is farewelled by a wounded soldier, New South Wales c. 1915

[nla.obj-162929961](#)

Unknown photographer

Six of Inge Stange's pupils in performance, New South Wales 30 May 1933

[nla.obj-162055145](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Woman beside Meroo Creek at Hardy's Station, Yass, New South Wales c. 1929

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Man on the bank of the Snowy River between Pinch River and Jacobs River, New South Wales 1932

[nla.obj-163286887](#)

Unknown photographer

Man examining a cello at A.E. Smith's musical instruments workshop, Hunter Street, Sydney 25 July 1930

[nla.obj-160274733](#)

Unknown photographer

Nancy Bird beside a DH.60 Moth biplane, New South Wales 22 August 1933

[nla.obj-162401019](#)

Unknown photographer

Departing troops walking with their families down Macquarie Street, Sydney 1914

[nla.obj-162908974](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Two children contemplating sculptures at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne
c. 1940

[nla.obj-162925812](#)

Charles E. Wakeford (1879–1968)

Arrest of Captain Francis de Groot at the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge 19
March 1932

[nla.obj-161661865](#)

Unknown photographer

Miss Marie Jenkins in her Bugatti race car, New South Wales c. 1925

[nla.obj-163217922](#)

Unknown photographer

Two small children in Surry Hills, Sydney c. 1925

[nla.obj-160381328](#)

Unknown photographer

African American child showing off his musical skills, New South Wales c. 1928

[nla.obj-163124495](#)

Unknown photographer

Coalminer at Lithgow Vale Colliery, New South Wales 21 December 1932

[nla.obj-157886388](#)

Unknown photographer

Coalminers at the Lithgow Vale Colliery, New South Wales 21 December 1932

[nla.obj-157885780](#)

Unknown photographer

Technician working on the Southern Cross, New South Wales c. 1931

[nla.obj-161949069](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Awaiting the arrival of the Prince of Wales (the future Edward VIII), Farm Cove, New South Wales 1920

[nla.obj-162931200](#)

Unknown photographer

Elderly men on a bench, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163218856](#)

Unknown photographer

Parrots perching, New South Wales c. 1920

[nla.obj-163187787](#)

Unknown photographer

Children 'racing' on a dismantled merry-go-round, Flinders Street, Sydney 1924

[nla.obj-162855750](#)

Unknown photographer

Reg Conybear preparing to cycle to Adelaide from Sydney, New South Wales 30 April 1930

[nla.obj-162148385](#)

Unknown photographer

Governor-General Lord Stonehaven with scouts around a campfire, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163258532](#)

Unknown photographer

Jean Thompson sits in their Type 37A Bugatti between races 10 May 1930

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Champion skier Pat Farquharson, Charlotte Pass, New South Wales 1931

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Unknown photographer

Ice skaters and observers, Mount Kosciuszko, New South Wales c. 1930

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Unknown photographer

Smartly dressed women enjoying a day out at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney 1911

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Unknown photographer

Indian Sikhs Bhola Singh (left) and Pritam Kaur (right) in Sydney, en route to New Zealand, where they plan to become dairy farmers 1924

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Unknown photographer

Sir John Monash arrives in Sydney 21 February 1929

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Unknown photographer

Tom Foster, La Perouse, New South Wales 3 January 1933

[nla.obj-162295172](#)

Unknown photographer

Portrait of Sir Douglas Nicholls KCVO OBE 15 August 1931

[nla.obj-158016010](#)

Unknown photographer

Renowned war photographer Frank Hurley (left) with popular Scottish singer and comedian Sir Harry Lauder, New South Wales c. 1935

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Unknown photographer

Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova outside Government House, Sydney March 1926

[nla.obj-162023141](#)

Unknown photographer

Arthur Barnes in his Citroen after breaking the Bourke-to-Sydney road record 3 May 1932

[nla.obj-160977099](#)

Unknown photographer

Sisters Wilma Cummins and Jessie Holman before departing from Macquarie Place, Sydney 6 June 1931

[nla.obj-160705078](#)

Unknown photographer

Charles Kingsford Smith arrives after the Pacific flight completed in the Southern Cross, New South Wales 1928

[nla.obj-162683043](#)

Unknown photographer

Aviator Charles Kingsford Smith and the crew of the Southern Cross, New South Wales c. 1928

[nla.obj-163366550](#)

Unknown photographer

Members of the Waiata Māori Choir in traditional dress, New South Wales c. 1935–1937

[nla.obj-163101241](#)

Unknown photographer

Parade for Chinese New Year, New South Wales 4 February 1935

[nla.obj-160394642](#)

Unknown photographer

Child playing with the medals of a returned soldier at an Anzac Day service, Petersham, New South Wales 25 April 1933

[nla.obj-161664432](#)

Unknown photographer

One of Miss Inge Stange's pupils captured mid-air during a dance performance, New South Wales 20 February 1933

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Unknown photographer

Margaret Preston in her garden, New South Wales c. 1931

[nla.obj-157931833](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

New enlistee off to the Great War carrying his pack as he walks with his family in Woolloomooloo, Sydney 1915

[nla.obj-162930897](#)

Unknown photographer

Prime Minister William Hughes flanked by soldiers as he delivers a speech, New South Wales c. 1920

[nla.obj-163310136](#)

Frederick Halmarick (1908–1974)

Crowds gathered standing and seated on top of automobiles for the Victory Thanksgiving Service in The Domain, Sydney 16 August 1946

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

***Celebrating Armistice Day in Hunter Street, Sydney* 1918**

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Unknown photographer

***The Prince of Wales and Major General Sir Granville de Laune Ryrie inspecting the men, Sydney* 1920**

[nla.obj-163335553](#)

Unknown photographer

***Miss Florrie Hodges (centre) with friends Miss C. Barrett (left) and Miss R. Arthur (right), Sydney* 1926**

[nla.obj-162306898](#)

Unknown photographer

***Catching up on the news, Sydney* c. 1920**

[nla.obj-163365935](#)

Unknown photographer

***Men working on the propeller of HMAS Australia at Cockatoo Island Dock, Sydney* 4 June 1930**

[nla.obj-161678472](#)

Unknown photographer

Blind barrister Neville Gilbert McWilliam working at his desk, New South Wales 8
July 1931

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Unknown photographer

Sibyl Enid Morrison, the first woman to practise at the New South Wales Bar, in Phillip Street, Sydney c. late 1920s

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Unknown photographer

Underworld figure Kate Leigh, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-160002514](#)

Unknown photographer

Aviatrix Miss Freda Deaton in her biplane, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-160123173](#)

Unknown photographer

Mr Fraser in a wheelchair, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-162370610](#)

Unknown photographer

The cartoonist at work, Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-163315029](#)

Unknown photographer

Boys diving into a rainwater-filled construction channel for the metropolitan railway, Sydney c. 1925

[nla.obj-162951239](#)

Unknown photographer

Boy and his dog in a billycart race, Sydney c. 1920

[nla.obj-162855139](#)

Unknown photographer

A boy and his dog perched on a dead shark, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163162485](#)

Unknown photographer

Annette Kellermann with her American-born husband and manager James Raymond Louis Sullivan aboard ship, Sydney Harbour 17 March 1933

[nla.obj-161918332](#)

Unknown photographer

Adela Pankhurst Walsh delivering a speech, Sydney 14 September 1931

[nla.obj-160364958](#)

Unknown photographer

Constructing one of the Sydney Harbour Bridge pylons c. 1926

[nla.obj-161658550](#)

Unknown photographer

Almost there: the two spans of the Sydney Harbour Bridge c. 1930

[nla.obj-162805663](#)

Unknown photographer

Trains being used to test the weight capacity of the Sydney Harbour Bridge c. 1932

[nla.obj-161932080](#)

Unknown photographer

RMS Niagara steams past the North Shore foundations of the Sydney Harbour Bridge March 1926

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Positioning the first piece of roadway during construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge c. 1930

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Unknown photographer

Toll collecting in the rain on the Sydney Harbour Bridge 15 September 1933

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Unknown photographer

The Sydney Harbour Bridge viewed from Millers Point, Sydney c. 1932

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Unknown photographer

Schoolchildren crossing the Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of the opening celebrations 16 March 1932

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Unknown photographer

The sailing ship Chillicothe in dry dock, Sydney c. 1927

[nla.obj-163112026](#)

Unknown photographer

Signal Master Alf Gibson looking through a telescope, Sydney 27 July 1927

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Loading a walnut tree log into a cargo ship hold, Cairns, Queensland 1934

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Unknown photographer

Schoolboys help haul a sea plane onto the beach at Rose Bay, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-162736281](#)

Unknown photographer

HMAS Canberra departs Sydney, bound for Hobart 1933

[nla.obj-162490292](#)

Unknown photographer

Man reading on park bench with HMAS Melbourne in the harbour, Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-162850604](#)

Unknown photographer

Five women farewelling the Tango Maru, New South Wales c. 1928

[nla.obj-162980941](#)

Unknown photographer

HMAS Melbourne departs Sydney on its last cruise 9 February 1928

[nla.obj-162850919](#)

Unknown photographer

Coal stoker cleaning a steamship furnace, New South Wales c. 1925

[nla.obj-162950804](#)

Unknown photographer

Painting SS Moreton Bay's funnel, New South Wales c. 1920

[nla.obj-163089821](#)

Unknown photographer

Passengers throwing streamers as the Orion departs, Sydney 27 February 1937

[nla.obj-162472895](#)

Unknown photographer

Fireworks and an illuminated HMAS Canberra, Sydney Harbour April 1933

[nla.obj-157686255](#)

Unknown photographer

Construction workers on the Sydney Harbour Bridge c. 1931

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Archway at West Circular Quay overlooking the Sydney Harbour Bridge 1932

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Unknown photographer

Aerial view of Coogee Beach and its pier, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163129679](#)

Unknown photographer

View of Circular Quay with The Rocks in the background, Sydney c. 1920

[nla.obj-162890181](#)

Unknown photographer

Patting the dog at Fort Denison on Pinchgut Island in Sydney Harbour c. 1930

[nla.obj-162981258](#)

Unknown photographer

Crowds of men and women sunbathing at Bondi Beach, Sydney 1935

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Unknown photographer

Woman posing with a parasol, Bondi Beach, Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-161557227](#)

Unknown photographer

The earl surrounded by a group of lifesavers at Bondi Beach, Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-162587762](#)

Unknown photographer

Two women promenading at Bondi Beach, Sydney 29 August 1930

[nla.obj-162098551](#)

Unknown photographer

Fisherman standing on a beach, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-162950617](#)

Unknown photographer

Shipping merchant William Scott Fell and others enjoying the waters at Moree Baths, New South Wales c. 1920

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Surf lifesavers carrying the Australia flag during a surf carnival at Bondi Beach, Sydney 18 March 1933

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Lifesavers paying out rescue ropes during a surf carnival at Bondi Beach, Sydney 18 March 1933

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Unknown photographer

Mrs G. Gordon and Miss E. Patterson at the Gerringong motor races, New South Wales 10 May 1930

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Unknown photographer

Seven men pushing a car through water at the Gerringong motor races, New South Wales 10 May 1930

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

The yacht Morna under sail in Sydney Harbour 1931

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Unknown photographer

Hauling in prawning nets, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-161915250](#)

Unknown photographer

Infantrymen in training at Liverpool, New South Wales 1916

[nla.obj-163339709](#)

Unknown photographer

Huddled around the campfire, New South Wales c. 1920

[nla.obj-162837065](#)

Unknown photographer

Five members of the Women's Cavalry Corps (for 'home defence'), Liverpool, New South Wales 23 June 1941

[nla.obj-161672838](#)

Unknown photographer

Australian reinforcements for the ICC in training, Menangle Park, New South Wales
1916

[nla.obj-163340019](#)

Unknown photographer

Queensland Indigenous cricketer Eddie Gilbert, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-160499692](#)

Unknown photographer

Spectators at the Sydney Cricket Ground c. 1930

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Bradman scoring his century on the first day of the Fifth Test, Melbourne 26
February 1937

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Unknown photographer

Cricket scoreboard on the 12th floor of the ABC radio headquarters, Sydney 10
September 1934

[nla.obj-162902273](#)

Unknown photographer

Moore Park caddies holding golf clubs aloft, New South Wales c. 1922

[nla.obj-163100745](#)

Unknown photographer

Women playing football, New South Wales c. 1921

[nla.obj-161498300](#)

Unknown photographer

English bowler Thomas Bignall Mitchell in action, New South Wales c. 1932–33

[nla.obj-162785441](#)

Unknown photographer

Harry Hopman in action, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-162254841](#)

Unknown photographer

Barbara Peden loses her wicket in a New South Wales versus England match, New South Wales 15 December 1934

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Traffic outside Flinders Street Station, Melbourne 1927

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Unknown photographer

The first electric train to arrive at the newly opened Wynyard underground station, Sydney 1932

[nla.obj-162863147](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

A section of the new Pacific Highway, New South Wales c. 1930

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Unknown photographer

Road repairs, Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-163313665](#)

Unknown photographer

Railway Square, Sydney 25 January 1929

[nla.obj-162461491](#)

Unknown photographer

Steam locomotive 3640 travelling under signals, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163136372](#)

Unknown photographer

Steam locomotive crossing over a lifting bridge on Shea's Creek, Tempe, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163267214](#)

Unknown photographer

Catching a ride on a train, New South Wales 12 September 1932

[nla.obj-162631898](#)

Unknown photographer

Enjoying a ride on a train, New South Wales 12 September 1932

[nla.obj-157876061](#)

Unknown photographer

Steeplejacks climbing the Mills Building, Sydney c. 1932

[nla.obj-162186162](#)

Unknown photographer

Steeplejack abseiling down a tower, New South Wales 7 November 1930

[nla.obj-160697701](#)

Unknown photographer

A travelling salesman takes a rest, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163342993](#)

Unknown photographer

Hanging wallpaper at Government House, Sydney 9 May 1930

[nla.obj-162363533](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Two students studying in the university grounds, Sydney 1934

[nla.obj-163384894](#)

Unknown photographer

Students performing experiments in the chemistry labs at the East Sydney Technical College, New South Wales 11 July 1930

[nla.obj-163139352](#)

Unknown photographer

Woman sitting at an ornate window, New South Wales 1934

[nla.obj-163185303](#)

Unknown photographer

Having a chat in Hyde Park, Sydney 1920

[nla.obj-162663364](#)

Unknown photographer

A couple enjoying the view, Sydney c. 1920

[nla.obj-163163726](#)

Unknown photographer

People waiting in the Supreme Court, Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-162981991](#)

Unknown photographer

Backyards full of washing in inner-city Sydney c. 1930

[nla.obj-163120345](#)

Unknown photographer

Young girl holding an exceptionally large apple c. 1930

[nla.obj-163350126](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Bullock teams pulling tree trunks at Tweed River, Mount Warning, New South Wales 1930

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Team of draught horses pulling a harvester through a wheatfield at the Forge Brothers farm, Tamworth, New South Wales 1933

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Man operating a Sunshine harvester at the Forge Brothers farm, Tamworth, New South Wales 1933

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Unknown photographer

'Farmerette' Miss May Hodgson aiming a rifle, Moss Vale, New South Wales 15

October 1931

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Sewing up a sack of wheat during the harvest at Cudmore's Property, Tamworth, New South Wales 1933

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Slaking a hard-earned thirst while hauling hay bales, New South Wales c. 1930

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Men pitching hay, Temora district, New South Wales c. 1933

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Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Stud rams ready for sale at Mungadal Station 1933

[nla.obj-163255125](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Sheep waiting to be shorn on Boonoke Station, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-162964324](#)

George Bell (1862–1925)

Shearers at work on Boonoke Station c. 1920

[nla.obj-162963514](#)

Unknown photographer

Men unloading wool bales off a horse and cart onto a wharf, New South Wales 15
November 1930

[nla.obj-162664829](#)

Unknown photographer

‘That’s me’: koala clinging to a tree, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-162076473](#)

Herbert Henry Fishwick (1882–1957)

Breaking in a horse, Liverpool, New South Wales c. 1930

[nla.obj-163063927](#)

George Bell (1862–1925)

Panning for gold, Turon River, New South Wales 1911

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Unknown photographer

Lookout, possibly Govett’s Leap in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales c. 1920

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Graflex Inc. (1887–1973)

Graflex Series B c. 1925–30

Camera on loan from Mike Bowers

Graflex Inc. (1887–1973)

Graflex Speed Graphic type c-6 c. 1946–55

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