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AUSSIE *legends*

Tom Baddeley

with illustrations by Tracey Gibbs

*The story of Australia is full of amazing facts,
Of men and women, young and old, and their amazing acts ...*

About the Book

Discover the stories of six famous — and infamous — Aussies in rollicking rhyme. From divas to rabblers, explorers to sports stars, on two legs and four, this is history minus the boring bits!

About the Author and Illustrator

Tom Baddeley had a very happy childhood growing up in South Perth with his much adored 10 pound Pom parents and two brothers. He's not sure whether it was his Mum's enjoyment of biography, his Dad's passion for all things military or the pet dog named Ned Kelly that sparked his interest in history, but it's a flame that still burns today. Tom has been an Associate for a Supreme Court judge, a solicitor, a journalist for *The West Australian* and television presenter for the ABC and Channel Nine.

Tracey Gibbs is a graphic designer and illustrator. She has a BA in Graphic Design and worked as a book designer for Fremantle Press for two and a half years. Her illustrations have appeared in *Lets Go Baby* for the WA State Library and *Spider Lies*, *Bush Secrets* and *The Great Cold* for Fremantle Press. She runs her own business.

Key Points

- The six "legends" are: Phar Lap, Don Bradman, Burke & Wills, Ned Kelly, Nellie Melba and Evonne Goolagong-Cawley
- Includes maps and fast facts plus colourful Australiana-style illustrations throughout
- To be launched at the Australian Society of Librarians Association's National Conference on 2 October.



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