



## Aussie Inventors who Changed the World

It's research challenge time! Work with a partner to fill in the blanks in the information below, using books at the library (the old fashioned way), or the Internet. Then add some information about the inventor or invention that you think is important.



Port Macquarie SLSC

Harry (second from left) and mates on surf skis in 1919.

### Surf Ski

In \_\_\_\_\_, when he was just 15, Harry McLaren designed the surf ski. He'd been inspired by watching porpoises move through the water.

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### Baby Car Seat

Believe it or not, seat belts were only compulsory in Aussie cars starting in the 1970s. The question of how to protect babies was solved by \_\_\_\_\_ and Robert Heath in the early 1980s, when they invented the baby safety capsule.

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Baby capsules in 1980s brown, and today.



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The 1934 Ford Utility Coupe

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In 1932, Lewis Bandt was a Ford vehicle designer in \_\_\_\_\_, Victoria. He received a letter from a farmer's wife. She wanted a car that could take the family to church on Sunday, and the \_\_\_\_\_ to market on Monday. The \_\_\_\_\_ was released \_\_\_\_\_ years later, when Bandt was only 24 years old.

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### Hills Hoist

Lance \_\_\_\_\_, a South Australian mechanic, invented this rotary clothes line in \_\_\_\_\_. It is height adjustable, can fit more clothes in a smaller area, and is found in most Aussie backyards.



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### Electric \_\_\_\_\_

Way back in \_\_\_\_\_, Arthur Arnot patented this world-first.

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## If you had to choose...



Imagine that you're rich, and you have to choose ONE of the inventions on these pages to make in your factories. Consider which might make you the most money; which you think is most beneficial to society; which might be the most fun to make and sell. Then, write your speech to the inventors, explaining your choice.

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