



## Finding shipwrecks with MacquarieNet ( [www.macquarinet.com.au](http://www.macquarinet.com.au) )

Explore the MacquarieNet *Shipwrecks* unit with these great activities.

### EXPLORING *SHIPWRECKS*

- 1 To start, go to the MacquarieNet website at [www.macquarinet.com.au](http://www.macquarinet.com.au)
- 2 You need to be registered with MacquarieNet to enjoy all the features of this exploratory unit. For those not registered, a 30-day free trial is available — see details below.
- 3 In the Search box, type in ‘shipwrecks’.
- 4 Students can now start to explore and learn about:
  - shipwreck words, using the Macquarie Dictionary and Thesaurus online
  - the *Dunbar*, *Sirius* and various other ships that were shipwrecked
  - Eliza Fraser—find out who she was, and what she did
  - life on the high seas—discover why it was not always fun!
  - some of the people who helped early shipwrecked victims survive
  - the discovery of *HMAS Sydney*—stay up to date with all the news.

You may also wish to create your own MacquarieNet Learning Trail using *Workbook*. Take a look at *Teachers' Toolkit* Issue 10 to find more information to help you make the most of this resource.

### Activities

- 1 What does the word ‘shipwreck’ mean? What are some of the different ways the word can be used?
- 2 The destruction of so many ships during the early years of Australia’s discovery was a major concern. Using the Thesaurus, find some other words for ‘destruction’.
- 3 Fraser Island was named after Eliza Fraser, the survivor of a shipwreck there in 1836. She lived on the island for several years with the local Aboriginal clan, which had rescued her. Eliza Fraser has been the subject of a number of plays, films, novels and paintings. Search MacquarieNet for “Eliza Fraser” (including the quotes) to find the names of the director and the scriptwriter of the film, and to find a painting by Sidney Nolan.

- 4 Search MacquarieNet for 'Phillip Island shipwreck (without quotes) to find the name, story and some images of a famous Victorian shipwreck. What was the shipwreck called?
- 5 Search MacquarieNet for "wreck of the Dunbar" (including quotes) to find the place where the *Dunbar* was wrecked, the name of the sole survivor, and a photo of this man.
- 6 What was Australia's worst shipwreck? Search for "Australia's worst shipwreck", including quotes.
- 7 What was shipboard life really like for those travelling to Australia or where sailing life was part of the early settlers' work?
- 8 The Aboriginal people helped many people who became shipwrecked. Which Aboriginal people rescued Barabara Thompson from the shipwreck of the *America*? Search for 'rescued Barabara Thompson', without quotes).
- 9 The *HMS Sirius* was a famous early arrival that was wrecked near Norfolk Island in 1790. What was it doing near Norfolk Island? Search for 'Sirius Norfolk Island', without quotes.
- 10 On what date was it **confirmed** by **Kevin Rudd** that the **wreck** of the **HMAS Sydney** was **found**? (Use the words in bold as your search terms.)

### **Answers**

- 3 The director was Tim Burstall, the scriptwriter David Williamson. The idea here is to showcase material outside historical information from encyclopaedic sources.
- 4 The Speke
- 5 South Head, Sydney Harbour; 'Lucky' Jim Johnson
- 6 The *Cataraqui*
- 8 The Kaurareg people
- 10 17 March 2008