

TIMELINE UNTANGLE

Student resource

Put the following events in chronological order, and add the correct dates.

Expedition arrives at Menindie.
Burke convinces Wills and King that they should try to reach help at Mount Hopeless Station. They bury notes at the foot of the Dig Tree but do not change the marking on the tree.
Howitt's party finds King alive after 77 days in the care of local Indigenous people, the Yandruwandha.
Burke, Wills, King and Gray leave Cooper's Creek for the Gulf of Carpentaria. Burke tells Brahe to wait three months for them to return. (Wills says four months.)
Burke chosen to lead Victorian Exploring Expedition.
Expedition departs from Royal Park in Melbourne.
Burke, Wills, King and Gray are running short of provisions. They kill Boocho the camel and dry the meat for food.
Burke leads advance party north from Menindie. After leading the party to water, William Wright is sent back to organise a supply party in Menindie.
On or about this date, Burke and Wills reach the northernmost part of their journey, almost within sight of the sea.
Brahe sends a telegram alerting the Royal Society to the deaths of Burke and Wills.
Gray dies from hunger and exhaustion. Burke, Wills and King stop for a day to bury him.
Afternoon: Burke, Wills and King arrive at the camp having missed the departing party by a few hours. They are too weak with exhaustion to attempt to catch up with the others.
A state funeral is held for Burke and Wills in Melbourne, and 100,000 people (from a city of 120,000) view the explorers' remains before they are buried.
Brahe's party meets up with the survivors of Wright's supply party and joins their camp at Bulloo.
Wills heads back to the Dig Tree to see if anything has been disturbed. He finds the camp as they left it and heads back to the Cooper thinking that no one came back for them.
Burke and Wills die from hunger and exhaustion at different parts of the creek, within a few days of each other.
Wright leaves Menindie and heads north with the supply party.
Alfred Howitt and his relief expedition arrive at Cooper's Creek.
Wright and Brahe travel back to the Dig Tree. They see no evidence that anyone has been there and do not dig under the tree. They leave the camp undisturbed.
The Royal Commission's report into the Expedition is released to the public.
Advance party arrives at Cooper's Creek
Morning: Brahe and the party at the depot have waited four months; they are sick and hungry. They believe Burke and his party must have perished or turned to Queensland for their return journey. After burying some supplies under a tree with the word 'DIG' carved in the bark (in case the others do return), Brahe heads south for Menindie.