Australia and International Events since 1978

ONA commenced operation (20 February 1978)

1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

1978:
- Hilton Hotel bombing, Sydney
- Beginning of China's reform era

1979:
- Islamic Revolution in Iran
- China's invasion of Vietnam
- Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty
- Iran hostage crisis (1979-81)
- Australian monitoring force in Rhodesia (1979-80)
- Soviet Union's Invasion of Afghanistan (1979-89)

1980:
- Iran-Iraq War (1980-88)

1982:
- Australian Peacekeeping force in Sinai (1982-86, 93 - present)
- Falklands War

1983:
- Australian dollar floated

1985:
- Mikhail Gorbachev rises to power in the Soviet Union
- Sinking of *The Rainbow Warrior*, New Zealand

1986:
- International Whaling Commission moratorium on commercial whaling

1987:
- Fiji coup

1988:
- Australian support of UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (1988-91)

1989:
- Australian support of UN missions in Namibia (1989-90), Afghanistan and Pakistan (1989-93)
- Tiananmen Square protests
- Outbreak of Bougainville conflict
- First APEC meeting held in Canberra
- Fall of the Berlin Wall
- World Wide Web begins

1990:
- Iraq's invasion of Kuwait
- Deployment of Australian Defence Force to the Persian Gulf

1991:
- First Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm)
- Yugoslav Wars (1991-95)
- Australian contingent deployed to Western Sahara (1991-94) and Cambodia (1991-93)
- Dili Massacre
- Collapse of the Soviet Union

1992:
- Australian support of UN force in former Yugoslav states (1992-93) and Somalia (1992-95)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adopted

1993:
- Israeli-Palestinian signing of the Oslo Accords
- First APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting held in the United States

1994:
- Uruguay Round concluded
- Rwanda Genocide
- ASEAN Regional Forum formed
- Australian support of UN missions in Bougainville (1994, 1997-2003), Haiti (1994-95), Rwanda (1994-95), Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mozambique

1995:
- World Trade Organization formed

1996:
- Taiwan Strait Crisis
- The Taliban seizes power on Afghanistan

1997:
- Sandline Affair, PNG
- Asian Financial Crisis
- Australian support of UN missions in Guatemala, Yugoslavia and Kosovo
- Kyoto Protocol to UNFCCC adopted

1998:
- India and Pakistan conduct nuclear tests
- Fall of the Soeharto Regime in Indonesia
- Google founded

1999:
- Democratic elections in Indonesia
- Australian command of INTERFET force in East Timor (1999-2000)

2000:
- Fiji coup
- Outbreak of tensions in the Solomon Islands and evacuation

2001:
- 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States
- Australian Defence Force deployment to Afghanistan (2001-02)
- Wikipedia begins

2002:
- Euro replaces national currencies in European Economic and Monetary Union
- East Timor independence
- Bali Bombings
- 9/11 Commission in the United States

2003:
- Australian Defence Force deployment to Iraq (2003-08)
- Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (2003 - present)
- Marriott Hotel bombing in Jakarta

2004:
- Australian Embassy bombing in Jakarta
- Indian Ocean Tsunami

2005:
- Australian support to UN mission in Sudan
- Australian Special Forces Task Group deployed to Afghanistan (2005-06)
- Bali Bombings 2
- Inaugural East Asia Summit

2006:
- Solomon Islands riots
- East Timorese crisis
- Israel-Hizballah War
- Australian Defence Force re-deployment to Afghanistan (2006 - present)
- Fiji coup

2008:
- Global Financial Crisis
- Australian Defence Force deployment to UNAMID (Darfur)

2009:
- Terrorist bombings in the Marriott and Ritz-Carlton Hotels in Jakarta