



A PICTORIAL MAP OF AUSTRALIA AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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Australia. Her Natural and Industrial Resources.

Cartographer [GILL, Leslie MacDonald.](#)

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Publication: London: Printed by Alf Cooke Ltd, 1946.
Colour lithographic map. Sheet 500 x 645mm.

Condition: A fine example

DESCRIPTION:

This map was originally published as a wartime propaganda map, showing how Australia was helping the war effort. Little vignettes mark the cattle, sheep, grain and wood regions, and icons note the various types of mining, with a key on the left. Top right is Australia's coat of arms, bottom left a large compass rose. A text box bottom right has been updated, with the title now reading 'In the Post War World'. It continues 'Australia has emerged from the World War with increased stature, as a 'Pacific' Power... She enters the era of peace strongly equipped for further advance'.

Leslie MacDonald Gill (1884-1947), younger brother of Eric Gill, specialised in graphic design in the Arts and Crafts style. His most important commission was from the Imperial War Graves Commission, designing the script used on Commission headstones and war memorials, including the 'Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme'. He produced a number of maps, two of which appeared in the British Museum exhibition 'Magnificent Maps in 2010: 'The Wonderground Map of London' (1914) & 'Tea Revives the World' (1940). This was one of a series of wartime maps of the Commonwealth countries, including New Zealand Canada.