

Remains of Australia explorer found

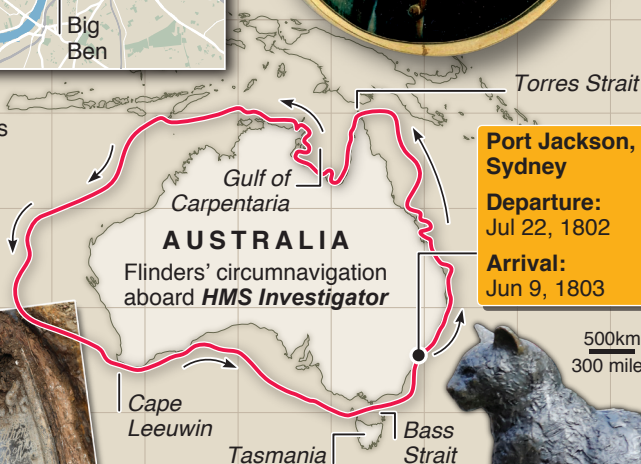
The remains of Captain *Matthew Flinders*, the first explorer to circumnavigate Australia and credited with naming the country, have been discovered near a busy London railway station

Flinders' coffin found among 40,000 skeletons being exhumed at St James's burial ground near London Euston station to make way for high-speed rail link, HS2

Matthew Flinders
(1774-1814)



Archaeologists identified remains by lead plate placed on top of his coffin



Port Jackson, Sydney

Departure:
Jul 22, 1802

Arrival:
Jun 9, 1803

Flinders' circumnavigation
aboard *HMS Investigator*

Trim: Flinders' beloved cat accompanied him on his voyages. Trim survived storms, falling overboard and shipwreck, before eventually being eaten

Trim's bronze statue at Euston Station

