

A portrait of Julia Gillard, the first female prime minister of Australia, smiling. She has short, wavy brown hair and is wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored top with a thin gold chain necklace. The Australian flag is visible in the background to the left.

Today in History

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▲ **Julia Gillard was sworn in as Australia's first female prime minister after a snap leadership vote. She was ousted in a similar manoeuvre in 2013**

1995: The late artist Christo realised a dream by wrapping the Reichstag in Berlin in aluminium-coated fabric

2005: A poem by the 6th century BC poet Sappho, found wrapped around a mummy, was published in London

2012: Lonesome George, the last known Pinta Island tortoise, a subspecies of Galapagos tortoise, died aged about 100

2015: A fossil of the oldest-known turtle, 240 million years old, was found to have some lizard-like traits