Juries in Victoria – A timeline



1215 – England
 Magna Carta
Beginning of an accused's
right to a jury trial.

21826 – United Kingdom

The Law of Juries

Direct ancestor of modern jury legislation in both UK and Australia.

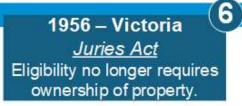


3 1847 – Colony of NSW

<u>Jurors and Juries</u>

<u>Consolidation Act</u>

Juries made a permanent part of administration of justice.



1908 – Victoria

Adult Suffrage Act

Victorian women gain the right to vote in state and federal elections.

1857 – Colony of Vic

An Act for Regulating Juries

Eligibility restricted to propertyowning men aged 21 and over.



1964 – Victoria

Juries (Women Jurors) Act

Women eligible (at Chief Electoral
Officer's discretion), could apply to
be exempted because of their sex.

1966 – Victoria

Jury in Ronald Ryan trial
deliver a guilty verdict.

9 1975 – Victoria

Juries (Amendment) Act

Women included on jury roll
by default, automatic right to
exemption removed.

10 2000 – Victoria Juries Act Current juries legislation.