



### **BY GEORGE, HE'S A KING**

A man passes by the window of George Cruickshank, also known as His Imperial Majesty George II, as he looks out from what he says is the world's smallest independent state — the Empire of Atlantium, in the Sydney suburb of Potts Point. The state, an apartment measuring just 60 square metres, was founded in 1981 by three teenagers as a declaration that geographical boundaries in the modern world of communications were unnecessary. Since then, Atlantium has grown into a global sovereignty movement and virtual state, and its population lives in more than 35 countries. The empire's official language is Latin, and it has a calendar system known as the Annus Novas that calculates the date since the last Ice Age.

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