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**WHAT A HOOPER**  
 Australian Rugby player of the year Michael Hooper is ready for the Wallabies' clash with the All Blacks tomorrow night at ANZ Stadium. More than 70,000 fans are expected to attend the opening Wallabies Cup match — the first for new Wallabies coach Ewen McKenzie. Tickets are still available through Ticketek and include transport to and from the game.  
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# Boat people

Cathy Morris

KEVIN Rudd and Tony Abbott both love a family photo op, but go back a little bit further and they have more than a few skeletons in the closet.

New research dug up by family history website findmypast.com.au sheds some light on their much earlier family backgrounds. Rudd has convict ancestors that can be traced back on both sides of his family tree, find-

**Rudd, Abbott ancestors came by sea**

mypast.com.au genealogist Joshua Taylor told mX. One of his ancestors, Mary Wade, was sentenced to hang when she was just 10 years old for stealing another girl's clothes, but was reprieved and sent to Australia at age 11 instead. Wade was the youngest convict travelling aboard

the women-and-girls-only ship, the *Lady Juliana*. Another ancestor, Rudd's five times great-grandfather Thomas Rudd, was transported to Australia after being charged with stealing a bag of sugar. He married another convict, Mary Kahle, who was sent here in 1806 for stealing a bolt of cloth.

Abbott's family didn't come to Australia until at least another 100 years after Rudd's descendants, Taylor said his ancestors were made up of bakers, shipwrights, boilermakers and labourers. The earliest Abbott family member to arrive in Australia appeared to be Dutch woman Willemina Bredschneider, who arrived with at least two of her children in NSW in 1912 and married again. Bredschneider is listed as a widow at her marriage, but Taylor said she appeared to be a divorcee.

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