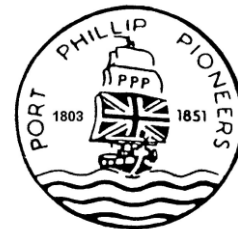


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Group Report:

What a busy day we had at the May meeting. Everyone was making sure the day was a success and complied with the Covid rules. Being in the large hall had its issues, mostly with the acoustics for hearing aids, but the audience was thrilled to be part of the photos taken and the fun of the day.

The A.G.M. resulted in a few changes with Marilla James and Ken Smith retiring from committee duties. We wish them well and hope they have time to resume their own interests now. Both have contributed for many years on a number of levels (see below). Thank you to Carol Stals and Bronwyn Quint for filling the two vacancies. After a short discussion, the Special Resolution was passed.

50th Birthday celebrations were brief but enjoyable. The ***Reflection of 50Years*** booklet was received with enthusiasm and ***Pioneer Profiles Volume 7*** was also available for purchase.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. As I am writing this, we are in lockdown again. I am thinking we will be in Wesley Hall in July however watch out for changes to this, nearer to the day, check the website and we will send an email to everyone to inform them if there are changes.

You might notice there has been a change with the speaker for next month. Tony Hargreaves, who was meant to speak, passed away in April. We were shocked to learn this news. Tony was often at our meetings and was a newsletter subscriber. For many years Tony had been working on a book entitled ***Port Phillip Adventurers***, containing biographies of many of the pioneers who got caught up in the financial difficulties at Port Phillip in the early to mid-1840s, which was due to be released later this year. Our condolences have been sent to his family.

So, take care until we meet again.

Regards Barb Hawkins,
President, PPPG.

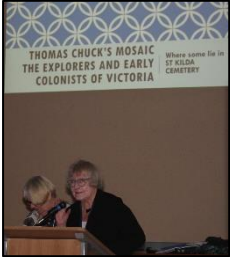
Editor's note: Many thanks to Bev Jacobson for her mammoth effort in compiling the ***Reflections of 50 Years*** Booklet along with the assistance of Barb Hawkins.

Welcome to the following Members

No	Member	Desc. From	Details	Date	Ship or other means
1522	1522 Graeme LAMB	a) Michael CARROLL and b) Mary CARROLL nee JOYCE (JOICE) c) Michael CARROLL	Arr. P.P.D. Arr. P.P.D. born P.P.D.	10 July 1840 10 July 1840 1850	<i>Coromandel</i> <i>Coromandel</i>
1523	1523 Judith SLOAN	a) Thomas March HALL b) Alexander HILL	Arr. P.P.D. Arr. P.P.D.	11 May 1850 March 29 1851	<i>Amity Hall</i> <i>Pestonjee Bomanjee</i>
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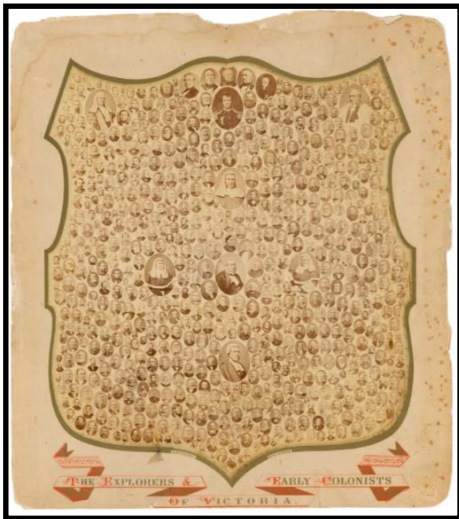
Elizabeth Hore – Chuck’s Mosaic and where some of the pioneers lie.

A member of The Friends of the St Kilda Cemetery, Elizabeth Hore, enjoys taking people on tours of the Cemetery which was set out by Robert Hoddle in 1851. The first interment was on 1 May 1855, with



the burial of a young girl named Charlotte Green. Over time there have been approximately 53,000 burials with some 700 being of heritage interest. At present there are about twenty burials a year.

Elizabeth’s address concentrated on some of the people buried at the St Kilda Cemetery who appear in Thomas Foster Chuck’s photo mosaic titled “The Explorers and Early Colonists of Victoria”. The 713 portraits were of men who arrived between 1835 and 1842. They had all responded to Lieutenant-Governor La Trobe’s request for pioneers to write to him with their experiences.



Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Anderson (1790-1877) joined the army when he was 15. In 1826 he was appointed Major in the 50th Regiment and arrived in Sydney in 1834. He was sent to Norfolk Island as Commandant and following his investigation into a convict revolt, thirteen men were executed. Under his rule the lash was the most common means of punishment. He later took up land at Mangalore, in Victoria, then after a short stint with the army in India, he retired to Melbourne. In 1856 he was a nominated member of the 1st Victorian Legislative Council. He supported the Convicts Prevention Act and opposed the influx of Chinese gold miners. He died in South Yarra.

Many of the early settlers were sheep graziers; Simon Staughton for example, who arrived with 40,000 gold sovereigns in his possession. He acquired the Brisbane Ranges and Exford runs and

only stocked high quality animals. In the 1850s he was said to have shorn 60,000 sheep on his properties.

John Forlong sent his wife, Eliza and his sons to study sheep husbandry in Leipzig. Eliza selected 98 Saxon Marino sheep which were transported to Australia, under her son William’s care in 1829. The same year William’s widowed aunt, Janet Templeton decided to emigrate. She purchased some more Merino sheep, chartered the *Czar* and accompanied by her nine children, and the remainder of the Forlong family migrated to Australia. They were enormously successful as graziers. Janet Templeton died in Melbourne in 1857 and was buried in St Kilda Cemetery. William Forlong, whose portrait is in Chuck’s mosaic became a member of the Victorian Parliament and supported the squatters. He later represented Orange in the NSW Legislative Assembly and died in Dubbo.

John Lang Curry was regarded as the father of the merino wool industry. His Lara Lustre wool was long, fine and glossy and made him very wealthy. He farmed near Camperdown but in retirement, lived at ‘Eildon’ in Grey street, St Kilda.

Thomas Manifold was buried at St Kilda Cemetery. He and his two brothers arrived in Tasmania in 1831 but later moved to Port Phillip and were the first to land sheep at Port Henry. They settled in Purrumbete where they were active in their local community. Although there were many conflicts with local aborigines, they employed black stockmen.

An historical collection of photographs of Aboriginal people of the Loddon and Murray tribes were taken by John Hunter Kerr who arrived in the Port Phillip District in 1839 on the *Midlothian*. He worked Edgars Plains pastoral run, NW of Bendigo, earning a gold medal for the best Colonial thoroughbred. Painting and photography were his passion however, and his wonderful photographs are held at the State Library of Victoria and the British Museum.

James Maxwell Clow, was the son of the Reverend James Clow, Presbyterian Minister, who for a time lived in Lonsdale Street, Melbourne and grazed cattle on Eastern Hill. Perhaps unsurprisingly, his son became a cattle drover and was in the land rush

to the Mallee in 1847. His property Balerook was to the west of Lake Hindmarsh and in his letter to Governor La Trobe he described both the heartbreaking conditions in the Wimmera District and the local aborigines. He became a magistrate and Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, a senior Gold Fields Commissioner on the Ovens field and was popular, just, and humane.

Thomas Monahan, was the purchaser of many hotels. He had arrived in Sydney on the North Briton, a ship which was quarantined on arrival as twenty passengers had died of typhus. He moved to Melbourne where his first purchase was the Flinders Street building where the Port Phillip Club met. He became one of Melbourne's largest property owners and when he died at Erindale in St Kilda, his estate was worth £960,000.

Henry Field Gurner, born in Sydney in 1819, became a solicitor and was appointed Deputy-Registrar and Clerk of the Supreme Court of NSW for the Port Phillip District in February 1841. He was the first attorney admitted in Melbourne, the first crown solicitor of Victoria, and he acted as the first Town Clerk of Melbourne. Gurner died at the Melbourne Club in 1883.

Author of the 'History of New Zealand' and the 'History of Australia', George William Rusden, born in England in 1819, arrived in NSW in 1834 and initially managed a property near Gundagai. He then worked as a clerk for his brother-in-law in China and visited his brother, who was a tea-taster in Shanghai. In 1849 he was appointed agent for the National Schools, first at Port Phillip and later at Moreton Bay. In October 1851, La Trobe appointed him clerk in the Victorian Colonial Secretary's office, and thereafter he held many responsible positions. His books received scathing reviews and he was actually sued for libel. He retired to England but returned to Melbourne and lived in South Yarra.

Described as having a pleasant crab-apple face and long legs, his writings were a cultural achievement of the colonial period and he was an advocate for the Australian natives.

The St Kilda Cemetery is closed at present for renovations, but I am sure that a tour of it at a later stage would be very interesting.



Thomas Foster Chuck.

CHUCK- On the 7th December, at 45 Kerford road, Albert Park, Thomas Chuck, in his 73rd year. A colonist of 46 years, Agent of the Evangelisation Society of Australasia. – **The Leader**, 17 Dec 1898, p2

Contributed by Jan Hanslow, PPPG member No 1057

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OBITUARY.

Dr. W. H. Embling, M.L.C.

Dr. W. H. Embling, M.L.C., of Victoria, died on May 24 of pneumonia, at the age of 73. The deceased was astonishingly versatile. He was a physician, politician, linguist, soldier, writer of songs, contributor to the London press, and a selftaught musician of considerable ability. He was on the directorates of several banking and financial institutions. Mrs. Embling survives him, but of 11 children only four are living—two unmarried daughters and two sons Mr. Austin Embling (Mayor of Prahran) and the Rev. Sydney H. A. Embling, priest in charge of the Church of England at Tuamby Bay, South Australia.

William H Embling arrived in Port Phillip on the *Duke of Wellington* with his parents and sibling when he was about 9 years old. The ship cleared out of Adelaide for Melbourne on 12 Feb 1851. Thomas Brimacombe Mallett arrived in Victoria on the *Indian Queen* on 8 Aug 1853 and died at his friend's funeral service 25 May 1912.

DEATH AT A FUNERAL

Among the mourners at a funeral service held in All Saints Church, St. Kilda, yesterday, in connection with the death of Dr. Embling, M.L.C., was Mr. Thomas B. Mallett, a retired contractor. During the service Mr. Mallett collapsed and was carried into the vestry, where life was found to be extract. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Mallett was 80 years of age.

Celebration Time

The Port Phillip Pioneers Group Inc. celebrated their 50th anniversary on 8 May 2021, at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Gardiner. Celebrations were to have taken place during 2020, but were delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions. After the formalities of the Annual General Meeting, and the acknowledgement of retiring committee members Marilla James and Ken Smith, and past committee member Clare Bayne, (see below), the guest speaker, Elizabeth Hore, spoke about the renowned photographer Thomas Foster Chuck and his picture mosaic which captured over 700 portraits of The Explorers & Early Colonists of Victoria. She then went on to give an account of some of the men, their lives and where they now lie.



Barb Hawkins (Pres.) thanking Marilla James, Ken Smith and Clare Bayne, for their contribution to the PPPG.



2020/21 Committee members

Anne Bevis (Examiner of Proofs), Marilla James, Ken Smith, Paul Cronin, Barbara Hawkins (Pres.), Dean Wheeler (Hon. Treasurer), Stuart Hamilton (Vice-Pres.), Beverley Jacobson (Hon. Sec.), Margaret Fleming



2020/21 Committee Members and Helpers

Tom Davison, Bronwyn Quint, Marilla James, Jan Hanslow, Ken Smith, Margaret Fleming, Stuart Hamilton (Vice-Pres.), Barbara Hawkins (Pres.), Dean Wheeler (Hon. Treasurer), Anne Bevis (Examiner of Proofs), Beverley Jacobson (Hon. Sec.), Margaret Kaan. Absent: Paul Cronin



The editor was so inspired on the day by Thomas Foster Chuck's mosaic, that she decided to replicate the idea, capturing the images of the committee and other attendees at the 8th May, 2021 A.G.M



Attendees:

Top, left to right; Beverley Jacobson, Marilla James, Barbara Hawkins, Ken Smith, Anne Bevis

Row 2; Dean Wheeler, Bronwyn Quint, Carol Stals, Margaret Kaan, Stuart Hamilton

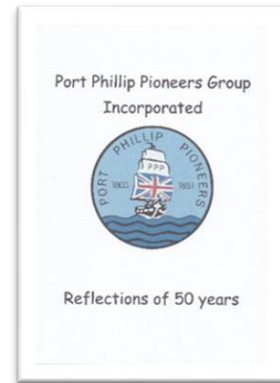
Row 3; Dianne Wheeler, Phil Mortimer, Rosalie Whalen, Paul Cronin

Row 4; Clare Bayne; Cheryl Fox; Darralyn Cusak, Frank Thornton, Margaret Wood, Jan Hanslow

Row 5; Jan Walker, Margaret Fleming, Robert Bethell, Marilyn Grey, Lewis Tulk, Janice Swan, Dorothy Samson

Row 6; Tom Davison, Lorna Elms, Daryl White, Bill Fleming, Valerie Farley, Robert Gribben

Row 7; Neil Haggard



Photos by Di Wheeler and Cheryl Fox



Covid-19 restrictions applied to the gathering, including the use of a QR Code, hand sanitiser, social distancing and pre-plated service of food. The PPPG 50th anniversary book "*Reflections of 50 Years*" was on sale for \$5 alongside the *Pioneer Profiles*, vol 7, cost \$20.

Library books were also available for hire.

Following the AGM and General Meeting everyone enjoyed cupcakes (with edible PPPG badge on top), sushi, sandwiches and chocolate with the usual tea and coffee.



THANK YOU

... **Barb Hawkins** for your wonderful contribution as the PPPG Newsletter Editor over the last thirteen years! You are truly an inspiration with your endless commitment and unwavering support of our Group, so, thank you for your generosity and dedication, for without them, we would not have this crucial conduit to deliver our news and stories.
Di Wheeler, Newsletter Editor

Marilla James. (18 years)
From being part of the committee from 2003, Marilla has held the position of Honorary Secretary from 2005-2019. There have been many changes over this time and she has been involved in these. Her skills have been instrumental in correction of procedures and rejuvenating rule changes, naming databases, publications such as Profiles and other vital information. Marilla also attended Family History days, GSV meetings and many other events.

Ken Smith (15years). Ken is an Honorary Life Member of the Group. He has held the position of Vice President, 1994-1996 and President in 1996-2000. He has been invaluable as proof reader for publications and finding interesting speakers. Ken has also spoken to many community groups over the years about the Port Phillip District times for the group. His database of land, newspaper, and insolvency records have been an amazing resource as well.

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS GROUP INC – MEETINGS

Venue:	St. Andrew's Uniting Church, cnr Burke and Malvern Rds, Gardiner. Public Transport: Right on the route of the No 72 tram and only a short walk from the Gardiner Railway Station. Melways Reference: Map 59 H7.
Meeting Starts:	2.00pm
Guest Speaker:	2.30 pm.
Next Meeting:	Saturday: 10 July
Speaker:	Speaker: Susie Zada Topic: Convicts in Port Phillip <u>Please note: some 'Covid 19' conditions still apply.</u> <u>N.B. - please check the website as the meeting venue may change to Zoom due to circumstances beyond our control.</u>

Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday, 11 September

Speaker: **Miles Lewis**

Topic: **Portable Buildings in Early Australia:** We are fortunate to have Professor Miles Lewis, one of Australia's most notable architectural historians to be the speaker in September. Miles will speak about portable buildings in early Australia, including a proposal currently being developed to nominate some of them for World Heritage listing. There are more such buildings surviving in Victoria, particularly in Melbourne and Geelong, than anywhere else in the world, and several date from the Port Phillip District period, such as La Trobe's Cottage.

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