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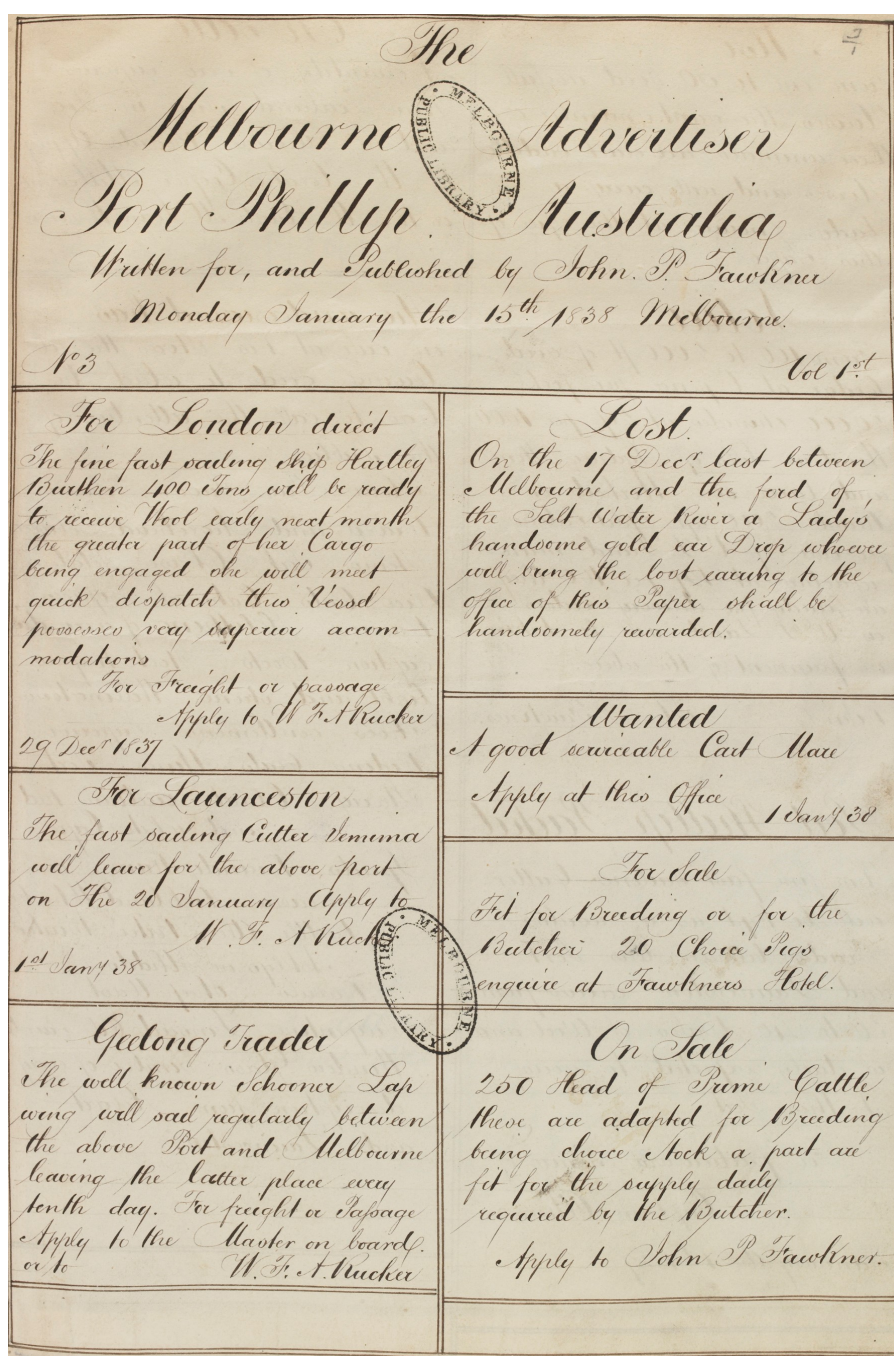
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MELBOURNE'S FIRST NEWSPAPER



Front cover of the
Melbourne Advertiser
newspaper.

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In 1838, with no printing press available, the early issues of the *Melbourne Advertiser* were handwritten for, and published by John Pascoe Fawcner.

Its pages were filled with shipping news and reports from Sydney, as well as advertisements for Port Phillip businesses.

Fawcner's aim was to make the paper freely available to everyone in Melbourne, but his business acumen recognised he could make a profit, so he eventually included the paper in the price of a counter meal at his pub.

However, after only 17 editions, Fawcner was forced to cease production as he didn't have a publication licence from the Colonial government.

But a year later he was back in business publishing his new newspaper, *The Port Phillip Patriot*. (Source: SLV)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to another year. I hope you will find some interesting things ahead. Our next meeting is **Saturday 2 March 2024 at 2pm** where our guest speaker will be Peter Mitchelson who is the Paper and Book Conservator at Grimwade Conservation Services in the University of Melbourne. Peter will talk about the conservation of materials such as maps and newspapers printed in the colony. Please come along but if you are not able to, what about joining through our Zoom connection?

We would also love to hear from anyone who has some ideas about topics and appropriate speakers for future meetings, and we are also interested if you have articles of historical interest that we can put on our website. One topic concerns the question of how our pioneers managed to supply themselves with foods whilst another is how they celebrated (if they did) Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please contact me or any member of the committee.

Our little logo of the sailing ship adorned with the colours of the United Kingdom has been the subject of discussion about (for example) whether we put the Union Jack on the mast (or the bow) and make the sails look like they probably actually were in that era. If you have a view, let us know.

Another innovation has been our Facebook Page. On the day that it went "live", we had visitors the same afternoon. That, along with our website, provides not just information but also an avenue for discussion between like-minded members. Remember, our motto is that *we look forward to your past*.

Paul Cronin

Welcome to the following new Associate Member: PPPG No: 6009 Dr. Liz Rushen

PPPG PUZZLE # 4

(from the PPPG Puzzler Di Wheeler)

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Word Search clues

- ◆ First European resident of Ballarat
- ◆ Who was the Inaugural President of the Australia Felix Pastoral & Agricultural Society?
- ◆ Who was the surgeon to the Melbourne Gaol in 1844?
- ◆ Our next speaker is _____? His topic is Working with history: stories from a paper conservator
- ◆ The current name of Yuille's Swamp
- ◆ Overseer to James and Thomas Baillie at Carngham
- ◆ Original name of Eureka Street in Ballarat
- ◆ The Government appointed Aboriginal Protector in June 1841 was George Augustus _____
- ◆ 1865 Melbourne Cup Winner
- ◆ The Royal Family celebrated Christmas in 1848 at _____ Castle
- ◆ A colonial pie enjoyed at Christmas
- ◆ How many children did Catherine Macdonald bear on Christmas day in 1842?
- ◆ www.portphillippioneersgroup.au

William Cross Yuille

William Cross Yuille (1819-1894), pastoralist, was born on 28 March 1819 at Cardross, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, son of Robert Yuille and his wife Anne, née Cross. Educated in Glasgow, he was apprenticed there for three years in the West India House of Messrs Ewing & Co.

In 1836, aged just seventeen, William with his cousin Archibald Yuille, sailed to Van Diemen's Land on the barque *Statesman* arriving in December. In February he crossed to Point Henry near Geelong, Port Phillip District, with his cousin Archibald and a flock of 2000 well-bred merino sheep he had purchased from Peter Murdoch. They took up a run at Murgheballoak on the Barwon River in March 1837.

In June 1837, there was an attack on the Yuilles' station by some Aborigines. William joined the search-party for Joseph Tice Gelibrand and G. B. L. Hesse, presumed killed by Aborigines, and during the quest new country was opened up. Six months later in January 1838, with John Aitken, Thomas Learmonth and H. Anderson he explored north of Mount Macedon to Mount Alexander, and from there to the Loddon Plains, Mount Misery [so named for lack of water], Lake Burrumbeet, the Grampian Range to Mount Emu and back to the Barwon.

In February 1838 Yuille left the Barwon due to conflict with the local Wathaurong tribe. He took up 10,000 acres (4047 ha) at Ballarat where he appears to have first settled on the banks of a large fresh water swamp called the Black Swamp (and later Yuille's Swamp before becoming known as Lake Wendouree). W.C. Yuille was the first European settler at Ballarat.

In 1840 Yuille went to New Zealand where he acquired large tracts of land from the Maoris (though his claim was not officially recognized), attended the ceremony at which the British took possession of the islands, fought against the Maoris and after nine months returned to Victoria. He visited England and on his return joined James Oliphant Denny in forming the mercantile firm of Denny and Yuille. In 1842 he married Denny's daughter Mary (d.1889). The firm took up the Rockbank run on the Werribee Plains and in 1846 Yuille became sole lessee, holding it until the early 1850s when he sold out to William John Clarke. In 1851 Yuille acquired Barwidgee station from William Forlonge and Ballanrong, near Hastings, where he built an Anglican church.



William Cross Yuille (1819-1894), by unknown photographer
La Trobe Picture Collection, SLV

He became known as one of the main ram-breeders in the colony. Also at this time he bought Kirk's Bazaar and leased it to George Watson. In 1852 and 1853 Yuille sold his stations, his cousin Archibald Yuille buying Ballanrong.

At Rockbank, W.C. Yuille took up the pre-emptive right of 640 acres where he built a home on the southern banks of the Kororoit Creek and it was here where he became a leader in the 'sport of kings'. In 1858, after returning from a visit to England, he obtained land in Williamstown for racing quarters. His stables reared numerous winners.

Horse-racing had always been his great interest and in 1839, at the second race meeting held in Melbourne, he rode his own horse and won easily. From 1842 he was actively identified with racing and in 1849 began to make a name on the turf with *Jim Crow*, *Dinah*, *General Tom Thumb* and others. From 1858 his success caused a sensation in racing circles and his tall, upright figure, with hat fitted jauntily to one side, was a familiar sight at Flemington. With *Flying Buck* in October 1859 he won the first Australian Champion Sweepstakes, and in November the Victoria Turf Club Oaks with *Birdswing*; *Flying Buck* won the 1860 St Leger and was then sold. He also owned *Carisbrook* and *Toryboy*, who won the Melbourne Cup in 1865.

He closed his racing establishment in 1866 and,

as 'Peeping Tom' and 'Playboy', became the main sports-writer for the *Australasian*. In 1872 he founded the bloodstock auctioneering firm, W. C. Yuille & Co.; one of his biggest transactions was the sale of Charles Fisher's Maribyrnong stud in 1878 for £84,000. Yuille compiled the *Australian Stud Book*, first published in 1877.

He was steward of the Victoria Jockey Club for many years, handicapper to the Victoria Racing Club and a leading member of Tattersall's committee until 1881. In the 1870s he was one of the best amateur billiard players in Melbourne.

In old age Yuille sported a waist-length white beard and still cherished a Scottish accent. He died in Melbourne on 19 July 1894 aged 75 and was survived by four of his seven sons and three of his four daughters. Two sons Archie and Albert carried on W. C. Yuille & Co.

William Cross Yuille was buried at the St Kilda cemetery Melbourne with his wife Mary who had predeceased him on 27 July 1889 age 65.

Sources: Australian Dictionary of Biography, Vol. 6, 1976 and online 2006

City of Ballarat Heritage assessments: Sebastopol—Yuille cairn ; prepared by Dr. David Rowe & Wendy Jacobs, 2013 updated 2016 (www.ballarat.vic.gov.au)



If you happen to be strolling around Lake Wendouree in Ballarat, keep an eye out for the monument dedicated to William Cross Yuille.



The memorial was erected in 1938 on the banks of Lake Wendouree (near the end of Pleasant St) to commemorate the arrival of William Cross Yuille, the first European to live in the district.



The plaque reads:

*NEAR THIS SPOT
WAS THE CAMP OF THE
FIRST RESIDENT OF BALLARAT
WILLIAM CROSS YUILLE IN
MARCH 1838.
PRESENTED BY CR A.J. DARLING.
MAYOR OF BALLARAT 1934.
BALLT HISTORICAL SOCY*



Also, at 37 Vickers street, Sebastopol you can view the cairn dedicated to the original homestead site erected in 1839 of the first European settler William Cross Yuille.



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George Yuille

A person of interest

It is interesting how the lives of two brothers can be so different. George Yuille is another fascinating Port Phillip Pioneer and was the older brother of William Cross Yuille, featured on pages 3 and 4.

George was born 4 November 1817 at Dumbarton-shire, Scotland, the third child but eldest son. Like his younger brother William Cross Yuille who had set sail for Van Diemen's Land in 1836 aboard the vessel *Statesman*, George emigrated from Leith, Scotland on 5 April 1838 on the barque *Rajah* which arrived in Hobart, Van Diemen's Land on 22 August 1838. The *Rajah* was carrying 19 passengers and general cargo and amongst the cabin passengers was G.B. Yuille. (*Colonial Times (Hobart, Tas. : 1828 - 1857)* Tue 28 Aug 1838 page 4 Shipping Intelligence. Arrivals). George then sailed to the Colony of Port Phillip, arriving on 6th September 1838

The Baillie's took on George Yuille as an overseer. On 9th July 1839 Jane McAdam (a friend of Katherine Kirkland) wrote to her niece stating that 'I am sure you will get great amusement with George Yuille. I think he will be great protection to you as the blacks have become very fond of him, as he amuses them with his antics.'

About a year after landing in Port Phillip, George Yuille had his first child, the mother being a local Aborigine. In January 1839, Mrs Katherine Kirkland met George B. Yuille near Port Henry, Geelong, in the District of Port Phillip. Mrs. Kirkland said 'A short time in the bush had altered his appearance. I scarcely recognized him. He was such a strange figure. Had allowed his hair to grow to a great length, wore very rough looking clothes, a broad black belt with a brace of pistols.'

About February 1839 at George and Phillip Russell's Station a corroboree took place.

Mrs. Kirkland witnessed a corroboree with about 100 Blacks. Later the natives wanted to see the 'white fellow' corroboree and George Yuille was persuaded to do a 'pas sueu' also reciting poetry using many hand gestures.

In June 1841, the Government appointed Aboriginal Protector George Augustus Robinson stated he only saw one case of a European man living with an

Aboriginal woman and child as a family. That was George Yuille overseer to James and Thomas Baillie at Carngham. The child in question was named after his father. George Yuille (1839-1916) grew to see adulthood, marry and have his own family. When George Youle, aged 21, a bachelor born in Ballarat, married Elizabeth Dunn in 1861, his father was stated as George Youle, gentleman and his un-named mother as Aborigine. The 1841 *Kerr's Melbourne Almanac and Port Phillip Directory* has George Yuille residing at Carngham, Mount Emu, Geelong.

In June 1841 George Yuille at Carngham signs a recommendation:

'This is to certify that William alias Puinguiwar is a steady, good and hard working Aborigine and will do a white man good if it lies in his power. To all whom it may concern, George Youille.' [Yuille]

Not much is known about George Yuille from this time onwards, but he would have been aware of the horrific bush fires that occurred 6 February 1851 known as Black Thursday when about a quarter of Victoria was burnt in 110°F heat, and also of the discovery of gold by James Reagan and John Dunlop on 21 August 1851 when they had camped north of Buninyong on a bend of a creek at a place the aborigines called "Ballaarat". Their discovery was to become the richest goldfield the world had ever known.

George Yuille died on 26 March 1854 at Specimen Hill, (now Eureka street) Ballarat aged 34. (BDM Vic - #1516/1854). His occupation was 'Shop Keeper' and he was buried at the Old Cemetery, Ballarat. George died of delirium tremors. There is no headstone for George Yuille. All burials prior to the Government gazetting the cemetery in 1856 are buried in an unmarked area called Pioneers Block.

Nine months later near what would have been the front of his store a rebellion broke out on 3 December 1854 which went down in history as the Eureka Stockade.

Source: This article is based on Tony Martin's article of 27 April, 2017 in *Ancestry.com.au*. Contributed by Dianne Wheeler PPPG Member No. 1505

A PIONEER MRS WILLIAM HOGG Blacks Steal Infant



'The identity of another white girl baby born before 1844 has been established: Mrs William Hogg, of 'Bona Vista', Murdock street, Brunswick, was born at Captain Brown's station on July 13, 1841. This was somewhere in the vicinity of the Preston district.

When one day old she was stolen by a band of aborigines. The nurse who had come from town to attend her mother, Mrs A. Lorimer (later well-known at Faithful's Creek, Balmattum) had no fancy for the blacks. In fact they terrified her, and she insisted on returning to town. It meant a day's journey, a bullock wagon being the only mode of transit. Mr Lorimer accompanied her, leaving his wife and infant daughter in the cottage.

Soon after his departure the blacks stole into the house and captured the baby.

It was nearly dusk before help came. A horseman (Mr W. Davis) heard cries for help, discovered the cause, and was soon in hot pursuit. He bribed the band of aborigines with a handful of silver coins, for which they gladly surrendered the baby. When rescued she had been in the camp twelve hours, but suffered no injury.

Thirty years later Mrs Hogg renewed acquaintance with her benefactor, meeting him in a casual way at Euroa. Mrs Hogg is thought to be the first baby girl christened at St Francis Church. Since her marriage she has lived at Mangalore, Euroa, Strathbogie, Maindample, Gobur and Inverell.'

Source: *Weekly Times* (Melbourne, Vic. : 1869 - 1954) Sat 25 Oct 1913 Page 10



The stolen baby was Sarah Jane Lorimer who married William Hogg in 1863. Sarah Jane died at Brunswick in 1925 aged 83.

Access to the Record of References to Pioneers

Don't forget the Record of References to Port Phillip Pioneers is now available on our website.

www.portphillippioneersgroup.org.au

We consider It provides one of the best resources available of those who were in the Port Phillip District before Separation, of interest in particular to descendants or others interested in that period (who can of course join the Group as Associate Members).

We have provided a step-by-step guide to accessing this material below.

1. Select the box at the top right side of the page called Member Resources. The Record of References and associated material is what appears at the top of the resources displayed. We strongly suggest that if this is the first time you have accessed this part of the site, you start by selecting Explanatory Note... which gives the background and describes how to use the Record.

2. You should then use the Index to find the particular ancestor or other early settler or settlers you are interested in. You need this because while the Record itself is organised alphabetically by name, the individual images are accessible only by image numbers, as given via the Index. The Index will download from this page, and can be opened in Excel. Read the Introduction by going to the first Tab at the bottom far right of the Index and then select the relevant letter Tab:

3. Then open the third box, the Record of References itself. The introductory section explains how you can move through the thousands of images to find the ones you need:

4. Once you understand what to do, click the View Records Here box. An individual page of images appears, from which you can scroll to or select the page containing the image you want.



BATMAN'S HILL

- ◆ Batman's Hill doesn't exist today but was an important marker in early Melbourne.
- ◆ Around 1836 John Batman built a house at the base of Batman's Hill where he lived with his family until his death in 1839. His family moved away after his death.
- ◆ Port Phillip's first gaol opened in 1837 and was a hut on Batman's Hill. It was surrounded by a 2.4 metre fence and was burnt down the following year by some escaping aboriginals. This highlighted the need for a more substantial building.
- ◆ Also in 1837, the Hoddle Grid used Batman's Hill as its western boundary.
- ◆ Around 1839 it was used as a grandstand for Melbourne's first horse race and also the first cricket match played in Victoria by the founders of the Melbourne Cricket Club.
- ◆ In 1856 the government formed the Victorian Railways with the railway station being erected at Spencer Street in 1858. The freight sheds were expanded in 1863 and subsequently Batman's Hill was removed.
- ◆ To this present day, there is a mysterious blue pole at Spencer Street Station which marks the height and location of the original Batman's Hill.

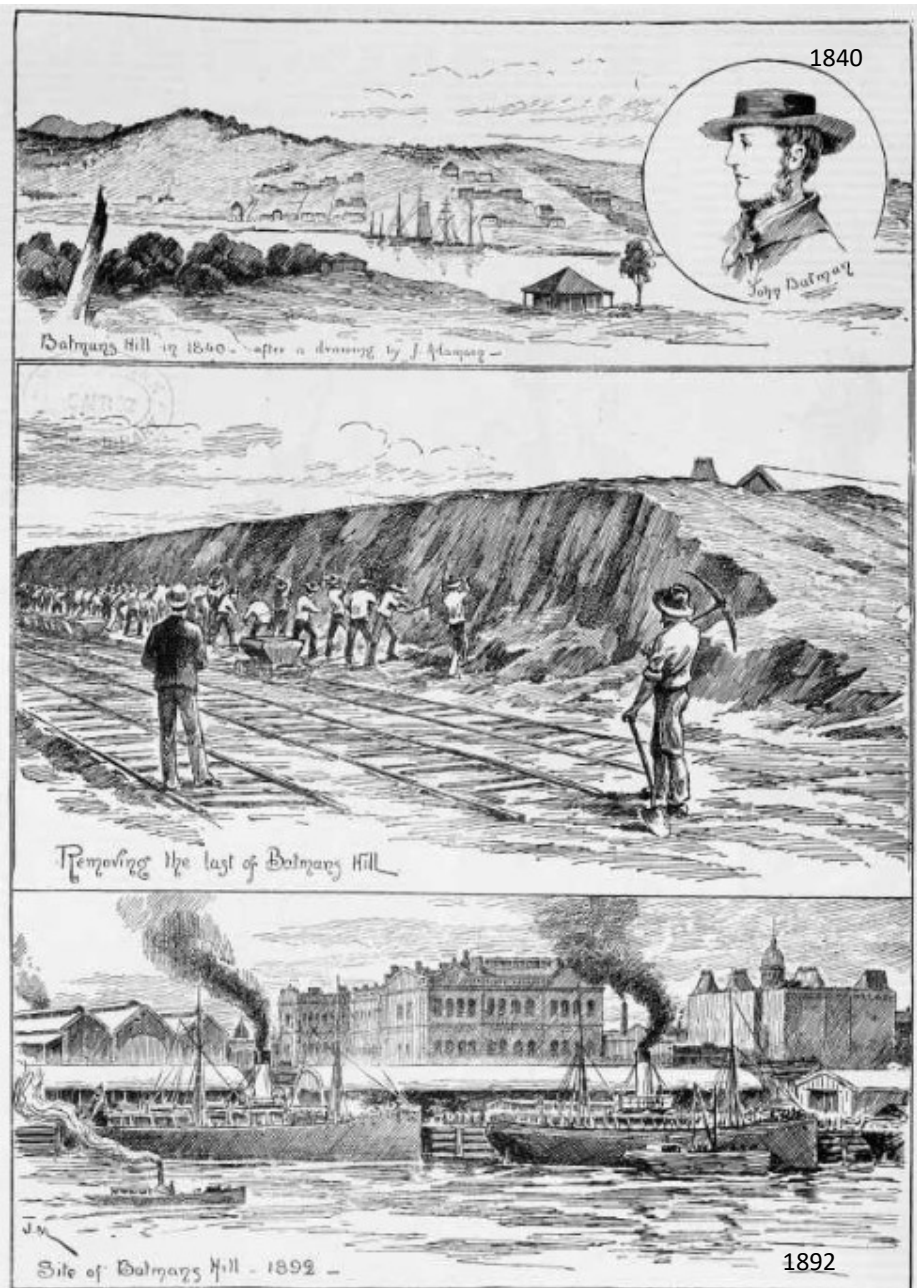


Illustration of the changes to Batman's Hill between 1840 and 1892

[J. Macfarlane - The Illustrated Australian News, 1 April 1892, p13 (State Library of Victoria, Accession No: IAN01/04/92/13)]



Looking south-west from the Collins Street Bridge

(source: wikipedia.org - Photo credit: Marcus Wong)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Meeting:	Saturday 2 March 2024
Speaker:	Speaker: Peter Mitchelson Topic: Working with history: stories from a paper conservator
Hall Entry:	\$2.00
Doors Open:	1.30 pm. Sign in. Time to browse notice board, borrow library books, and chat.
Meeting Starts:	2.00 pm.
Guest Speaker:	2.30 pm.
Afternoon Tea:	3.30 pm. Refreshments.
Venue:	Wesley Hall, 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. or Online via Zoom digital platform
Upcoming Meetings:	11 May, 2024 - Peter Yule: The Bar of Port Phillip, 1839-1851 13 July 2024 - to be advised 14 September 2024 - to be advised

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