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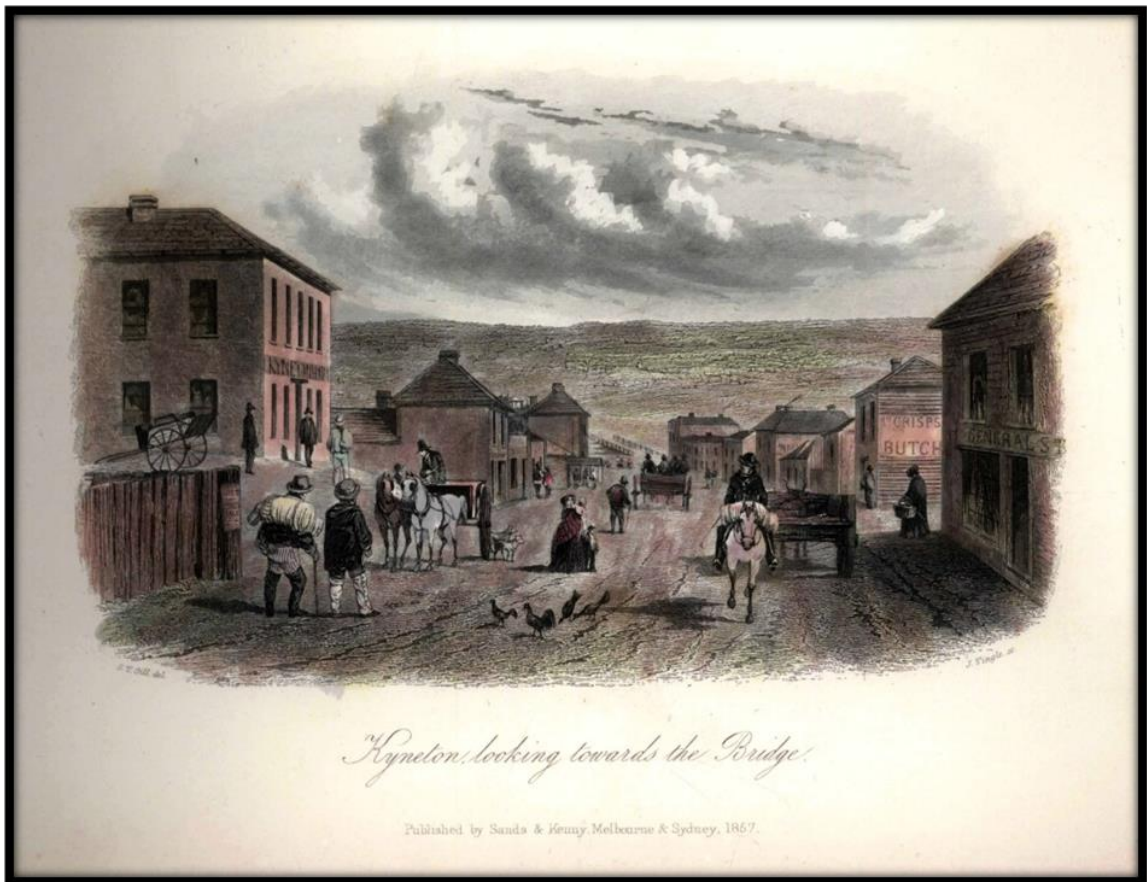
We look forward to your past



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Major Thomas Mitchell, an explorer, crossed and named the Campaspe River near present-day Kyneton on his 1836 expedition. The first British settlers arrived in the area the same year.

Unlike a majority of towns in the area, Kyneton predates the Victorian gold rushes, having been established in 1850, whereas the gold rushes started the year after. At this time, Kyneton was a growing rural centre, and served as a major stop for those heading to the gold rushes at Mount Alexander and Bendigo. The post office opened on 1 July 1843 as Mount Macedon and was renamed Kyneton on 1 January 1854.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kyneton>

Image source: Victoria Illustrated 1857

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Group Report.

Marilla, Clare and Barb are heading off to Deniliquin on October 13 & 14 for their Family History Expo, check their website for more details. <http://members.bordernet.com.au/denifhg/> Come and say hello if you are in the area.

Wednesday 30 August. Come and celebrate 182 years of the settlement of Melbourne...**Melbourne Day 2017.**

Feel the pride at the official flag-raising ceremony, Enterprize Park.

Join Lord Mayor Robert Doyle, city councillors, the 2017 Junior Lord Mayor, civic leaders and special guests as we salute the flag at 11am. Free public event.

Sunday Docklands Market, on Harbour Esplanade for Melbourne Day celebrations, from 10am to 5pm

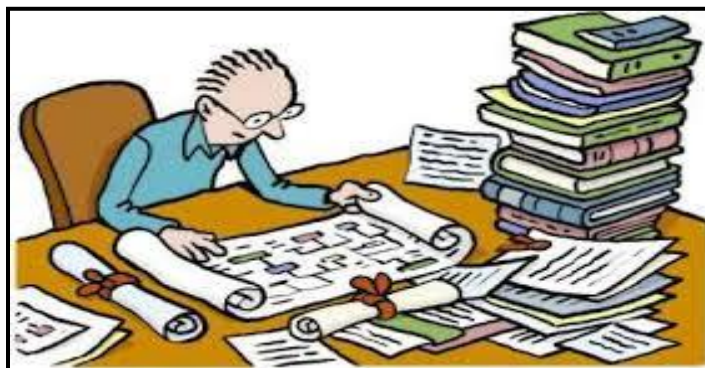
Free "Absolutely 80s" Concert Sunday, 27 August, noon to 3pm. Docklands (Victoria Harbour)

Check the website <http://www.melbourneday.com.au/>

Stories are needed for *Pioneer Profiles* 7. We welcome your Pioneers profile for the edition, more than one if that is possible.

See page 7 for guidelines.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting or submitting something for the newsletter, a story or a gene joke maybe.



λ Welcome to the following Members λ

No	Member	Desc. From	Details	Date	Ship or other means
1463	Dianne Margaret APPLEBY	a)John and b)Mary Ann STRAKER nee BOYD	Married PPD	11 August 1850	
		c) James STRAKER	Born PPD	January 1850	

2017

Meeting Dates

September 9, 2017
November 11, 2017

Newsletter Deadlines

October 9, October - November

All correspondence for newsletter items must be sent to Barb Hawkins,
email barbh27@bigpond.com

Mike Moore and Tim Gatehouse: Newtown (Fitzroy) in the 1840s

In 1839 land between Alexandra Parade and the Melbourne city grid was subdivided into allotments and offered for sale thus creating the first suburb outside of Melbourne. It was initially called Newtown but renamed Collingwood in 1842. In 1850 it became the Fitzroy Ward of the Melbourne City Council and later the population in the area increased significantly enough for it to become a municipality in its own right. On the 9 September 1858 the ward was severed from Melbourne. The new suburb was named Fitzroy after Sir Charles Augustus FitzRoy who had served as Governor of NSW from 1846 to 1855.

The boundaries of Newtown were Alexandra Parade (north), Smith Street (east), Nicholson Street (west) and Victoria Parade (south).

The area closest to Victoria Parade was on Eastern Hill. From here there were good views, the air was fresh and the area was deemed to be healthy. It was like a “gentleman’s park” with large trees and no undergrowth.

Only the streets mentioned above (para 2) were designated when the first sales were held. Other roads appeared as the land was further subdivided. For example Benjamin Baxter bought 25 acres and subdivided it into four parts with Brunswick Street dividing it down the middle and Gertrude Street crossing it. These allotments and others changed hands rapidly. Peter Ferrie bought one of Baxter’s blocks and Charles Williams bought half an acre nearby which he used as a cattle yard. His property was near to that of Andrew MacKillop whose daughter Mary was born in 1842.

From 1840 to the early 1860s Charles Ebdon lived in Little Brunswick Street (now Fitzroy Street). He had settled in Sydney as a merchant and became one of the first squatters to bring cattle overland to the PPD. He purchased land in Collins Street in 1836 for £136 and sold it two years later for £10,000. “I fear I am becoming disgustingly rich” he declared.

Anthony Beale migrated to Port Phillip with his wife and children bringing with them a prefabricated home which was erected on 4.7 acres of land in Brunswick Street. Their 17th child was born in this home which they called St Helena Cottage. Beale had been paymaster for the East India Company on St Helena when his employment was terminated by the British Government. Beale’s diaries with many diagrams and amusing sketches provide a very important record of early Fitzroy.

Thomas Strobe was a near neighbour of Anthony Beale. He established the first registered newspaper, the “Port Phillip Gazette” in partnership with George Arden in 1838. Although Strobe wanted his paper to have a “quiet and gentlemanly tone” he managed to offend many influential residents including Judge Willis. He was a member of the first masonic lodge formed in Port

Phillip in 1840. He died at his residence in Richmond in 1880 and is buried at Boroondara cemetery.

Belonging to the inner circle of Melbourne society were Robert Saunders Webb and his wife Ann (nee Fisher). Their daughter Ann was the first European child born in Port Phillip. In September 1836 Webb was appointed the first sub-collector of customs and sub-treasurer of Port Phillip. He could grant licences to auctioneers and publicans. There was suspicion that he may have used £17,000 of public funds to purchase land around Port Phillip. In 1839 he bought for £560 land originally bought by Thomas Walker. The Webbs later moved to Brighton although Webb died in London in 1855. Ann died at sea in 1862 on a voyage from London to Melbourne.

Another resident of Newtown who later moved to Brighton was James Montgomery the first crown solicitor of Port Phillip. His Newtown residence was said to be ‘elegant and truly beautiful’. In 1841 he opposed three applications for liquor licenses in the area. After his resignation as crown solicitor he went into partnership with Andrew Murison McCrae. This partnership however was dissolved in 1845. Montgomery called both his homes ‘Erin Cottage’.

An early newspaper article mentions a hotel to be opened by Thomas Gibson in 1842 in the property owned by John Hunter Patterson.

Arthur Kemmis migrated to Australia in 1827. His first ventures were not successful and in 1839 with his wife Aphrasia (nee Raymond) he arrived in Port Phillip. His home was built on the corner of Victoria Parade and Fitzroy St by Henry Bowerman on Bowerman’s land and then rented to Kemmis at £130 per year. The impressive brick 2-storied house had reception rooms downstairs and four bedrooms above. Kemmis did well as a merchant and expanded into wool broking and steam shipping. He was director of the Port Phillip bank, and a magistrate. In the financial collapse of 1841 he was ruined. Despair probably contributed to his death in 1842 aged 36. Aphrasia and children returned to Sydney where she married squatter John Maughan and lived at his property Dundullimal in Dubbo. This is now a National Trust property.

The State Library of Victoria has a good collection of paintings of Newtown which can be viewed on line. Some were done by surveyor Robert Russell, others by Sarah Bunbury, the wife of naval officer Richard Hanmer Bunbury. Letters she wrote to her family in England from her house “Forest Hill Cottage” Newtown are also in the library.

Mike Moore and Tim Gatehouse have between them an enormous amount of information. For more detail see “The First Residents of Brunswick Street” which can be found on the Fitzroy History Society website under “Publications”.

Contributed by Jan Hanslow, PPPG member No 1057

ROBERT HODDLE'S EARLY SURVEY

The following are some notes on the early surveyors at Port Phillip who worked under Robert Hoddle and Robert Russell:

BUTLER, Henry (Cavendish?) Danvers (Assistant Surveyor) - Had assisted Major Thomas Mitchell over the Blue Mountains to Bathurst, New South Wales. Overlanded to Port Phillip about March-April 1838 with Granville W. C. Stapylton but returned to Sydney shortly afterwards, reportedly to attend to matters relating to the death of his brother-in-law, Lieutenant-Colonel Dumaresq.

D'ARCY, Frederick Robert (c1809-1875) (Draftsman) - Born c1809 the eldest son of Major George Pitt D'Arcy (late of 9th Regiment) and Mary (nee Le Measerier). Arrived at Sydney, New South Wales in 1828. Married 20 May 1834 at St. Phillips Church, Sydney, New South Wales to Sophia Garling. Arrived at Melbourne on 5 October 1836 per "*Stirlingshire*" with his wife and family. Surveyed part of Port Phillip Bay from the mouth of the Werribee River to Port Lonsdale; and the Barwon, Moorabool and Yarrowee Rivers. Left the Department in January 1838. Died in September 1875 in Queensland. Buried in Toowong Cemetery, Queensland.

DARKE, William Wedge (1810-1890) (Assistant Surveyor) - Born 20 June 1810, the son of John Darke of Hereford and Elizabeth Darke (nee Wedge). Younger brother of John Charles Darke. Arrived Hobart, Van Diemens Land 28 November 1827 per "*George Home*." Married 15 February 1838 in St. James, Sydney, N.S.W. to Isabella Campbell McArthur, third daughter of Captain Donald McArthur of the 2nd Royal Veteran Battalion and Elizabeth (nee Wemyss). Arrived at Melbourne on 5 October 1836 per "*Stirlingshire*." Employed on subdivision of Hoddle's sections in Jika Jika; skeleton plan of Melbourne and sections of streets from Sections 1 to 13. Levelled the streets of Melbourne. Commenced surveying by contract with Henry Wilson Hutchinson Smythe in May 1839. Returned to Sydney in November 1842. Living in Pitt Street, Sydney with his wife and family in 1846. Appointed as a Licensed Surveyor in April 1860. Died 20 July 1890 in The Avenue, Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia. Buried 21 July 1890 in St. Kilda Cemetery, Victoria.

KEMP, David. Malcolm (-1841) (Draftsman) - Arrived in Sydney, N.S.W. about 1837. Had a Government Commission for a position in the Customs Department. Transferred to the Surveyor's Office. Posted to Port Phillip. Arrived at Melbourne on 6 November 1838 per "*Regia*" from Sydney (23 October 1838). Assisted Henry W. H. Smythe. In 1840, after receiving further training from Robert Hoddle, he was promoted to Assistant Surveyor and transferred to New Zealand. Sailed on the "*Regia*." Drowned 15 March 1841 by the upsetting of a boat at Kororarica, Bay of

Islands, New Zealand. Had been in a small yacht to travel to an island about five miles from the mainland with two companions. On the return journey they were about three-quarters of a mile from shore when a heavy squall struck the vessel which filled with water and went down. Kemp, who could not swim, and one of his companions drowned. His other companion succeeded in reaching a small rock and was saved.

McARTHUR, Donald Gordon (c1810-1871) - Born c1810, the son of Donald McArthur and Elizabeth (nee Wemyss). Arrived Sydney in October 1835. Married Elizabeth Kirby (or Thirley). Clerk (Third Class) in the Surveyor-General's Department. To Melbourne in early 1838. Redundant as Chief Clerk in the Survey Department in 1843. Died 1871 in Victoria. Buried in St. Kilda Cemetery, Victoria.

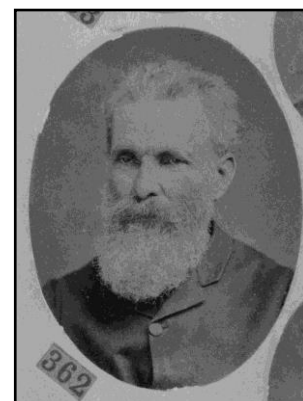


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NUTT, Thomas Henry (c1813?-1856?) (Draftsman) - Born c1813? Arrived at Melbourne on 6 November 1838 per "*Regia*" from Sydney (23 October 1838). He surveyed portion of the River Yarra; the 12 1/2 acres sold to La Trobe and 10 allotments near Queen's Wharf, Melbourne. Subdivided Heidelberg and Diamond Creek. Received extra training from Robert Hoddle but was never considered fully competent. Married 12 August 1848 at St. Lawrence Church, Sydney, New South Wales to Julia Atwick Dutton? Died 1856 at Camperdown, Newtown, New South Wales?

SMYTHE, Henry Wilson Hutchinson (1815-1854) (Assistant Surveyor) - Born 1815 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England the son of Benjamin Smythe. Arrived Launceston, V.D.L. 3 March 1831 per "*Kate*" from the Swan River, Western Australia. Brother-in-Law of Captain William Lonsdale. Said to have arrived in Melbourne on 18 November 1837 from Launceston, possibly on the "*Adelaide*." To Geelong about March 1838. Commenced surveying by contract with William Wedge Darke in May 1839. Married 19 February 1841 in V.D.L. to Jessie Allan, youngest daughter of George Allan of of Allan Vale, near Launceston, V.D.L. At Gowangardee Station in the Murray District. Died about January 1854, having drowned in the Broken River, Victoria, Australia.

STAPYLTON, Granville William Chetwynd (1800-1840) (Assistant Surveyor) - Youngest son of Major-General Granville Anson Chetwynd Stapylton and Martha Stapylton, only daughter of Henry Stapylton of Wighill, Yorkshire, England. Married 1825 to Catherine Bulteel of Fleet, Hampshire, England. Had been second in command of Major Mitchell's expedition to Australia Felix. Overlanded to Port Phillip in April 1838 with

Henry Danvers Butler. Did surveys of the River Plenty and of the country surrounding Port Phillip. Had a drinking problem which led Lonsdale to suspend him from duty. Returned to Headquarters in Sydney early in 1839. Sent to Moreton Bay. Killed by aboriginals on 31 May 1840 south of Brisbane.

TOWNSEND, Thomas Scott (1812-1869) (Assistant Surveyor) - Born 27 April 1812 in Medmenham, Buckinghamshire, England the son of William Townsend and his wife Ann. To New South Wales. Overlanded to Port Phillip in 1839. Laid out Wangaratta and Benalla en route. Did surveys of 857 miles of road; of the planned Town of Port Fairy; of the Town of Portland; of suburban allotments and of the Bar with soundings. Later relieved Robert Hoddle when he went on 2 months leave. Married 27 April 1853 in Canberra, Lake George, Queanbeyan, New South Wales, Australia to Frances Emily Davis. They parted soon after and were never reconciled. He provided for her but never gave recognition to their son. Was regarded as being of unsound mind. Died 26 August 1869 in England, having committed suicide by cutting his own throat.

Contributed by Alexander Romanov-Hughes - PPPG
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Robert Hoddle with his
omnipresent surveying
telescope.
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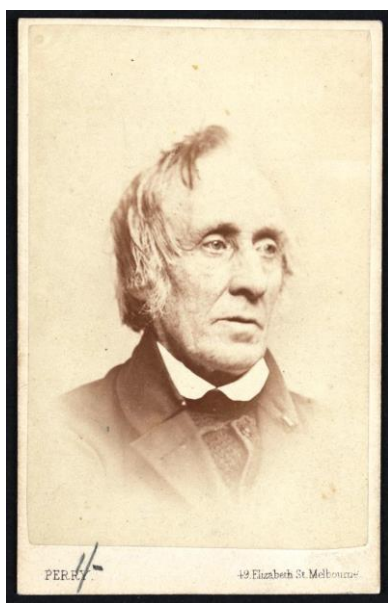
Image of Robert Russell
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Address at General Meeting on 8 July 2017

Joy Braybrook - John Pascoe Fawkner

Joy Braybrook author of 'John Batman: An Inside Story of the Birth of Melbourne' has made a study of John Pascoe Fawkner, a man she feared was 'hard to make nice'. She describes him as being like water - he could find a way around every problem. Garryowen wrote that he had the 'agility of a wallaby'. He could be ruthless and vindictive.



John Pascoe Fawkner was born in 1792 with the name John Fawkner. His parents John Fawkner snr and Hannah Pascoe were both unwell when he was born and he was brought up by his wealthy Pascoe grandparents. At the age of eight he was sent to boarding school which he considered the worst experience of his life.

When he was 10, his father was sentenced to transportation to Australia for receiving stolen goods and whilst waiting to travel to Sorrento under the

command of Lieutenant Governor David Collins, three of John Fawkner jnr's grandparents died including the Pascoes. John Fawkner, called 'Jonny' had no choice but to join his parents and his sister Elizabeth on their voyage to Australia.

On 13th January 1804 David Collins abandoned Sullivan Bay at Sorrento and moved to Hobart. John Fawkner snr was given land at Glenorchy in 1806 and started a farm whilst Hannah Fawkner returned to England to claim her inheritance. She returned in 1809.

With their inheritance the Fawkners hired servants and bought businesses in Hobart. Jonny was caught foolishly helping some convicts escape, received fifty lashes and was sent to Coal River Prison near Newcastle in NSW.

When he returned home in 1817 he decided to get his life in order and find a wife. When a ship load of convict women arrived on 11th October 1818 he later said that he rushed to catch the prettiest girl. After a fight at the dock, he ended up with the plainest girl, Eliza Cobb, who had pock marked skin and a turned eye. She had been sentenced to transportation for stealing a baby.

John Fawkner Snr was in trouble with the law again and John Jnr and Eliza decided in 1819 to move to Launceston. They married in 1822, Eliza signing her

name with a cross. Over the years they opened many businesses including a bakery, a timber yard and published a newspaper the 'Launceston Advertiser'.

They opened the Cornwall Hotel where John Batman, John Wedge and Joseph Gellibrand used to meet. For 10 years they talked about crossing to the Port Phillip District. Eventually banker Charles Swanston offered to finance an expedition. Fawcner desperately tried to be included but was not, so purchased his own ship the *Enterprize*.

By the time Fawcner was ready to sail John Batman had crossed to Port Phillip, made his treaty with the aborigines, and returned to Tasmania to arrange the first shipment of sheep etc.

Fawcner who after his mother's death in 1825 called himself John Pascoe Fawcner loaded up his ship with an assortment of animals and goods. With Captain John Lancey and others he was ready to leave when creditors appeared and stopped him. Lancey continued on, arriving at the Yarra on 15th August 1835. Fawcner arrived on 16th October 1835 and built a house where the Customs building now stands.

When Governor Richard Bourke proclaimed the settlement to be legitimate and named it Melbourne in March 1837, William Hoddle drew up plans and organised land sales. Fawcner bought the first block for 32 pounds.

He opened the first hotel in Melbourne on the corner of Williams St and Flinders Lane.

He produced the first newspaper, 'The Melbourne Advertiser' which was hand written until his printing press arrived from Launceston. Because he didn't have a licence it was closed down. In 1839 he started the Port Phillip Patriot. When Thomas Strode and George Arden arrived from Sydney to start the Port Phillip Gazette, Fawcner was furious and was relentless in his persecution of Strode.

In 1839 Fawcner bought 1,750 acres in Coburg, part of which he called Pascoe Vale and the rest he sold. He said he was worth twenty thousand pounds, but in 1842 he became insolvent with a debt of nine thousand pounds.

In 1842 he was elected a Market Commissioner and in 1843 a Town Councillor. On 18th September 1851 he was elected to the first Victorian Legislative Council and in 1856 he was elected to the first Parliament in the colony of Victoria.

Fawcner did not want convicts coming to Melbourne. He wanted separation from NSW and he supported miners' rights. He formed a Land Cooperative Society to help the 'ordinary man' and he introduced perforated postage stamps.

He set up a free library and a Congregational church in Collingwood, helped establish a Parliamentary library and allowed one of his houses to be used as a hospital. He helped set up Melbourne University and the State Library.

In 1856, Fawcner's father and his third wife came to Melbourne. They moved into the Pascoe Vale house whilst Jonny and Eliza lived at 226 Smith St, Collingwood.

With no children of their own John and Eliza adopted an orphan they named Eliza Ann Fawcner. They also adopted Sarah Jane Walsh, the daughter of their wealthy friend, barrister John Joseph Walsh. His first wife had died and he wished to remarry.

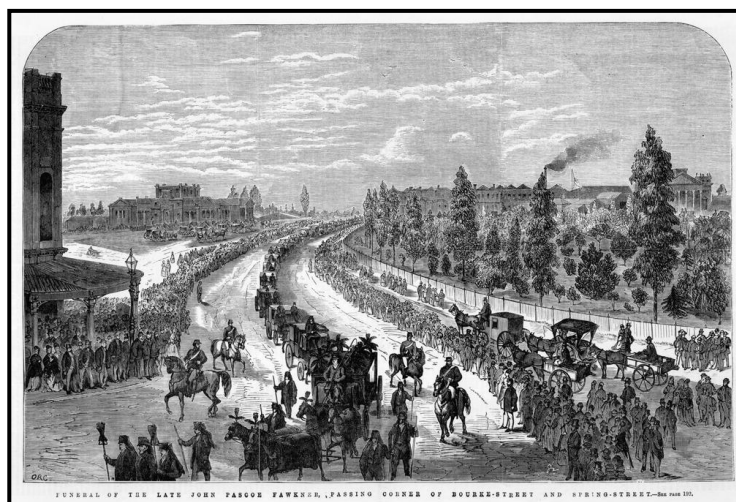
They looked after and educated Ann Lucas, the daughter of John's sister Elizabeth Lucas. Also Amelia Lancey, the daughter of Captain John Lancey, lived with them.

With his health deteriorating Fawcner attended a session of parliament on the 10th August 1869 and died on the 4th September 1869. The funeral procession of some 228 carriages which proceeded from his Smith St residence attracted a third of the population of Melbourne. He was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery.

Eliza was now aged 71 and she decided to learn to write. In 1871 she married John Joseph Walsh, whose second wife had died, and they lived happily until her death on 8th July 1879. Eliza was buried with Jonny Fawcner. Walsh went on to marry the Fawcner's niece, Ann Lucas.

From very humble beginnings and despite making many enemies over the years, John Pascoe Fawcner became known as the grand old man of the colony and was recognised for his achievements. The people were very proud of him.

Contributed by Jan Hanslow, PPPG member 1057



John Pascoe Fawcner's funeral procession. SLV Picture Collection

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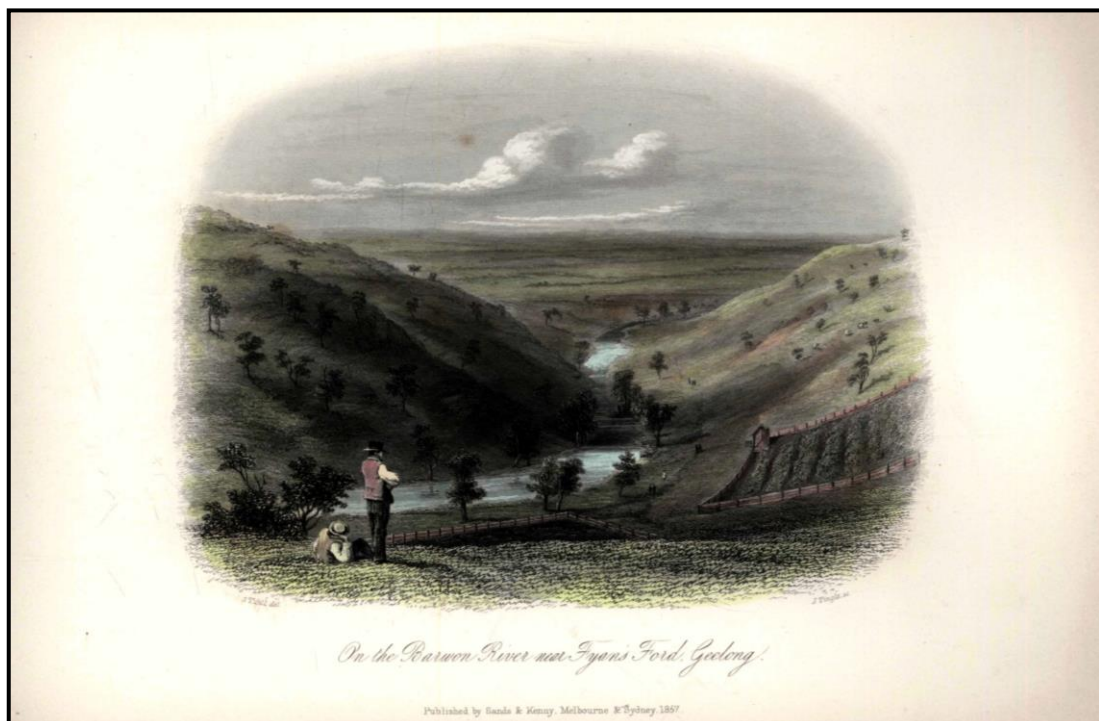
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES of The Port Phillip Pioneers Group

- (a) To perpetuate the memory of, and create a greater awareness of, the part played by the Pioneers of early settlement in the area of the present State of Victoria:
- (b) To compile biographical and genealogical data of the Pioneers and their immediate families:
- (c) To preserve written and printed material which illustrates aspects of Pioneer settlement in Victoria.

As you can see the reason for contributing to this publication fits all our aims and objectives as a Group so please consider writing your ancestors story, even if you think they have not much to tell, they were here in a special time in history and that is enough. One page is acceptable and four the maximum. Why not give it a go.

PIONEER PROFILES. (Guidelines for Contributor)

- Profile must be of your claimed and proven Ancestor.
- Profile of your Port Phillip Pioneers and the children that either came with them or were born in the Colony, including the children's spouses where possible.
- Story can contain brief family background and a description of their life in Australia.
- Method of arrival, if known. (ship, overland etc.)
- A minimum of one page, maximum four, with or without images.
- Submissions to be made in electronic form (Word document) if possible. If not our editorial Team will type/transcribe the written material.
- Sources may be included if data requires it and it is not in the text. i.e. if the family story is not a documented one, say so. (family folk lore says...)
- Images are to be in highest quality possible and if electronic, in jpeg format. If posting please send copies, not original images.
- All Profiles are subject to normal editing.
- The PPPG reserves the right to place on our website an Index of the Pioneers' names highlighted in the series of Profiles books.



PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS GROUP INC – MEETINGS

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.
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:	4.00 pm. Refreshments provided.
Next Meeting:	Saturday: 9 September 2017
Speaker:	Speaker: David Langdon. President of Richmond & Burnley Historical Society. Topic: Richmond in the 1840's

Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday, 11 November 2017

Speaker: Robert Wuchatsch.

Topic: John Muston a forgotten Pioneer.

Saturday, February 2018

Speaker & Topic: TBA.

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