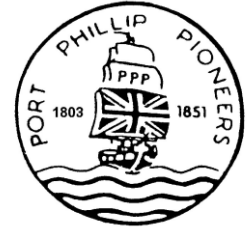


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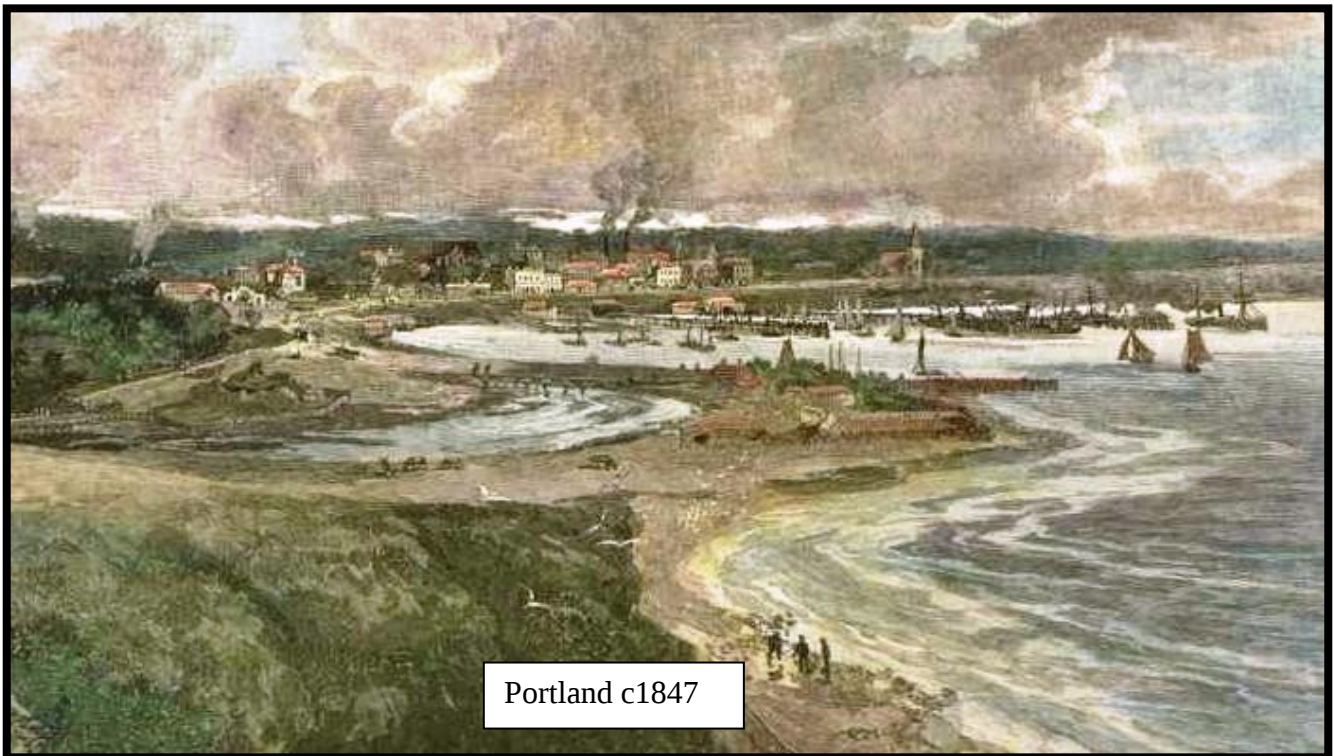
We look forward to your past



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Edward Henty arrived in the Portland district in 1834 and his brothers followed soon after. They explored wide areas inland, establishing large sheep and cattle stations across the region, and were also involved in the whaling industry. Edward Henty built a gracious homestead in 1856.

The township of Portland was surveyed in 1840 and the first land sales held in Melbourne in October of that year. Prices were high for properties at that time, and for a number of years leading up to the Victorian gold rush, Portland vied with Melbourne for the status of major settlement of the southern region. A building boom followed the land sales. During 1840-42 four hotels and four churches were established. The first trading bank appeared in 1846 and the Savings Bank in 1847.

<https://collections.museumvictoria.com.au/articles/2311>

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Group Report.

Hello members and friends.

We hope you are keeping warm as the winter continues to swirl around us. We will be in Spring by the next meeting.

Pioneer Profiles 7 is coming along nicely with fourteen Profiles being submitted already. The idea is that twenty will be needed to fill the volume. We only need another six to get it happening, so start writing now.

Corrections and apologies for the incorrect membership numbers that were published in the last new members list. This should have read, Peter Westrup 1478, Keith Graham 1479 and Peter Arkell 1480. Sorry, sometimes things get mixed up.

I am desperately in need of articles for the newsletter. As you might have noticed we have two regular entries - the summary of the address from the meeting by Jan Hanslow and an article by Alexander Romanov-Hughes kindly provides. If half of the members provide something over the course of the year - it could be a poem, a snippet about your family, an image from long ago of a property or person - any of these would be most welcome and I would have a variety of entries for you to look at.

You might have noticed the February meeting has no date. Please see article on Page 6.

Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.
Barb Hawkins, Newsletter Editor and President.

λ Welcome to the following Members λ

No	Member	Desc. From	Details	Date	Ship or other means
1481	Dr. Damien Patrick SMITH	(a) David SMITH (b) Ann SMITH nee MILLS (c) David SMITH JR.	Married P.P.D. Born P.P.D.	November 22 1841 July 03 1846	
1482	Jennifer MURRAY	(a) Thomas PRIOR (b) Angelina PRIOR nee BADCOCK	Arr. PPD	March 14, 1851	Arrived on "Harry Lorrequer"

2019 -2020

Meeting Dates

September 14
November 9
February TBA 2020

Newsletter Deadlines

October 8, October - November
January 13, February - March

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

Trevor Cohen - Michael Cashmore and the Solomon Family -

Trevor Cohen's family, including Jewish and Christian believers, is very complicated because over generations there have been continual duplications of given names as well as marriages between family members with the same surname and marriages where the surnames are the same, but where there is no family relationship.

The first of the family to arrive in Australia were brothers Vaiben (b1798) and Emanuel Solomon (b1800). They were sons of Samuel Moss Solomon, (born 1769 in London) and his first wife Elizabeth Moses. Samuel manufactured lead pencils in Spitalfields, and probably struggled to support his 8 children.

In 1816 Vaiben and Emanuel were arrested in Northallerton, England, for breaking, entering, and theft. At the time of arrest Emanuel was actually wearing an article of stolen clothing. They pleaded that they had traded some of their father's jewelry for clothing which was held by a man they met on the road. Nonetheless it was decided they should stand trial. Documents at the time show that Emanuel could sign his name, but Vaiben used a cross.

They were taken to Durham gaol where the prisoners lived in shocking conditions in underground dungeons. In August 1817, ten months after their imprisonment their case went to trial. They were found guilty of being in possession of stolen goods but to escape the death penalty, the brothers used the legal plea known as 'benefit of clergy' and repeated the 51st Psalm which begins "Have mercy upon me O God". They were then given 7 years transportation.

They spent time on the hulk *Justitia* and then boarded the *Lady Castlereagh* for their trip to Van Diemen's Land arriving on 11 June 1818 at George Town. This was a dangerous place to be under Major James Stewart and then Gilbert Cimitiere who was said to torture convicts. Emanuel received punishment by lashing on several occasions and also served time in a chain gang.

In 1821 the brothers were charged with stealing clothes and were sent to Newcastle where they gradually settled down and received their tickets of leave.

They moved to Sydney where they both married in 1826: Vaiben married Mary (Sarah) Smith and Emanuel married Mary (Rachel) Wilson. Emanuel and Rachel married in a church.

The initial movements of the brothers in Sydney are unknown but in the late 1820s they advertised goods for sale by auction and it appears they were doing well enough to employ others. They didn't always see eye to

eye, and Emanuel was sometimes in trouble with the law.

His wife having died, Emanuel moved to Adelaide in 1838 with a lady named Celia Smith but referred to as Mrs Solomon. It wasn't until 1844, after having several children that they married. Newspaper articles suggest marital problems and in 1851 Celia was living in Sydney where she died in 1852. In 1852 also, Emanuel married a third time, to Catherine Abrahams.

Returning to 1838 when Emanuel arrived in Adelaide, there were no proper jetties and goods unloaded from ships often had water washed over them before they could be transported into Adelaide by mules. Emanuel, and Vaiben who remained in Sydney, worked as agents for each other, moving goods backwards and forwards between the two cities. They had their own ship, the *Dorset* and their business flourished.

Emanuel weathered the 1840s depression and was able to build the first purpose-built theatre in Adelaide, at the huge cost of 10,000 pounds. He speculated in buying land, sub-dividing it and selling at a profit. He was a major shareholder in a company connected to copper mines in Burra, South Australia.

In Port Pirie, Emanuel reserved land, called Church Circle, for religious purposes, and today there is still a section of the town called Solomontown.

Emanuel was a member of the Legislative Council in Adelaide when Mary Mackillop arrived in 1868. She asked Solomon whether he could help the Dominican Sisters from Ireland who had come to Adelaide to work for the Sisters of St Joseph. He allowed them to use some of his cottages, both in Adelaide and Melbourne.

Emanuel died in 1873, having never told anyone about his convict past. His obituary stated he loved his 'adopted country'. It was not until 1974 that the family became aware of a convict ancestry.

Vaiben also never mentioned his past. He and Sarah had 8 children, and lived a comfortable life. In 1860, aged 62, Vaiben died at his residence Horningsea Park, (now heritage listed), and Sarah died in 1879 aged 71.

Vaiben and Emanuel's father Samuel Moss Solomon, was left a widower with 8 children after his first wife died. In 1815 he married his first cousin, Esther Davis. Esther was 41, but after 6 years of marriage she produced a son, Isaac, and then a daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy). These children were 'step siblings' to Vaiben and Emanuel, but also cousins of some sort. Esther was about the same age as Vaiben and Emanuel.

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"DUKE OF PORTLAND" (Ship, 533 Tons)

The "*Duke of Portland*" was one of the better ships that brought settlers to Port Phillip in the early days. She arrived at Melbourne on 23 August 1850 under the command of Captain William John Cubitt with as many as 200 passengers on board.

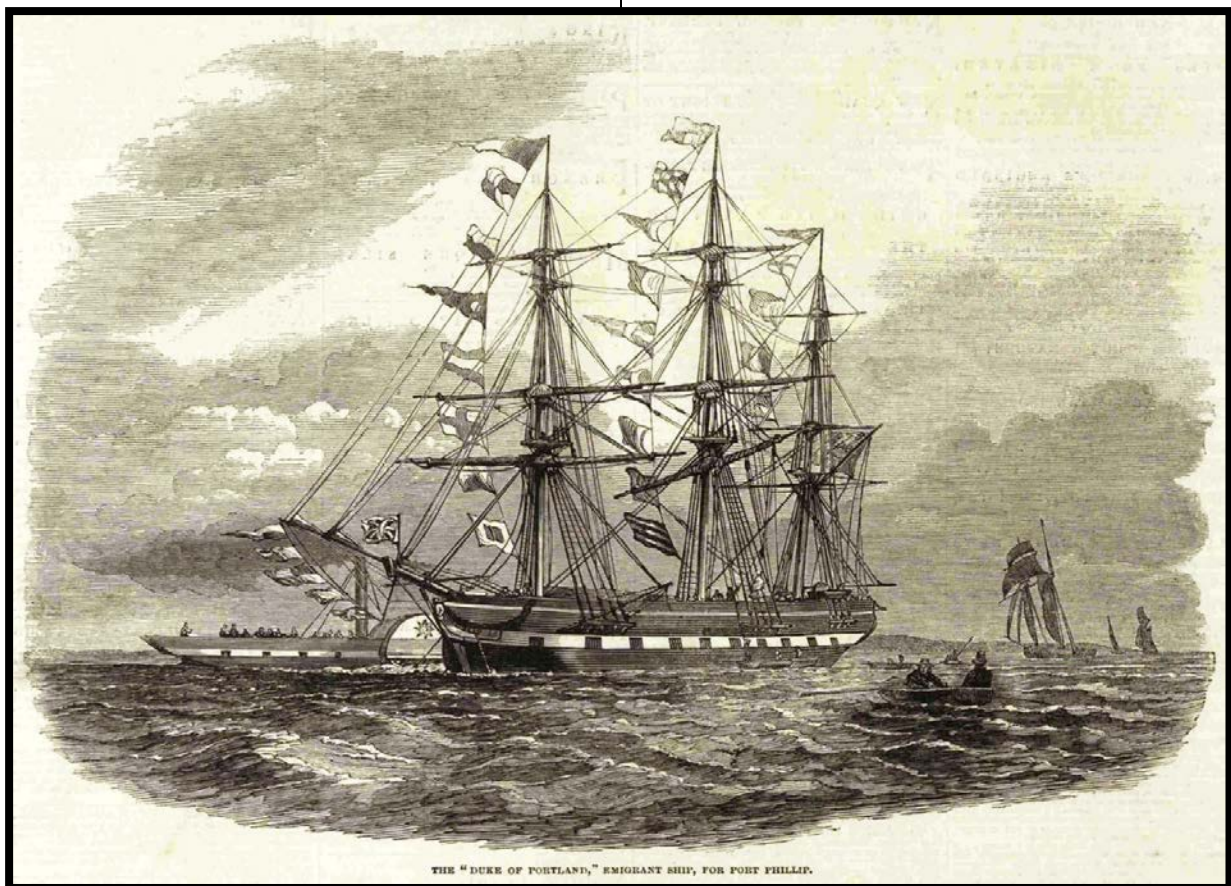
She was built circa 1842 and when she arrived in Melbourne in 1850 Captain Cubitt had been her master for about five years, having made numerous voyages to places such as China, India, Mauritius, New Zealand and Trinidad.

Her London agents were Messrs. Fry and Davison of 5, East India Chambers, Leadenhall Street and J. H. Arnold of 3, Clements Lane, Lombard Street. She was originally advertised to set sail on 25 March 1850 from St. Katherine's Dock in London for Adelaide and Port Phillip, and if there had been sufficient interest she would have continued on to Moreton Bay. She was described as being frigate-built, offering superior accommodation with a spacious poop deck and having a height of seven feet between decks. An experienced surgeon would be carried and passage to Port Phillip was offered for £20.

Portsmouth, Lymington and the Isle of Wight whilst passing through the English Channel.

The "*Illustrated London News*" of 13 April 1850 published a picture of her departure from London with flags flying and showing the Gravesend steamer, the "*Star*" alongside her. The "*Star*" had carried a party of well-wishers to the "*Duke of Portland*" to farewell the emigrants. This party included local clergy bidding adieu to members of their flocks and the Hon. Sidney Herbert, promoter of an charitable emigration scheme which had obtained passage for about 60 poor needlewomen for the voyage.

The accommodation on board consisted of cabin and intermediate class as well as a spacious steerage cabin for the needlewomen. The emigrants were said to be of very different ranks with a significant number whose dress and general aspect indicated they were not making the voyage because of pressing poverty. There were no government assisted immigrants on board.



It was Saturday, 6 April 1850 before she eventually sailed from St. Katherine's Dock, stopping at Gravesend from Monday, 8 April 1850 to Wednesday, 10 April 1850 before leaving the Thames. She also called at

The Hon. Sidney Herbert and his associates had provided a good supply of books on board for the voyage as well arranging for a Religious Instructor, accredited by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to act as guardian for the needlewomen. This was William Behan who was accompanied by his family.

The voyage to Adelaide was largely uneventful with the passengers being unanimous in their praise of Captain Cubitt and his officers for their skill and conduct. Also, Messrs. Fry and Davison, the charterers of the ship, were thanked for having supplied provisions of excellent quality.

Dr. Cousins was the surgeon on board and he was regarded as being indefatigable in his care of the passengers. The health of those on board had generally been good, however two deaths occurred en route, one of whom was said to have been quite ill before boarding the ship. Mrs. Anna Maria Johnson, wife of Mr. Edward F. Johnson died on 23 June 1850 and a Miss Hague died on 16 July 1850.

The "*Duke of Portland*" arrived at Adelaide, South Australia on Friday, 9 August 1850 where her agents were Messrs. Were, Todd & Co., Gilbert Place Adelaide.

More than half of the needlewomen found positions in Adelaide and stayed there. Though one newspaper reported that there had only been a couple or so who could make a shirt, they did appear to be a useful lot of strapping lasses, average in appearance, in age, in character, and in qualifications. Just the same, a notice appeared in the Adelaide newspapers that Samson, Wicksteed & Co. were going to auction on 17 August 1850, '174 strong blue shirts,' made by the emigrants on board the "*Duke of Portland*."

While in Adelaide Captain Cubitt had six of his cotton shirts stolen. They had been washed by a Port Adelaide washerwoman named Mary Ann Sullivan and hung out to dry at the rear of her land-lady's kitchen but disappeared overnight. The thief turned out to be a labourer named Daniel Langton. Fortunately, he was soon caught and the shirts, still wet, were found under his bed and recovered.

The "*Duke of Portland*" continued her voyage and arrived at Melbourne, Port Phillip on 23 August 1850, having taken on additional passengers in Adelaide. Her Melbourne agents were Messrs. J. B. Were & Co.

On 29 August 1850 the "*Melbourne Daily News*" reported that 'The needlewomen were landed on Monday last and about ten have been engaged, at wages varying from £12 to £16 per annum.'

Notices also appeared in Melbourne newspapers that W. M. Tennent & Co. would be auctioning on 2 September 1850 at Raleigh's Wharf 'The surplus stores of the "*Duke of Portland*," consisting of preserved meats, and soups, sugar, bread, peas, etc., together with the fittings, bedding, blankets, etc.'

The "*Duke of Portland*" was then advertised as being available for freight or charter and eventually departed Melbourne on 10 September 1850 bound for Guam. In

the following years she made a number of voyages from Britain to New Zealand.

Contributed by Alexander Romanov-Hughes –
PPPG Member No. 52

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.

Surplus Stores, Immigrant's Fittings, Bedding, &c. of the Duke of Portland.

AT RALEIGH'S WHARF.

W. M. TENNENT & CO.

Have received instructions from Messrs. J. B. Were and Co. to sell by auction at Raleigh's Wharf, on

MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER,
at 1 o'clock,

THE surplus stores of the Duke of Portland, consisting of preserved meats and soups, sugar, bread, peas, &c. &c.

TOGETHER WITH

The fittings, bedding, blankets, &c. &c.

Terms—Cash.

TUESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

To Chemists, Druggists, and Others.

MR. J. W. BELL

Will sell at his Mart, on

THIS DAY 3rd INST.

At 12 o'clock,

3 CASES OF ASSORTED DRUGS,
from the well-known house of Messrs. Bains, Brothers, London.

One case Perfumery, Hair, Tooth, and other Brushes, with Combs in great variety.

The above goods are now landing from the "*Duke of Portland*," and will be found of the best quality.

The Duke of Portland
Advertising

The Argus Melbourne Friday 30 August 1850
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article>

Trevor Cohen - Michael Cashmore and the Solomon Family

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Samuel, Esther, Isaac and Betsy Solomon migrated to Australia in 1833. Betsy married draper Michael Cashmore in 1840. His drapery store was at No 1, Collins St East, (NE corner of Collins and Elizabeth Streets). The original building is long gone but the present building, restored and renovated by Trevor is called Cashmore Apartments.

Trevor Cohen is rightly proud of his family's achievements.

For further information on the Solomon family and their contributions to Australian society see:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solomon_family

Contributed by Jan Hanslow, PPPG member 1057



Michael Cashmore, from
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MELBOURNE,
Port Phillip.
TO WHOM

WRIT OF
ENQUIRY.

Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., to Her trusty Bailiffs, John Molekin, Alexander Broadcloth, and Richard Mercery, and Her well-beloved Stewards, &c., of Her Household, James Hosiery, and Elizabeth Drapery, GREETING:— We command you, and every of you, to summon ~~John, William, and John~~ in your Borough, Town, and Vicinity, to attend a Court to be holden from DAY TO DAY, for the especial interest of all her Majesty's subjects, until further notice, at the shop of our well-beloved subject M. CASHMORE, ~~Victoria House, corner of Great Collins and Elizabeth-streets, Melbourne~~, in the County Bourke, to examine, decide, and give judgment, according to your several opinions, of the superior qualities of the said M. CASHMORE'S HOSIERY, DRAPERY, SLOPS, &c., &c., which he challenges the competition of New South Wales to excel.

Witness our Rights { HENRY MAKEWELL.
CHARLES WEARWELL.
GEORGE VERYCHEAP.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

PPPG February Meeting. Brick Walls, Discoveries & Disappointments.

For the last couple of years there has been a change to hall arrangements and we are not able to set a date for the February meeting until we know when Wesley Hall will be available. This does not happen until later in the year. The consequence of this is we cannot lock in speakers, (which is done months before), with no date for them to commit to. As a result of this it has been decided that the February meeting will be a question and answer, forum with the title above.

If you have something to offer for this meeting please let us know.

A question, a discovery or disappointment to share, anything you think would be interesting.

Email one of the committee members.

All emails and phone numbers are on the back page of the newsletter.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Ed:

Are you a descendant of an immigrant on the David Clark?

The David Clark was the first ship to bring assisted immigrants direct to Port Phillip in October 1839. All were Scots and many settled in the Kangaroo Ground and Heidelberg districts including the Bell family.

To mark the 180th anniversary, descendants of those passengers are invited to attend a reunion on Sunday 27 October 2019 at Gulf Station, Yarra Glen.

The Port Phillip Pioneers will have a stall at this event, stop and say hello to us.

Elizabeth Batman's doll; H31125a

from the SLV blog. To read the full article go to <https://blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/such-was-life/elizabeth-batmans-doll/>



For now, Elizabeth Batman's doll is hidden from the public eye, but if you're lucky, you might catch her in one of her rare public appearances.



Anecdotes suggest that dolls were scarce in the early days of the Port Phillip District. They either accompanied children on their sea voyage from home, or were imported from European countries such as Germany and France. Dolls were also passed down through the family.

Rait, L, 1989, Through the nursery window. A history of antique and collectible dolls in Australia, 1788-1950, Oxford University Press, South Melbourne, Vic

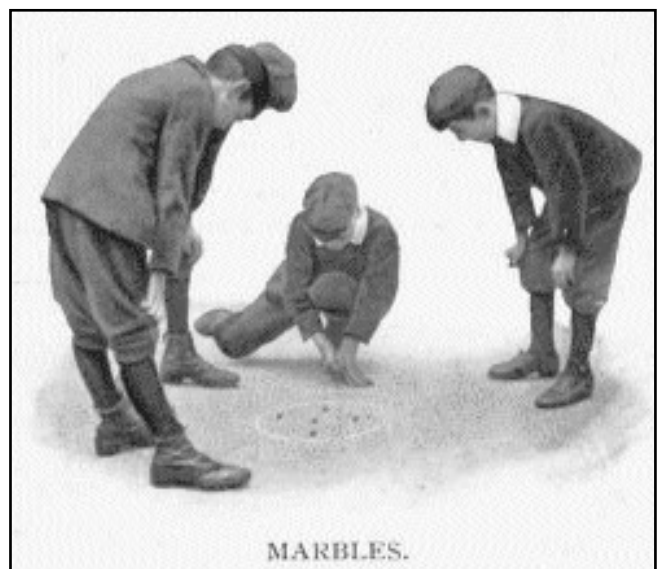
Elizabeth Batman however, was luckier than most. She would have been six or seven years of age when her father, the infamous pioneer John Batman, moved his wife and seven daughters to their house on Batman's Hill. The Batmans had thirty servants, a library, an orchard, a garden, sheep, cattle and horses, as well as a governess to educate their children.

The clothing worn by Elizabeth Batman's doll is typical of the period. Settlers preferred cool fabrics such as muslin, silks and cotton, and often chose to wear white. Hats and sun bonnets were more than just fashion accessories. They protected their wearers from the harsh Australian sun.

Elizabeth Batman's doll is an interesting relic from the earliest days of Melbourne. Her appearance is testament to the ravages of time, and how much things have changed.

Colonial children learnt to make do with their natural surroundings for playthings, as their Indigenous counterparts had been doing for centuries. They made up their own games, and toys were often hand-crafted. There were hand-made wooden dolls, spinning tops, and hoops. Marbles and jacks were fashioned from stones and debris.

Thank you to the SLV blog for this information.
Ed:



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:	3.30 pm. Refreshments provided.
Next Meeting:	Saturday: 14 September 2019
Speaker:	Speaker: Susie Zada Topic: Point Henry - An Amazing Place

Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday, 9 November 2019

Speaker: Jim Poulter

Topic: Batman's Treaty, The True Story

Saturday, February 2020

Topic: The February Forum: Brickwalls, Discoveries and Disappointments. Date to be announced. Check the website closer to the time.

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