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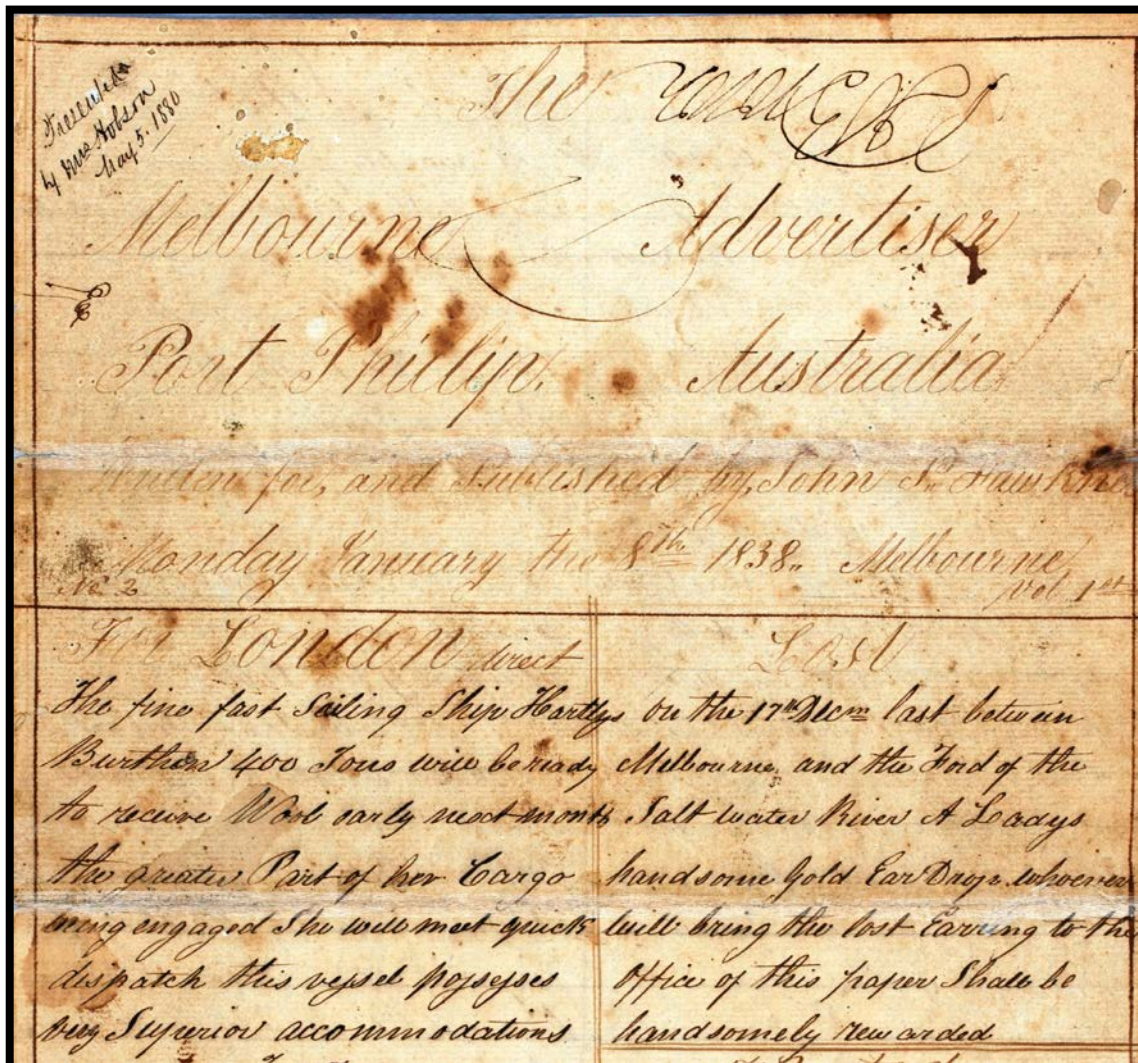
We look forward to your past



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A portion of John Pascoe Fawcners handwritten Melbourne Advertiser. January 8 1838.

Image Source: SLV image collection.

See page 3 and the February Forum article

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS GROUP

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Group Report.

Hello members and friends.

I hope you are all safe and well. The pandemic that continues across the world has changed the way we live our lives, and changes for us as a group are noted here.

Please notice there will not be a PPPG meeting this May

The AGM has also been postponed to be held in July (if restrictions have been lifted).

There is more committee news on the next page, for your consideration.

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
1491	Merilyn GREY	a) William SMITH b) Elizabeth SMITH nee WILSMORE c) William Storm SMITH	Arrived P.P.D.	June 18 1842	"Earl of Durham"
1492	Ian HIND	Hugh McEACHERN	Residing P.P.D.	August 1847	Overland from Port Jackson
1493	Phillip MORTIMER	a) Henry MORTIMER b) Mary MORTIMER nee ADDIS c) Malachi MORTIMER	Arrived P.P.D.	December 1838	Brig "Caroline" from VDL
1494	Carl STEWART	a) George BROWNHILL b) Hannah BROWNHILL nee ROEBUCK c) Charles ADAMS d) Jane ADAMS nee KING e) Charles ADAMS Jr.	Arrived P.P.D. Arrived P.P.D. Born P.P.D. 1846	October 7, 1841 December 16 1841 February 2 1847	"Intrinsic" "Ward Chapman"
Correction below					
1490	Peter JOHNSTON	a) John FISHER & b) Sarah MARSHALL	Arrived in P.P.D. Married	June 24, 1840 March 29 1842	"Andromache"

2020

Meeting Dates

May 9 Cancelled

July 11

September 12

November 14

Newsletter Deadlines

June 9

August 10

October 12

June - July

August - September

October - November

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

Important Notice

RETIREMENT OF TREASURER

At our two most recent meetings; and also in the February 2020 Newsletter, it was announced that Susan Grant, the PPPG Treasurer for the last twenty-one years, will retire at the next Annual General Meeting. We have asked for any members who would like to take over this position to let Susan know. Unfortunately we have not yet had one single offer. Our Constitution states that the PPPG Committee must include a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Therefore the extremely regrettable outcome of not being able to find a new Treasurer would be that the Port Phillip Pioneers Group could no longer carry on and would have to be wound up. It is unthinkable, that in the year that we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Port Phillip Pioneers Group, we are also having to face the possibility that this could be its final year. We therefore ask our members to give serious consideration to taking on the Office of Treasurer.

Because we have had to postpone the AGM planned for May, Susan will carry on as Treasurer until such time as we are permitted to hold our next meeting.

Please contact Susan for further details of the Treasurer's role at grantsv@bigpond.net.au

There is also a need for a Vice President with Jessie Handoll retiring from her position. Marilla James also has a desire to step down, although she has consented to stay on as a committee member for another year due to others retiring. However, we need someone next year to fill her shoes and don't forget Clare Bayne has also retired from the committee.

For those considering a commitment.

We meet before the general meeting five times a year. This arrangement works well.

It is necessary to have email for communication needs.

Over the years of contributing to the Group, great fun has been had and most have learnt new skills which have enhanced our lives. Meeting all our members, guests and speakers also enhances our lives.

Although we are unable to hold our AGM at the usual time in May, we are still sending the Annual Report to members with this newsletter. We will seek approval of the 2019 Accounts shown in the Report, at such time as we are able to hold our AGM. Thank you to members for your understanding.

General Meeting on 29 February 2020 THE FEBRUARY FORUM.

The February Forum was an enjoyable meeting with an informal relaxed feeling as common interests were shared.

Quite a number of members offered information, asked for help with brick walls, offered help with suggestions of places to search and brought objects of interest. These are a selection of members' offerings:

Jan Walker brought an engraved cow horn from 1836.

Alistair Sholl showed us a print of a drawing by Robert Russell, the first surveyor, circa 1880.

Jan Hanslow had a copy of John Pascoe Fawkner's No. 2 (8th January 1838) handwritten newspaper and images of his printing press. (Not sure if this is the same as the front page).

Alexander Romanov-Hughes informed the group of an on-line book seller, ABE Books, for old books and photographs.

A query was made about tracing the movements of an ancestor who was a Ships' Captain.

Lorna Elms had some insight into this.

I went to the Maritime Museum in Greenwich London many, many years ago!

I was able to get from Greenwich, copies of Certificates for Thomas Lee, from the time he joined the Merchant Navy as a recruit (this was great because his parent's names and his birthdate were on the first document). Additional Certificates were available for him as he passed each Examination level up until he became a Captain.

Options are expanding every day!

One finding on **FindMyPast** (by courtesy of the TNA) findmypast.com.au/search-world-records/britain-merchant-seamen-1835-1857

Future Meetings

You will notice information is a bit haphazard at the moment and things have changed.

The proposed meeting in July did not have a speaker booked and of course it is impossible to do so at the moment. Due to this uncertainty Bev Jacobson (our Secretary) has offered her services to talk knowing it might be changed at any time. So, as we proceed through the next few months' we will be doing the best we can to keep you informed of our situation.

Please keep an eye on the website for up to date information. A newsletter will be sent out before the date of the July meeting.

Keep safe and take care, from Barb (President)

REV. JOHN WROE - FOUNDER OF THE CHRISTIAN ISRAELITES

In the 1840s an English religious sect under the leadership of John Wroe established itself in the Port Phillip District. They called themselves the Christian Israelites but they were more commonly known as the 'Beardies' because of their practice of not shaving. Wroe declared that the chief means of obtaining eternal salvation was to wear the beard unshaven, stating that *"as the beard lengthens, the faith strengthens."*

The sect had its origins in the ministry of a prophetess named Johanna Southcott who was said to have had over 100,000 followers at the time of her death in 1814. Many of her supporters then accepted George Turner as her successor. John Wroe joined them about 1820 and after Turner's death, he became their leader and they became known as 'Christian Israelites.' One of the most extraordinary of the leading principles of this sect was the immortality of the body. Certain rules were laid down for the guidance of the members respecting diet, clothing, the wearing of the hair, and beard uncut, and a prohibition of the use of medicine and vaccination. In legal proceedings they chose to make an affirmation instead of the usual oath. The faith that the body was never to die depended on a strict accordance with these rules - once broken, the body became mortal.

John Wroe was born on 19 September 1782 at Bowling, Bradford, Yorkshire, the son of Joseph Roe, farmer and businessman. He married on 22 April 1816 at Bradford, Yorkshire, England to Mary Appleby. She died on 16 May 1853.

The first two Christian Israelite missionaries arrived in Australia in late September or early October 1839 and were soon preaching to large open air gatherings in Sydney and selling hundreds of their pamphlets for three pence each. Each Sunday they would stand on chairs in Hyde Park and preach to sometimes hostile crowds. One of them, Charles Robertson was said to be elderly and both were said to have beards and be illiterate and rude of speech.

By November 1840 Robertson, together with another preacher named William Savage, and their disciples named John Tuckwell and James McManus had for some months been holding meetings on the racecourse, when they were charged by the Superintendent of Police, Captain Innes who feared they were likely to cause a disturbance of the peace. However when they appeared before Mr. Windeyer, Magistrate, Robertson produced a certificate issued by the Trustees of the Christian Israelites in England appointing him to proceed to New South Wales to preach the second coming of Christ. To this was appended a license as a preacher, signed by Abraham Wood, whom Robertson declared to be a Magistrate for the County of Lancaster.

Mr. Windeyer, unsure as to the legality of their activities, remanded them for a week while he sought advice .

In 1843, John Wroe, who had travelled widely in England, on the Continent, and to America made his first trip to Australia. He arrived at Melbourne on 17 August 1843 per "**Francis**" from Liverpool, England, en route to Sydney. After a brief stay he sailed on to Sydney, arriving there on 24 September 1843. He left Sydney in January 1844 on the "**Ocean**" and arrived back in London, England in June 1844.

Wroe arrived at Melbourne again on 6 September 1850 per "**Digby**" from Liverpool, England. Also on this ship were two Roman Catholic priests, Rev. Gerald A. Ward and Rev. Patrick Dunne, and notwithstanding the wide difference in their religious opinions, it was said that the greatest cordiality and good feeling existed between them.

On arrival in Melbourne, Wroe was to have preached in the open area in front of the Court House on Sunday afternoon, but was prevented from doing so because of rain. However he received an offer from the Rev. John Allen to preach in his 'Church of the Tabernacle' in Napier Street, Collingwood.

He also made a visit to Geelong at this time with a number of his Melbourne adherents and a public meeting was held to introduce him to the Geelong Israelites, whose 'Chapel' was located in Welsh's old store. Mr. John Cartwright and other leaders addressed the meeting, though John Wroe was unable to preach. This temporary place of assembly was quite full, and a great many were obliged to go away.

After spending some more time in Melbourne he made a brief visit to Van Diemen's Land and arrived back in Melbourne on 17 October 1850 per "**Shamrock**" from Launceston, later returning to England.

In the 1850s one of the leaders of the Christian Israelite Church in Victoria was John Stoneham of Geelong. On Christmas Day in 1854 he was in Ballarat to address a large number of diggers and hold a temperance meeting. On Sunday, 26 October 1856 he preached on Flagstaff Hill in Melbourne at noon and on the Wharf at 3.00pm on "*The Ingathering of Israel for the Redemption of the Mortal Body, that it enter into Life Eternal.*"

A census of in 1857 revealed that there were 307 Christian Israelites in Victoria, consisting of 186 males and 121 females. A census in 1861 gave the total number as 395.

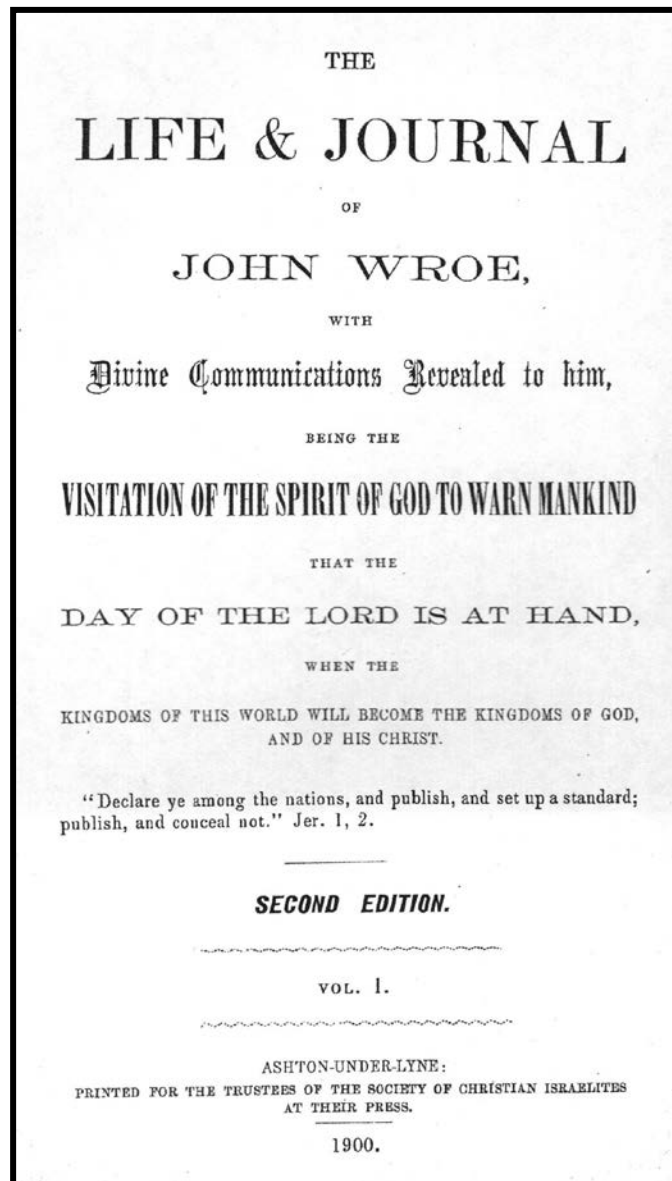
The Christian Israelite Sanctuary in Fitzroy Street, Fitzroy was opened on 9 March 1862 with sermons preached at 3.00pm by Mr. George Morgan and at 7.00pm in the evening by Mr. John Stoneham. Collections were made at each service. It was later re-opened for public service on Sunday evening, 8 March 1863. The Fitzroy congregation became one of his strongest and they still have a church there.

John Wroe died on 5 February 1863 at Fitzroy Street, Fitzroy, Victoria, aged 81 years and was buried on 7 February 1863 in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton, Vic. His adherents at Melbourne fondly cherished the hope of their venerable founder's resurrection. In this however they were mistaken.

No photo of John Wroe is known to exist but he was described as being about five feet eight inches tall, rather stoutly made, of a florid complexion, with a silvery beard reaching to his waist. In his preaching, he displayed a great deal of animation, and, assuming the office and character of Elijah, as recounted in the Prophet Malachi, his action and delivery was much of that type.

Wroe never wrote down his own Divine inspirations - they were all written by others as witnesses, and so signed. His memoirs and sermons were published in 3 volumes as "*The Life and Journal of John Wroe.*"

(Contributed by Alexander Romanov-Hughes - PPPG Member No. 52)



Newsletter no 212. Correction underlined.

By Dean Wheeler about his Great Uncle John Wheeler. A portion was omitted from the text below, my apologies. (editor)

The early activities of the brothers in the Colony are not known, however John and Henry did farm cattle and occupy the run, *Vale of Tempe*, as early as 1842. From 1843 to 1844 Henry and John had a pastoral license for the Westernport District. *Vale of Tempe* was sometimes referred to as *Tempe Vale*, and was later renamed *Tarcombe*. This is known because John gave evidence to William Piper, the Disputed Boundary Commissioner, in a dispute between Frederick John Bury and John Hearne Webster in regard to the boundary of the Tarcombe run. On 9 April 1850, in his evidence John stated the following:

I was the occupant of Tarcombe immediately preceeding Mr Bury ...

I occupied the Surveyors Creek with cattle in 1842. ...

... I was then in partnership with my Brother Henry Wheeler ...

My brother left the Colony in 1844 ...

In February 1844 John and Henry Wheeler are recorded as operating a licensed run in the Murray District, No.18, of some 40,000 acres, with a carrying capacity of some 6,500 sheep at Tarcome, adjacent to the Tarcombe and Hughes Creek, 9 miles south of Longwood, near Euroa in Victoria.

Lester Stephen's Register of Pioneers.

It was Lester Stephen's wish that as many people as possible who were in the colony when it was known as the Port Phillip District of New South Wales should be documented. This would help researchers to find details on these historic Pioneers. Members' applications were used and information from books. Other members helped with this.

He wrote all the documentation on scraps of paper (as this saved money on paper) and bundled them in alphabetical order. These have subsequently been digitised under the guidance of Barb Hawkins. She has also been tidying up the images so that they are easier to read and look better. She is deleting references to living people and cutting trees down to the first two generations. The Committee thanks Barb for the wonderful job she has done.

Indexing of the names on the Images was started but proved a daunting task. Marilla James decided on a much simpler version which is now complete.

These records are invaluable and now easy to access. They are available at meetings or Barb and Marilla are happy to look up names for people who contact them. We encourage their use. Later the Committee will make a decision on the Images' future.

For interest there over 63,000 Images with mostly six Pioneers on each.

Image no 18327 from the collection below.

GEOGHEGAN, REV. P. B.		GEOGHEGAN, REV. P. B.	
NAME ... WILLIAM MAHONEY ... BORN 21/10/1839	FATHER ... MICHAEL MAHONEY ... BAPT. 27/10/1839	NAME ... MARY ANNE WARD ... BORN 10/9/1839	FATHER ... JOHN WARD ... BAPT. 7/11/1839
MOTHER ... ELLEN LYNCH	RESIDENCE ... MELBOURNE	MOTHER ... MARY ANNE MOORE	RESIDENCE ... MELBOURNE
SPONSORS ... JOHN MAHONEY, JOHANNAH HAGERTY	CELEBRANT ... ADMINISTERED BY REV. R. WALSH	SPONSORS ... HENRY JOHNSON, ELLEN BRENNAN	CELEBRANT ... ADMINISTERED BY REV. R. WALSH
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MOTHER ... CATHERINE CONNELLY	RESIDENCE ... MELBOURNE	MOTHER ... HANNAH MACCARTY	RESIDENCE ... MELBOURNE
SPONSORS ... DENIS HAYES, ELIZA CONDON	CELEBRANT ... ADMINISTERED BY REV. R. WALSH	SPONSORS ... JAMES CAVANAGH, ELLEN MAHONY	CELEBRANT ... ADMINISTERED BY REV. R. WALSH
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NAME ... HANNAH ROBERTS ... BORN 10/12/1838	FATHER ... WILLIAM ROBERTS ... BAPT. 5/11/1839	NAME ... JOHN MACDONNELL ... BORN 10/10/1839	FATHER ... RICHARD MACDONNELL ... BAPT. 25/11/1839
MOTHER ... MARY MACCARTY	RESIDENCE ... MELBOURNE	MOTHER ... CATHERINE CROSBY	RESIDENCE ... MELBOURNE
SPONSORS ... EDWARD BOURKE, MARGARET MAHER	CELEBRANT ... ADMINISTERED BY REV. R. WALSH	SPONSORS ... JAMES HEFFERNAN, ELIZA LATCHFORD	CELEBRANT ... ADMINISTERED BY REV. R. WALSH
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Port Phillip Pioneers Group Annual General Meeting will be held, hopefully, if we are allowed by law, on Saturday 11, July 2020 at which time all Committee positions will be declared vacant.

All financial members are eligible to be nominated for any of the following committee positions:

President
Vice-President
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Ordinary Committee Members

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Secretary.

Completed nomination forms are to be delivered by July 7, 2020 to

The Honorary Secretary
Port Phillip Pioneers Group
Address: 55 Kerferd St
Malvern East VIC 3145

All Members are urged to give serious consideration to nomination for a Committee position.

PORT PHILLIP PIONEERS GROUP **NOMINATION FORM**

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARER/COMMITTEE PERSON FOR YEAR 2020

We and
(Proposer's Signature) (Seconder's Signature)

Hereby nominate For the office of

I accept/decline this nomination

.....
(Candidate's Signature)

POSITIONS VACANT: President - Vice-President - Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer - Ordinary Committee Members

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: 11 July 2020 & AGM. If permitted to do so.
Speaker:	Speaker: Bev Jacobson Topic: Oral Family History - Truths, Facts and Fantasies. Please note there is no meeting in May due to the restrictions caused by the coronavirus disease.

Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday, 12 September

Speaker: Speaker: Andrew Dodd

Topic: Warrigal Creek Massacre

Saturday, 14 November

Speaker: Liz Rushen. Historian & Author

Topic: John Marshall: Shipowner, Lloyd's reformer and emigration agent

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If there are any members who would prefer to receive their PPPG Newsletter via email rather than by post, please contact Susan Grant at grantsv@bigpond.net.au.

Unless we hear from you, we will continue to send your newsletter via Australia Post.

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