

## **Outing to the Garrison Church and Observatory at Millers Point Sydney.**

**Many thanks to Yvonne for the following report:**

*On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September members of the Chapter travelled to Sydney for a tour of the Holy Trinity (Garrison) Church at Millers Point.*

*Richard Stone gave us a great insight into the Church's amazing and colourful history. The foundation stone was laid on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1840.*



*The Church itself is beautiful and a credit to the architect and builder and convict labour. The stone used has been hewn out of the great arch we walked under on Lower Fort Street from Circular Quay. As the name Garrison suggests, there is a strong connection to the Military from the beginning to this day.*

*Plaques line the walls from Civic /family groups, World War I, Vietnam, Air Force, Royal NSW Regiment, Clergy, World War II – Armoured, Artillery, Infantry, Women's Services, Machine Gunners, Imperial, Maritime, and the Porches and nave pillars are pre-1870 Regiments.*

*The windows are magnificent and when the recent light show was held on Sydney Harbour Bridge, all lights were put out in the Church and the beauty of the building and significance of the sacrifice of the men and women represented by the plaques must have been felt by those lucky enough to be there.*

*Richard Stone issued a further invitation to any members of our Chapter who were not with us on this tour to visit any time and enjoy this wonderful historical building.*

*From the Church we walked to the oldest Pub in Sydney and enjoyed lunch there as recommended by Richard Stone.*



*After lunch we walked to the Sydney Observatory which is now part of the Powerhouse Museum. Built in 1858, this is Australia's oldest Observatory and one of the most significant sites in Australia's scientific history.*

*The Observatory comprises a historic 29cm lens built in 1874, a 42cm computer controlled telescope and hydrogen-alpha solar telescope, a virtual reality 3-D space theatre, exhibitions about astronomy, meteorology and the history of Sydney Observatory, a lecture theatre, souvenir shop, beautiful gardens and the beanbag planetarium.*

*With the best view in Sydney, and the Harbour Bridge a stones throw away, quite a few wedding photographs were being taken of newly married couples under the huge magnificent trees.*

*Two days after our visit the view of the Bridge was obliterated by the red dust that had blown in from the far west, just to remind us what our outback brothers and sisters put up with .*



*Our day finished early and we were home around 6:30. Thanks to Noelene for organising such a great excursion.*