# Buckley's Chance - Garry LinnellBuckley’s Chance by Garry Linnell

## Theme

### Overcoming insurmountable odd

* Napoleonic wars
* Sentence to hang
* Life in prison
* Survived the ship journey
* Hated cap and left at
* Circuit at Port Phillip – walked from Sorrento to Endeavor Heads
* Kept going when other turned back

### Colonisation – Wadawurrung people (two worlds)

Much of the book told the story of the early days of the colonies of Victoria and Tasmania. The research in the area was expansive and conventional. Much less of the book told the story of when Buckley was living with the Wadawurrung. Could this have been done better

Fasted land grab in the history

### Growth and origin of the city of Melbourne

## Characters

### William Buckley

Buckley was the thread that pulled together this history of industrial England, revolutionary France, penal Tasmania and colonial Victoria. (indigenous Australia) Was this Buckley’s story or was this a history of place and time?

Denied having wife and children??? Is this really possible?

Assimilated into Wd country.

Moved to Tasmainia and married.

Secured pardon when came back from the bush

### John Pasco Fawkner

* Political operator – despised Buckley.

### John Batman

We all know John Batman as the man who thought the Yarra “a great place for a village”. How do you think Batman in is book

Hired bucly as interprator for peaceful getting of land. 20 pounds a year – did not last – tricks of the white man – trapped between 2 cultures.

### John Morgan

Bankrupted editor who tried to cash in on William Buckley’s story.

## Setting

* England
* Ship
* Colony
* Bush

## Writing Style

* Writing to Buckly