

The Australian Society of Mayflower Descendents (AUSMD)

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants, Inc.**

**Annual General Meeting; 23 August 2025**

**Parliament House, Brisbane QLD**

The Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants, Inc. are pleased to announce that their Annual General Meeting was held on 23 August 2025 at Parliament House in Brisbane, Queensland. This event brought together members and interested parties from around the world to discuss the Society's achievements over the past year.

In 1620, for the sake of religious freedom, 102 brave souls crossed treacherous seas to found a colony in America. Half died during the first winter, yet today their descendant's number around 35 million worldwide and their impact has been immense.

In 2020, the Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants was formed by charter from the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA as the 54<sup>th</sup> Mayflower Society worldwide, and the first in the Southern Hemisphere. Our mission includes helping to tell the story of the Pilgrims to honour their strength, courage, faith and commitment to the principles of liberty. Our members are descendants of the original Mayflower passengers who seek to preserve their heritage in Australia. The Australian Society has members located nationally as well as other Australasian locations and in the United States.

The Annual General Meeting provided a comprehensive overview of the society's activities, financial status, and strategic direction. It was an opportunity for members to engage in meaningful discussions, share insights, fellowship, and contribute to the society's growth and success.

Those attending enjoyed some inspiring speakers, including:

AGM feature Speaker: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Governor General, Lisa Pennington,

“Lighting the Candle: Why we Must tell the Mayflower Story”

Social Meeting Feature Speaker, Bruce Harrington, Director, Beyond 1620,  
“Beyond 1620 - Pilgrim 101”

Luncheon Guest Speakers, Caylie Jeffery and Kerry Forsythe, from Paddington Then  
and Now: “Memory Keeping in the Digital Age”

The Society warmly invites anyone who has an interest in our society, whether in joining or learning about our vibrant community, to please contact us. Whether you are passionate about history, genealogy, or the enduring legacy of the Mayflower, we welcome your curiosity and enthusiasm. Becoming a member offers opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals, participate in meaningful projects, and help preserve a unique heritage for future generations.

For those interested, we will be happy to provide further information on membership requirements, application procedures, and upcoming society events upon request.

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