



Frederick Buzaglo, 1860

Frederick William Buzaglo

Municipal administrator

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Born in England in 1813, Frederick Buzaglo was the seventh child of Ann and John Buzaglo who was a Danish, university educated Jew. John converted to Christianity, was disowned by his family and worked as a language translator.

Buzaglo was christened in March 1816 in Manchester. He married Mary Felicia Osborne in Gloucestershire in 1844 and in 1852 the couple and their three young children sailed for Australia, arriving aboard the *Prince Albert* on 11 December 1852.

The family settled at Pentridge close to the Merri Creek on the northern side of Bell Street, on leased Crown Land. Buzaglo received permission to build a weatherboard house, established a large garden and by early 1858, the Municipal Pound was located on its eastern boundary. The family increased in number in 1855 with the birth of a son and in 1860 with the arrival of a daughter. A sixth unnamed child died in infancy. The Buzaglos were parishioners of Coburg Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Buzaglo was also a member of the Pentridge Rifles.

Frederick Buzaglo began his working life in the district as Pound Keeper, a position he held from April 1859 until his death thirty years later. He was a long-serving member of the Pentridge (later Coburg) Roads Board from 1867 until his resignation due to ill-health in 1887. In that time he served as valuer, rate and statistic collector, clerk and Secretary of the Board.

Buzaglo was a hard working, dedicated and competent municipal administrator who simultaneously held multiple roles in the Council. He died in his sleep at Coburg in October 1889.

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