

# MATTHEW FLINDERS MEMORIAL STATUE

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CAPTAIN MATTHEW FLINDERS RN  
1774 – 1814

## UNVEILING CEREMONY

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Australia House, London  
Friday, 18 July 2014

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HRH The Duke of Cambridge



KENSINGTON PALACE

While Captain Matthew Flinders RN has long been a household name in Australia, the beautiful commemorative statue being unveiled today, for installation tomorrow at Euston Station, will ensure that his life and work is better understood and more widely celebrated in the United Kingdom. It certainly deserves to be.

Matthew Flinders was a remarkable explorer, scientist and seaman. He was instrumental in the naming of Australia as well as promulgating the world's understanding of the great south land and all it had to offer in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

During my recent visit to Australia in May, I could not help but notice how many places and landmarks in the country were named by Matthew Flinders. In fact, one of these places, the Spencer Gulf in South Australia, was named after a distant ancestor of mine, George John Spencer, the 2nd Earl Spencer. I understand that, for all the places Matthew Flinders named, he never named a place after himself, such was his self-effacing nature.

Many guests at today's celebration have played an important part in bringing this memorial project to fruition. I should especially like to acknowledge the work of the members of the Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Steering Committee, who have worked for two years to bring us to this point. I should also like to acknowledge the Government of South Australia and the Office of the Agent General for their role in bringing this deservedly celebrated man to prominence in the heart of London.

It is an honour for me to unveil the Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue at Australia House in London.



Today marks the culmination of two years of work to realise Peter Ashley's original idea of recognising Captain Matthew Flinders RN in London on the bicentenary of his passing.

Although the Steering Committee originally intended a bust or plaque for the commemoration, it soon came to the conclusion that something more was required for this great Englishman. We ultimately settled on the 1.25 life size statue that is being unveiled at Australia House today.

We are delighted that the statue will be permanently installed on Euston Station where thousands of people will see it every day and we hope that the inclusion of Trim, Matthew's feline travelling companion, will engage a younger audience and ensure that Captain Flinders becomes much better known in the United Kingdom.

I should like to thank the marvellous members of the Matthew Flinders Memorial Committee for getting the job done – my Deputy, Matt Johnson, Pauline Lyle-Smith, John Flinders, Barry Kitchener and Peter Ashley – as well as the sculptor, Mark Richards FRBS.

In addition, I should like to thank the Government of South Australia for supporting the project from start to finish and providing much needed financial security in the early phases.

There are many people and organisations who have contributed financially to the project, many by way of maquette purchase and others by way of donation. In fact, their collective generosity has resulted in the project generating a 'profit', which is being used to create the 'Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Scholarship'. The scholarship will be activated in 2016 on the 50th anniversary of Flinders University in Adelaide, providing funds for British students to study at the University.

Thank you for sharing this occasion with us and for helping us properly recognise Matthew Flinders.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Allen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

John Allen  
Chairman, Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Steering Committee



It sounded like a good idea at the time. Create an enduring statue to the memory of Matthew Flinders in the heart of London. How difficult could it be?

The simple answer is very. The nuanced one, impossible, that is, if not for the contribution of a number of exceptional people.

First and foremost I would like to thank His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge for unveiling the Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue. His very presence with us today has generated a level of interest and prestige in the occasion beyond anything we could have otherwise achieved.

Second, I would like to thank Sir David Higgins and Network Rail for agreeing to permanently site the statue on Euston Station.

Third, I would like to thank the Government of South Australia, which I represent in the United Kingdom, for giving my office the freedom to try a few different things and for backing us whatever the result. We like to say that South Australia is free, progressive and pioneering. I know from first hand experience that it is.

I would like to acknowledge Virgin Trains for getting on board and naming a locomotive 'The Matthew Flinders'; Asphaltic Rail for installing the statue on Euston Station later tonight; Aspire Design for building a great website; and, Grant Burge Wines for providing us the exceptional South Australian wine we will enjoy today. I would also like to thank all the financial supporters of the project.

Finally, I would like to thank the Matthew Flinders Steering Committee, especially John Allen, the Chairman, and Matt Johnson, the Deputy Chairman. Matt is also my Deputy Agent General in London, a graduate of Flinders University in Adelaide and definitely someone who knows how to get the job done.

During these past two years I have learnt a lot about Matthew Flinders. But I still think the most remarkable thing about him is how young he was when he circumnavigated Australia and completed its map. In history he remains, for me, one of the finest examples of what can be achieved when you hold fast to the basic idea and do not give in to the pressures of the moment. I hope that from today his story becomes much more widely appreciated in his home country.

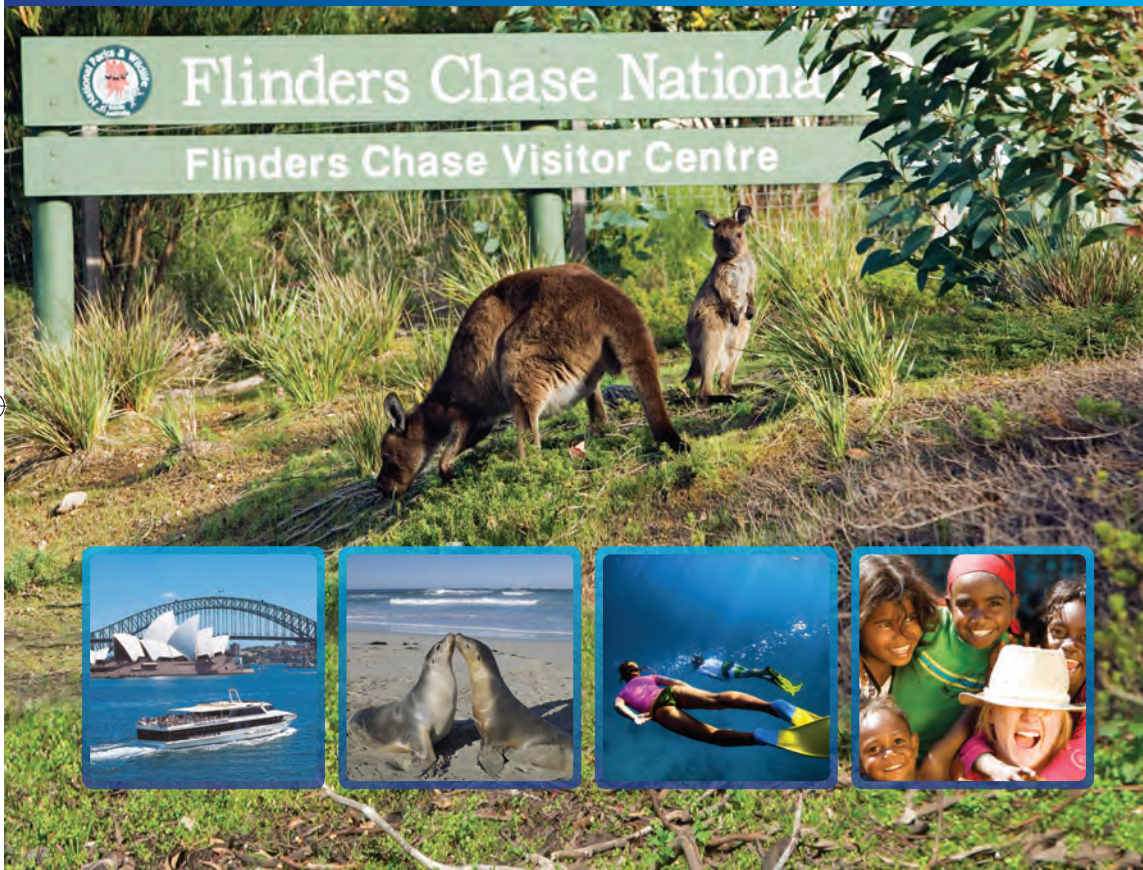
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# Captain Matthew Flinders Royal Navy

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Born: Donington, Lincolnshire, 16 March 1774

Died: London, 19 July 1814

Matthew Flinders was an English naval officer and one of the most iconic explorers in Australian history.

While several seafarers had landed briefly at various points around the coast of the *Great South Land*, prior to Flinders, he was the first to circumnavigate the island of Tasmania (then referred to as Van Diemen's Land) and later the mainland of Australia, defining the border of the continent and proving that New South Wales and Western Australia (New Holland as it was then known) were a single entity.

Flinders was also the great driving force behind the naming of the country as '*Australia*', the name he penned on his General Chart of Terra Australis in 1804.

In the Pantheon of maritime explorers Flinders is considered to be the nautical grandson of Captain James Cook whose wisdom was passed on down through Captain William Bligh who had served under Cook and later commanded Flinders in the *Providence*.

His professional prowess and expertise as a navigator and hydrographer were inherited from Cook and Bligh, and further enhanced through his own experiences and determination.

He wrote to Sir Joseph Banks in a now famous letter that,

*I have too much ambition to rest in the unnoticed middle order of mankind....*

There is no doubt that this great man would have achieved even more had he not died at the early age of forty.

Flinders left his mark on Australia and its history and laid foundations, which became vital to its future. He was a great Englishman and is now being properly honoured in his homeland with the Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue, unveiled today at Australia House prior to permanent installation on Euston Station where it is believed his bones lie.



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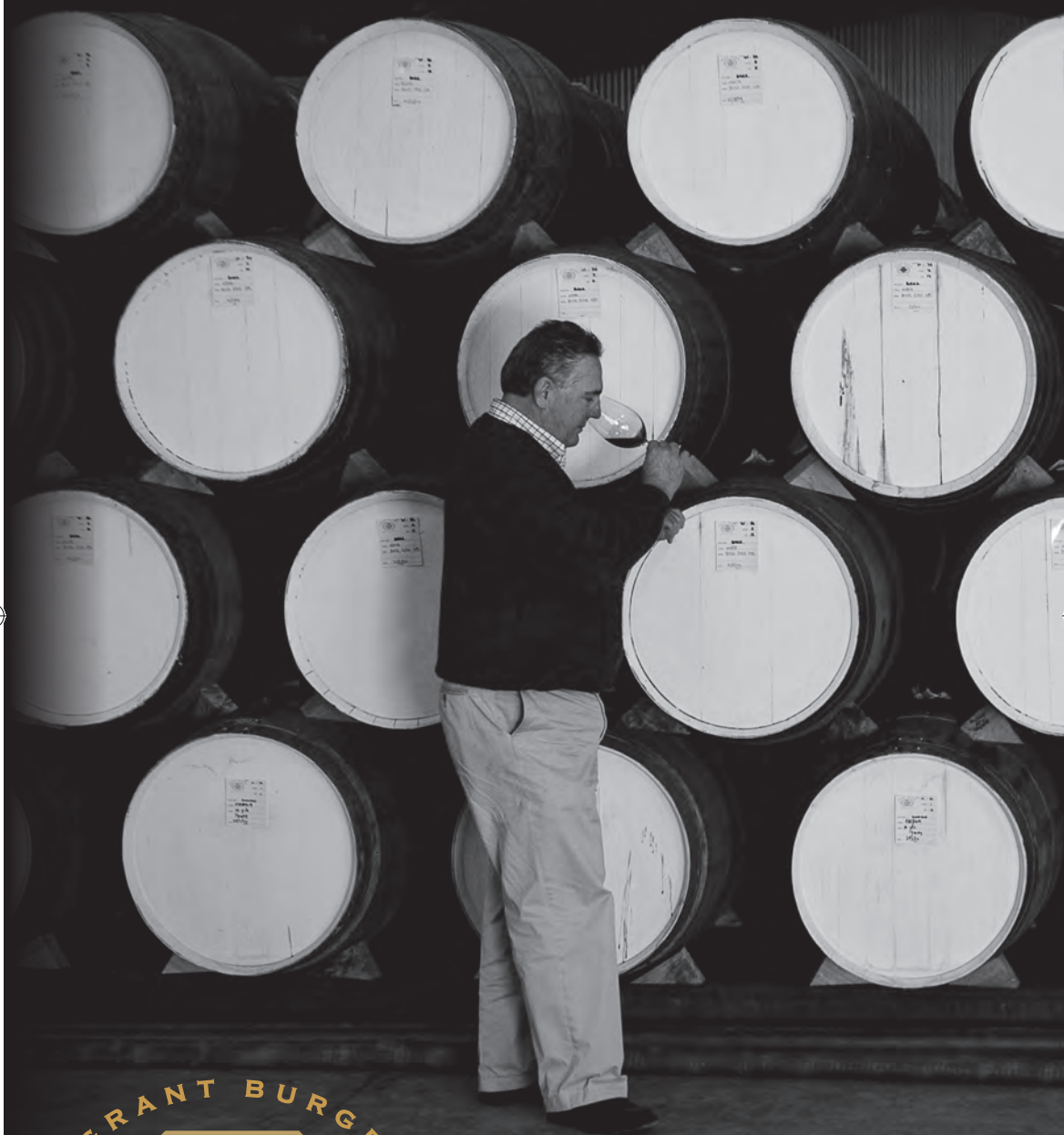
Today we commemorate the life of Captain Matthew Flinders RN with the unveiling of a beautiful statue in his memory.

A small number of the 75 individually numbered maquettes (shown here) produced by renowned sculptor, Mark Richards FRBS,

are still available for purchase for £4500.00 plus VAT. Each maquette is cast in bronze and approximately one quarter life

size (305mm tall with a 345mm diameter base). They are beautiful works of art for the home or office.

Please contact **Matt Johnson** at the **South Australian Office of the Agent General** on **ph. +44(0)207520 9111** for further information or visit [www.southaustraliagov.co.uk/study/matthewflinders](http://www.southaustraliagov.co.uk/study/matthewflinders)



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# Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Scholarship

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Matthew Flinders' successful circumnavigation of Australia is a story of courage, determination and scientific exploration, a story that prompted the first Vice-Chancellor of Flinders University in Adelaide to encourage the University to "experiment bravely".

For almost fifty years, Flinders University has encouraged its students to achieve their highest potential by inspiring in them an intellectual and cultural curiosity. It is the hallmark of Flinders graduates.

Surplus funds from the project to commemorate Matthew Flinders with a memorial statue in London are being used to create the 'Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Scholarship'.

The Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Scholarship will fund British students to study at Flinders University in Adelaide. It will also fund students of Flinders University to pursue courses of study in Britain.

The Scholarship will continue to raise funds between now and 2016 when Flinders University will officially activate the scholarship in its 50th year.

Donations in the UK can be made through the South Australian Office of the Agent-General:

- Cheques should be made payable to the Government of South Australia (Level 3, Australia Centre, Strand, WC2B 4LG) with a covering letter referencing the 'Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Scholarship'.
- Funds may be transferred directly into the following account with payment reference 'Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Scholarship':

The Royal Bank of Scotland

A/C Number: 12292609

Sort Code: 16-00-34

IBAN: GB47 RBOS 1600 3412 2926 09

BIC: RBOS GB 2L

Donations in Australia can be made through Flinders University online at [www.flinders.edu.au/giving](http://www.flinders.edu.au/giving)

Through your support you will be helping Flinders University to honour its namesake and continue to inspire its students to be courageous, determined and explore.



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On December 6th 1801, Captain Matthew Flinders aboard 'The Investigator' anchored off the south west corner of the continent he would name Australia and the cape would be called Cape Leeuwin in honour of those that came before

# Proposed Matthew Flinders Monument Cape Leeuwin, Western Australia



[www.flindersmonumentaugusta.com.au](http://www.flindersmonumentaugusta.com.au)



## Grant Doyle Baritone

Grant was born in Adelaide, grew up in Grange and went to Henley High School. He was then accepted into the Elder Conservatorium as a flautist but chose to have singing lessons as a second study, and was promptly encouraged to switch to vocal studies.

He began his career in the chorus of the State Opera of South Australia and with the touring opera company "Co-Opera" until he won the prestigious Thomas Elder Overseas Scholarship to study at the Royal College of Music in London. In 2001 Grant's success continued as he was accepted as an inaugural member of the Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

He has since carved out a substantial and acclaimed operatic career in the UK, Europe and Australia in over 50 different opera roles. In 2011 he sang in the State Opera of South Australia's landmark co-production of *Moby Dick*, for which he won a Helpmann Award for his performance as Starbuck. Recently he has been seen at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden as Ping in *Turandot* and Hector in the Olivier Award winning production of *King Priam*. His concert soloist highlights include many performances at the Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall, Barbican and Bridgewater Hall.

Recently he sang the Forester in *Cunning Little Vixen* (in Czech) at Garsington Opera, the production receiving 4 and 5 star reviews in all the national papers. The Observer critic Stephen Pritchard wrote "chief among the hapless males is the Forester, big-voiced and yet vulnerable in baritone Grant Doyle's fine portrayal". His performance is described in *The Guardian* as "powerfully sung and subtly acted" with John Allison writing that "the Forester acquires dignity in Grant Doyle's warmly sung performance" in the *Daily Telegraph* and George Hall saying his Forester is "expertly sung and superbly acted" in *The Stage*.

He travels to Sydney later this year to sing Orestes in *Iphigénie en Tauride* at Angel Place, and Adelaide next May to sing the title role in *Don Giovanni*.

[www.grantdoyle.com](http://www.grantdoyle.com)

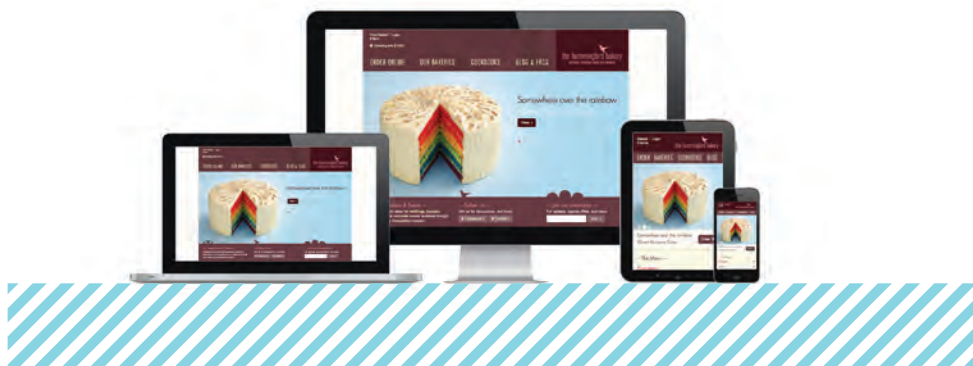
## Eloise String Quartet

Eloise Prouse – Violin  
Rachel Steadman – Violin  
Louise Parker – Viola  
Laura Anstee – Cello

Eloise trained at Chetham's School of Music and the Royal College of Music in London and now has a busy freelance career playing regularly with the CBSO, Guildford Philharmonic and London Festival Orchestra. She is also highly in demand in the commercial music world, having appeared on stage and TV with Jamie Cullum, Tim Minchin, Kanye West, Mary J Blige, Alison Moyet, Andrea Bocelli, Russell Watson, Katherine Jenkins, David Garrett and Il Divo. The string quartet comprises experienced orchestral and quartet players who perform with the City of Birmingham Symphony, Royal Philharmonic, Bournemouth Symphony, English National Ballet and the Halle Orchestras.

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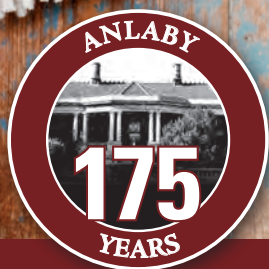
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### **The Matthew Flinders Memorial Statue Steering Committee**

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| – Matt Johnson, Deputy Chairman<br>(Government of South Australia) | – Dr Gillian Dooley                 |
| – Pauline Lyle-Smith   | – Barry Kitchener<br>(Network Rail) |
| – John Flinders  |                                     |

# National Anthems

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God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.