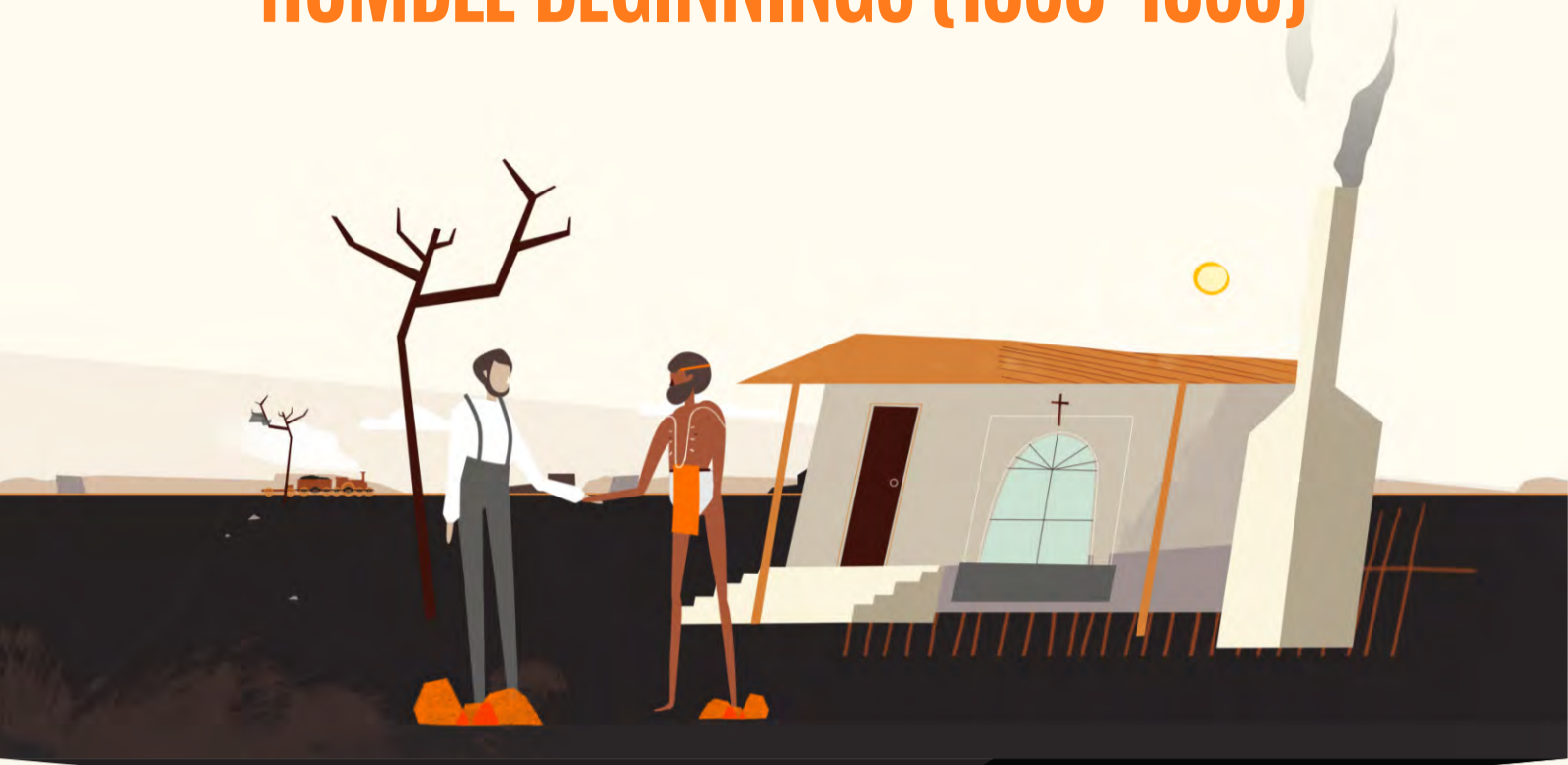
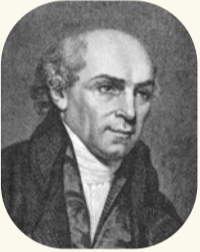


# THE AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST MOVEMENT

## HUMBLE BEGINNINGS (1830-1839)



### English Origins (1830)



Inspired by the missionary spirit of the Baptist Missionary Society, formed by William Carey and as free settlers – Baptists came to Australia in 1830. Before that time only one person had identified themselves as Baptist.

### Early Actions for Justice



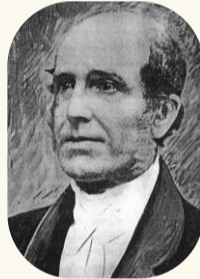
► From 1834 to 1848 Saunders was a courageous and outspoken critic of the treatment of Aborigines by many British settlers.

► Alcohol abuse was a major social issue in the colony. Saunders led the temperance movement and was known as the 'the Apostle of Temperance'.



### The First Preacher and Church Planter

**Rev John Saunders (1806-59)**



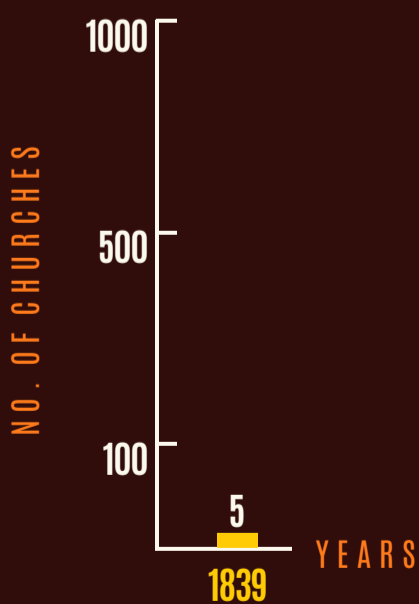
► Rev John Saunders planted the Bathurst Street Church in 1836.  
► Another Baptist **Rev John McKaeg** preceded Saunders as a preacher. He conducted the first service at the Rose and Crown Hotel in 1831 and baptisms in Woolloomooloo Bay, Sydney in 1932.

### Lay Leadership Tradition Begins



In Adelaide, the first Baptist congregation met in 1838 at a cottage in Rundle Street. The lay minister was a businessman called David McLaren, second manager of the South Australian Co. He carried out baptisms in the River Torrens in 1840.

### Local Baptist Church Growth



## WHO IS AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST MINISTRIES?

Australian Baptist Ministries is an evangelical movement of churches, State Baptist Unions and national ministries committed to proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.