

THOMAS STODDART Donator of Carrara Statues

- Born 1829. Roxburgh, Scotland.
- British Army as Joiner,(Medical boxes for Army Doctors.
- Arrived Ballarat 1854.Passage as a sailor. (? Carpenter's assistant)
- Worked as miner until 1861.
- Speculator, share broker." Floated more companies than any other man!"
- 1882 – European tour. In Genoa saw statues and bought 12 of Carrara marble to present to City.
- Said to have travelled to Carrara with Charles Francis Summers to do so.
- Carrara statues. (Apollo and Minerva not ready so Flora Farnese and Bacchante instead)
- Sicilian marble pedestals, Granite from Grampians for Base.
- Lost heavily in investments on return.
- Contributed to Churches and Sport.
- Statues unveiled in 1888 with ceremony including bugle blast. (Queens Birthday)
- Was on Committee to establish Thomson Bequest.
- Died 20/2/1905. "Having a caught a cold crossing Bay and neglected health."
- Death Certificate (Dr Morrison) "Cancer of liver – 3 months" (!)