

# Founders

Newsletter of Fellowship of First Fleeters



## President's Report

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I was pleasantly surprised when preparing my Annual Report that we had admitted some 149 new Members last financial year. Junior Membership should increase because of the low Joining Fee of \$5 which includes a Certificate and FFF number for life. A copy of a Birth Certificate is necessary to process membership.

The Circular Quay Walk attracted some 14 members and friends. Appreciation due to John Haxton for help on the day and to Leonie and Ann who prepared a most welcome afternoon tea at First Fleet House for the weary walkers.

I spoke to Picton Probus, Carlingford Court Seniors Club and a Kingsgrove Church group late August. In September we had the Quay Walk for History Week and on Monday 18th I spoke to Rydalmere Rotary Club meeting at Oatlands Golf Club. I have been asked by the Women's Pioneer Society to speak to them on the occasion of the Anniversary of Arthur Phillip's Birthday on October 9th. I still have some engagements through until November.

Please note the date and time of the Annual General Meeting in November at First Fleet House, Saturday 25th at 11am.



We look forward to the presence of our Patron, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, and Sir Nicholas at our Australia Day Luncheon in January. Details in this issue on page 5.

This is a milestone in the History of the Fellowship as it will be my last report to my fellow members after so many, many years. Over this period I have indeed appreciated the help and encouragement from so many members, friends who will remain in my memory for the rest of my days.

My thanks in particular go to my unofficial Chaplain, Canon Jim Payne from Canberra, and to another welcome correspondent, my 'double' cousin, Jean Westmore. Since the discovery of three First Fleet ancestors, in the 1980s, Jean has been a most appreciative and generous member of our organisation.

Long may our Fellowship flourish.

My heartfelt thanks to all, and

In Fellowship

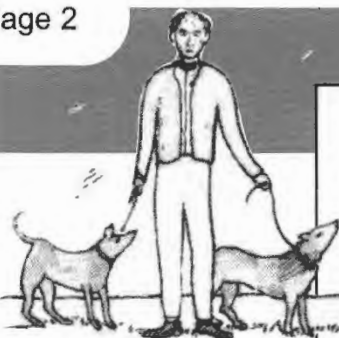
Peter

### Days to Remember

#### • SATURDAY

25 November

Annual General Meeting  
11 am



## FFF Office Bearers 2005-6

### President

CHRISTIAN Peter: OAM, JP, Ph.C

### Vice-President

BEST Roderick: BA, LL.M  
ARNETT Bruce: Mech Eng Cert;  
Electronics & Comms Cert.

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Brigadier (Ret'd)

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## News of Members

Membership Report  
for period August to September 2006

### New Members

Membership this year has included members resident in all States and territories of the Commonwealth in addition to members resident in the USA, UK, Canada and Germany.

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period: 22 Adults, 14 Juniors, 4 Associate Spouses.

THOMAS ACRES/AKERS: Margaret Elizabeth Austin, Jeanette McBeath,  
Trevor James McBeath (Associate Spouse),  
Melissa Anne McBeath  
Paris Emma Mabel Hudson (Junior), Annabelle Prudence Hudson (Junior).

WILLIAM BAKER / SUSANNAH HUFFNELL:  
Sophie Elizabeth Vonwiller (Junior), Gabriel Caspar Rutter (Junior), Jonathon David Simpson (Junior), Matthew Paul Simpson (Junior), Benjamin James Simpson (Junior) Bradley Michael Simpson (Junior).

PATRICK BURN / ANN SMITH: Russell Malcolm Squire, Marion June Squire (Associate Spouse).

OWEN CAVANOUGH / MARGARET DARNELL/  
RICHARD DAVIS: Alan John Woods, Jessica Louise Woods (Junior),

WILLIAM DOUGLAS/ MARY GROVES: Ila Faye Crane, William John Crane (Associate Spouse), Leanne Faye Kilvert, Thomas Daniel Kilvert (Junior), Krystal Lea Kilvert (Junior), Susan Linda Bartlett, Jordan William Bartlett (Junior), Lachlan Phillip Bartlett (Junior), Steven John Crane.

JOHN GOWEN: Rhondda Tomlinson.

PETER HIBBS: Eileen Lucas.

EDWARD HUMPHRIES: Dawn Maree Chiddy.

THOMAS JAMISON: Jasmyne Milton. Bradley Milton, Beryl Madge Allan.

JOHN McCARTHY / ANN BEARDSLEY: Gail Patricia Puddicombe.

JOHN RANDALL / JOHN MARTIN: Edward Charles Westwood.



ANTHONY ROPE / ELIZABETH PULLEY: Carolyn Gai Low, Melissa Katherine May Low, Sophie Evelyn Foster (Junior).

ISAAC TARR: Geoffrey Neil Lamb, Rebecca Lamb (Associate Spouse).

WILLIAM TYRRELL/JAMES WILLIAMS: Laurel Glaser.

JOSEPH WRIGHT: Evelyn May Eaton.

### Births

Welcome to additional First Fleeters:  
SARAH JEAN KILDEY, born 9 August 2006. Second child to Luke and Robyn Kildey, sixth grandchild to Paul and Roslyn (#5957), tenth great-grandchild to Stella Minter (#5825).

ERIN GRACE McCALLUM (FF Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley). Second daughter to Rebecca and Anthony, sixth grandchild to Pamela (#5895) and David Potter, eleventh great-grandchild to Stella (#5825) Minter.

OLIVER ANGUS MACKELLAR (FF William Tyrrell, James Williams -- Rachel Watkins Neptune 1790), born 8 July 2006 in Wagga Wagga. First great-grandchild for June Burnett (#3759). Ninth generation.

JACKSON WILLIAM PANG, (FF Jacob Bellette - Ann Harper [Lady Juliana] ), Edward Goodwin -Ann Thomas [Lady Juliana] ), born 8th July 2006, at the Mater Hospital North Sydney. A son to Derek Jon and Melinda May (nee Cliffe), grandson to Janice Bellette (# 6600) and Peter & Pamela Cliffe. Ninth generation.

### Deaths

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

SYLVIA MAUD ARNETT (#2667), born Colo, 8 November 1906, died 13 August 2006 (almost made 100 years).

Ancestry include the following:- First Fleet:- Ann Forbes (Prince of Wales). Ann and Thomas Huxley finally settled at Lower Portland Head adjacent the inflow of the Colo river to the Hawkesbury river.

Second Fleet:- Mary Martin (Neptune)

Third Fleet:- Michael Lamb (Queen)

Mother of FFF Vice President Bruce Arnett.

## Maintain-a-Brick Donations

We have gratefully received donations from the following people:

MJ Binder, L Donovan, Hon GM Evans, KV Finlay, V Frost, C Holland, T Luck, AJ Martin, JH Mayson, RJ Simpson, C Thompson, JL Turner, JL Westmore, L Wilkinson.



*Arise my knights o' the battle:  
I create you  
Companion to our person.*

*Cymbeline V, 5*



Left to right: Tim, Peter, Governor Bashir, Joy, Matthew, and Mandy.

## **Peter Christian OAM**

Peter was born in Five Dock on 18th July 1927, and became a third generation pharmacist. He is a descendant of William Tunks, Marine, Sirius, and Sarah Lyons, convict on Second Fleet. Married to Joy Hammond on 4th September 1954. Joy is a descendant of Matthew Everingham, convict First Fleet, and a kinsman of Charles Sturt. Peter and Joy have four children and nine grandchildren.

A drastic incentive started his career in genealogy. In 1979 he suffered a cardiac arrest and in 1980 had open heart surgery. Joy, in self-preservation mode, suggested to Peter that to occupy his time he could take up genealogy as a hobby. He became President of Fellowship of First Fleeters 1986-1990 and 1993 to date. He naturally followed on to Patron of Tunks Descendants Association and the John Herbert Family Association.

In finalising his presidency, the Christians go to Perth WA for the wedding of his other son Nicholas in November. After which they head for the United Kingdom for Christmas. While in the UK they will be in Portsmouth where Peter hopes to renew friendships with members of the Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee. Peter has Life Membership of the First Fleeters and two school parent bodies. He was an inaugural member of the Sydney University Pharmacy Alumni Council and is a Life Trustee of St. James's Church, King Street, Sydney. He is a member of the Epping Computer Pals Group and has for some years helped in the teaching of his peer group the mysteries of computers.

For the past two years has been in demand from various organisations as a speaker on the First Fleet, people on that Fleet, and their descendants.

His forbear, James Christian, arrived in the Colony in 1840 from County Wicklow, Ireland, with his wife and children to join his father-in-law William Warren an emancipated convict who had a land grant in the Liverpool region.

Peter is not lost to the Fellowship as he has many bookings in train for talks to varied institutions, and we wish him well.

**Convict Profile:**

**David Kilpack [aka Killpack]**

born circa 1757 died 30.11.1797

David Kilpack was sentenced at the Old Bailey in 1783 for the theft of one Turkey, two Roosters, two Hens, two Ducks and one Gander!!!

One may be forgiven that this First Fleeter had a thing about birds, albeit feathered ones!

For this he received seven years transportation to the American colonies.

He was one of a number of convicts on the transport Swift who mutinied and took over the ship off the Sussex coast. He was recaptured and sentenced to death, later commuted to Life Transportation, and arrived in the Colony on Scarborough in 1788.

He married Second Fleet convict Eleanor McDonald in 1791 and having been granted a Conditional Pardon received the first land grant of 30 acres in the North Brush in the Field of Mars, now part of the south-western area of the Hornsby Shire. Carlingford Road now bisects this grant.

In 1795 he received a further 50 acres and we are told that he was industrious in his new-found way of life. In June 1797 he was employed as an overseer to John Macarthur.

He died at the early age of 40 years on 30th November 1797 and was buried at St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta. His only son, David, died some three months later at the age of 15 months. He had three daughters born previously. One of his descendants married into the Milson Family.

His widow later married in 1799 to an emancipist Thomas Higgins who had arrived on Surprise, Second Fleet, in 1790. Eleanor died 28th September 1835 aged 81 and was buried with David at Parramatta.



The Fellowship held a Memorial Plaque service at the cemetery on Sunday 12th March 1978, the eulogy being given by descendant Joy Wallman in the presence of our then President, Mrs Beryl Lewis, the Mayor of Parramatta and a number of Fellowship members. (See photo left, from "Where First Fleeters Lie")

He had the following children by Eleanor McDonald:  
Martha b. 16.2.1792; Elizabeth b. 16.6.1793; Eleanor McGill b. 30.5.1795; David b. 9/11/1796.

His epitaph on the tombstone reads,

*David Kilpack died 30th November 1797*

*Aged 40 years*

*He was a loving Husband*

*An affectionate Father*

*And a sincere Friend.*

On Saturday 19th August, 2006, Hornsby Shire Council held a Memorial Plaque Service to honour the memory of this First Fleeter who obtained the very first land grant in the shire. It was held at Kilpack Park, Carlingford, in the presence of a number of descendants and dignitaries of the area, where a Memorial Cairn was unveiled.

It was a distinct privilege for me to represent the Fellowship of First Fleeters at this event, to recognise one who had made a new start in life under such inauspicious circumstances, and became a pioneer of our Nation.

Peter Christian

*Collated from "Where First Fleeters Lie" and "The Founders of Australia" by Dr. Mollie Gillen AM.*



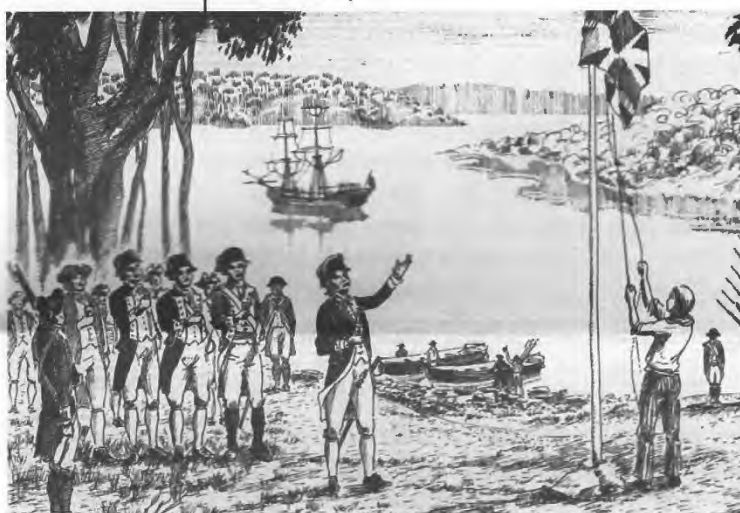
## Australia Day Celebration 26th January 2007

26th January 2007 will mark 219 years since the First Fleet anchored in Sydney Cove 1788.

Australia Day 2007 the Fellowship of First Fleeters are setting up base in Farm Cove to witness the harbour celebrations. A small group of FFF members have met there since 1997 and enjoyed the highlights of Australia Day events.

An array of attractions including aerial displays offer something for the young & young at heart.

Why not pack your provisions for the day in a travel bag or backpack and enjoy Fellowship with like minded members. Throughout the day take a walk up to Mrs Macquarie's Chair, Opera House or the Botanic Gardens Gift shop.



**Venue:** Across from the harbour wall Farm Cove, under the shade of the trees between the Main Pond and Twin Ponds, still in view of the harbour.

**Cost:** Nil

**Time:** Any time from 9.00 am

**Bookings:** Not required.

Please wear FFF name badges.

*Come one Come all.*

### SPECIAL ADVANCE NOTICE

The Directors of the Fellowship of First Fleeters have decided to hold our  
**Australia Day Celebration Luncheon on Saturday 20th January 2007**

at Cello's Restaurant in the  
Castlereagh Boutique Hotel,  
169-171 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

**COST:** \$45pp (Fully Financial Members of FFF\*), \$50pp (Non Financial and Non Members)

**TIME:** Commencing at 11.00am for pre Lunch drinks, closing at 3pm (Lunch to be served at 12.45pm)  
The Venue is very close to Town Hall Railway Station, with loads of good handy Parking for those who drive.

Registration Forms are available in this issue of "Founders", with bookings closing on 31st December 2006

**NOTE:** Numbers are LIMITED, so please check your diary and book as soon as you receive your Registration Form.  
Registrations must be fully completed and accompanied by all moneys due.

So why not make a Sydney Weekend - there are some great Accommodation deals available,  
and you can visit many of the Historical and First Fleet landmarks.

\* Another very good reason to be a Financial Member of the Fellowship

John Boyd, PR Officer FFF

## The Sale of First Fleet Artefacts

Two unusual artefacts with connections to the First Fleet have recently featured in auction sales.

Right:  
Rare George III HM  
Sterling Silver Snuff Box  
1804, similar to the King  
family snuff box of 1801.



The first was a very simple silver snuff box. It is 6.5 cm long and 1.6 cm high and largely elliptical in shape. On the inside of its hinged lid it is inscribed "Lt Grant To Governor King June 4 1801". The snuff box had remained in the King family until its recent sale. It has been described as possibly the earliest surviving and documented piece of Australia silver.

James Grant was a naval officer who was the first officer to sail to Sydney from England via Bass Strait. He did so when he brought out a survey ship, the 'Lady Nelson', to be used by Matthew Flinders to chart the Australian coastline. Upon his arrival he was intended to transfer to the 'Supply' which we would then command. Upon his arrival in Sydney, in December 1800, he found that Flinders had already left Sydney for England and the 'Supply' had been condemned as unseaworthy. Governor King, who had earlier described him as "a very good seaman but no Artist", decided to continue to use him to chart the coast waters of south east Australia. Between March and May 1801 he charted Bass Strait and in June 1804 he explored the Hunter River and surveyed the area in preparation for the settlement of what is now Newcastle. He arrived in the Hunter on 14 June 1804.

After this exploration Grant was immersed in some of the political wrangling between King and Macarthur which resulted in his requesting permission to return to England. He left the Colony, never to return, in November 1801.

The questions therefore arise as to why this present was given and what was special about 4 June 1804?

The second artefact was a table to which was attached a label saying that it was made in London from beefwood planks shipped by surgeon John White. The table was sold by descendants of Sir Andrew Snape Hammond. It was Hammond who had recommended White to be appointed as chief surgeon on the First Fleet. While described as beefwood this is apparently a timber from north western NSW and the timber (which only forms a veneer to the table) is most likely from a casuarina that grew around Botany Bay and was used by the early colonists for kindling because it split so readily. The Sydney Morning Herald quoted an unnamed forester as saying that this was a "bastard of a timber to work with".

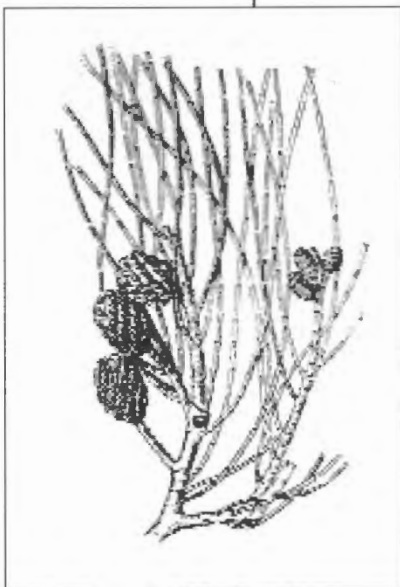
It was not unusual for early colonists (like White) to send unusual items back to their patrons in England. Sir Joseph Banks was a recipient of a large number of items. Similarly, the daughters of George Johnston sent a large number of botanical and feathered specimens back to his patron Lord Percy, Duke of Northumberland.

And as for the sales, the snuff box sold for \$156,000 and the table for \$292,755.

Roderick Best

Left:

Beefwood was a name applied to several Australian trees, unconnected apart from their resembling each other in the red colour of their timber, for example, casuarina.



## From the Chapters

### **Central Coast Chapter (Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi)**

Members of the Central Coast Chapter extend an invitation for all interested persons to attend the meetings at Wyong RSL on the second Saturday of each month, starting at 10.30am.

*November 11th* Speaker Margaret Price has prepared an interesting topic.

*December 9th* Come along to our Christmas Luncheon and share in fellowship with us. Further Information contact Secretary Beryl Haxton, phone 4353 2524

### **North Coast Chapter (Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, Leigh & nearby regions)**

*Sunday 3rd December*, Christmas Party at Boambee Creek Reserve, at 10.30am

Food and Drinks supplied by the Chapter.

Further Information contact President Robyn Condliffe ph 6653 3615

### **Canberra Chapter (The ACT & surrounding areas)**

President Geoff Cameron and members welcome you to attend a Christmas BBQ on *Sunday December 3rd*.

Contact Geoff for more details - phone 6251 4095

### **Northern Rivers Chapter (Lismore & Surrounding areas)**

Members of the NR Chapter extend an invitation for all FFF members and interested persons to attend a BBQ Lunch on *Sunday 26th November*.

Christmas Pudding and Brandy Sauce will be served.

*Venue:* 16 Atlas Street Lismore.

*Cost:* \$7 members and \$8 visitors.

A fun filled day with Christmas Festivities and Trivia quiz and surprise snippets.

A day not to be missed.

Further information phone Secretary Margaret Soward (02) 6686 3597

### **South Coast Chapter (from Engadine to Burrill Lake)**

Christmas Luncheon *Sunday 3rd December*

*Venue:* The Aviator Lounge, Airport Road, Illawarra Regional Airport, Albion Park Rail.

*Cost:* \$30 FFF Members and \$35 non members.

*Time:* 12 noon for a 12.30pm start.

A three course meal including bread roll, tea & coffee. Choice of two serves each course. Purchase drinks from the bar (own cost)

Lucky Program Prizes and members Show & Tell of early Christmas Memories.

All FFF members & friends invited. Please advise of special dietary needs.

*Bookings & payments by 23rd November.*

Cheques to FFF South Coast Chapter. Post to:

Treasurer Mr T. Mortimer, 10 Smith Avenue, Albion Park.

For more information, contact President John Boyd 4261 6893

### **New England Chapter (Armidale & surrounding areas)**

NE Chapter members are still in the process of putting a wonderful 'End of Year Christmas Function' together. All interested FFF members Family and Friends please contact Secretary Robyn Crossle phone 6272 3140 or President David Newling phone 6771 5099





TO LIVE ON IN THE  
HEARTS AND MINDS OF  
DESCENDANTS IS  
NEVER TO DIE

*Closing Date  
for  
Next Issue:  
November 30*

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## *Daytime Fellowship*

**Guest Speaker: Margaret Hogge  
Wednesday 18th October**

at  
First Fleet House

Time: 10.30am

Topic: **Portsmouth**

(\$5 donation)

## *Name Badges Available*

*Fellowship of First Fleeters with FFF Logo*

#### **First Fleet Member**

One First Fleeters + Name	\$10.00
Two First Fleeters + Name	\$11.00
Three First Fleeters + Name	\$12.00 etc.

#### **Spouse Associate Member**

Name of member only	\$9.00
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#### **Friend Member**

Name of member only	\$9.00
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Postage & Handling for up to 3 badges \$2.00

Please print your name and First Fleeter's name clearly.  
Payment must accompany your order to First Fleet House.  
Cheques made out to *Fellowship of First Fleeters*.



Fellowship of First Fleeters circular sticker among other items for sale.

## **First Fleet House Library**

All members are welcome to visit First Fleet House Monday to Friday and use the library.

**First Fleet House Monday to Friday 10-am to 2-pm.**

Phone the day before to be sure someone will be there.

*Jean & Terry Mortimer*

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RON MAGUIRE, Hon. Editor