

Founders

Newsletter of Fellowship of First Fleeters



From the President's Desk

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The curriculum in the NSW State Schools touches on the landing of the First Fleet on 26th January 1788, the nine months journey led by Captain Arthur Phillip, and the establishment of the penal colony at Sydney Cove.

I have had the opportunity to talk to six primary school classes during the first and second terms about the people of the First Fleet, how they survived on the food they carried with them as well as the stores they were able to purchase at the three ports they called at; being Tenerife, Rio de Janeiro and Cape Town.

To add flavour to the classes, the children at the Budgewoi Primary School, on the Central Coast, got into the theme of the occasion and made 'history come alive' by dressing in uniforms of marines and sailors a serving girl and a convict. We looked at the Queen Anne flag, being the flag raised by Captain Cook in 1770, and Captain Arthur Phillip in 1788, compared it to the 'Union Jack' that we have as part of the Australian flag.

I know that others of you are doing the same type of presentation at your local primary schools and encourage those of you who are able to let your local school know that you are available to do this.

I also spoke to the Terrigal CWA during September.

As we approach the 220th Anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet, we remember that that was the time that approximately 700 convicts commenced the balance of their penal servitude at Sydney Cove. Their eventual freedom came at a cost to some, but the opportunities that were given to those who worked hard are seen in the attitude of a fair go for the battler. Some of the marines and sailors chose to stay in the Colony, others were sent to Norfolk Island and were eventually transferred to Van Diemens Land in 1807/8, being the end of the first settlement there.

History Week has been celebrated in some areas with special events. We were able to man information desks at both Lake Haven and Tuggerah shopping centres for two days of that week.

In Fellowship, John

Dates to Remember

Daytime Fellowship
Wed 11am
24 October

AGM
Saturday
24 Nov

Northern Rivers
Chapter 20th
Anniversary
Sunday
25 Nov

Annual General Meeting

Notice of Twentieth Annual General Meeting to be held on
Saturday 24 November 2007 11.00am

Details in the Annual Report included in this mailing.



News of Members

*Membership Report
for period August-September 2007*



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New Members

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period.
29 Adults; 6 Associate Spouse, 8 Juniors

THOMAS ACRES / JOHN GOWEN
Judith Maree Pepper

WILLIAM BROUGHTON
Joan Garland Fulloon

PATRICK BURN / ANN SMITH
Robyn Dorothy Crossle

OWEN CAVANOUGH / MARGARET
DARNELL Harold Charles McLean
(Spouse Janet McLean)

BENJAMIN CUSLEY
Patricia Hazel Carruthers
(Spouse: John Carruthers)

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Jennifer Lyn Morelli

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Jennifer Ann Sultana
Rebecca Ann Sultana (Junior)
Tony Charles George Sultana
Christopher John Sultana
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Joanie Marie Helen Barnett (Junior)
Jakeb John Edward Barnett (Junior)
Wayne Edward Barnett

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Sarah Jane Barnett (Junior)
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Prudence Heather McGee

THOMAS HARMSWORTH/ALICE
HARMSWORTH/ANN HARMSWORTH
John Henry Marsden

JOHN HERBERT/DEBORAH ELLAM
Barbara Grace Booth
(Spouse: Neil Charles Booth)

Births

Welcome to additional First Fleeters:

Blake William Freddy Burden

FF Thomas Acres
Born 18 July 2007,
Son of Nyree & Neil Burden
Ninth generation grandson of Valma (#5810)
and Frederick Burden.

Nate Archer Payne

FF Robert Williams, Scarborough
Born 27 July 2007.
First child of Joel and Belinda Payne,
Nambucca Heads NSW,
First great-grandchild of Rev. Jim (# 63111)
and Joan Payne, Canberra.

Abbey Rhiannon Lee Gordon

FF Nathaniel Lucas & Olivia Gascoigne,
Born 10 August 2007
Kempsey District Hospital.
Third Daughter to Myles (# 5974) and Cindy
Gordon, A sister for Lillian and Ella.
Fourth Grand-daughter for Judith Vivienne
Gordon (#5972) Eighth Generation.

Seth Tarlington

(FF Thomas Spencer, Scarborough &
Mary Phillips, Friendship).
Born 1 October 2005, son of Louise & Grant
Tarlington; 10th Grandchild for June & Jack

Deaths

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

Francis Eileen Esma Robards # 2413
Seventh Generation very proud descendant
of FF Anthony Rope & Elizabeth Pulley.
Died 24 June 2007 aged 89.

Dorothy Irene Booth (# 3161),
FF Peter Hibbs & Mary Pardoe
Died 27 July 2007
Coffs Harbour Legacy Nursing Home.

To Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of ELIZABETH ISABELLA (BETSY) BROUGHTON

Daughter of First Fleeter William Broughton, survivor of the Boyd Massacre, wife of Charles Throsby Jnr. and pioneer of Moss Vale, there will be a service at 9.30am **Sunday 18 November** at Bong Bong Christ Church. Throsby Park, the fine home she and Charles Throsby established at Moss Vale, will be open from 10.00am.

Further information: Brian Davis (02) 4869 1477, John Gooch (02) 4324 0140



Maintain-a-Brick Donations

We have gratefully received donations from the following people:

M Eggleton, R Morris, Rev J Payne, J Reynolds, M Shenken

The Fellowship of First Fleeters is proud to host our

AUSTRALIA DAY Luncheon

on Saturday 19th January 2008

**At 'The Macquarie Room' Royal Automobile Club
80 Macquarie Street Sydney**

Day Time Fellowship

Notice of Meeting

24 October

11am Guest Speaker:

Mrs Marcel Rodgers

**Topic: Camperdown
Cemetery**

**Followed by light
lunch. Cost \$5**

NB This is the 4th Wednesday.

*The Macquarie Room opens at 11.30am (seated by 12.00pm-start 12.15pm)
Concluding at 4.00pm.*

*Pre Dinner Drinks will be available in the ICS Room adjacent to the
Macquarie Room from 11.00am at your own expense*

*The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir,
and her husband, Sir Nicholas Shehadie, will be attending, with Dr
Ken Knight as Special Guest Speaker -
"Early Pubs & Publicans 1788-1850."*

*The venue is a short walk from Circular Quay Stations, and there is plenty of
good handy Parking at cost \$9-\$10 all day at Domain, and Wilson's Parking in
Macquarie St for those who are driving.*

Note: *Wearing of your First Fleet Name Badge is encouraged.*

*If you do not have one, please contact FF House on (02) 9360 3788 ASAP for
prices & to arrange for your badge*

Dress: Lounge Suit for Men, Smart Casual for Women

Cost: \$50 pp (Fully Financial Members FFF - another Benefit of Membership)
\$55 pp (Non Financial Members and Non Members)

*An outstanding Two-course Meal will be served, together with tea/coffee.
Beer, wine and spirits at your own expense.*

*Your BOOKING FORM is included in this issue of 'Founders'
Bookings close on 31st December 2007.*

*Numbers are LIMITED to 130 Guests, so completed
BOOKING FORMS + plus all moneys due will be processed
and a seat allocated as they are received at FF House.*

*The "Lucky Program" prizes will be presented during the Celebration, as will the
drawing of our Annual Grand Raffle.*

The Northern Rivers Chapter 20th Anniversary Celebration

*An invitation is extended to all FFF members and families
to share with them on this special occasion.*

Date: Sunday 25th November Time: 11.30 AM

Venue: Lismore Workers Sports Club, Goonellabah

Cost: \$30 per person

Marg, Betty & the crew are ready to welcome you aboard for the day.

For further details; phone Marg Soward (02) 6686 3597

Speech as Guest of Honour at the Australia Day Luncheon, 20 January 2007



*Her Excellency
Professor Marie
Bashir AV CVO
Governor of NSW*

Mr John Haxton, President, Fellowship of First Fleeters, and Mrs Beryl Haxton, Mr Rod Best and Mr Peter Christian OAM, Vice-Presidents, other office bearers and committee members, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that Nicholas and I join you today to celebrate the 219th Anniversary of Australia Day.

On the occasion of my swearing in as 37th Governor of New South Wales on March 1, 2001 - the oldest public office in our land, I was deeply aware of our historic legacy, as well as the modern challenges facing me.

I could not but reflect upon the determination of those early military governors, Phillip, Hunter, King, Bligh and Macquarie to succeed, and upon the courage, the assertiveness, and the critical decisions of both, which established the foundation of an ultimately strong, stable and fair society.

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the Fellowship of First Fleeters for their continuing efforts to hold high the importance of those early Australians and the history of that period.

An understanding of our history, as well as strengthening our sense of nationhood and illuminating the way ahead also enables us to appreciate the contribution of our predecessors. And it may also possibly prevent the development of a collective arrogance, as success follows success in this blessed land.

Inge Glendinnen's "Dancing With Strangers", books on Bennelong, and in a slightly later period Miriam Estensen's wonderful works - one on Matthew Flinders, another on George Bass - are enriching a sense of history and pride in Australia's early development.

What touches me deeply in these historical accounts of those difficult early years of isolation and settlement, are the aspects of deep humanity which are revealed, and with which so often we can identify.

The story of Lieutenant Ralph Clark comes frequently to mind. (*ie. The story of Lt Clark on the HMS Friendship and Ralph Hunt's gift of a little dog from the Camaraigal Tribe to replace the one which he had lost as the First Fleet was sailing down the Atlantic Ocean.*)

Another aspect of the First Fleet which has given me endless delight, deriving from information which I received on a trip to Brazil in 2005, is the story of the First Fleet's arrival in Rio de Janeiro, and the welcome accorded to Captain Phillip (reading from a book.)

There is no doubt that Governor Phillip was by any standard of assessment, a most exceptional man.

In the visits of year 11 and 12 student leaders - captains and vice-captains, to Government House, two things come to mind for which we must all be grateful.

The first that we should never cease to be grateful is that if the destiny of this great continent was to be colonisation and settlement by Europeans, that Australia had the great blessing to be settled by England, and that this event took place in the 18th Century - the Century of Enlightenment.

And secondly, that the leader chosen to undertake the high responsibility of leadership was Captain Arthur Phillip RN.

I have no doubt that all of you are very familiar with our first governor, not only from the various historical writings, particularly First Fleet records, but also from his own journal.

When Phillip's appointment to establish the new colony was announced, Captain John Fortesque stated "... I do think God Almighty made Phillip on purpose for the place, for never did a man better know what to do, or with more determination to see it done, and yet if they will let him, he will make them all very happy."

(Ref: Fellowship of First Fleeters
[websitewww.geocities.com/fellowship_of_first_fleeters](http://www.geocities.com/fellowship_of_first_fleeters))

An example of Phillip's humanity could not be better illustrated by this vignette.

Before he had reached Sydney Cove, Phillip tried to show his officers that they would need to be more than soldiers and disciplinarians. When he learned that they were flogging sailors who had failed to maintain their watch on the deck of the Sirius, he said - *"The men are all we have to depend upon. And if we abuse those men that we have to trust, the convicts will rise and assaure us all. Those men are our support. We have a long and severe situation to go through in settling this colony, at least we cannot expect to return in less than five years. This ship and her crew are to protect and support the country, and if they are ill-treated by their own officers, what support can you expect of them?"*

Nearly half the passenger on the First Fleet were military men - the marines and officers who would become the New South Wales Corps. It is likely that those considered to be the best and bravest had been kept in Britain. Ten years after settlement, its finest officers were fighting Napoleon in Europe.

Phillip realised the importance of encouraging leadership in his men, since they would not only protect the colony from indigenous tribes, but would be the supervisors who directed convict labour, the police who enforced the law, the bureaucrats who controlled the trade and commerce. And when they completed their service, they would join the ranks of the settler farmers who would produce much-needed food for the new colony.

Adequate evidence exists also that Governor Phillip's transaction with the indigenous people were consistently characterised by respect and humanity, and in his own words, a wish to *"reconcile than to have us live among them"*.

Phillip's perseverance, optimism and great vision for the future of the tiny settlement were indeed extraordinary. He reveals this in a four-page letter written 219 years ago from Sydney (July 1788) to his Patron, the Marquis of Landsdown, Sir William Petty:

"Perhaps no country in the world affords less assistance to First Settlers. Still, my Lord, I think that perseverance will answer every purpose proposed by the Government, that this country will hereafter be almost a valuable acquisition to Great Britain from its situation."

(Data from Sun Herald Newspaper, July 13, 2003, page 38)

Bless you all, and thank you.

Captain Arthur Phillip First Governor of New South Wales Inspects Convict Settlers at Sydney
 Artist: Richard Caton Woodville
 (www.allposters.com)



Australia's First Chief Constable

Who knows the first Chief Constable of Australia?

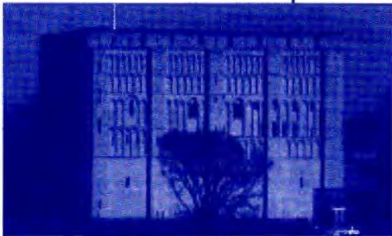
Article by Zillah Campbell (FF# Henry Kable)

There is a fascinating insight into a particular part of early policing within the new NSW colony.

The Marines of the First Fleet were the keeper of law and order upon the original settlement of the convict colony at Port Jackson in 1788. However only 6 years later one Henry Kable was appointed to the position of Chief Constable of the colony.

Henry Kable created a number of "firsts", which included his marriage with fellow-convict Susannah Holmes alongside four other couples in the first marriage ceremony in Australia conducted by Rev. Richard Johnson on February 10th, 1788.

Henry and his future wife Susannah Holmes arrived with the first fleet as prisoners. Records reveal that Henry was sentenced in March 1783 to be 'hanged until dead' for the heinous offence of burglary. This was later reduced to seven years transportation. Susannah was also sentenced to death for a non related burglary but this was reduced to 14 years transportation.



Norwich Castle Gaol, Norfolk, where Henry and Susannah were incarcerated.

Both commenced their sentence at the frightful Norwich Castle Gaol, Norfolk and despite the cells and primitive conditions a union was formed which saw the arrival of Henry junior. When the first fleet was assembling for Botany Bay, Susannah and Henry junior were taken with two other female prisoners to Plymouth where they had been assigned to the convict transport 'Charlotte'. Henry Kable was left behind because his sentence was "transportation to America" - a technical hitch. However upon Susannah's arrival at Plymouth, the ships captain refused to take on board the baby, Henry junior, as the baby had no papers. The gaol turnkey Simpson who had delivered her to Plymouth travelled to London where he tried to see the Home

Secretary, Lord Sydney, to get papers for the child. Simpson failed at first but after a small demonstration by he and several well meaning sympathisers Sydney gave him an audience and arranged for papers for the child and for his father Henry Kable to join the fleet. Sydney re-assigned the mother and child, with Henry Kable to the convict transport 'Friendship', because he intended that ship to be a sort of hospital ship suitable for mothers with young children.

A London journalist picked up the story (possibly during the demonstration) considered it a gut-wrenching article for the London Chronicle and it was subsequently published. The newspaper published two follow up letters from well to do readers, which led to a collection being taken up amounting to 20 pounds. The money was subsequently outlaid on goods that were thought to be useful to a young couple at Botany Bay. The parcel of goods was given into the care of Captain Sinclair of the transport 'Alexander' to be delivered to the couple on their arrival at Botany Bay.

A fleet of 11 ships - with Arthur Phillip, the first governor of the settlement, in charge of 160 marines and 729 convicts - weighed anchor in Portsmouth, England, on May 13, 1787, and reached Botany Bay on the 18th January 1788. Finding it too barren, sandy, and shallow for permanent settlement, fresh water inadequate and the anchorages too open in the wide bays Phillip investigated the next inlet to the north. There, spreading its fingers of deep water into sheltered sandstone promontories, he found "one of the finest harbours in the world, in which a thousand sail on the line might ride in the most perfect security." The harbour, which had been discovered and named by Cook earlier, was Port Jackson -- now better known as Sydney Harbour.

But there was no shipboard romance, Henry and Susannah travelled firstly on 'Friendship' as far as Table Bay (Cape of Good Hope) where the Fleet took on supplies. Here Phillip split the fleet so that the faster vessels could speed ahead and start the settlement at Botany Bay before the rest arrived. Susannah and baby were transferred to the 'Charlotte'. Cramped, unbearably hot or cold due to their geographical location, it is perhaps a miracle that young Henry survived the journey (a number of newborn babies and an old female prisoner died). However the voyage was remarkably incident free. Upon arrival Susannah and the other women of the fleet were kept aboard the 'Charlotte' in Sydney Cove until nine days after the men had been disembarked there.

(To be continued next issue)

From the Chapters

Canberra Chapter: (ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounding areas)

A Christmas BBQ will be held Sunday, Dec 9. starting at 12 noon.

For further information (02) 6251 4095

Central Coast Chapter: (Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi)

Meetings are held at Wyong RSL on the second Saturday of each month starting at 10.30am. The speaker for **Nov 10**, is Mrs Elaine Bennett and Mrs Lois Cook, who will talk about their FF ancestors, Jane Langley & Phillip Scriven. **Dec 8**, The Christmas Luncheon will be held after a short meeting. An area is booked at Wyong RSL for the festivities. All FFF members wish to attend please inform Beryl Haxton (02) 4353 2524.

Hunter Valley Chapter: (Hunter regions, Newcastle, & surrounding areas)

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Mon. Time 10-30 am to 12-30 pm. Venue: St. Johns Hall on the corner of Parry & Dawson Sts. Cooks Hill, N/Castle. A plate of food to help with a buffet lunch following the meeting is always appreciated, tea & coffee is provided.

Mon 15 Oct the members will participate in a *Tribute to our great Founder and First Governor Arthur Phillip RN*. A Christmas Lunch will be held **17 December**, details will be discussed at the Oct. meeting. All welcome (02) 4942 2631

New England Chapter: (Armidale and surrounding areas)

The Christmas luncheon has been arranged and the venue & time will be advised by contacting the NE Chapter (02) 6772 3140. All interested FFF members are welcome to attend.

North Coast Chapter: (Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, Leigh and nearby regions)

The Executive for 2007/08, President Mary Kell, Vice President Colin Robertson, Secretary Male Dale, Treasurer Jean Taylor. **Sun 2 Dec**, for the Christmas Party which will commence at 10.30 am at Boambee Creek Reserve. Full details will be in the NC Chapter Newsletter. (02) 6657 1962

Northern Rivers Chapter: (Lismore and surrounding regions)

Meetings are held bi-monthly. Venue: 16 Atlas St, Lismore. Time 11.30 am for a BBQ lunch cost \$7 members \$8 visitors. After lunch one can be sure of an interesting speaker or activity. A special 20th Anniversary Luncheon is mentioned on page 3 in this edition of Founders.

Northwest Chapter: (Tamworth and surrounding areas)

Meeting Venue: Tamworth Regional Art Gallery, Esther Halliday Studio, Time 1-30pm. The Executive for 2007/08, President Harold Mclean, Vice President Jennifer Porter, Secretary Jo Crossing, Treasurer Warren White. Next meeting **3 Nov** and the Christmas festivities will be held early Dec. For further information, (02) 6766 8255.

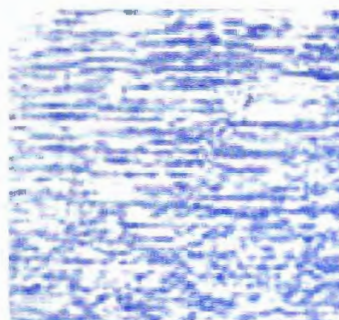
South Coast Chapter: (from Engadine to Burrill Lake)

Meetings are held in the Old Court House Wollongong, corner of Cliff Rd & Harbour St. W/gong. Time 10am to 12 noon. The Executive for 2007/08 President John Boyd, Vice President Stan Keough, Secretary Jean Mortimer, Treasurer Terry Mortimer. Oct 15, some members will attend the Annual Ceremony at Arthur Phillip's Statue in the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, followed by a Commemoration Lunch in the Royal Automobile Club. **Nov 6**. Two Speakers: Marjory Tweedie. Topic: The Duracks & The Kings in Grass Castle. Fae McGregor. Topic: Ann Forbes & her journey. The Christmas Function, NewBrighton Hotel Kiama. **Sunday 2nd December**. For further information (02) 4261 6893

Southern Highlands Chapter: (Moss Vale, Mittagong and surrounding areas)

Meetings are held at Mittagong Community Centre, Cnr, Albert Lane & Queen St, Mittagong. Wednesdays 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. The Executive for 2007/08, President Patricia Robinson, Vice President Neville Usher, Secretary Wendy Selman, Treasurer John Kirkby. Patron Beryl Lewis.

Saturday 6th Oct. at 1.30 pm A Cavalcade Presentation of The Colonial Wedding: 1800-1900. Venue: Mittagong Community Centre. **Nov 14**. Three Speakers: Roxanne Seward. Topic: Arthur Upfield 1890-1964. Max Rogers. Topic: Interesting people in Bowral Cemetery. Neville Usher. Topic: Research on John Small & Mary Parker. **Dec 13**, Christmas Function & 3rd Birthday, TBA. (02) 4872 1238



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HEARTS AND MINDS OF
DESCENDANTS IS
NEVER TO DIE

*Closing Date
for
Next Issue:
Nov 23*

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Advance notices 2007

Wednesday 17 October 11am Daytime Fellowship.

Saturday 24 November 11am Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15 December 11am Volunteers Christmas Party

2008

Saturday 19 January 2008

Celebrate the 220th Anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet. Luncheon.

Saturday 29 March 2008

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the commencement of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Cocktail Party.

Chapter Liaison News

The FFF AGM will bring the end to yet another successful year and I must congratulate each of the nine Chapters who have undertaken a variety of activities. The chapters have had many interesting meetings with visiting guest speakers as well as chapter members sharing their ancestral stories.

I sincerely thank the Chapter Representatives who keep me informed of meetings, events, dates & times. Your response has assisted with reports presented to the Board meetings and has secured a page for Chapters in the National Newsletter.

Many FFF members have expressed interest in establishing a Chapter in both the northern & western suburbs of Sydney. A chapter brings a closer bond with like minded members as they attend meetings and visit places of historic interest.

The Board of Directors will work every step of the way with members who wish to inaugurate a chapter. For further information please contact Jean Mortimer.

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*In Fellowship
Jean Mortimer, Chapter Liaison Officer*

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RON MAGUIRE, Hon. Editor