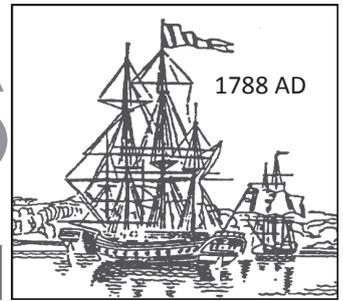


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To live on in the hearts and minds
of descendants is never to die

ARTHUR PHILLIP CHAPTER UNDER SAIL

Chapter President Gillian Doyle gives an account of what the Arthur Phillip Chapter members are calling 'the event of a lifetime', celebrating on the harbour on a tall ship the centenary of the entry of the Royal Australian Navy fleet to Sydney Harbour on 5th October 2013

The first British Naval ships to enter Sydney Harbour in 1788 were those of the First Fleet. This present commemorative occasion was the centenary of the entry of the first Royal Australian Navy ships into Sydney Harbour and to honour those who had served in the armed forces and especially those who lost their lives in times of war.

In 1913 King George V inspected the battleship *Australia* for the newly created RAN and immediately after which a rating shouted, 'Three cheers for Wallaby Land'!

When Arthur Phillip Chapter member John Blair told me in November 2012 about early whispers regarding the planning of this centenary event – and I thank him for his enthusiasm in his initial investigations – we immediately saw that this was going to be an event of a lifetime. With the Committee's agreement we booked Tall Ship *Southern Swan* and extended the invitation to join in the fun. The ship was soon booked out with 81 adults and 10 children – a full complement.

Some members had viewed the entry of the Tall Ships on Thursday 3rd October, a blustery day accompanied by rain and hail. On Friday 4th October others watched the seven RAN ships enter the harbour in glorious sunshine surrounded by a flotilla of smaller craft – a sight to behold. A 21 gun salute was fired from Bradley's Head; RAAF Roulettes gave an impressive display of aerial acrobatics; navy helicopters buzzed around the harbour.

Saturday 5th October dawned bright and sunny – the day we'd been waiting for! We boarded the *Southern Swan* through a large crowd already gathered at Campbell's Cove. Fellowship Vice-President Denis Smith had arranged for the loan of the First Fleet



banner, and brought along the Queen Anne flag, a replica of the one that Governor Arthur Phillip had hoisted at Sydney Cove in 1788. We considered ourselves fortunate to have as our guest two armed services personnel – one from the RAAF and the other from the RAN.



Initially we viewed the forty warships at anchor. Then at 10 am the Review Line of minor warships entered the inner harbour, followed by seven RAN warships led by HMAS *Sydney*, representing the seven ships that had entered the harbour back in 1913. A 100 gun salute was fired from Garden Island. We then joined the line of ships circling the harbour as an 'honour guard', while the Governor-General and Prince Harry reviewed the ships from HMAS *Leeuwin*, escorted by ex HMAS *Advance*, STS *Young Endeavour* and *Lady Hopetoun*. A RAAF F118 Hornet fighter jet screamed across the sky, twisting and turning like a toy to the amazement of everyone; formation flights by the Fleet Air Arm and RAAF and Naval helicopter Search and Rescue followed, all streaming directly overhead.

We enjoyed a delicious luncheon while we chatted with other members and soaked up the magnificent atmosphere. We returned to Campbell's Cove Wharf at 3pm, to our surprise being tightly guarded by Police. A huge crowd was waiting for HRH Prince Harry, who waved and smiled to an ecstatic crowd – an unexpected finished to a fabulous day.

Afterwards some of our group viewed an amazing light show projected onto the sails of the Sydney Opera House, punctuated by stirring music and brilliant fireworks shooting from the deck of navy ships and the Bridge. The ABC telecast later reinforced the magnificence of this unforgettable event.

Gillian Doyle, President, Arthur Phillip Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

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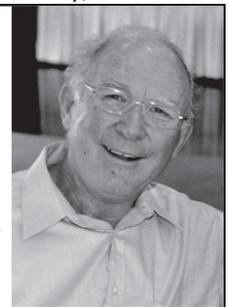
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President's Desk



Ian Palmer



This year the AGM was hosted by The Southern Highlands Chapter of the Fellowship at Mittagong.

The Chapter Members did a wonderful job of organising the venue and refreshments and I thank them sincerely for their effort.

Around 40 Fellowship Members from as far afield as the Central

Coast, the Blue Mountains and Canberra were in attendance. The Board retains the same Members as last year with the addition of Ray Keating. I welcome Ray to the Board and look forward to working with him and the Board for the benefit of all Members.

The Fellowship has a busy couple of months coming up with Ron Withington's new book *Dispatched Downunder* becoming available and plans are well advanced for the Australia Day Luncheon next January. Flyers for both are included with this copy of Founders.

As 2013 draws to a close, on behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all Members the very best for the coming holiday period. The Festive Season is an ideal time to catch up with Family and Friends and perhaps do some of that family research you have been meaning to do all year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

ARTHUR PHILLIP, PLEASE COME BACK

While you sleep on in storage we hope your honourable self, in bronze if not in person, will soon make it back to **First Fleet Park** on the western shore of Sydney Harbour.

The Fellowship is on your case yet again, having heard that those who know these things, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, had suddenly promulgated a closing date, 11th November 2013, for online submissions on a modified revamp of the park to suit the 21st Century. The date came as somewhat of a surprise to us having been advised in March 2012 that your return to where you belong will now be 'guided by the principles established in the proposed *Circular Quay Strategic Vision*' and that we as a fellowship would be 'notified at the appropriate time of the community consultation on the ... strategic vision ... and then the revitalisation of the First Fleet Park.'

Ever since its refurbishment and naming back in 1988 in time for the Bicentenary, First Fleet Park has been on our watch. In fact, over the last two years, *Founders* has referred to the park no less than eight times, and still the saga continues. Fellowship members may like to go back to Issue 42/6 and reread the full submission that director Sharon Lamb gave to SFHA at the time. Our concerns still remain, and very much so.

Having recently discovered that the authority has a new director who was completely unaware of the existence of the Fellowship (!) Sharon has again donned the advocate's cap in earnest. She would like chapters and individual members in NSW to get in touch with their **state parliamentarians** as soon as possible and ask them to join our cause. If you live elsewhere you may like to invite **federal politicians** to do the same. A suggested letter has been placed on our website for you to peruse and use as a basis for your own earnest entreaties for action. Make your response personal, powerful and positive, and make it soon!

For those without access to the website, include these points in your letter;

- * **The importance of the site for our national heritage;**
- * **The lack of a sign showing the name of the park.**
- * **The need for the bust of Phillip to be restored to the park and displayed prominently with relevant interpretative material;**
- * **The significance of 2014, the 200th anniversary of Phillip's death, and the planned celebrations at Westminster Abbey and other parts of England.**

As Founders goes to press the survey seems to have been extended and is still on the SHFA website. Fill it in and make your heritage wishes known.

MITTAGONG MEETING

The Southern Highlands Chapter on 26th October hosted the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship and their dedicated team prepared their meeting room at Mittagong Community Centre in splendid fashion and welcomed directors and other members with a delicious morning tea.

Some wonderful historical displays had been prepared by Wendy Selman, Glenda and Paul Miskelly and others of the committee and these brightened the venue and helped give the 35 First Fleeters in attendance a real sense of fellowship and friendship. The early start and the journey by train for some out-of-towners added adventure to the significant occasion.

Once again this year attendances easily outnumbered apologies so the peripatetic Board realised that to be on the move for the AGM is definitely a good idea, worth continuing.

President Ian Palmer who began the meeting with thanks to Pamela Cormack and the Southern Highlands Chapter, led us quickly through the agenda, his report highlighting the significant events of the past year for the Fellowship. Kevin Thomas gave his financial report and four special resolutions were passed unanimously.

As well removing the requirement that life members should pay an annual fee a new category of membership, originally proposed by the hosting chapter, was passed and this will be known as Honorary Life Member.

The meeting also elected former director, Ron Withington, as a Life Member and reappointed Commodore Paul Kable and Mr Peter Christian as Vice Patrons.

Wendy Selman was appointed as the Returning Officer and under her guidance and the reading of the nomination forms, all twelve members of the outgoing Executive Committee were reelected. Ray Keating was welcomed as an additional director this year giving the Board its full complement as per constitution.

In general business thanks were passed to the Southern High-



lands Chapter for its historical display, mention was made of the Arthur Phillip and Matthew Flinders celebrations planned for 2014 in England and the ongoing saga of First Fleet Park was again brought to the attention of all.

President Ian at 11.40 closed the meeting, a wonderfully successful gathering with the challenge, "Who will host the AGM in 2014?"

Ray Keating joins the Board



I was born in Auburn NSW and grew up there. I left school and started work at age 15, with the NSW Railways as an apprentice Electrician. I stayed with the railways under many changes in name, structure and organisation. I held a number of supervisory roles and left work in 2004 when I was the Product Manager

Electrical in logistics.

I had an interest in family history for a number of years as, growing up, my family went to Broken Hill for holidays each year. As both my parents came from there I got to know many relatives and where they fitted into the family tree which I kept in a note book. My wife also knew of her relatives so this helped to get our family tree started. The serious searching started in about 2000.

My family came into Australia via South Australia from Ireland and UK, the earliest being in 1849. Most were farmers but then after the discovery of ore at Broken Hill in the 1880s many went into the mining industry there. They had found that farming was a bit of a hit and miss with the hot and dry weather that they were not used to.

My wife Ann's family all came in to NSW from Ireland and the UK most ended up in either the Tamworth area or Forster area also taking up farming. I had been told that one member of my wife's family came to NSW as a convict, but when I started searching her tree I found she is descended from seven convicts two of them from the First Fleet.

At present I am working with a small group who are also descendants of that couple Edward Pugh and Hannah Smith. We are working to find and correct some misinformation that has been printed about this family in some family trees and in on line programs.

Apart from family history my main recreational interest is in my 1967 Mustang Coupe which was my retirement gift to myself. Ann and I are members of the Mustang Owners Club NSW and enjoy many outings in the car.

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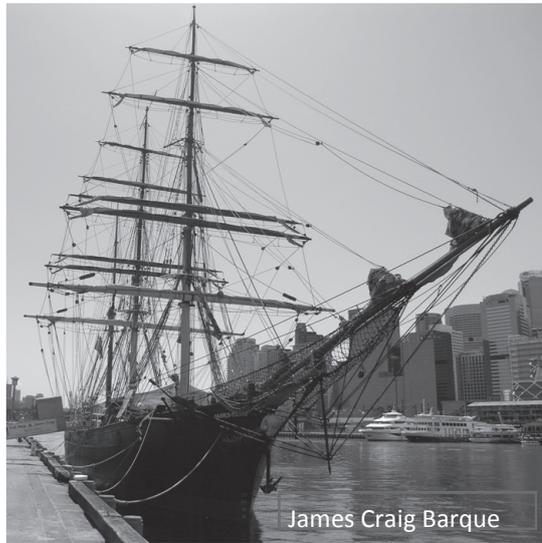
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FISH AND SHIPS!

After days of heavy rain, oilskins may have seemed an option for the intrepid adventurers of **Central Coast Chapter** who, on 12th November 2013 were headed for a tall ship and a harbour cruise. Lest our readers get the wrong idea, we hasten to add that the tall ship, the **James Craig**, stayed moored beside wharf 7 at Sydney's Darling Harbour and the cruise around the inner harbour was courtesy of the **Harman**, a former naval launch.

Having listened to one of the Sydney Heritage Fleet volunteers at our meeting earlier in the year, it was only right to follow up his enthusiasm with a visit to the fleet ourselves. And what a great time was had by all on this, our Fish and Ships tour.

True, there was still rain about, as the voyagers boarded four different trains from as far north as Morisset and converged at Central station for the very crowded tram ride down to the Pyrmont Bay stop. Brollies were useful protection until safely below deck on the **James Craig** where we were served morning tea and then given an excellent illustrated talk by our guide, Narelle. She outlined the story of the vessel from its beginnings



James Craig Barque

close to the inner harbour for an hour long cruise. The guide tailored her talk to suit First Fleet listeners and it was amazing to discover the connections we travellers have with various structures seen on the way. John Haxton, our chapter events officer was able to convey information to Narelle about the area where he once worked and identified shoreline facilities for the construction of caneite the company had installed there quite some time ago.

Work being done on the re-created headland of Barangaroo is impressive and our guides on board were generally quite positive about development there. The matter of competing casinos did, however, produce an expected flurry of comment, most of it rather unsupportive. With walking and cycling tracks all around these historic bays there was time for us to contemplate revisiting the area on land to see it from the other side.

Disembarking at the shipyard wharf of the Heritage Fleet in Rozelle Bay our group was divided into two for closer inspection of all the delights moored or slipped under the care of the dedicated sea-loving restorers. The workshops are always busy and gradually vessels under refurbishment are prepared to return to the water.

Towering over the complex and up on the slips is the coastal steamer **John Oxley**, launched in 1927. Over the years the volunteers have completely replaced the entire hull with new plates and it won't be long before **John Oxley** is in the water and ready for internal overhaul. A really sad sight is the 1912 Sydney Ferry, **Kanangra** languishing under the weather and earmarked to be up on the slips soon for major restoration. Jon Fearon mentioned to our guides his happy memories of **Kanangra** in late 1940s in her heyday. On the Mosman to Circular Quay run she was filled with commuters and school children, Jon being one of the latter, and on winter mornings it was great to lean over the engine bay and enjoy the comforting warmth from the busy steam powered engines below. Of course having an uncle in the wheelhouse was a bonus as well!

The last part of our tour came around all too quickly and by 1 pm the Captain of the **Harman** had delivered us to the Fish Market wharf where the Fish section of the tour took precedence. A happy gathering over lunch reminded all present of the benefits of fellowship shared together, even more so with fellow First Fleeters.

Drums used for making Caneite at Colonial Sugar Refinery factory at Jackson's Landing on Pyrmont Point, Sydney Harbour

One small disappointment was that members from other chapters had not been able to take up the invitation to join us on the day. This probably means they need to take the tour themselves. See www.shf.org.au and set sail. You'll be glad you did!



Left to right: Marion Farley, Ken & Carmol Marley, Jon Fearon, John Haxton, Ken & Laraine Goodworth, Pauline Walker, Alan (80th birthday outing), Kevin Tibbey on board Harman, (out of sight) Max Farley, Margaret Tomlinson & Karys Fearon

in Sunderland as **Clan Macleod** in 1874, through its years carrying cargo until its rescue as a hulk from Recherche Bay in Tasmania and complete restoration, almost a resurrection, as the magnificent ship she is today.

The showers had stopped in time for us to explore the ship and marvel at the skilled craftsmanship of the refurbishing team. We were very impressed by the beautiful timberwork in the Captain's lounge and quarters. The guides opened the little shop for us to get souvenir items.

It was then time to walk past the Maritime museum to our launch admiring on the way the historic vessels moored nearby. One such was the **Krait**, of wartime fame.

The **Harman** dates from 1943 and is the perfect way to get up

Memorial to the Naming of Looking Glass Bay

The Fellowship was honoured to receive an invitation to attend the Banjo Paterson Restaurant in Punt St. at Gladesville on Saturday 21st September to witness the unveiling of a bronze memorial to honour the naming of Looking Glass Bay, by the first Governor of New South Wales, Captain Arthur Phillip, on the 15th February 1788.

I was accompanied by fellow Directors, Robin Palmer, Denis Smith, Sharon and Bob Lamb, Tony and Jenny Holden and their granddaughter Bridgette. It was a beautiful spring day and the owner of the restaurant, Mr. Ross Pitts and his staff organised a wonderful event where the Governor, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO officiated at the unveiling.

After the unveiling we were invited indoors for a second unveiling. Ross Pitts had commissioned a painting by well-known artist Peter Fennell to depict the event and I was given the hon-

our of revealing the painting. After the official celebrations guests had the opportunity of inspecting the historic sandstone building 'Rockend', circa 1830, which houses the restaurant. It was built near the site where the punt first crossed the Parramatta River at the Southern end of the Great North Road, as it was called back then. At one time Emily Mary Barton, the maternal Grandmother to Andrew Barton Paterson lived there and 'Banjo' lived in the house while he attended Sydney Grammar School.

Ian Palmer

The bronze busts of Arthur Phillip and one of the local Aborigines



The Peter Fennell painting

L to R: Bridgette & Jenny Holden, Sharon Lamb, Her Excellency Marie Bashir, Ian Palmer, Denis Smith, Robin Palmer, Bob Lamb, Tony Holden

As reported at the time:

On 15 February 1788 at Looking Glass Bay, the Governor's official diary described a friendly encounter with the local Wallumedgal people:

'We stopped at a Neck of Land for breakfast. We were soon met there by a Native arm'd. He laid down his spear as soon as he joined us and had more curiosity than any we had met with.

He examined everything attentively and went into all our boats from one to the other... The Governor gave this Man a hatchet and a looking glass, which, when he looked into, he looked immediately behind the Glass to see if any person was there and then pointed to the Glass and the Shadows in which he saw in the Water, signifying that they were similar. **Lieutenant William Bradley, 15 February 1788.'**



A VISIT TO GWAMBYGINE



This historic homestead is the oldest in Western Australia and dates from 1836. It is at picturesque York, the first inland settlement in the new Swan Colony. It is now owned by Maggie Venerys, a member

of Swan River Chapter. It has been extensively restored and houses historic displays for visitors.

In September, eleven members and friends of Swan River Chapter visited *Gwanbygine*, marvelling at its mud walls and the refurbished interior. It is hoped that one day, period furniture will be returned to bring the place to life. Maggie said that unfortunately, after she inherited the home from her father, all the furniture and many fittings were stolen.

The Chapter members travelled by bus and car and many stops were made at pioneer cemeteries en route. Member Toni Mahoney was thrilled to identify (!) some of her ancestors at the York cemetery. The group enjoyed a delightful meal at the Imperial Hotel, finding Mine Host a very congenial Brit who added much humour and entertainment to the day.

As their chapter newsletter states: *"All agreed that the day was full of camaraderie and friendship which revolved around family history and we look forward to more outings to continue to develop those bonds."*



SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

First Fleeter Story Challenge

It has been somewhat of a tradition for Founders to visit *Sculpture by the Sea*, the annual installation of major art works along the walkway and adjoining rocks and sand between Bondi and Tamarama beaches in Sydney.

Back in 2008 *Nexus*, a bronze tabloid by Australian Alex Kosmas featured a tree 'anchored' to a plinth and sited on rocks overlooking the sea below. Our editor at the time, Ron Withington, gave his own interpretation, linking the tree with the barren and alien land and the ships that sustained the settlers on their voyage to a new land. (*Founders* 40/4, p5)

Then again in 2011 a work by Robert Hague, *aporia 11*, was pictured and nominated by Ron as the image that 'somehow embodies the life and mission of the Fellowship'. It was crafted in stainless steel, its lines suggesting a sextant, a figurehead for a prow, or perhaps a harp for a siren's song (*Founders* 43/1 p5) The sculptor's own statement at the time was most apt, "We dream of navigating a great ocean to a place called home".

Your present editorial team have espoused the above tradition almost by default, choosing every year to 'do' the Sculpture walk accompanied by a current granddaughter. This year our three year old of that description revelled in her meanderings amongst the statues, excitedly telling her mother, at day's end, what she had seen, which ones she preferred and how much she loved her adventure.



While not being particularly nautical, unless it was to be used in compiling a modern ship's log, one of her choices was clearly the Pencil Sharpener. We found her lying inside it calling to us ; 'Look Pa and Na, I am a pencil".

The main prize this year, entitle *fallout*, was won by Walcha NSW artist, Stephen King. *Founders* saw in its rough hewn timber structure and 'indigenous' colours a link between our traditional maritime fishermen and the land that gave them the materials to take to sea. By contrast, the people's and kid's choice, *Horizon* by Lucy Humphrey, was a two tonne acrylic sphere filled with water that cleverly flipped the world upside down. Our ancestors who arrived in 1788 certainly turned this part of our world upside down.

To us, the two prize winning pieces were, on reflection, a perfect historical match!

Moreton Chapter is issuing a challenge to all Chapters (and people who are not members of a Chapter) to prepare stories about their ancestors for inclusion on the Fellowship of First Fleeters web site.

Currently only about one third of the ancestors of Fellowship of First Fleeter members have stories on the web page.

Stories must be about the people who arrived on the First Fleet, not their descendants. Some of those who arrived on the First Fleet may not have had descendants who are members of the Fellowship or may never have had any descendants at all. These will all have stories that can be researched and told. If you are interested in research why not prepare a story.

The challenge will run for one year from 1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014

Guidelines for the preparation of stories appeared in the October issue of *Founders* and are repeated below:

1. *Stories need to be identified with the name of the author.*
2. *Only one story per First Fleeter. A new story could replace that existing with previous author so informed.*
3. *1-2 pages in length.*
4. *Fellowship of First Fleeters reserve the right to edit.*
5. *Profiles must contain facts.*
6. *References required.*

Stories are to be submitted to Chapter Liaison Officer, Karys Fearon.

We see this as a great opportunity to

- a) *add to the store of information about our First Fleet ancestors.*
- b) *provide Chapters with resources for their meetings by having story writers present their efforts to chapter meetings*

Moreton Chapter encourages all members to take part in what we believe could contribute to an interesting and exciting year.



A CALL FOR COMPASSION

.. and an example from Lord Sydney and the First Fleet. Widespread criticism of Immigration Department decisions in recent days encouraged the *Sydney Morning Herald* on November 18th to call for compassion when individual cases warrant it.

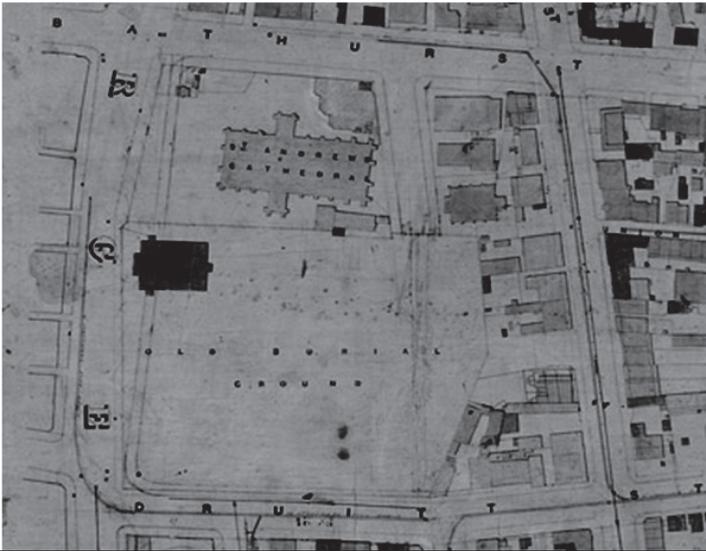
The chancellor of Macquarie University Michael Egan, a descendant of Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes drew readers attention to the well attested story of Mr. Simpson the Norwich gaoler. He, it was, who travelled 700 miles with Susannah's baby Henry to and from the Home Office to seek permission for the youngster to travel to Botany Bay with his mother on *Charlotte*. Lord Sydney granted the request and asked the gaoler if the baby's father, Henry Kable, would like to go too. The latter agreed and all three arrived together on *Friendship*.

Having used Andrew Tink's biography of Tommy Townsend, *Lord Sydney*, as his source, Egan concludes his article with the following plea: "A minister's performance should not just be judged only on the big things they do. Very often it's the little things that matter most."

This should surely be a challenge to all of us whatever our station in life. Thank you, Michael, for your wisdom.

SYDNEY'S FIRST OFFICIAL CEMETERY

Alan Jarman reports that his letter to the Sydney Daily Telegraph, the full text of which was published in *Founders* 44/5, was actually published in that newspaper, albeit in an edited version. *Founders* is at this stage unaware of any follow up by that paper. We, however, had had some responses from members regarding the Sydney Town Hall site and the debate and deliberations continue at various levels.



Details from Sheet E1 of the 1865 Trigonometrical Survey of Sydney (City of Sydney Archives/State Records) showing the size and boundaries of the Old Sydney Burial Ground. Druitt Street runs along the bottom of the picture, Bathurst Street along the top, and George Street to the left. The building within the cemetery grounds is the wooden temporary St Andrews Church

Our use of the term ‘first burial ground’ was questioned by # F Tod Scotman, whose first fleeter, Redmond McGrath, was definitely interred in July 1788 before the official cemetery was declared by Arthur Phillip in 1792. Tod has said he spent many weeks attempting to uncover his links to the first fleet. Although he found that he is descended from McGrath through the latter’s “siring of female convicts” before his death. Tod has been unable to prove his link due to the records having been destroyed and he feels that McGrath’s being a “papist” may also have some significance.

Tod’s family have always felt that their first fleeter had been disposed of like others deemed trouble makers or without family, ‘without ceremony in one area where the pylons of the bridge stand today.’ Tod says he has never heard of a plaque there.

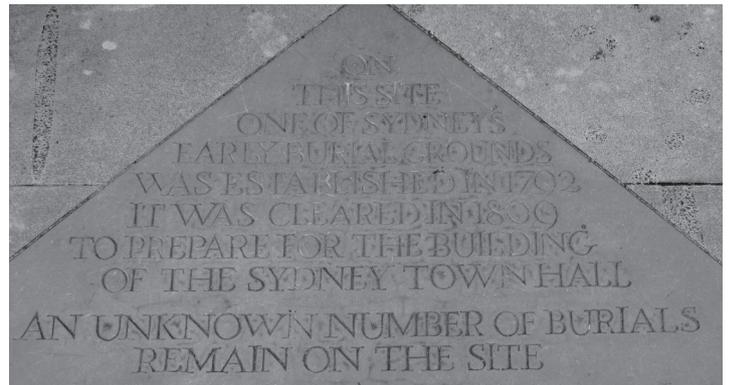
The Fellowship Research Officer, John Boyd, has responded to

Tod with further information about the earlier burial grounds. Ron Withington, whose new book *Dispatched Downunder* is now available, advises that the burial places of those First Fleeters who died in the first five years have ‘disappeared in the sands of time’.

There are however, three known burial sites from that time. They were (i) Dawes Point, near the southern pylon of the bridge which was used for burials of **mariners and seamen**; (ii) the first Canvas Hospital which stood in what is now lower George St and was where **convicts** were buried; and (iii) the area behind the Military Barracks, behind what is now Wynyard station where **soldiers and marines** were laid to rest. There has been no placement of plaques by the Fellowship at any of these sites.

As to the Old Sydney Burial Ground, at the site of Sydney Town Hall, the Board has sought permission to list on a plaque the names of the 74 known First Fleeters buried there. Vice President Denis Smith, at a recent meeting with Eva Rodriguez, the public art program manager from Sydney City Council, was told that the board’s larger plaque is not likely to be an acceptable addition in the short term. The RAHS in 1988 installed a green plaque identifying the burial ground but even that has gone missing and Council staff couldn’t say where it is missing from.

So the saga continues and we suggest you watch this space. See part of the large pavement plaque (on site, Druitt St) below.



On this site one of Sydney’s early burial grounds was established in 1792 It was cleared in 1869 to prepare for the building of the Sydney Town Hall. An unknown number of burials remain on the site
The French explorer Francois Péron wrote in 1802

This village (Brickfield’s) and Sydney Town is the public burial ground which is already rendered an object of curiosity by several striking monuments that have been erected in it : and the execution of which is much better than could reasonably have been expected from the state of the arts in so young a colony.
Commemorated by the Council of the City of Sydney 2003



WHERE IS THIS? NO 4 IN AN OCCASIONAL SERIES

We really must have set you a hard one for Number 3. Not one response, right or wrong! To see this one you need to go to the Galleries of Justice Museum in what was once part of Nottingham Gaol in England. The present curators advise that the display was left over from the original transportation gallery created in 1996 and was retained in the 2010 redevelopment. The copyright holder could not be found.

And so to **Puzzler Number 4**. We are back in Australia again.

CHARLES PEAT: HANNAH MULLENS: MARY MULLINS * Continued from 44.5

Shortly after landing at Sydney Cove, Peat was selected to be an overseer of one of the convict gangs employed in timber getting. Twelve months later, he was still employed in that role as overseer of a convict work gang when in February, 1789, a punishment of 50 lashes was ordered for George Robinson 'for insolence to Peat'.⁽¹²⁾

On 19 February, 1788, he was a witness to the marriage of **John Callaghan** and **Elizabeth Linnard**. Also present at the ceremony was **Hannah Mullens** who, three days later, on 22 February, 1788, was married to **Charles Peat** by the **Rev. Richard Johnson**, with one witness, **John Leary**.⁽¹³⁾

In her Old Bailey trial in April, 1786, Hannah Mullens stated that she was born in Ireland, the daughter of Jack Mullens and was 'going of twenty-six'. At the age of sixteen she came to London and lived with a seaman, **Peter Roach**, for about six months. From about 1781 onwards, she was employed as a servant. In 1784, she went to live with **Edward Mullins**, a porter with whom she had lived for about two years at St. Giles, and a daughter **Mary** was born in 1785.

Unable to read or write⁽¹⁴⁾, on 11 November, 1785, Hannah attempted to secure probate of a document that she swore to be the last will of Peter Roach, who had been killed in an explosion at Madras, India on 19 April, 1783. This document was obviously forged, as one of the 'witnesses' had died before the supposed will was made. Brought to trial at the Old Bailey session of 26 April, 1786, she was indicted for attempting to obtain probate in order to receive the wages and pay due to Peter Roach. Found guilty of forgery, she was sentenced to death with a recommendation to mercy, since the jury supposed 'she had been drawn in'.

She was not reprieved until 4 January 1787 to transportation for life to NSW, having remained in the condemned cell with her child from the date of conviction. Aged 26, she was embarked on *Lady Penrhyn* from Newgate with her child Mary.⁽¹⁵⁾

The first child born to Charles and Hannah was a son **Charles**, baptised at Sydney Cove on 25 December, 1789. In August of the same year, upon its establishment by Governor Phillip, Charles Peat was one of the twelve convicts selected to be a member of the Night Watch, the Colony's first Police Force. In this capacity he appeared a number of times in court, and his name was frequently recorded in the early Supreme Court Papers.⁽¹⁶⁾

On 6 December, 1791, Hannah gave birth to a second child, a daughter **Nancy**. A second son, **George**, was born on 8 February, 1794. A second daughter, **Elizabeth**, was born on 3 September, 1797 but only lived a few weeks. Charles and Hannah's last child, a son **William**, was born on 12 January, 1799.⁽¹⁷⁾

On 29 November, 1792, Charles Peat received a conditional pardon and this was followed in September, 1795 by a grant of 90 acres 'in the district of Eastern Farms'. In the land returns of 20 September, 1796, he was described as being 'Late Principal in the Night Watch'. **Governor Hunter** cancelled the grant, but the land was subsequently reissued in 1799, the number of acres being reduced to 30 (leasehold).⁽¹⁸⁾ In 1798, Peat still had possession of his 90 acres when he signed a list of grievances from the settlers of the Eastern Farms in March⁽¹⁹⁾. This 90 acres was later sold in 2 lots with 30 acres to **William Tyrrell** and 60 acres to **William Raven**, master of *Britannia*.⁽²⁰⁾ In 1801,

Hannah is recorded as having 30 acres in her own name which she farmed while Charles was absent. It is not known whether this was the land now belonging to William Tyrrell. The maps bear the name of the latter but also 'Peat's Farm'.⁽²¹⁾

In the 1802 muster, Hannah Peat was living with her family of four on the 30-acre lease, of which 26 acres were under wheat and maize. Her 'stock' consisted of one goat.⁽²²⁾

Charles Peat does not appear in the muster because "on 12 October 1800, Peat took ship for England on the *Buffalo*, signing on as able seaman aged 40. He ran from *Buffalo* at Portsmouth on 9 September 1801. There is no record of a son going with him, but the boy was probably victualled from his father's stores; in July 1802 Peat requested permission to return with his son to NSW... saying he had 'sail'd with his Excellency Governor Philip to settle the Colony of N.S.Wales and served under him as cheif (sic) of the working parties and after on the establishment of the civil police as cheif(sic) Constable of the district of Sidney(sic).' He had then, he wrote, served in the same capacity under successive governors, 'and under... His Excellency John Hunter Esqr...with whom I came to England in order to recover a small legacy.' Governor Hunter, 'Col.Colins, Adml Philip...have respectively authorised me to use their names.'⁽²³⁾

In a letter to **Governor King** dated 5 April, 1803, Under Secretary John Sullivan conveyed Lord Hobart's direction that 46 persons had been granted permission 'to proceed as settlers to New South Wales' and 'all produced very favourable testimonies of their Characters'. He went on to say that he 'believed they would not only contribute to the prosperity of the Settlement under your Government, but...will merit your favourable protection'. Among this group of mainly skilled tradesmen and their families was Charles Peat and his son. Peat's recommendation is recorded as being given by Governor Hunter. The ship which sailed from England with this group of 46 and Sullivan's letter to Governor King was the HMS *Calcutta*.⁽²⁴⁾

The suitability of a Londoner with no agricultural experience to the life of a pioneer farmer can only be cause for wonder. There is no doubt, however, that with his claimed seafaring background the colony's infant shipbuilding industry was a far more attractive proposition. Peat was almost certainly employed at the Government Dockyard in Cockle Bay, his son George being apprenticed to a Mr Blaxcell there as a youth.⁽²⁵⁾ Charles Peat is known to have spent much time on voyages along the coast – a fact which would perhaps explain his absence from the musters in 1805-06, and 1811.

In the *Sydney Gazette* of 12 January, 1811, there appeared an advertisement for seamen for H.M.Colonial Schooner *Estramina*. Applicants were requested to see 'Mr Charles Peat at the Dockyard'. This ship sailed to and from various settlements in NSW, Tasmania, and Norfolk Island. In February, 1812 he is listed on an outward vessel carrying a cargo of wheat to the Hawkesbury.⁽²⁶⁾

Given his association with Cockle Bay and boatbuilding, there can be no doubt that he was acquainted with boat builder **James Webb**, who, at the age of 47, married his 18-year-old daughter **Nancy Peat** on 3 September, 1810.⁽²⁷⁾ It was not to prove a happy marriage. There were no children and Nancy left her husband in 1820 sailing on the brig *John Shore* for Calcutta. She did not return and Webb did not divorce her.⁽²⁸⁾

Whilst it was observed, very early in the first years of settlement, that *'those...who chuse (sic) to apply themselves to Industry are much better off than the labouring People in England'*

Charles Peat must have thought otherwise. On the 23 and 30 May, 1812, the following notice appeared in the Claims and Demands column of the *Sydney Gazette*:

'All persons having claims on **Mr Charles Peat, Mrs Susannah Peat, or William Peat**, a youth, are requested to present the same to the said Mr Charles Peat for payment, as he intends shortly to shape his course out of the Heads for good'.

The tone is unmistakable. The author had sailed out of Port Jackson many times before but this time it was to be the last. In accordance with Government regulations, all persons departing the colony had to be cleared at the Secretary's office two to three weeks before planned departure. Such notices followed a set wording. Of the seven notices that were printed in the same issue only Charles Peat's expressed a determination that bordered on vehemence.

Outgoing passenger lists not being compiled until 1816, until very recent times the destination of the Peats remained uncertain. India was considered a possibility given the fact that their son **George** paid a brief visit to Calcutta in 1816 before returning to Sydney and daughter Nancy left for the same destination in 1820. **William Peat** would appear to have married and raised a family in Calcutta and died there in 1837. He was a Captain in the East India Company maritime service and held the position of Government Pilot in Bombay.⁽²⁹⁾

It is very likely that the Peats left on either the brig *Margaret* or the brig *Atalanta* in June, 1812 as both ships were bound for Calcutta.⁽³⁰⁾

The question of their destination was resolved when the burial records for Charles and Hannah Peat were found in Bengal, India.⁽³¹⁾ **Charles Peat** is recorded as having been buried on 1 June, 1813 at Fort William. The death of '**Mrs Johanna Peat** (relict of the late Mr Charles Peat)' was dated 14 April, 1822 at Chandernagore. Both localities are within the bounds of the present day city of Kolkata (formerly Calcutta). **Captain William Peat** was buried in the South Park Street Burial Ground after his death on 17 June, 1837. It is probable that he was interred in the same cemetery as his parents.⁽³²⁾

Mary Mullins, born in London in 1785, was, as stated above, the daughter of Hannah Mullens and Edward Mullins.⁽³³⁾ She was one of the children of the First Fleet who survived not only the perils of Newgate but also the ensuing long voyage to NSW. No record of her life or subsequent death in the new colony has been found.

George Peat (1794-1870) was the only child of First Fleeters Charles and Hannah Peat to remain in Australia. As a ship-builder and later settler on the Hawkesbury, he was to become influential in building the river trade and ferries which enabled passengers and goods greater freedom to travel within the colony.

It was his track from Pennant Hills to the Hawkesbury which was chosen to be the main northern road out of Sydney.

The name Peat as in Peat's Ferry, Peat's Ridge, and the former state electoral division (now Gosford) commemorates George Peat the Hawkesbury pioneer.

NOTES & REFERENCES

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17. Ibid.
18. Ibid.
19. Gillen, p.257
20. Ibid.
21. Early maps of the Eastern Farms District were viewed at the Local Studies Centre, Ryde Municipal Library.
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27. Scott, p.5
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33. Additional confirmation supplied by Michael Flynn who was of great assistance with the Indian records.
34. See Old Bailey Trial record for her mother Hannah Mullens www.oldbaileyonline.org has the full transcript..

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The research into our First Fleeters has been an ongoing process over many years and until we discovered the birth and family origins of Charles Peat together with the very recent confirmation of the destination of the Peat family when they left Sydney in 1812, the account remained incomplete. As descendants of the youngest child (**William Nottingham Palmer Hayes**) of George Peat's youngest daughter (**Anne** who died at age 33), we, like them, were denied much of the oral history that one generation passes on to the next in the course of longer life spans.

William Nottingham Palmer Hayes married **Louisa Georgina Leech** (nee Bennett) in 1906 and it has been the research efforts of their grandchildren **Ruth Dungate** and **Margaret Meyer** that have provided this story with a beginning and an ending. Without these essential ingredients the Peat story was only half-baked. As a somewhat younger first cousin, I have provided some assistance in this effort but the bulk of the credit must go to them. Putting it all together was the very least I could do.

Beginning in one Park Street and ending in another South Park Street, a world away in all respects, the story of these First Fleeters traces a path that neither Charles nor Hannah could have ever imagined they would travel when they first set out as young people into the crowds, dust, and pitfalls of 1770's London.

Fran Powell Beecroft. NSW. April 2013

Book Review: **ARTHUR PHILLIP; SAILOR, MERCENARY, GOVERNOR, SPY**

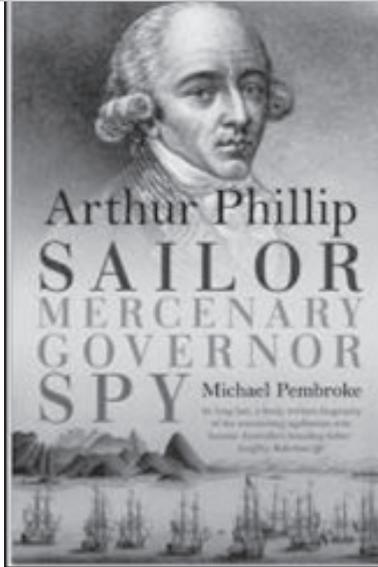
By Michael Pembroke

Ask any Australian to name the first Governor of New South Wales and most will have little trouble in responding with Arthur Phillip. Again, ask what they know about the man, and little will be recalled.

Pembroke's biography focuses on the man himself, and the events and experiences that formed and shaped him into a man of intelligence, integrity and persistence enabling him to become the most suitable person for the role of our Founding Father. The book aims to convey something of the elusive character of Arthur Phillip; to bring to life his career in the Royal Navy; and to explain the culture, values, fashion and features of the Georgian society in which he lived and died.

This story of political intrigue and eighteenth century sailing ships describes the promise of colonisation with all the benefits that result from exploration of unknown seas and lands. Michael Pembroke indicates the significance of the opportunity for trade and economic growth in a world that was rapidly advancing towards international expansion. This is a tale of ambition, wealthy marriages, mistakes and hardship, illness and determination. The story is woven around little-known facts about life in Georgian England at a time when England's expansion and domination in many areas of the unknown world led to increased wealth and growth by exploration and new discoveries.

The central character, Arthur Phillip, born in October 1738 in



the City of London, served on 20 different ships between 1755 and 1797, commencing as a Captain's servant in October 1755 and rising to Admiral of the Blue on 4 June 1814. Pembroke's biography of Arthur Phillip and his pivotal role in early Australian history is aptly described by Geoffrey Robertson QC:

"There are gripping descriptions of his amazing sea voyages and moving accounts of the humanity he brought to the government of a penal colony that only he thought would ever become a nation".

Michael Pembroke is a writer, judge of the NSW Supreme Court and naturalist. From a military family where his father had many overseas postings Pembroke's first school was at Sandhurst in England, he completed his higher education at Cambridge and now lives in the Blue Mountains at Mt Wilson. He is a direct descendant, through his mother, of Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne of the First Fleet.

JDH

Editor's Note: When interviewed recently on ABC radio Michael said that the writing of his book took two years of concentrated effort after painstaking research. Eight-hour days of uninterrupted writing in his upstairs study allowed him the space and time to do the task justice. The result is a work of careful erudition that readers have found both captivating and engaging. Thoroughly recommended.

*Dispatched Downunder
Book Launch*

FFF Members are cordially invited to the official launch of

Ron Withington's

'Dispatched Downunder'

Tracing the Resting Places of the First Fleeters

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9871 4102 by 13th December

Numbers are very limited so an early response will avoid disappointment

NOMINAL ROLL

The Nominal Roll is published each year in time for Anzac Day. It lists First Fleet descendants who have served in their country's war and peace keeping operations.

The Fellowship is now preparing the 2014 edition and invites members to submit names of known servicemen and women (surname and initials), rank if known and if they were killed on active service. Include their particular service (army, navy, etc) and the war or operation in which they served. You can include service number but it won't be published.



As a contributor to the new edition, please include your own membership number and your First Fleeter from whom the servicemen/women are descended.

Here is an example from an earlier edition:

*** Pratt, Flt Sgt J.D. * AIR FORCE, WWII Contributor: #1204
Kenneth Pratt FF William Broughton.**

Post or e-mail your contributions to First Fleet House

Suggested closing date: 28 February 2014

Our Sixteen Chapters in Action

ALBURY-WODONGA DISTRICT – *Both sides of the Murray River.*

Venue: Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury -monthly meetings, third Saturday at 10am for 10.30

Next Meeting: 14 December, 0930, 'End-of-year' at Browns Lagoon, *Bring goodies to share.* 18 January, Albury Library. 15 February, Albury Library with Guest Speaker; **Event: 26 January,** Australia Day with Albury City Celebrations. **Contact:** Val Heel 03 57282613

ARTHUR PHILLIP – *Milsons Point to Brooklyn and across to all northern beaches.*

Venue: Meeting Room, Old Gordon Public School. 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon - monthly meetings, third Friday at 10.30 .

Next Meeting: 20 December, Christmas Party< Guest: Jennifer Anderson, Mayor of *Ku-ring-gai.* **Events:** 26 January: Planning for Australia Day at Wahroonga Park; **Contact:** Joy Zamiatin, 9451 8665

CANBERRA – *ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations to be advised. **Next Events:** 8 December: Christmas Barbecue, 12 noon, at 7 Portus Place, Bruce; 26 January, Australia Day Lunch, 12 noon, at Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club. **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 6251 4095

CENTRAL COAST – *Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi and surrounds.*

Venue: Wyong RSL Club, corner Anzac Ave and Margaret Street, Wyong - monthly meetings, second Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meeting:** 8 February: Speaker: *to be advised.* **Next Events:** 14 December: Christmas Lunch. 26 January: Australia Day display at The Entrance. **Contact:** Jon Fearon 4323 1849

DERWENT – *Southern Tasmania*

Venue: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meeting:** 1 February, 11 am, Short Talks on Members publications; **Event:** 7 December at 11.30: Outing and Barbecue at Tynwald Park, New Norfolk; At 2pm Ruth Binny will conduct a tour of the Willow Court Barracks, followed by Afternoon Tea at History Centre. **Contact:** Cecily Dougan 03 6231 1256

EASTERN FARMS – *Ryde, Eastwood, Parramatta, Kings Langley, Pennant Hills and surrounds.*

Venue: The Hall at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson St. Eastwood -monthly meetings, first Saturday from 10am - 12.00 noon
Next Meeting: . 7 December: *TBA.* **Contact:** Robin Palmer 9871 4102

HUNTER VALLEY – *Hunter Region, Newcastle and surrounds.*

Venue: Adamstown Senior Citizens' Hall, 153A Bruncker Road, Adamstown - bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am – 12.30pm. **Next Meeting:** 16 December: 11 am, Christmas meeting and lunch, \$33 pp. **Contact:** Raymond Green 4964 1328

LACHLAN MACQUARIE – *Orange, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra, Kelso.*

Venue: Kinross Wolaroi School Library, Orange - **Next (Quarterly) Meeting:** For details, **Contact:** Judy Dwyer 6365 8234 or 0428 173 213

MORETON – *South East Queensland.*

Venue: St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton - bi-monthly meetings, on an available Saturday. **Next Meeting:** 8 February: John Moore: *Edward Gooden, Scarborough convict.* **Next Event:** 26 January: Australia Day Barbecue at *Kenmore*, home of President Jean Stewart. **Contact:** Don Cornford 04 5746 6020

NEW ENGLAND – *Armidale to Glen Innes and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations - five times per year, **Next Meeting:** 8 February: Warren Newman, *Educating FF children,*
Events: 14 Dec. Christmas Lunch, *Saumarez.* 26 Jan: Table at Armidale Racecourse. **Contact:** Wal Whalley 6772 3499

NORTH COAST – *Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Woolgoolga.*

Venue: Often Mylestom Hall, Bi-monthly meetings, first Sunday at 11.30am. **Next Meeting:** 2 February, at Mylstrom Hall; **Next Event:** 26 January: Australia Day in Council Grounds, Bellingen.. **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 6653 3615

NORTHERN RIVERS – *Lismore and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** at Alstonville Bowls Club, 11.30 am 26 January: Australia, Day meeting and lunch ,**Contact:** Margaret Soward 6686 3597

NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meeting:** . **Next Event:** 7 December at Marshall McMahon Inn, Wallabadah, 11 am, Christmas Meeting and Lunch. **Contact:** Jo Crossing 6766 8255

SOUTH COAST – *Engadine to Burrill Lake.*

Venue: Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto - monthly meetings except. Jan, May and Dec. - first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm **Next Meeting:** 4 February; *Chapter Chats* **Events:** 7 December: Christmas Lunch at Dapto Leagues Club. **Contact:** Dorothy Conkey 4261 2337

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – *Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds.*

Venue: Mittagong Community Centre - bi-monthly - second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meeting:** 12 February: Speaker: *TBA.* **Next Event:** 11 December Christmas Lunch, 12 noon at Mittagong RSL Cost \$45, Robert Griffin: *Mortimer Lewis, Colonial Architect.* **Contact:** Neville Usher 4869 1406

SWAN RIVER – *Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.*

Next Meeting: 22 February: 4.30 pm at Level 1, 14 Oatram Street, West Perth. **Next event:** 26 January: Australia Day Brunch. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 08 9384 5944

Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison officer

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS		BIRTHS
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		DEATHS
		<p>JOHN NICHOLLS #7445 Daisy Holley - a proud descendant and keen North West Chapter member, at Tamworth 23rd September, 2013 FRIEND #F82 Elizabeth Mabel Guilford, of 239 Mait-land Rd Mayfield 2304 , member of Hunter Valley Chapter, died 02.09.2013. JOSHUA PECK #8136 Graeme King - died 29 October, 2013. A keen and hard-working committee mem-ber of Swan River Chapter, sadly missed.</p>
		MESSAGE BOARD
		<p>#8203 Robyn Fletcher is keen to contact other descendants of Edward Risby and James (John) Morrisby. (4 Velda Close WISHART 4122, or robyn.fletcher@me.com) #8076 Mary Woodlands would like to get in touch with other descendants of Nicholas Martin, son of FF John Martin. Contact Mary at gmproducts@bigpond.com or 41 Towarri St SCONE 2337.</p>



 Founders wishes to thank John Haxton and his team of 'envelope stuffers' who have gathered at Wyong every two months to prepare our magazine for posting. After a year's service this Central Coast team is handing the next three issues over to Eastern Farms. Our thanks to the new team too, of course.

 A few bricks from Vernalls Farm, Arthur Phillip's home in New Forest, after its demolition some years ago, made their way to Sydney and were put on display in two city buildings. Both buildings have now gone and zealous history detectives are wondering what happened to the bricks!

 Individual members of the Fellowship are encouraged to contact First Fleet House whenever they need to. Requests will be forwarded by the Secretary to the relevant directors for action. However, the Board advises that matters relating to chapters are normally sent by chapter secretaries direct to the Chapter Liaison Officer.

 When celebrating the bicentennial of Flinders 2014, spare a thought for those who went to sea with him. One such is the Guringai leader Bungaree who circumnavigated Australia with his cap-tain. Bungaree Reserve at Fagan's park West Gosford was named & dedicated 24th Nov. 2013.

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WE GOT IT WRONG - SORRY:
 In the Chapter Office Bearers' List in 44/5 we gave the wrong membership number for Dorothy Conkey, SC Chapter Secretary. It is #7761