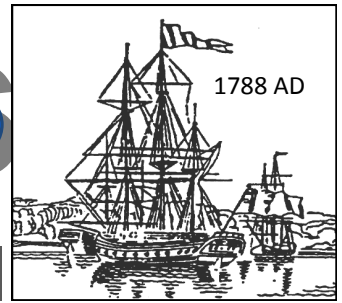


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To live on in the hearts and minds
of descendants is never to die

REMEMBERING the MARINES and our MILITARY HISTORY -

The Ibis Room at Central Sydney's Pullman Hotel was once **Best PSM**, having called us to order invited us to stand as the again the chosen venue for the Fellowship's **Australia Day** official party, our Patron, **Professor the Honourable Dame Luncheon** held on Saturday 24 January 2015. Those in attendance, several of them from interstate, noted the improved smooth start to proceedings, with hotel staff on hand to serve the introductory drink on the landing before diners moved to their designated tables within the Ibis Room itself.

As ever, the membership team, **Lois Cook** and **Elaine Bennett**, were on hand to swap tickets for drink vouchers and direct members to their prearranged places. Round tables seating ten gave opportunity for some chapters or descendant groups to gather together for fellowship and happy chatter. For many, especially those who have travelled from afar, the luncheon allows for an annual update of news and family activities.

At noon the master of Ceremonies, **Roderick**



Marie Bashir AD CVO and her husband **Sir Nicholas Shehadie**, together with **President Ian Palmer** and his wife **Robin**, entered the room. Once they had reached their table a hearty rendition of the national anthem was sung by all in attendance, assisted from the front by **Louise Best** who kept us in time with the recorded music.

Rod Best began his duties by welcoming the guests and providing some of his well-tried humorous stories. He then asked **Commodore Paul Kable AM**, our Vice-Patron, to say the grace. In thanking God for the meal Paul's words also gave due honour to our First Fleet ancestors whose endurance, motivation and courage led to the development of our land and the bountiful provisions thus made available to us. *(Continued on page 3)*



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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Ian Palmer



As this edition of *Founders* goes to print plans are in place for an inaugural meeting to establish a third chapter of the Fellowship in the Sydney Metropolitan Area. The targeted geographical region is the Lower Blue Mountains, Penrith, Windsor and Richmond districts. Some Members have indicated that they are willing to be part of the committee of the new Chapter. Members in this area will have already received an invitation to the meeting which is to be held in the Tebbutt Room of the Hawkesbury Library, 300 George Street Windsor on the 9th May commencing at 11.00am. The Fellowship has a good number of Members who reside in the area and it would be great to see as many of you as possible come along and support this meeting.

The Australia Day Luncheon was very well attended again this year. Our speaker, **Michael Kelly** from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra showed how knowledgeable he was about the Gallipoli Campaign. The insight he gave to us about the sheer folly of this struggle was most enlightening. As 2015 is the Centenary of this important event I would like to encourage all members to give special consideration to Anzac Day commemorations this year.

EDITORIAL

The full benefit of receiving *Founders* in colour will be very obvious to those who have already chosen to go down that path. This issue has a good coverage of the Australia Day Luncheon and if you know what you wore on the day you should easily find yourself in the centre spread. Why not opt for **Founders by e-mail**? The editor's e-mail address is at the top of this page and it will be helpful if you copy your e-mail to the Fellowship whose address is to be found at the bottom of our front page.



My thanks go to those who have submitted WW1 stories, two of which appear this issue. There will be room for more during this ANZAC centenary year, so do get writing.

For more on that **early Sydney engraving** featured last time, see page 10.

JON



Men in suits - Four Presidents: John Haxton; Peter Christian; Rod Best; Ian Palmer

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President Ian had the task of proposing the toast to our ancestors and in so doing he drew attention to the dominating military theme of this year's luncheon. As well as giving a short history of the Marines of the First Fleet, outlined below, Ian referred to the cards that had been prepared as part of table decorations. Each card featured a soldier who had won the Victoria Cross at Gallipoli. It was to be noted that of the nine men chosen, seven of them had earned their award on the same day, 9 August 1915, at Lone Pine.

The 247 marines who arrived in four companies on the fleet in 1788 had as their objective to 'form a military establishment on shore for the dual purpose of protecting the settlement against aborigines and preserving good order.' They were commanded by **Major Robert Ross** and with them came 32 wives and 23 children.

At the time private marines enlisted for life but discharge by purchase was allowed on payment of ten guineas. Those who came to New South Wales, however, had the option of discharge after three years.

The marines physically helped to build the early colony and also acted as its guardian. They provided a backbone of discipline and order whilst **Governor Arthur Phillip** and his civil staff laid the foundations of an organised society.

The reputation of the marines remained high in those first few years until their recall, but the same cannot be said of their leader, Major Ross. He constantly feuded with Phillip and made the latter's administration difficult by his constant complaining and refusing to allow his officers to help with the supervision of the prisoners.

Ross never adapted to life in the colony and had no faith in its future. His relocation to Norfolk Island in March 1790 removed him from Phillip's immediate sphere but did not go down well with those who had already settled into significant farming routines on the island. Martial law there, declared by Ross and operating for four months, only exacerbated the issue, and within months the marines were recalled to England and replaced by the first contingent of the NSW corps.

Ian concluded his remarks by stating that a 'great number of the marines remained in the colony after 1790 and many of their descendants are with us today.'

Before calling on those present to raise their glasses in honour of their First Fleet ancestors Ian read out, in ship order, the



Certificate of Appreciation for Phil Alexander, (per Jane van Woerkam)

86 names of those whose descendants were present for today's celebration. There were 6 on *Friendship*, 9 on *Sirius*, 10 on *Charlotte*, 12 both on *Alexander* and *Prince of Wales*, 15 on *Lady Penrhyn* and 22 on *Scarborough*.

It was then the President's pleasurable duty to make two presentations on behalf of the Fellowship. The first was to give a Certificate of Appreciation to **Phil Alexander** for his tireless work in the full indexing of our newsletter, now known as *Founders* and in its 47th year of publication.

Phil was unfortunately unable to be at the luncheon due to a recent bout of ill-health, so **Jane van Woerkam**, President of Hunter Valley Chapter, received the certificate on Phil's behalf. Ian indicated that members will soon be advised as to the method of gaining access to the index for their own interest and ongoing research. [Editor's note: the availability of this index is indeed highly anticipated by the editorial team].

The second presentation made by Ian Palmer was to confer Life Membership on **John Haxton**, the immediate Past President of the Fellowship. John's six dedicated years in office had been very fruitful and followed his earlier endeavours as a director and assistant treasurer. As president John oversaw the start of six chapters and was instrumental in organizing several chapter conferences. The presentation was given warm approval by acclamation by all at the luncheon.

It was, however, now time to 'tuck in' and Rod Best directed us all so to do, regaling us, as is his wont, with yet another tall tale, this one about a returned serviceman and his padre at the races. The Pullman staff rose to the occasion with excellent food beautifully presented, and the hungry ones enjoyed either rib-eye or corn-fed chicken breast. Both options were delicious and were followed by the choice of flourless mud cake or berry cheese-cake.

After all had partaken order was called for and the guest speaker for the day was introduced. He was Mr **Michael Kelly**, historian in Military History at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. He prefaced his talk with a few notes about his own *(continued P 10)*



Life Membership for John Haxton

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FRANCIS GROSE - SOLDIER & GOVERNOR - Part 2

The American War of Independence

The **Battle of Bunker Hill** in June 1775 was Ensign Grose's baptism of fire and he was extremely fortunate to have survived it unscathed. The battle tactics of the English army, and indeed of every European army, was to fix bayonets and march in extended line against the enemy. That was all well and good if the enemy was adopting the same tactics but the American Continental army declined to do so and built a palisade and fired at the advancing English regiments from behind substantial cover. Secondly the Americans used a different weapon at which they were highly adept as many of the Americans were woodsmen used to surviving on their skill with a weapon.

Grose's role as the newly appointed ensign in the Lt Colonel's company, was to march into battle immediately behind the Lt Colonel in the 'colour party' carrying either the English flag or the regimental colours. Either position was tantamount to a death warrant as the Lt Colonel and the colour party were the focal point of the regiment, and, as such, attracted the heaviest fire from the enemy.

The 52nd regiment was in the 3rd attack wave which successfully breached the defensive position and drove the Americans from the ridge, mainly because of the Americans' being short of ammunition. So as to ensure that each shot counted, the American commander, **Colonel Prescott**, supposedly had ordered his men not to fire 'until you can see the whites of their eyes'. The English army claimed victory that day though their losses were 230 killed and 1000 wounded against the American figures of 120 killed and 500 wounded.

Grose obviously acquitted himself with honour and courage on that day. On the company return dated 27 September 1775 Grose, though still only an ensign, was shown as the only officer in the company with **Lt Colonel Jones** on duty as Brigadier and Lieutenant Williamson absent sick. Grose was promoted to Lieutenant on 23 November that same year and in July 1776 he was again commanding a company having been promoted and transferred to Captain Rooke's command who was on leave. These two returns are an indication of Grose's having proved himself

in battle as he would not have been given temporary command nor promoted if he had shown himself unequal to the position.

Grose took part in two more encounters being the attack against Forts Montgomery and Clinton on 6 October 1777 at which he was slightly wounded and then at one of the last great engagements of that war, the battle of Monmouth Courthouse in June 1778. For that engagement, Grose had again been promoted that time to a position in the grenadier company, the elite formation of the regiment. Service in that company was a prestigious though hazardous appointment, they being the shock troops whose original purpose was to lob grenades into the front rank of the enemy.

Battle of Bunker Hill



In that battle Grose received a severe leg wound which was originally thought to have been fatal. It was to cause him discomfort for the remainder of his life. Upon being repatriated to England he was promoted Captain and posted at the recruiting office to the 85th regiment recently returned from the West Indies.

Up until that stage Grose had not had the assistance of a well placed patron and had earned his promotions from en-

sign to captain through his own undoubted courageous efforts. He fortuitously joined the 85th regiment at the same time as **Major Henry Phipps**, the second son of **Lord Mulgrave**, and who was to succeed to the title and was to guide Grose's career thereafter. Phipps was about Grose's age and in a prominent political career, and was to become the sometime military adviser and close confidante of William Pitt the Prime Minister.

Grose, having successfully served for two years as the 85th regiment's recruiting captain, was given command of a company and was then promoted as Major in 1783 to the 96th regiment. He was stood down on half pay when it was reduced at the cessation of the American War of Independence. At 27 years of age, Major Grose was an experienced officer with well earned battle skills credentials as well as skills as a recruiting officer, company commander and major commandant. He had acquired the patronage of a politically powerful and well connected member of the aristocracy, and that patron was about to give Grose's career some much needed assistance.

Steven Cunneen

from A Letter from our Patron

Dear Ian, It was indeed a great pleasure to join yourself and so many members . . . for the luncheon. . . on 24 January 2015.

The images of those initial First Fleeters in my mind fills me with awe and admiration - and even affection. Resilient, intelligent and courageous they certainly were, and their legacy to all

your members is priceless and incomparable. . . Thank you all for holding the spirit high.

Nicholas joins me in sending our warmest appreciation and best wishes in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Bashir

HONOURED DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Capt Albert Chalmers Borella VC MM MID

Fellowship members #8034 Rowan and FFF #8034.1 Mary Chalmers-Borella of Albury-Wodonga District Chapter are keen to keep the story of Captain Albert Chalmers Borella VC MM MID appearing in *Founders*, so here is a recent update. They have recently returned from the Northern Territory after supporting their son, **Richard Chalmers-Borella**, grandson of the gallant World War 1 soldier, together with a couple of mates, as he re-enacted what has become known as The Borella Ride.

More detailed excerpts from the trip will hopefully be forthcoming when the family has time to draw breath after participating in time in Darwin, a book launch and then a trip to Gallipoli for the Anzac centenary all within a few short weeks.

Richard and friends, kitted out in gear similar to that worn in 1914/15, walked from Tennant Creek to Renner Springs. Richard then rode a horse to Katherine and from there travelled with the mailman to Pine Creek and finished his journey to Darwin by train. According to Albury Wodonga News Weekly, in its report on the ride published on 11 March 2015, Richard apparently did not swim flooded creeks and deal with crocodiles as did his grandfather who followed the old telegraph



Richard Chalmers-Borella on mailman Fred McConnell's cart

line. He travelled the Stuart Highway and instead had to contend with road trains. Nor did he, Richard, have to hunt and catch his own tucker and find water throughout his journey as did Albert Borella. The re-enactment party was also greeted by friendly groups along the way and even had sore and blistered feet tended to when necessary.

Also mentioned in the *Weekly*, was that when the family stopped at a road house for refreshments they met Ted Egan, the well known Australian folk musician, who composed a song for the occasion.

Next To Impossible, the remarkable life of Albert Chalmers Borella VC MM MID written by Bradley A. Chalmers, a cousin of Rowan Chalmers-Borella, was launched at Deniliquin NSW on Saturday, 21st March 2015. When Albert Chalmers Borella stood for the Victorian Lower House seat of Dundas in 1924 **Captain Albert Jacka VC MC – 1stbar**, supported his friend's campaign, both men having originally come from the country district of Wedderburn. The author has included in his book Jacka's supportive comments on Borella that he made during the election campaign.

Albert Chalmers Borella, a descendant of First Fleeter **Thomas Kidner**, changed his surname, by deed poll in 1939 by using his second given name, to Albert Chalmers-Borella to honour his mother whose maiden name was Chalmers.

Val Heel Sec., FFF Albury Wodonga District Chapter.

Lieutenant Frederick Garnet Farlow MC MID

Frederic Garnet Farlow a descendant of First Fleeter **John Forrester**, was the eighth of twelve children born to Charles Farlow and Julia Haugh, who had married in Sydney in 1868. Frederick was born in Maclean, New South Wales in 1885 and baptised on 18 October that year

Frederick enlisted for war service on 29 August, 1915 and was transferred to 11th Light Horse Regiment on 22 February, 1916. He embarked on *HMAT Borda*, at Brisbane and headed for the Middle East.

The campaign at which Frederick Barlow was Mentioned in Dispatches and then awarded the **Military Cross** took place in Palestine in the closing stages of the war. The notes from the official records include the following, with some references to commanders unknown by the family:

Many Turks and Germans were concealed in railway trucks and carriages, with most inside the buildings at the railway station in Semakh, a small town on the southern shore of Lake Tiberias (Sea of Galilee) A and B squadrons of the 11th Light Horse attacked after being fired on. 'A hot fire-fight developed at revolver range and for more than an hour the struggle was stationary.

'Some Australian machine-gunners who with the remaining squadron had been ordered round the east and south-east by Grant, made it impossible for the Germans to hold the windows of the buildings and so substantially reduced the enemy's fire. At dawn the two squadrons rushed in on the concealed enemy. The fighting was bitter and bloody. The garrison, outnumbering the Australians by two to one and made up largely of Germans,

who had, in addition to their exceptional boldness and stubbornness, being stimulated by an abundance of rum.

'The Australians would not be denied; while the squadron on the east side was fighting among earthworks and railway carriages, Loynes' men, rushing from their cover, battered in the doors of the main station building, entered one by one, followed the Germans and Turks in the darkness from floor to floor and room to room with the bayonet. Captain W F Whitfield, Captain H J Gee and Lieutenant F G Farlow were killed in this fighting but there was no pause in the struggle until the whole of the enemy force was destroyed or captured.' (Gullett p733)

Farlow's death and listing in the records as 'Killed in Action on 25 September 1918' is officially recorded as Lieutenant, 11th Light Horse Regiment. His name is recorded on Maclean's War Memorial. **Note:** the Fellowship's Nominal Roll indicates that other members of the Farlow family also served in the war.

Medals: Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Source: His niece, #3503 Yvonne Bullock, Hunter Valley Chapter.



1914-15 Star



Military Cross

Resource: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

AROUND THE TABLES



With thanks to **Tony Holden**, our official photographer, we present our annual centre spread showing the smiling table groups of those who enjoyed this year's annual Australia Day Luncheon at Sydney's Pullman Hotel on 24 January 2015.

Also pictured is our President, Ian Palmer, chatting with the guest speaker, the war historian, **Michael Kelly**, after his address: *ANZAC, Not Even a Fool's Chance*





JACOB NAGLE - SAILOR and DIARIST

Nagle, Jacob (1761–1841), sailor and diarist, was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, on 15 September 1761, the son of **George Nagel** (1735–1789), a German immigrant, and **Rebecca Rogers** (d. 1793). On the outbreak of the American War of Independence George Nagel assumed command of a series of Pennsylvania regiments. Jacob joined him in August 1777. He served in George Washington's artillery, saw action at the battle of Brandywine, and then wintered at Valley Forge. Upon his father's abrupt resignation of his commission in June 1778, Nagle also left the revolutionary army. Early in 1780 he joined the *Saratoga*, a 16-gun sloop then being built at Philadelphia for the navy. With the launch of this ship delayed, Nagle changed to the *Fair American*, a 16-gun privateer. In company with the *Holker*, this captured more than twenty ships in six months' cruising. In 1781 Nagle went on two cruises on the 20-gun *Rising Sun*. In October he was shipwrecked on the Virginia coast, after which he joined the *Trojan*, only for it to be disabled in a storm, then captured by HMS *Royal Oak*. This led to Nagle's serving in another navy.

Still a prisoner of war, Nagle went down to St Kitts in the *Royal Oak*, and regained his liberty when French forces took the island in January 1782. This respite was brief, for in early March he was imprisoned at Fort Royal, Martinique, for aiding a British sailor. In May 1782, after the battle of the Saints, he was among prisoners of war exchanged for French ones. On and off Nagle was to serve in the Royal Navy for twenty years. On 25 May he joined the *St Lucia* as able seaman. The following April, upon the ending of the war, he transferred to the *Ardent*, in which he sailed from Antigua to Plymouth, where he was paid off in August 1783. Rather than return home, he first joined the *Ganges*, which went down to Gibraltar, and then one of the guardships at Portsmouth.

In March 1787 Nagle was one of the young seamen selected for service on the *Sirius*, the frigate escorting the first fleet to New South Wales. He experienced the long voyage down the Atlantic and across the Indian Ocean, with stops at Tenerife, Rio de Janeiro, and Cape Town, before arriving at Botany Bay in January 1788. In October Nagle went in the *Sirius* to Cape Town, returning to Sydney in May 1789. In March 1790 he was in this ship when it was wrecked at Norfolk Island, and distinguished himself by twice swimming between ship and shore as the crew struggled to save its precious supplies.



After twelve months on Norfolk Island Nagle returned to England in April 1792 in the *Waaksamheid*. For some months he lived in London's East End, experiencing its life to the full. In August he was pressed into the *Hector*, where he stayed for seven months, which included the time when the *Bounty* mutineers were held on-board. He next went into the *Brunswick*, from which he deserted in April 1794 to enter the East Indiaman *Rose*, in which he voyaged to Madras and Calcutta, where he met two convict women from Sydney who had established a brothel. The *Rose* returned to England in July 1795, whereupon Nagle entered HMS *Gorgon*. At this time he married a **Miss Pitmans** (d. 1802)—‘a lively handsome girl in my eye’ (*Nagle Journal*, 186)—and the pair had several children in the next years. In November 1795 the *Gorgon* sailed to Gibraltar and into the Mediterranean. At Corsica in April 1796 Nagle transferred to the *Blanche*, so that he

then saw action under the general command of Horatio Nelson and John Jervis. He returned to Portsmouth at the end of June 1798. In July he entered the *Netley*, which cruised most along the coasts of Portugal. Appointed prize-master, he prospered from the ship's success. In June 1801 he transferred to the *Gorgon*, which sailed to Alexandria, and from which he was discharged at Woolwich in April 1802, as the peace of Amiens briefly held.

Nagle now decided to return to America. After visiting family members he went to sea again in the merchant navy, sometimes American, sometimes British, where he continued for twenty-two years. During this long period he voyaged to the West Indies, to Central America, to China in the *Neptune* (1806–8), and to Canada, Florida, and South America. In 1811 he sailed to Brazil, where he stayed until 1821. After several more trading voyages, in mid-1824 he retired from the sea. Thereafter Nagle had a somewhat restless life, sometimes working, sometimes living with relatives or friends until their patience ran out. He died in Canton, Ohio, on 17 February 1841 and was buried there on 18 February.

Jacob Nagle prided himself on being the most skilful of sailors. He also took pride in his personal appearance, being given to wearing waistcoats and silk jackets. He frequented prostitutes, towards whom he acted charitably when he thought their case merited it. He did not gather worldly possessions about him. However, late in life he wrote a long and surprisingly accurate reminiscence, which is full of details of and insights into the life of an ordinary seaman in the eighteenth-century royal and merchant navies.

As the form will for seamen put it so eloquently, Nagle knew all ‘the Perils and Dangers of the Seas, and other Uncertainties of this transitory Life’. He suffered severely from scurvy, felt the lash on his back, saw men killed in battle and executed. He was robbed and cheated of his money. He lost his wife and children to yellow fever at Lisbon in 1802. In twenty years he did not see his family; and by the time he returned to the United States his parents were dead. When in the throes of illness in Brazil, he wrote feelingly:

though I had traveled a good many years through the four quarters of the globe, been a prisoner twice, cast a way three times, and the ship foundering under me, two

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days and a night in an open boat on the wide ocean without anything to eat or water to nourish us, and numbers of times in want of water or victuals, at other time in action, men slain along side of me, and with all, at this minute it appeared to me that I was in greater distress and misery than I ever had been in any country during my life. I fell on my knees, and never did I pray with a sincerer heart than I did at that present time. (Nagle Journal, 312–13)

Jacob Nagle was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. It is for this life, so richly recorded in his journal, that he deserves the remembrance of posterity.

Alan Frost. Oxford Dictionary of National Biography 2004

Sources *The Nagle Journal: a diary of the life of Jacob Nagle, sailor, from the year 1775 to 1841*, ed. J. C. Dann (1988)

Archives U. Mich., Clements L., library, personal memoirs of time in Royal Navy

Background to the story of Jacob Nagle

#6740.1 William Hempel has submitted Alan Frost's *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* article on First Fleeter Jacob Nagle which appears on the page opposite. The timing is most apt given that the diary of Jacob Nagle is the major source used by Rob Mundle in his recent book *The First Fleet* which was reviewed last issue.

William had this to say:

I originally wrote an article about Jacob Nagle for *Founders*. I am not sure of the date now but it was a few years ago. [Ed: *Founders* 36/3 May-June 2005] I had actually contacted the

Head Librarian at Canton Ohio about Jacob as well which I believe I referred to in the article. She said that the only cemetery that could contain his remains is now a public park and has only one gravestone remaining (not Jacob's, worst luck).

Anyway, as you are aware, there are some very good research articles now on the internet that have been put up by some very good sources. I really thought the research available was far better than anything I could contribute and that is why I sent a copy of one of those to John Boyd for the website.

I also have a world wide subscription to Ancestry which has allowed me to see some original documents that refer to Jacob (pension lists plus census returns for Canton). Because Ancestry is always adding new documents, you never know what may still turn up. I wish I could spend a bit of time in Canton Ohio to look at various sources for myself that might/could be available, such as directories, wills etc.

My sister now lives in Castalia Ohio which is not all that far away from Canton so perhaps on a future visit I might be able to do just that. Someday, it would really be nice if the Fellowship could honour Jacob Nagle with a plaque located either in the park or somewhere in the town. It would give a special honour to a person not only a veteran of the American War of Independence but most important to FFF as a member of the First Fleet, a "Founder of Australia."

By the way, copies of the documents that are available from Ancestry could possibly be put into Jacob's file at First Fleet House or digitised and added to his electronic file.

Thank you again,

William Hempel



AT THE HELM *continued from page 12*



One or two members have reported that their e-mailed copy of coloured *Founders* did not make it to their inbox. Do **check** whether your firewall is being too zealous in protecting your data and remember that *Founders* is sent in **pdf format** and can be up to 4MB depending on the number and size of pictures.



The Fellowship is always keen to see **new chapters** getting under way. Many new members ask to be linked to a chapter but alas there is none in their vicinity. We need chapters in southern Sydney, northern Tasmania, southern Victoria and in South Australia. We can report however that members in the Taree NSW area are getting together in April to consider forming a chapter.



The recent 225th commemoration of the sinking of **HMS Sirius** on the reef at Kingston, Norfolk Island by the Hibbs family and friends, should, we trust, provide a story or two for the next issue. How about it, travellers?

YOUR STORIES - Some Guidelines.

Founders always needs stories about our First Fleeters, especially those whose biographies have not yet been included on the website under 'Ships'

In thanking those who have expressed a keenness to write for *Founders* and then the Web, and wishing to assist them, the following guidelines are suggested:-

1. Stories need to be identified with the name of the author.
 2. Only one story per FF. A new story could replace that existing with previous author so informed.
 3. The Fellowship deserves the right to edit.
 4. Biographies must contain facts.
 5. References are definitely preferred.
 6. Type in *Calibri*, size 10.
 7. Only press *Enter* once to start a new paragraph.
- Contact the editorial team for further information.

ANNOUNCING

TUNKS DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & FAMILY PICNIC
Commemoration Flat Picnic Area,
Kamay Botany Bay National Park, KURNELL
Saturday 18 April 2015
Commencing at 11 am

11.00 am -Registration
11.30 am -Look at the Visitors' Centre focusing on Cook's voyage and nearby landing place.
12.30 pm -AGM and election of Committee
1.00 pm - BYO picnic and Barbecue Lunch. **Details:** 96369346

NEW CHAPTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY

INAUGURAL MEETING

The Tebbutt Room, Hawkesbury City Council Library
300 George Street WINDSOR
Saturday 9 May 2015 Commencing at 11 am

Members living in the Blue Mountains, Penrith and Windsor areas are especially invited to attend the launch of a new chapter of the Fellowship, based in the heartland of many First Fleet families. A chapter name will be chosen and officers elected. A late morning tea will be served after the meeting. Directors will be in attendance and prospective members welcome.

EARLY SYDNEY - ANOTHER ENGRAVING

In 2007 the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales published *Sydney Views 1788-1888*. Member #6139 Rod Davis has a copy on his shelves and perhaps other readers have one as well. Rod has kindly responded to our question we posed in the last *Founders* about the provenance of an engraving that had come from the German publisher of *Meyer's Universum 1833-1864*.

It would seem many artists, several of them still unknown, produced views of early Sydney, and these were often re-drawn as engravings. Pictured on this page, and sent to us by Rod, is the **Francis Jukes** 39.3cm x 60.3cm engraving and aquatint, hand-coloured, entitled *A VIEW OF SYDNEY COVE NEW SOUTH WALES, 1804*, which has been reproduced in the Trust publication.

The following notes, from page 62 of *Sydney Views 1788-1888*, are both informative and instructive: 'The original drawing for this aquatint, now lost, was most likely produced in the colony by **Thomas Watling** in about 1800. **Edward Dayes** redrew the work for engraver Francis Jukes. The viewing point is the west-

ern side of Sydney Cove, on the rocky foreshore at Dawes Point (at the southern pylon of today's Harbour Bridge).

'The following explanatory description, [which we hope to produce in *Founders* when space allows, **Ed**] provides a rare contemporary naming of all the buildings in Sydney at that time. On the foreshore **Governor King** can be seen driving towards the Tank Stream in his coach, and the tanks which gave the stream its name are visible just above the ship in dry dock in the mid foreground. This is the brig *Portland*, initiated by **Governor Hunter** in 1797 but not launched until 1816 as the *Henrietta Elizabeth*.'

For those with an interest in the early development of Sydney we recommend a careful comparison of the two views featured. Despite the slightly contrasting viewpoint some may now even suggest a date for the drawing that became the German engraving. Another thing to consider: how close were the artists to the site of the first landing, now almost certainly verified to be in the vicinity of Bethel Stairs?



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involvements and ongoing interests at the memorial. Michael has been busy with the major updates of the two World War Galleries since 2004, and he mentioned his particular focus on the role of the 9th Division in Crete and also the last battle of the Korean War.

The title of his talk- **Not Even a Fool's Chance** - clearly indicated that the Gallipoli campaign, despite the Anzac myths surrounding it, was destined to fail. In fact, said Michael, because of prior decisions in high places leading up to the landings, it failed on the first day and that should have been the end of the campaign. Its continuation for several months brought about unnecessary casualties, all for a cause already lost.

The speech was packed with information that many of the listeners were probably unaware of, and time, said some, would

be needed to take it all in and follow up during this centenary year. Michael called for questions and the first of these concerned the role of **Sir John Monash**. Others asked about the Turkish casualties and the place of Turkish archives in ongoing research. The overarching question seemed to be: Why did the campaign go ahead, despite all the negatives beforehand. Much to contemplate indeed.

Vice-President **Denis Smith OAM** was called on to thank the speaker for his thoroughly researched presentation. After this tea and coffee cups were drained and set aside and those in attendance made their farewells to friends from near and far and went on their way.

Once again a very worthwhile occasion and, as ever, not to be missed. *Founders* would like to add its thanks to the organising committee for a job well done.



Our Sixteen Chapters in Action

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

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

Next Meeting: 16 May Fiona Edwards *Sinking of Sirius Trip Report* **Next Event:** 18 April. 10.30am Cuppa and Anzac Biscuit picnic on Monument Hill, Keith Crossley, *Our reflections about our ancestors.* **Contact:** Val Heel 0357282613

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 Meetings: ; 17 April: Patrick Dodd, *Treasures of the State Library* ; 15 May: Dr Steven Cunneen, *Why Botany Bay?* 19 June: Pat O'Brien and Dorothy Warwick, *The history of Postcards.* **Next Events:** 10 April: Big Day Out to Parramatta heritage.

Contact: Jane Ann Tainsh 94885453

CANBERRA – ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations in Canberra. **Next Event:** Nothing planned before mid-year.. **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 62514095

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

Venue: Wyong RSL Club, Anzac Ave and Margaret St, Wyong – monthly meetings, second Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 11 April (at Evergreen Life Care, Yallambee Ave West Gosford): Kim Phillips, *The Spirits of Gallipoli Project.*; 13 June: John McKnight, *First Fleeters James Sheers and Mary Smith.* **Next Event:** 9 May: Sailing of the Fleet Cruise on Brisbane Water, (no meeting that day). **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43231849

DERWENT - Southern Tasmania

Venue: Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meeting:** 4 April: Imogen Wegman, *Early Tasmanian Land Grants.* **Next Event:** 2 May: 2 pm, Visit to Shene at Pontville. **Contact:** Cecily Dougan 0362311256

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 **Next Meetings:** 4 April: Ros Maguire, *Mid 19th century Parramatta River people of Influence*; 2 May: Dr Tanya Evans, *Family History and the Benevolent Society*; 6 June: Dr Austin Mack, *75th Anniversary of Battle of Britain.* **Contact:** Robin Palmer 98714102

HUNTER VALLEY – Hunter Region, Newcastle and surrounds.

Venue: Adamstown Senior Citizens' Hall, 153A Brunker Road, Adamstown – bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am – 12.30pm. **Next Meetings:** ; 20 April: Brian Boughton, *Anzac Centenary and Children's Gallipoli Visit*; 15 June: Delma Burns, *FF Jane Langley.* **Next Event:** 13 May: Outing to Sydney Conservatorium of Music. **Contact:** Raymond Green 49641328

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

Venue: Kinross-Wolaroi Library, Orange. **Next Meeting:** 16 May: Speaker TBA. Judy Dwyer 63658234 or 0428 173213 or dyr.tara@bigpond.com

MORETON – South East Queensland.

Venue: St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton – bi-monthly meetings, on an available Saturday. **Next Meetings:** 11 April: *Anzac and WW1 Bring memorabilia for display.* Speaker, Noel Stallard, bush poet; 13 June: Peter Bellette, *The Huguenots.* **Next Event:** **Contact:** Don Cornford 0457466020

NEW ENGLAND – Armidale to Glen Innes and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations – five times per year, **Next Meeting:** : 16 May: 12 noon at Anglican Parish Centre, Armidale. Robert Lemcke, *Lieutenant George Johnston* Lunch. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Wal Whalley 67723499

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

Venue: Varies, Bi-monthly meetings, usually first Sunday at 11.30am. **Next Meeting:** 31 May, at 45 King Parrot Pde Gulmarrad, Mystery Speaker. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 66533615

NORTHERN RIVERS – Lismore and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** at Alstonville Bowls Club, 24 May: *Members to share snippets.* **Contact:** Richmond on 66287684 or Delma on 66285795

NORTH WEST – Tamworth and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm at Tamworth Croquet Club. **Next Meetings:** 4 April: 1.30pm at Tamworth Family History Rooms, 62 North St, Suzanne Turner, *World War One Nurses*; 6 June at Uniting Church Hall, Marius St, Sybil Small: *The Smalls and their FF Connections.* **Next Event:** **Contact:** Diana Harband 67652122

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 Meetings:** 7 April: Ian Halliday, *The Hyde Park War Memorial.*; 2 June: University of Wollongong Students, TBA. **Next Event:** 9 May Sailing of the Fleet Luncheon, Dapto Leagues Club. Guest Speaker, Karen Wilcox, *Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families.* **Contact:** Warwick Grace 42727013

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds. Contact Warwick Grace

Venue: Mittagong Community Centre – bi-monthly – second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meetings:** 8 April: Glenda Miskelly, *The Battle of Beersheba*; 10 June: Dr Christine Wright, *Waterloo Veterans in Australia.* **Next Events:** 20 May: Gadding About in Goulburn Tour; All May: Display at Council, Moss Vale. **Contact:** Wendy Selman 48624849

SWAN RIVER – Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.

Next Meeting: 9 May: 2pm at 256 Stirling St, Perth: Dot Croft, *Swan River Pioneers.* **Next Event:** An outing is also being arranged for May, date and details TBA. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 0893845944

Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ordinary and Pensioner Members**ANDREW FISHBURN**

#8416 Andrew Barclay East

JOHN AND HANNAH BARRISFORD

#8417 John Alfred Butcher

#8418 Dennis Leslie Butcher

MICHAEL MURPHY

#8419 Margaret Lesley Leeson

WILLIAM EGGLETON/MARY DICKENSON

#8420 Elaine Lydia Irwin

#8421 Michael John Eggleton

THOMAS ACRES

#8422 Cameron Lewis Strachan

#8423 Bryce Lewis Strachan

JOSHUA PECK

#8424 Berris Melita Simmons

JOHN BELLETTE

#8425 Kirstie Ann Lambert

#8426 Sara Nicole Wood

#8427 Jane Eloise Lambert

JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER

#8428 Mark Wayne Teasdell

JAMES BRYAN CULLEN

#8429 Helen Marea Baade

EDWARD GARTH/SUSANNAH GOUGH

#8430 Alexander Robert Logan Cherry

JOHN RANDALL/JOHN MARTIN

#8431 Kerry Anne Smith

JANE LANGLEY/PHILIP SCRIVEN/**HENRIETTA SCRIVEN**

#8432 Belinda Jane Hamilton

MARY TURNER WILKES

#8433 Dr Carlene Anne Winch-Dummett

THOMAS HARMSWORTH

#8434 Aiden Marsden

DEBORAH ELLAM/JOHN HERBERT

#8435 Ruth Alton Mount

JOSEPH HATTON/ANN COLPITTS

#8444 Matthew John Benson

ANN FORBES

#8452 Jennifer Gail Robinson

Ordinary and Pensioner Members continued**ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY**

#8436 Eileen June Reed

#8437 Margaret Patricia Micalfe

JOHN WINTER/ANN SANDLIN

#8439 Robert Louis Failes

ISAAC TARR

#8340 Russell Edward Petch

JAMES SHIERS/MARY SMITH

#8441 Denva Adele Scott

#8450 Megan Cleary

HENRY KABLE/SUSANNAH HOLMES

#8442 Jeanette Baldwin

EDWARD HUMPHRIES

#8448 Elizabeth Ann North

#8449 Meredith June Harper

FREDERICK MEREDITH

#8443 James Allen Kildea

#8446 Susan Jane Brial

Student Member**FREDERICK MEREDITH**

#8447 Alexandra Courtney Noelle Brial

Junior Member**WILLIAM WALL**

#8438 Jordan James Rufaro White

SAMUEL PICKETT/PIGGOTT

#8451 William Jack Murphy

Associates

#8419.1 Edward Allan Arthur Leeson

#8424.1 Peter Dean Simmons

#8445.1 Judith O'Donohue

#8452.1 Mark David Robinson

Friends

#F149 Jannette Churchill

#F150 Morag Faithfull

Additional First Fleeter**THOMAS ARNDELL/WILLIAM DRING/ANN FORBES**

#7987 Matthew Hogan

WM EGGLETON/MARY DICKENSON/**WM FRASER/ELEANOR REDCHESTER**

#8420 Elaine Lydia Erwin

BIRTHS

EDWARD WHITTON

Mavis Eleanor Boyd, born 23.01.2015 at Figtree, New South Wales, daughter of Ben Boyd and Laura Puttock of Cordeaux Heights. Eleventh grandchild of #7163 John and Pat Boyd of Kanahooka NSW. Ninth generation descendant of FF Edward Whitton and 3rd fleeter Anne Slater.

DEATHS

OWEN CAVANAUGH/MARGARET DARNELL/ANN FORBES/WILLIAM DRING/JANE LANGLEY

#578 Keith Thompson, of Cronulla, New South Wales, died on 16.12.2014 in Sutherland Hospital after a long illness. He was a proud member of the Fellowship, delighting in and dressing up as one of his ancestors on many occasions.

ANDREW FISHBURN/JAMES WILLIAMS

#2337 Kenneth W Strange, of Rostrevor, South Australia, a long time member, died on 01.01.2015.

THOMAS LUCAS

#8322 Beverly Beaver-Neal, of Port Lincoln, South Australia, died recently.

ISAAC TARR

#7008 Clive Grohs, of Earlwood New South Wales, died on 28.01.2015. Clive always enjoyed reading the Fellowship magazine.

FREDERICK MEREDITH

#3496 Raymond Meredith, recently of Waratah and earlier of Kahibah, New South Wales, died on 03.03.2015 after a battle with mesothelioma. Ray was the founder of Hunter Valley Chapter and has been a strong supporter ever since, and especially for the Trimby dedication at East Maitland.

HENRY KABLE/SUSANNAH HOLMES

#261 Roy H P Kable, of Umina Beach, New South Wales, died on 14.03.2015. Roy was a Foundation member and for some years Vice President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. He served as founding President and has been a loyal and much loved member of Central Coast Chapter.

OWEN CAVANAUGH/MARGARET DARNELL

#7986 Dr Mark Alan Hannah, of Ballina, New South Wales, died on 22.01.2015 after a short illness.

WILLIAM BROUGHTON

#148 Mary Garland Bailey, Foundation and Life Member, of Roseville, New South Wales, died on 27.01.2015, aged 101. Mary was a tireless worker at First Fleet House during the earlier years and was almost always seen manning the FF stall at the Rocks on Australia Day.

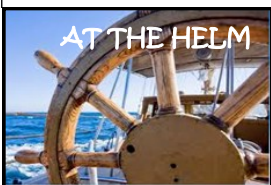
Your Contributions

The Editor will be pleased to have your items and stories for Founders 46/3, by **Monday 18 May**, preferably as e-mailed attachments. Guidelines for writing stories about your First Fleeter can be found on Page 9 in this issue.

We Got it Wrong, Sorry.

In our story of James Arndell in *Founders* 46/1, the Sydney suburb of **Gordon** was said to have been named after his brother-in-law, James Gordon. This was in error. It was actually named by the Surveyor-General, Sir Thomas Mitchell, after his friend **Sir James Willoughby**.

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A new BBC series, *Banished*, directed by Jimmy McGovern and starring David Wenham as Arthur Phillip, began screening in the United Kingdom on the 4th March 2015. In seven episodes it covers just a two week period at Sydney Cove with a 'sometimes fictionalised' focus on two convicts, James Freeman and Thomas Barrett. McGovern comments, 'They will be more aware in Australia of the liberties I've taken with their history.' No doubt *Banished* will appear on our screens at some stage, hopefully without falling into the clutches of the commercial channels.



Director Ray Keating wishes to thank members of Derwent Chapter for their help in photographing all the Fellowship commemorative plaques in Tasmania. These have now been added to the website under *Grave-site Plaques*.



Congratulations to Arthur Phillip Chapter who now have their own excellent chapter website up and running. Take a look at the site at www.arthurphillipchapter.weebly.com and remember to use the drop-down menus to peruse the valuable information within.