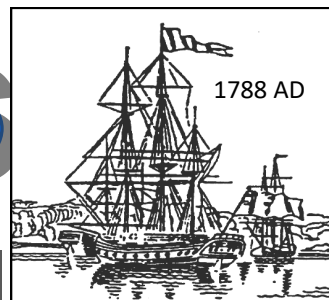


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of descendants is never to die

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETURNS TO FULL STRENGTH

In keeping with our tradition of recent years the Board of Directors invited yet another Chapter to host this year's Annual General Meeting.

On 26 October 2019 Hawkesbury-Nepean did the honours and the venue was the Regional Museum at Windsor, surely a fitting place for thirty of our current members to gather, representing nine different chapters. A delicious morning tea preceded the formalities.

The agenda followed the regular format and was suitably introduced by chapter Secretary **William Hempel** with an acknowledgement of country, and followed by some local comments by founding chapter President **Sharon Lamb**.

President **Jon Fearon** conducted the meeting, and in giving his Annual Report made particular mention of retiring directors **Val** and **Chris Counter**. They were thanked for their work, Chris for three years as Plaques Director and Val for her decade of service on the Membership Committee. They will both be staying on in that capacity and Val will continue as Office Manager at First Fleet House.

Treasurer **Kevin Thomas** presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts for the year ended 30 June and these were approved as a correct record.

Members present approved the re-appointment of our Patron, **Professor Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO**, and our Vice Patron, **Commodore Paul Kable**. An added pleasure was to bestow Life Membership on long-serving Secretary of Northern Rivers Chapter, **Margaret Soward**, who has now retired.

The three Executive and ten Committee nominations to the Board, a full complement, were all elected unopposed under the guidance of Vice Patron, Paul Kable. In so doing he thanked all for their diligence in guiding the Fellowship through another successful year, and then went on to recommend a book that should be on everyone's reading list in these years of drought - *Dark Emu*, by Bruce Pascoe.

Paul's review of the book was most effective. As soon as the meeting closed the stock of the title in the Museum shop sold out.

*Standing: Rod Best, Kevin Thomas, Kerrie Anne Christian, Julie Webb, Sharon Lamb, Judith O'Shea, Warren O'Shea. Seated: Karen Lovett, Denis Smith, Gillian Doyle, Karys Fearon, Jon Fearon. (absent: Paul Gooding)*



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our team of faithful volunteers who are  
usually at First Fleet House on Mondays,  
Wednesdays and Thursdays.*



## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jon Fearon



Another Annual General Meeting is behind us and you have elected a new Board of Directors. Thank you all for entrusting us with the care of the Fellowship for another year and I add my personal thanks for allowing me the honour of serving you as your President, my fifth year in this role, and as I enter my eighth as *Founders* Editor.

For those not able to join us at Windsor copies of the Annual Report are available from First Fleet House in print or by email.

We are looking forward to hearing and seeing **Archaeologist and Historian Dr Paul Irish's** presentation, *Hidden in Plain View*, at our Annual Luncheon on 25 January and to learn of the indigenous family connections that stretch down to the present day. Book now to join us at the Pullman Hotel in Sydney's College Street. Your booking form came with the last issue of *Founders*.

As you read this issue of *Founders* you will see that there is a focus on people, whether highlighting a new life membership, welcoming other members into our volunteer ranks or paying tribute to several much loved chapter members who have now passed on. We have also put out another call for members with *Mayflower* heritage. You will also see what some of our chapter members have been doing out in their own communities.

As 2019 comes to an end, Karys joins me in passing on to you and yours our good wishes for abundant blessings in the Christmas season and the year ahead.

**JON**

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR MARGARET

At the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship held at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum on 26 October, a recommendation was put to the members present to award **#7228 Margaret Soward** a Life Membership of the Fellowship.

On hearing of Margaret's contribution to **Northern Rivers Chapter** as Secretary for nearly twenty years until her retirement from office in 2018, members were pleased to acknowledge Margaret's work, voting unanimously that she receive the award.

The citation that preceded the vote, and which was read out by President Jon, had this to say: Margaret is known as the Super Secretary; she is still the glue that holds the chapter together. Besides her secretarial duties she continually organised public relations - newspaper, radio - and assisted in organising and hosting visitors from First Fleet House.

She is always there if something needs to be adjusted, repaired or fixed. When venues for meetings were hard to find, she opened her house. When the chapter was going through tough times she was the one who sorted things out. She led the celebrations for our 25th and 30th anniversaries.

Simply put, every club needs a Margaret Soward. We doubt the chapter would be here if it were not for her.



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## Judith O'Shea

My First Fleet ancestor was Marine **James Williams**. He was one of only two Welsh Marines on the First Fleet.

I am currently Secretary of the Arthur Phillip Chapter of the Fellowship. I am also the past President and currently Secretary of the Burwood and District Family History Group.

I am passionate about researching my own family history. I love history, particularly Australian Colonial History. I have written articles on some of my ancestors, WW1 veterans and other historic articles.

After leaving school I trained as a registered nurse, then switched careers joining the Australian Public Service finishing as a Pensions Officer and deputy manager of a branch of the Department of Social Security. I left work to raise my family, operating a Family Day Care business from my home for 22 years before retiring in 2009.

## Warren O'Shea

My First Fleet ancestor was **Jacob Bellett** (*Scarborough*), who travelled from England, Sydney, Norfolk Island then Hobart. I come from a family where I am the eldest of eight children, father of three boys, grandfather of three girls.

I was employed by Telstra as a Senior Engineer.

Over the past 13 years I was firstly the NSW Planning Manager for Wideband and then an individual contributor holding 4 national lead roles, on externally owned private Data Centres, Telstra's Ethernet Evolution Platform, Material Forecasting for the Wideband Programme (\$500M p.a.), plus the technical lead on over 70 Wideband Products connecting major customers via Telstra Exchanges. These products have bandwidths/speeds ranging from 2 Megabits up to 100 Gigabits per second.

I participated in various sports including Rugby League, Rugby Union, Basketball, Cricket, Australian Rules, Tenpin Bowling and now Lawn Bowls. I played first grade Australian Rules for Balmain, and represented NSW in Tenpin Bowling. I am currently an active lawn bowler and committee member of EBP Sports. I also enjoy following the SWANS AFL team.

Since retiring this year I have taken a keen interest in gardening, including propagation of plants.



## Paul Gooding

I descend from FF convicts Andrew Goodwin & Lydia Munro. My education was in Albury at Xavier H.S. and then in Sydney for my Dip Metallurgy. I worked for Bradford Kendall, steel founders in Wodonga, before transferring to Fremantle from 1970 to 1984. On my return to Albury I worked for Albury City Council as the Sports Facilities Manager for 25 years. Retired 2009.

I have been involved in sport, specifically basketball for 60 years, as player, referee, coach and administrator. As a Life Member of Albury Basketball Association, I served as a Board member for BBNSW for 8 years and was President of NSW Country Basketball for 5 years. I am still very active in some of these circles.

My nearly 60 years of intermittent interest in my family history began at the age of 18 after hearing convict stories from an uncle living in Hobart, Arthur Gooding. I learnt early that Goodwin became Gooding through the youngest child of First Fleeter, Andrew Junior. *(cont. p 12)*



## Rod Best

Rod has been a member since the mid 1970s being a descendant of John Small, Mary Parker and James Bradley. He has previously served in most roles within the Fellowship including for a short period as President. He was a co-author with the late Joyce Cowell of *Where First Fleeters Lie*.

By profession a lawyer, he has worked in child law for some decades and most recently served as the inaugural General Counsel on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. After that time he has worked with a charity called Life Without Barriers as State Director.

He is about to step down into another role within that organisation called Special Counsel and this will allow him to cut back his working hours. By this means he hopes to devote more time to a range of other activities including history.

Within the area of history, Rod is a member of a range of history societies and is Chair of his local History Society: Beecroft Cheltenham History Group. For his local history group he has written on a number of First Fleeters including David Kilpack, John Martin and John Randall.



# HISTORIC CHURCH BEGINS ITS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

The site for Sydney's second church was chosen by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1812, but it was not until 31 August 1819 that the foundation stone was laid, on George Street for his 'grand metropolitan church' of St Andrew.

On 7 October 1819 the Governor laid the foundation stone for another new building, a courthouse at the north end of Hyde Park. Shortly afterwards, following objections by the British government's newly arrived Commissioner of Enquiry, J T Bigge, that St Andrew's would take five years to complete, a more modest plan for a second church was adopted and the intended courthouse site arrogated to the purpose.

of the work following Greenway's departure, including finishing and furnishing the interior, but by the time the church was ready for use the south portico had been enclosed for use as a vestry.

St James' Church was consecrated on 11 February 1824 by the Revd Samuel Marsden, using a form of service for non-Episcopal consecration, approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The first baptism was held on the same day. The church has been in continuous use for divine worship, according to the rites of the Anglican Church ever since.

The building was part of Macquarie's 'official Sydney', a group of government buildings along the eastern ridge of the town. Bordering the Domain, Macquarie Street and Hyde Park these included the Government Stables, the Light Horse Barracks, Hospital, the Hyde Park Barracks, St James' Church, the Supreme Court and the Georgian School.

*(Dr Rosemary Annable, State Heritage Register)*

**Five years of commemoration and celebration has begun with a church service.**

St James, due to its location, has many links to 'official' Sydney, and the church community certainly knows how to celebrate in style. Its long history of significant ministries in worship, music, education, spirituality, ethics and welfare came to the fore in the opening events of its well planned commemorative lustrum.

Members of the Fellowship and many other historical associations, along with the general public, were invited to attend the two days of celebration of the laying of the foundation stone with an orchestral church service on Sunday 6 October and the main open air commemoration on the following day.

*Founders* was pleased to be there for the service which took the form of a full choral eucharist in the church's anglo-catholic tradition. Orchestra and choir were in fine form, living up to the musical excellence with which the church has long been noted.

Under the baton of director Warren Trevelyan-Jones and with soloists Amy Moore, Stephanie Dillon, Richard Butler and Andrew O'Connor the breathtaking musicality of the



By February 1820 a church, to the design of the Civil Architect, Francis Greenway, was under construction by convict labour. Work on St Andrew's was suspended and finally abandoned in May 1820.

During 1820 work proceeded swiftly on the new church. By June the tower basement had been completed, by October a disagreement about the form of the entrances was settled in favour of square porticos and by November, as the brickwork was nearing completion the building was referred to as St James' Church. A stone plaque inscribed 'St James' Church Erected 1820 Lachlan Macquarie Esq. Governor' was placed on the east gable and in 1821 the building was roofed.

In January 1822 the Revd William Cowper held the first (and only) unofficial service in the empty building to shelter his congregation from the Hyde Park Barracks from the weather. The Principal Chaplain, the Revd Samuel Marsden insisted that the building should not be used until the legal formalities had been properly attended to. In September 1822 the timber framework of the spire was under construction.

In November Greenway was dismissed from government employment. Nothing is known



*Queens Square in 1930*



*Creation Mass in B-Flat Major* by Joseph Haydn allowed the congregation to soar into the heavenlies as they celebrated holy communion together.

Accompanying the well known Latin mass were hymns and voluntaries in the English church tradition, the former chosen not only for their relevant text but sung to tunes by worthy musicians such as Henry Purcell, the Wesleys (Samuel and Samuel Sebastien), Felix Mendelssohn and Hubert Parry.

Who could not be challenged by the most apposite text of two of the hymns, *Christ is made the sure foundation*, and *The Church's one foundation*, the former translated from its seventh century Latin original. The twentieth century hymn which followed the old and new testament readings by our patron Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO encapsulated the tone of the service. Its first verse reads:

*Ye that know the Lord is gracious, ye for whom a cornerstone stands, of God elect and precious, laid that ye may build thereon, see that on that sure foundation ye a living temple raise, towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.*

The readings were from Genesis 28: 10-17, Jacob's vision of angels ascending and descending the ladder to heaven, and Ephesians 2: 19-22, where Paul encouraged his readers to grow together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. Following the Gospel passage, John 17: 20-26, Jesus' prayer for unity amongst the believers, the Sermon was delivered by Dr Peter Carnley AC, formerly Archbishop of Perth and Primate of Australia.

Dr Carnley's theme was, understandably, 'Foundations' and in true teaching style he began his talk as an object lesson, showing the congregation a silver builder's trowel used along with a hammer to shape brickwork into the desired form to create a fine building.

Without having one to show us he also referred to that old foundation garment, corsets, designed to give women of an earlier era the shape and form they desired.

So it was with Lachlan Macquarie, his task was to control waywardness and give the colony the shape and form of 'a good society'. For him law and religion were foundational and he did not espouse the separation of church and state as championed by Jeremy Bentham in the early 18th century. In fact, said Macquarie, religion should come first and out of it will grow the law.

His ideal society was one not based on the separate twins law and morals, but rather one where morals come first and they lead to law. A well known example is seen in the fact that criminal law is underpinned by the Ten Commandments.

Dr Carnley, after citing examples from our recent history of individualism and populism in liberal democracies, charged his hearers to get back to biblical basics. We are to behave like Christ, not as an add-on to our lives but as an absolute foundation.

(WJF)

## The Queens Square Commemorative Pageant

On Monday 7th October 2019, St James' Church in Sydney commemorated the 200th anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone by the then Governor, Lachlan Macquarie, with a pageant of music, drama and historical recitations, followed by refreshments in the garden. The function was held in Queens Square, outside the church, and was attended by about 100 people. Approximately 20 attendees were members of the Fellowship of First Fleet-ers, including our patron Dame Marie Bashir and five of our Botany Bay chapter members.

We were entertained by the greatest smoking ceremony that I have ever witnessed, with a full explanation of each component of the performance. The full choir sang us renditions of 1780s ballads of Botany Bay, with accompanying music presented by a woodwind quartet.

Two performers, purporting to be Francis Greenway and James Bloodworth, gave us a light-hearted, and most amusing, hypothetical discussion of the relative needs for a court house or a church, and whether the building should be made from sandstone or brick.

We then adjourned to refreshments in the garden, followed by a full peal of the church bells. This is done by one set of bellringers who do it all from memory (no sheet music to follow). It includes every combination of bells and takes about three and a half hours to complete - amazing!



The building is a Francis Greenway design and was originally intended to be a court house, placed directly opposite, and aligned with, the Hyde Park Barracks. A much grander church was planned to be built in George St. However, budgetary constraints intervened and the court house became a church and work on a "grand church" did not start until 1837.

St James' Church is the oldest church building in the City of Sydney and it has been in continuous use from its consecration on February 11th 1824 until the present day. This fact led the rector, Reverend Andrew Sempell, to quip during his speech that there would be many opportunities for the celebration of bicentenaries over the next five years. It seems that he enjoyed the party as much as anyone who was there. (Botany Bay Bulletin)

# WAS ANDREW FISHBURN BORN IN WHITBY?

## Research Article by #8854 Don Eagleton

**Andrew Fishburn** is my four times great grandfather on my father's maternal side. My grandmother was Madeleine Fishburn who has ancestral links to Andrew Fishburn. Many researchers of the Fishburn family have speculated on an ancestral connection to **Thomas Fishburn**, Whitby shipbuilder, who built, amongst other ships, the *Earl of Pembroke* (*Endeavour*), which was used by **Lieutenant James Cook** during his first voyage of discovery. The purpose of this paper is to research any connection that Andrew may have had to Thomas Fishburn or the town of Whitby in Yorkshire.

### Introduction

Andrew Fishburn arrived in Port Jackson on 26 January 1788, as a marine on board the barque *Alexander* (transporting convicts), part of the First Fleet. Fishburn was a member of the 35<sup>th</sup> company, part of the Portsmouth Division of the Marines. In *The Voyage of Governor Phillip to Botany Bay* by Arthur Phillip, Andrew Fishburn was also described as an Artificer (carpenter).

Although a chart obtained from the Norfolk Island Museum titled *The First Fleet 1788 (The Founders of the First Fleet & Norfolk Island's First European Inhabitants)* lists Fishburn as a Marine on the Brig *Friendship*, most sources list him on *Alexander* when the First Fleet arrived in Port Jackson.

There are claims that Fishburn was born circa 1760 at Whitby and that he may have been related to Thomas Fishburn, the famous shipbuilder. If this were true, this may be of some historical significance and could aid in determining the early ancestry of Andrew.

Conclusions about the provenance of Andrew Fishburn need to provide evidence for genealogical links to Whitby shipbuilder Thomas Fishburn. Further, where evidence of complementary trade skills of both exists, this would strengthen the case for Whitby being Andrew Fishburn's place of residence.

### What are the claims about Andrew Fishburn's 'place of birth'?

Several sources claim that Andrew Fishburn place of birth was Whitby, Yorkshire, England. For example:

The web site, Fellowship of First Fleeters states:

*Andrew was born about 1760 in Whitby, North Yorkshire, England.*

This source discusses the importance of the Fishburn family to the sea-faring community of Whitby, and that Thomas Fishburn built the *Earl of Pembroke*, later to be renamed the *Endeavour*, sailed by Captain James Cook on his first of three voyages of discovery. However, no familial link between Andrew Fishburn and the ship-building Fishburn is claimed by the authors.

The online site Australian History Research states that:

*Andrew was born c1760 in Whitby Yorkshire, England.*

During my research I came across the web site of the Norvill Family. The claim was made by **Peter Norvill** that he has ancestral connection to Thomas Fishburn via Andrew Fishburn through his maternal grandmother **Ethel Fishburn**, who was married to **Henry Norvill**. The Norvill Family online web site claims:

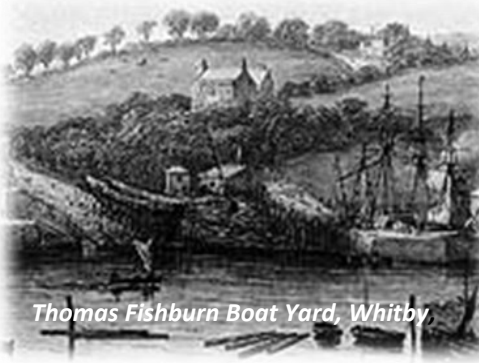
*Even though Peter (Norvill) can't boast a transported convict in his past, he discovered something which to him was just as important and exciting. Peter's paternal grandmother was a Fishburn, a descendant of Thomas Fishburn who built Captain Cook's ship Endeavour. Peter's link to the First Fleet is via Andrew Fishburn, descended from Thomas Fishburn.*

This claim is based on information from a Fishburn relative (of Norvill), however, the family web site does not show a connection to Andrew Fishburn nor has Peter been able to confirm an ancestral connection to Thomas Fishburn (Personal communication: Peter Norville 14 September 2018).

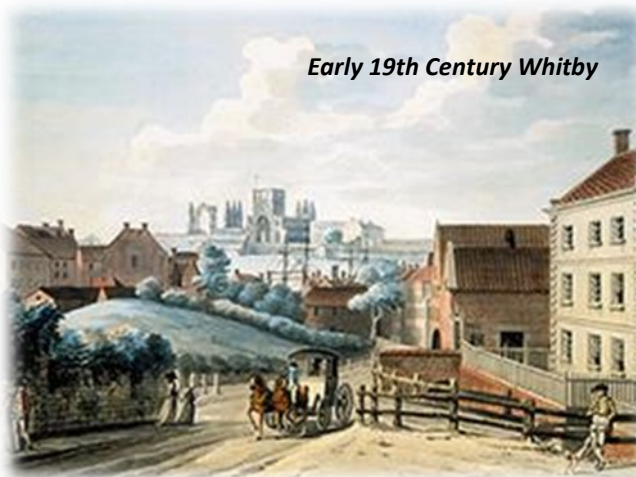
### From where does the claim originate that Andrew Fishburn was born in Whitby and may have been related to Thomas Fishburn?

One cannot be certain as to the basis for this claim, but there are a number of facts which when put together may have led people to infer that there could be such an association between Andrew Fishburn, the town of Whitby, and the shipbuilder Thomas Fishburn. These are:

The most obvious link is Andrew Fishburn's surname FISHBURN. It is known that Thomas Fishburn of Whitby



Thomas Fishburn Boat Yard, Whitby



Early 19th Century Whitby



was responsible, not only for building the *Endeavour*, but also two other ships used by James Cook on his voyages of discovery, namely *Resolution* and *Adventure*.

Between 1746 and 1755 (when he joined the Royal Navy), James Cook who had moved from Staithes to Whitby was employed as a Seaman on the merchant ships owned by **Captain John Walker**. It was during this period that Cook became familiar with Whitby Cats and selected a number of these ships for his voyages – due to the fact that they were solidly built; broad of beam; shallow draft; could hold lots of provisions; and, could be handled by a small crew.

Another plausible reason for the claim is the fact that one of the First Fleet ships was named *Fishburn*. Two First Fleet ships were built in Whitby, namely, the *Fishburn* and the *Golden Grove*. While, there appears to be no definitive information to say that either of these boats was built by Thomas Fishburn, this is strongly likely.

Andrew Fishburn was described by Governor Arthur Phillip as being employed from 17 May 1788 to 30 September 1788 as an ‘artificer’ (with the trade of carpenter) belonging to the Marine detachment. This is a trade, which could have been acquired in the ship building industry in Whitby, conceivably in the employ of Thomas Fishburn.



Whitby Harbour

In her authoritative text, Mollie Gillen said:

*Andrew Fishburn, private marine 35<sup>th</sup> (Portsmouth) company who came to NSW on ‘Alexander’, was attached to the company of **Captain John Shea** (qv) at Port Jackson in 1788. From September that year to the end of 1789 he worked as a carpenter receiving extra pay for this duty.*

*On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1791 (from Norfolk Island) Fishburn embarked for Port Jackson by ‘Supply’ and at Port Jackson he did duty on ‘Gorgon’ as carpenter from 11 October to 17 December.*

Of course, if one was to follow the above arguments it may be possible to draw the conclusion that Andrew Fishburn was related to Thomas Fishburn and to Whitby and without evidence to the contrary, this is a conclusion that it would appear, some family researchers have made.

#### **What are the arguments against a familial relationship between Andrew Fishburn and Thomas Fishburn?**

Thomas Fishburn did not name a living son called Andrew in his last Will and Testament; which reads: “I give and devise unto **my only Son**, Thomas Fishburn and to his Heirs, Executors and Assigns respectively according to the several natures and tenures thereof, all that my now Dwelling House, Messuage or Tenement with the Garden

*and Appurtenances to the same belonging, and also all those my Ship Yards, Ship Works, Dry Docks, Closes or Parcels of Ground called Walker Sand Closes and Thistle Closes Rope Walk, several Dwelling Houses or Tenements and all other my lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever situate in the Township of Ruswarp aforesaid, with the Rights, Members and Appurtenances to the same respectively belonging or appertaining, likewise all that my Messuage, Farm and Farmhold with all Lands and Grounds to the same belonging or appertaining situate at Arlan (?) near Malton in the said County of York, now or late in the occupation of John Cooper.”*

The Hon. Librarian and Archivist, Whitby Literary and Philosophical Society, Whitby Museum stated: *We have a Fishburn family tree that someone donated to us but there is no mention of anyone called Andrew. Similarly, there are no Andrew baptisms in the parish records of St Mary’s Church around 1760. I think it is very unlikely that Andrew was part of the Fishburn shipbuilding family”* (Personal Communication: Peter Ainger)

Whilst the above points do not rule out the possibility that Andrew was born at Whitby or was indeed related to the Fishburns of that town, without any definitive evidence, any links are purely speculative.

#### **Additional Research Undertaken**

##### The National Archives (UK)

A search was carried out (‘Records Adviser Paid Search Team’) of the UK National Archives of the following six documents held in their Record Series ADM 158 (‘Admiralty Royal Marines: Description Books: c1750-1940) which summarise the information given in attestation forms.

ADM 158/2	A-Z: Cos. 1 - 46: Portsmouth Division and Chatham Divisions: 1755-1773
ADM 158/3	A-Z: Cos. 1 - 46: Portsmouth Division and Chatham Divisions 1755-1782
ADM 158/91	A-Z: Promotion and Disqualification Book (indexed): 1796-1816
ADM 158/121	Portsmouth Division: F: 1770-1815
ADM 158/122	Portsmouth Division: F: 1800-1844
ADM 158/138	Portsmouth Division: I-J and F: 1768-1803

No entry was found in any of the above documents for a marine by the name of Andrew Fishburn, or any of the other variants of the surname suggested. The National Archives researcher concluded:

*There were no description books at all for the 35th Company in the company description books in ADM 158/2 and ADM 158/3. The slightly later divisional description books in ADM 158/121, ADM 158/122 and ADM 158/138, had a few entries for men from the 35th Company, but none was for men who enlisted before about 1800. (cont. page 8)*

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### Fleet Air Arm Museum

Research was undertaken by Fleet Air Arm Museum (part of the National Museum of the Royal Navy) indicating that only a limited set of records exist for the 35th Portsmouth company (Personal communication: Roy Swales):

*Our RM records do not start until men were given register numbers in 1885. Other than the UK National Archives, I am not aware of records held elsewhere for men of the First Fleet. I am not aware of any specific records for 35th Coy (Portsmouth Division). I have checked for [Andrew] FISHBURN and 35th Coy using the National Archives "Discovery" search engine for the period 1760-1860 without success, other than this link:*

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C10264157>

*Interestingly, this link shows 35<sup>th</sup> Coy as Plymouth Division but I have a list from 10 Jan 1776 showing it as Portsmouth Division, as you noted.*

### Conclusion

The question ... 'Was Andrew Fishburn born in Whitby?' ... remains unresolved.

It is conventional to trace one's ancestors working progressively on descendants. However, no records have been found for Andrew Fishburn beyond his arrival with the First Fleet; hence, it is problematic tracing Andrew Fishburn's lineage in this way.

The next consideration is to undertake further research 'from the Whitby end' – it remains possible that Andrew Fishburn might derive from the Whitby FISHBURN family, albeit not directly to Thomas Fishburn.

### Notes:

1. The Voyage of Governor Phillip to Botany Bay by Arthur Phillip
2. <http://www.fellowshipfirstfleeters.org.au/andrewfishburn.htm>
3. <http://www.australianhistoryresearch.info/andrew-fishburn-private-marine-35th-portsmouth-company-alexander-1788/>
4. <http://www.norvilleaustralia.com.au/family.html>
5. The Founders of Australia: A Biographical Dictionary of the First Fleet by Mollie Gillen
6. Hon. Librarian and Archivist (Peter Ainger), Whitby Literary and Philosophical Society, Whitby Museum

## FUN AND GAMES IN THE WEST

Nice to have an update from Swan River Chapter reporting on some of their interesting activities during the year. Chapter Secretary, **#5525 Toni Mahony** writes:

'Well, we've been busy, as usual. We've just had a run for members up to the Mundaring Weir pumping station, led by President **Bill Cutler**, who also wears another hat with the National Trust, specializing on the pumping station and the pipeline to Kalgoorlie. He lived all his young life on the pipeline, so has a personal interest. Great fun.

'We've also done another FF day at St. Hilda's girls school, involving 6 of our members, creating mud brick walls, cooking scones, making soup in camp ovens (had for lunch, with the girls), rag rug making, talks about the places the FF stop at on the voyage and so on. Another great success and booked in for next year.

'And in August, we had a table at the **Hillary's Boat Harbour** complex, talking FF stuff to the passing folks. Plus our meetings, of course.'



## MAYFLOWER 400

### SEARCHING FOR DESCENDANTS

Did you know that next year, 2020, marks 400 years since the arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers in North America and that there is a Society for Descendants of those who made that perilous voyage in the *Mayflower* four centuries ago?

That society is about to set up an Australian charter and some of its prospective members are also members of our Fellowship. If you know of anyone who has this dual genetic connection please link them to **#8859 Keith and Genevieve Quimbach** at [kcquimbach@gmail.com](mailto:kcquimbach@gmail.com)

Keith is coordinating the establishment of the GSMD charter in this country and is collaborating with the Fellowship and two other societies already established here - the Daughters of the Revolution, and the Women's Pioneer Society. He is hoping that in finding the requisite number of descendants the ASMD will be granted its charter early next year, with a visit by the Mayflower Governor General to Sydney for a gala launch befitting such an occasion.

**Footnote:** Plymouth USA and *Mayflower II* will be the places to visit in September 2020.





## JACARANDA CRUISE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR ~ 06.11.2019

### From Purple Rain to Purple Carpet



After alighting at Wynyard station, our group of nineteen from Arthur Phillip Chapter took the impressive Wynyard Walk for fast and easy access through to King Street Wharf No. 1. We were amazed at the number of people using the harbour-side eateries or just taking in the ambience. We were lucky to have a glorious sunny day, little wind or cloud, and a sparkling serene harbour.

We gathered together to board and take our seats at the booked table. Our commentator was **Graham Ross**, horticulturist, plantsman and garden media presenter, who referred to his long career in horticulture, starting the *Garden Clinic Radio Show* on 2GB in 1980 and gardening presenter on *Better Homes and Gardens* since 1995.

Leaving the wharf we cruised past the high-rise buildings of Darling Harbour, along the foreshore including the new Crown Casino's complex, admiring the lush plant growth at the Barangaroo Reserve. Graham commenced his very comprehensive description of the passing parade of Sydney's best views on the southern side of the harbour, along 'millionaires' row through to Rose Bay. Near Shark Island we crossed to the northern shoreline past Bradley's Head and the Zoo, Neutral Bay, designated for foreign ships as a safe harbour, a close view of Admiralty House and Kirribilli House, and then Ball's Head and Ball's Bay.

When we entered the Lane Cove River the jacaranda trees became more prolific and, as the afternoon progressed, the light changed and the flowers seemed to become bluer. Those painterly canopies contrast beautifully

against the warm yellow of Sydney sandstone and the scarlet flare of the Illawarra flame tree and the occasional crimson bougainvillea – often planted in close proximity. Graham described the development of the white jacaranda, named by him 'White Christmas' as it flowers close to Christmas

We continued within sight of Riverview College and the Lane Cove Bridge before sailing along the southern shoreline of the river. Everywhere we could view lilac canopies happily growing amongst suburban housing and gardens. Many foreshore sites have been redeveloped into expensive residential homes all of which have magnificent harbour views.

Hunters Hill and Woolwich had excellent displays of purple magic. As we left Balmain, we had a close look at the Cockatoo, Spectacle, and Snapper Islands, important when Sydney was a working harbour. An example of changes to harbour use, we were amazed at the redevelopment of White Bay as a cruise terminal, so close to the Anzac Bridge.



En route we were served tea or coffee and a muffin, while Graham continued his commentary, including comprehensive information on the First Fleet and Captain Arthur Phillip. As we disembarked we thanked him for his excellent commentary covering a wide range of topics.

A delightful day was had by all, with thanks to our group leader, **Robbie Ford**

*Report by Gillian Doyle, 7.11.19*



## REVIEW ~ The Jubilee of Tasmania & the Cessation of Transportation Medal

This booklet, of some 68 pages and with many full-colour illustrations, was first published in a limited edition by its author **Roger McNeice OAM** in 2013. Due to reader interest it has been reprinted and is now available to a wider audience.

The author, a numismatist, has investigated the unique story behind the issuing of the medallion of 1853, designed not only to celebrate the Jubilee of the Van Diemen's Land Colony that year but also to highlight the celebrations that accompanied the Jubilee. The focus is on the success of the Anti-Transportation Leagues in bringing the official movement of convicts to the island to a halt.

McNeice says that the dual celebration which was demonstrated throughout the colony brought the people together to form a new society.

The presentation is in three parts, the first being a historical background using selections of a draft paper of 1954 from a Professor Morris Miller. Your reviewer found this section rather hard going, its 'draft' nature lifted straight into the booklet and with many facts and historical links not satisfying his enquiring mind. In fact, he went back to Babette Smith's well-researched work, *The Convict Stain*, to really understand what had gone before.



The rest of the booklet is clearly more suited to the everyday reader, the second part telling the story of the great demonstrations and celebrations after the Cessation of Transportation was announced and leading up to the design and issue of what the author suggests is 'this historically important medallion'. Illustrated and published resources are part of the text and indicate the widespread fervour with which the events were marked.

It seems rather incongruous that the children of the colony were each issued, some two years later, with a medallion that in effect was white-washing the supposed community stain left in many cases by their own parents and grandparents. Had the many descendants of First Fleeters really been instructed to hide their family origins?

The third part of the booklet shows the author at his best, a numismatist well acquainted with his specialty, and the illustrations are well chosen to suit his cause.

For those who hold such a medal in their family treasure box this booklet is ideal background for preparing a lively presentation on a little-known subject for a wider audience.

WJF

Available from the author at [rvmn@internode.on.net](mailto:rvmn@internode.on.net)

## A QUESTION FOR HISTORY BUFFS

## SPOTLIGHT STILL ON BOTANY BAY



The restoration of this 'Georgian seaside cottage' was featured in an article in 'Sunday Life', (20.10.19). The writer stated that *Thorne Cottage* as it has long been known was 'originally a family home built in the 1820s by a Marine Sergeant who came on the First Fleet.'

*Founders* would like to find out who he was. Is this true? Does anyone know? The cottage overlooks Clarks Bay, at Lewisham, east of Hobart.

As we alerted our members last month it does seem that the NSW government fully intends pressing ahead with plans to construct a Cruise Ship Terminal either at **Molineaux Point** or in **Yarra Bay** itself, the very spot on the northern shore of Botany Bay where Arthur Phillip's officers made landfall in 1788.

Recent statements from the CEO of Port Authority NSW indicate that it is still early days, with the authority and government only at the stage of preparing a business case for potential terminals. In fact he is encouraging those with concerns to come forward so their views can be included in the information that will help the government make its final decision, due some time in the second half of 2020.

As we go to press *Founders* has not been told whether the Fellowship was actively represented at recent rallies and meetings decrying the proposal. Do let us know if you were there and if you would be willing to be on site and elsewhere at such times to be our voice to protect our First Fleet heritage already memorialised there in stone.



# OUR CHAPTERS IN ACTION

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

**Venue:** usually at Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury, monthly meetings, third Saturday at 10:00 for 10.30 am. **Next Meetings:** 15 February, Guest Speaker TBA. **Next Event:** 26 January: Australia Day Celebrations at Noreuil Park, details TBA. **Contact:** Mary Chalmers-Borella 6025 3283

## 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:** 20 December: General meeting and Christmas party. 14 February: Denis Smith, *The Mighty Sunderland in Peace and War*. **Next Events:** **Contact:** Judith O'Shea 9797 0240

## BOTANY BAY – Southern Sydney, from Cooks River to Waterfall and west to Liverpool

**Venue:** Our Lady of Fatima Church, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst. Bi-monthly on third Tuesday 10.30am **Next Meeting:** 18 February: Speaker, TBA. **Next Events:** 9 December: 12 noon Christmas Lunch at Oatley RSL **Contact:** Carol Macklin 0415376434

## CANBERRA – ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.

**Venue:** Various locations in Canberra. **Next Event:** 8 December: 12 noon Christmas Barbecue at 7 Portus Place, Bruce. **Contact:** Toni Pike 1411412778

## CENTRAL COAST – From Lake Macquarie to Broken Bay, highlands to coast.

**Venue:** Point Clare Community Hall – meet monthly, second Saturday at 10 am for 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 8 February: Geoff Potter, *The Milligan Family of Woy Woy*. **Next Event:** 14 December: Christmas Morning Tea at the Hall, from 10:30. **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43116254

## DERWENT – Southern Tasmania

**Venue:** Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meetings:** 1 February: Speaker TBA; **Next Events:** 8 December: Christmas BBQ at Nubeena. **Contact:** Paul Dobber 0401566080

## 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:** 7 December: No Speaker, *Christmas Morning Tea*; 1 February: Ron Ray, *Governor Macquarie - 73rd Regiment of Foot* **Next Event:** **Contact:** Jennifer Follers 97991161

## HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN – Western Sydney, Penrith to Windsor, Blue Mountains.

**Venue:** Windsor Library, Penrith Library and Springwood. Presbyterian Church --Bi-monthly, third Saturday, 11 am. **Next Meeting:** 15 February (Windsor): Patrick Dodd, *John Macarthur*. **Next Events:** 14 December: (at Windsor) Christmas Party. **Contact:** William Hempel 0410950101

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

**Venue:** Teralba Community Hall Supper Room, 15 Anzac Pde Teralba – bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am – 12.30pm. **Next Meetings:** 17 February: Judith Dunn, *Topic TBA*. **Next Event:** 9 December: Christmas Luncheon. **Contact:** Kerry Neinert 49615083

## MID NORTH COAST – Taree and Surrounds, Bulahdelah to Kempsey.

**Venue:** Presbyterian Church, 76 Albert Street, Taree, Bi-monthly on 4th Tuesday at 2pm.. **Next Event:** 26 January: Australia Day Manning Valley River Cruise to Wingham Brush. **Contact:** Heather Bath 0427018566

## MORETON – South East Queensland.

**Venue:** St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton – bi-monthly meetings, at 10 am on an available 2nd Saturday. **Next Meetings:** 7 December: Robin McCarthy, *A Leaf from my Tree*, and Mary-Joy Peyton, *My Picture Book Christmas*, followed by *Christmas Lunch*; 8 February: Speaker, TBA. **Next Event:** 26 January, Australia Day Luncheon, details TBA. **Contact:** Robin McCarthy 0412305501

## NORTH COAST – Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Maclean

**Venue:** Either at Mylestom Hall, Coramba Hall or at members' homes, Bi-monthly, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. **Next Meetings:** 2 February: at Mylestom Hall, Karen Filewood, *Steamship Collision - Keilawarra and Helen Nicoll*. **Next Events:** 7 December: 11.45am Christmas Party at Golden Dog Hotel; 26 January: from Breakfast, Australia Day at Boambee Reserve. **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 66533615

## NORTHERN RIVERS – Lismore and surrounds.

**Venue:** Ballina Cherry Street Sports and Bowling Club - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am followed by lunch; **Next Meeting:** **Contact:** Karla Rojo 66884306

## NORTH WEST – Tamworth and surrounds.

**Venue:** Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meeting:** 1 February: Venue and Activity TBA. **Next Events:** 7 December: Trip to St Andrews Church Walcha and then Christmas lunch at Walcha Road Hotel; 26 January: Australia Day at Tamworth. **Contact:** Janet McLean 0438465529

## SOUTH COAST – Engadine to Burrill Lake.

**Venue:** Scribbly Gum Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto – monthly except Jan, May and Dec. – first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm. **Next Meetings:** 4 February: Members, *Show and Tell*. **Next Events:** 7 December: Christmas Lunch, Illawarra Yacht Club. **Contact:** Rob Ratcliffe 42321842

## 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: 1130 for Noon. Christmas Luncheon/Party at Mittagong RSL. **Contact:** Wendy Selman 48624849

## SWAN RIVER – Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.

**Venue:** 16 Inwood Place Murdoch, bi-monthly, usually first Saturday, at 2pm. **Next Meetings:** 7 December: Members, *Show and Tell*, followed by coffee, wine, cheese and general frivolity; 1 February: Moya Sharp. *Outback History*. (TBC). **Next Event:** **Contact:** Toni Mahony 0892717630

*Karys Fearon*, Chapter Liaison Officer

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Closing date for this page for the next issue is 20 January 2020

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

## DEATHS

## Ordinary and Pensioner Members

**MARY SPRINGHAM/WILLIAM HAMBLBY**  
#8992 Peter Charles Price  
**ANN FORBES**  
#8993 Robert John Glover  
**WILLIAM NASH/MARIA HAYNES**  
#8994 Patricia Anne Catherine McBrien  
**PETER HIBBS**  
#8995 Joanne Lydia Riley  
**RICHARD MORGAN**  
#8996 Gary Hayden MacDonald  
**OWEN CAVANOUGH/MARGARET DARNELL**  
#8997 Robert Wallis Grant  
**NATHANIEL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE**  
#8998 Roslyn Lucas  
#8999 Matthew Lucas

## Ordinary and Pensioner Members

**JOHN ROWE**  
#9000 Toni Maria Barnsley  
**JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER**  
#9001 Geoffrey David Rundell  
**ROBERT FORRESTER**  
#9002 Vicki Hazel Tobin  
**Junior Members**  
**Associates**  
#8011.1 Mary Burke  
#8994.1 Donald George McBrien  
#9002.1 Alan Stuart Tobin  
**Friend**  
#F199 Gay McDonald  
#F200 Robert Stewart Roger  
#F201 Nerida Robin Roger  
#F202 Ian McKee

## NATHANIEL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE

**#8187 Richard Harte Keatinge** of Tenterfield, New South Wales, died on 01.10.2019, aged 96. Dick was a member of New England Chapter, first joining the Fellowship in 2012. In the community he is remembered for his dedication to the medical profession, race walking, legacy and military service in WW2.

## ASSOCIATE

**#7041.1 Jillian Wilson** of Kiama Downs, New South Wales, died on 01.10.2019, having not recovered from cancer surgery that day. She was a member of South Coast Chapter since joining the Fellowship in 2004 and most recently served as their Publicity Officer. Her husband Ian (#7041) writes, 'I praise God for the privilege of having had a dearest friend and companion for 62 years and a wife for 54; a wonderful mother and grandmother.

## ASSOCIATE

**#7969.1 Ron Innes** of Greenwell Point, New South Wales, died recently. Ron was a much loved member of South Coast Chapter who have passed on their condolences to his wife Jean (#7969) and the family

## ANDREW GOODWIN/LYDIA MUNRO

**#7620 Robert J Leech** of Berridale, New South Wales, died on 29.07.2019, aged 84. Robert was a members of Southern Highland Chapter and had belonged to the Fellowship since 2008. Sympathy is extended to his wife Helen and brother #7760, Richard, also a member of the chapter.

## WILLIAM HAMBLBY/MARY SPRINGHAM

**#7995 Trevor John Paul** of Horsley, New South Wales, died on 05.11.2019. John has been a member of the Fellowship and South Coast Chapter since 2011. Condolences have been passed on by chapter friends to John's wife #7995.1 Heather and family.

## WILLIAM BAKER/SUSANNAH HUFFNELL

**#8072 Samuel Herbert Morley** of St Marys, New South Wales, died peacefully on 04.11.2019, aged 97. He had been a member of Central Coast Chapter and is lovingly remembered by his son #8070 Ken and family.

## FRIEND

**F168 Michael John Mortimer** of Carlingford, New South Wales, died on 07.11.2019, aged 80. John joined the Fellowship as a Friend on 23rd May 2016 and attended Eastern Farms Chapter as one of their regular members. John was a true gentleman, very quiet and unassuming, always engaging in conversation. John enjoyed celebrating with his new friends at the Chapter's 10 Year Anniversary Lunch at Ryde., and they send their condolences to John's family. He is sadly missed.



Founders apologises for the errors that appeared in the last issue in the article *Wrecked on the Reef*. The sentence should state: Those who will be on Norfolk Island during HMS Sirius Week next year will be spoilt for luncheon choices on Thursday 19 March 2020 when the 230th anniversary of the sinking of *HMS Sirius* is commemorated.



The Captain Cook 250th Commemoration will no doubt come to the fore in the new year. With this in mind we would like to congratulate FF Peter Hibbs descendant **#3493 Phillip Johnson** for his dedication and stickability in his creative account of the Endeavour voyage with James Cook and crew. A new episode appears each day and no doubt reader interest will increase as the ship heads for Australia's as yet unnamed east coast in the months ahead. You can check it out on [www.PeterHibbs1770.com](http://www.PeterHibbs1770.com)

**Paul's Story (from page 3)** I joined the Victorian First Fleet Fellowship and also the Descendants of Convicts Group in the early 80s through their secretary, June Tobin, my Great Aunt. Later I joined the Sydney based 1788 Society. I became an early member of the Albury-Wodonga District chapter serving as President these past 3 years, and now guest speaker coordinator.

I have been on the organising committee of the recent Gooding Family Muster to Norfolk Island (Sept-Oct, 65 cousins), and also a previous Muster in Hobart in 2017. Another is planned for 2021, possibly in Tasmania. I recently joined the Hobart Town (1804) First Settlers Association.

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