

Founders

Newsletter of Fellowship of First Fleeters



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NOTICE OF MEETING

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1.00pm on Saturday, 26 November 2005

The eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship of First Fleeters
Incorporated will be held at First Fleet House,
105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo, Sydney, NSW

President's Report

The Executive, on your behalf recently made a donation of \$1000 towards a special appeal to complete the peal of bells at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. The final bell is to be named after Arthur Phillip and will complement those named after the First Fleet ships. In 1988, the Fellowship was happy to have been involved in the original appeal. If any individual or First Fleet Family Association would like to make a donation, please send a cheque, made out to the Goulburn Cathedral Bell Appeal, and we will forward it on. Jean Mortimer has prepared a par on the Bell Appeal in this issue.



I attended a ceremony in September at Macquarie Place, upon invitation from the Sydney City Council, to unveil the refurbished cannon of HMS Sirius, the anchor of which has been part of a memorial in that area since 1905. The speeches were good, I might add quite historically correct!! But nevertheless I was somewhat bemused by the intention of the Council to go to all of this trouble for a cannon belonging to the First Fleet, when the major memorial of the first arrivals of European settlement was removed from a prominent position at Circular Quay and was dumped in a park dedicated to the Women Pioneers of our land, as an after-thought!! To add insult to injury, the plinth donated by our Fellowship was discarded, and the Memorial lies in a corner of this park adjacent to a hotel. I attended a special meeting at this site with members of the Sydney/Portsmouth Sister Committee and we were unanimous that this was an insult to the memory of our European beginning in this nation. We also noted that the flagstaff on the original site of the first raising of the Queen Anne Jack was bereft of a flag!! Also we were informed that a No Parking sign was attached to the memorial during January 2005!! Representation has been subsequently made by the Sydney/Portsmouth Committee to the relevant authority re the problems associated to both sites. We await a response but.....Don't hold your breath!!!

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Days to Remember

- **26 November**
Annual General Meeting
- **14 December**
Daytime Christmas Party
- **21/22 January 2006**
Australia Day
Conference/Dinner/Picnic
- **26 January 2006**
Australia Day Harbour
Cruise
- **5 February 2006**
Anniversary First Christian
Service St. Phillip's



News of Members

*Membership Report
for period 24 July to 24 September 2005*

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period: six adults, four juniors and two Associate Members.

JAMES BRYAN CULLEN: Vivian Andrew Moran.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM: Barry Stephen Elliott, Megan Leanne Elliott (associate spouse), Brinley Manning Elliott (jun.), Jessica Brooke Elliott (jun.), Ashley Seymour Elliott (jun.).

ANN FORBES: Gloria Fae McGregor, Kevin John McGregor (associate spouse).

PETER HIBBS: Joan Emily Dent.

HENRY KABLE/SUSANNAH HOLMES: Stuart Ross Astley.

WILLIAM ROBERTS: Declan Thomas Minehan (jun.).

JOHN RYAN: Suzanne Elizabeth Blair Griffiths.



Births

Welcome to additional First Fleeters:

ELLA VIVIENNE HOPE GORDON (FF Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne), 21 July 2005, Port Macquarie Base Hospital, daughter to Myles and Cindy (#5974). A sister for Lillian Janice Kay. Third granddaughter for Judith Vivienne Gordon (#5972). Eighth generation.

CAITLIN JESSIE SMITH (FF Peter Hibbs), born 2 July 2005 at Sutherland Hospital, to Lauren Scott and Andrew Smith. First grandchild for June Scott, third cousin for Betty Warn (#6110).

KALECIA SUSETTE WALES (FF William Nash and Maria Haynes), born 25 July 2005, at Penrith Private Hospital, NSW. Daughter to Marissa and Jeff Wales and great-granddaughter to Susette Lee Crowe (#7131). Ninth generation.

Deaths

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

HAROLD PEARCE BRACEY, passed away 22 May 2005. Husband of Mrs L. Bracey (#4265).

MARIE McCONAGHY (#2073), 15 September 2005. Descended from First Fleeters Olivia Gascoigne and Nathaniel Lucas.

GARNET CLIFFORD KAY (#7097), died 16 August 2005, aged 100 years 8 months. Descendant of First Fleeter Ann Forbes.

HEATHER SCOTT (#5996), 1 September 2005. Descended from First Fleeter William Baker also First Fleeter Susannah Huffnell.

MYRA SMITH (#1476) passed away 2 January 2005. Very proud descendant of First Fleeter Andrew Fishburn.

FFF Office Bearers 2004-5

President CHRISTIAN Peter: JP, Ph.C
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Contact Corner

The following First Fleeter members wish to contact other members and friends from the same descendants:

ANDREW FISHBURN

Simon Fishburn, Email: lazycopper@optusnet.com.au

HELPERS NEEDED!

The Fellowship of First Fleeters really needs more helpers for the manning of our office—

a handyman for small repair jobs, a helper for our IT Manager and especially to help with ideas for arranging and conducting our social days.

Presently our office is manned 10.30 to 2.30 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

If you feel you could assist your Fellowship in any of these ways, please contact our office during the above hours – (02) 9360 3788.

NEW CHAPTER?

Establishing an Interstate or Outer Sydney Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters



President's Report from page 1

The Quay Walk was quite successful during History Week. My appreciation to Jean and Terry Mortimer for their combined help on the day, also to those who greeted the 'pilgrims' with afternoon tea at First Fleet House. Later in the afternoon I represented the Fellowship at an Ecumenical Jubilee Service, at St. James' King St, for members of the Order of Australia. That same weekend saw some 12 new members entertained by the Executive on the Saturday. Again may I express appreciation to Phyllis, Pam, Elaine, Lois and Leonie for help in catering. I might add that Leonie Dawes, FF Philip Devine, has transformed the courtyard at the rear of our HQ into a veritable greenery.



As I mentioned in the last edition that we have a new, more workable, kitchen and again appreciation is due to Geoff Fletcher FF Jane Langley for affixing new tiles to the walls.



At the September meeting of the Daytime Fellowship, Tony Laffan gave a most interesting talk on his book, Ann Colpitts, a First Fleet Convict Pioneer. Jean Mortimer moved a vote of thanks to Tony and presented him with a suitable memento of his visit. Appreciation to Phyllis, Pam, Elaine, Lois and Leonie for preparing a fine repast.



The Quarterly Daytime Fellowship lunches, with a guest speaker, are proving quite popular. I should have a program ready for 2006 in the next issue.

In Fellowship,
Peter

A Chapter Starter Kit has been designed for members who reside interstate. The kit is posted to interested members in three stages.

Members of the FFF Executive are there to assist you in every way possible.

A Chapter is not a separate identity but an extension of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

One does not need a degree to start a chapter, just a desire to keep our First Fleet Heritage alive and to recognise the advantages for other descendants of the First Fleet to share a unique family line with those who reside in the same region.

For further information please contact First Fleet House.

Maintain-A-Brick Donations

The Fellowship thanks the undernamed for the generous donations made to its Maintain-a-Brick Fund. The names have been inscribed in the fund ledger.

J. and W. Adams, R. Aiken, I. Anderson, M. Arch, Leslie R. Baxter, M. G. Bailey, R. Benjamin, R. and N. Benoit, B. H. Beresford, Pat Berry, K. B. and M. J. Binder, N. Bracey, J. R. Bruce, V. Burden, M. P. Butler, Joyce Chaseling, Hazel Crees, Colleen Cheffins, J. Cox, N. Dawson, R. Dunham, B. Duns, M. A. Ebb, Joan Edwards, D. Endicott, J. Fardell, Lorna Goodwill, W. Graham, J. Haxton, D. M. Hunt, K. A. Hurditch, R. V. Iredale, P.O. James, Allan Jenkins, P. Kable, R. Kates, A. Keating, S. C. Knight, B. Lewis, Charles Lewis, T. Luck, Judith Manuel, J. Martin, A. Moen, H. Morgan, Roy Morris, E. Murphy, M. E. McKell, R. McKenzie, John Nolan, B. O'Neill, J. Payne, M. Pearce, Oswald Pearce, H. Pitt, Gwendolyn Porter, Stella Potter, B. Potts, Barbara Purkins, W. Richards, L. J. Riddler, W. Risby, John Roberts, C. S. Ross, Isobel Schmarr, K. Sibraa, D. C. Smith, A. Swift, S. Taranto, Cec Thompson, C. Torbett, J. Towers, G. Tunks, J. L. Turner, Mrs G. Tyson, Mrs J. A. Vanwiller, B. Waldron, L. Weekes, M. Wheeler, V. N. White, J. Whitehouse, R. Withington.

It's On Again!

AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE

THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2006

Ferry '*Fiesta*' is booked again to leave from Birkenhead Point at 10.00am returning 3.00pm, following the *GREAT FERRY RACE* and participating in the decorated

Parade of Sail

We had a great day last year and want to make it bigger and better in 2006. We need more decorations for '*Fiesta*' - any help and ideas would be appreciated.

Dress in your Australia Day gear and bring your family and friends and

Celebrate!

Cost remains the same as last year:

Adults - \$45

Children under 16 - \$30

BYO food only, drinks must be purchased on board

Bookings now open - phone FFF on 9360 3788

Cheques payable to: *Fellowship of First Fleeters*
105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo 2011

JANE LANGLEY DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting and Picnic Day

Sunday, 30th October

FORESTRY COMMISSION PICNIC GROUNDS

Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills
From 10.30am

Further details: **TOM SILK, 9427 2394**

Holiday for 2006

We have chosen *SCONE* for our next holiday.

Monday 8th May - Saturday 13th May 2006

Cost: \$645 per person twin share.

\$150 Deposit to be paid on booking
Limited Single rates are \$30 extra per day.

We will be visiting a part of Barrington not seen on previous holidays





Hibbs Reunion



Hibbs and Pardoe Reunion, September 11

The 15th Annual Family Reunion for descendants of First Fleet sailor Peter Hibbs and Second Fleet convict girl Mary Pardoe was held on Sunday, September 11th. The venue was the grounds of Holy Trinity Church at Spencer.

The church, built in 1909, proved extremely interesting with many historical photos in the foyer. The Woodbury family was very well represented.

There is also a cemetery behind the church and many family members are interred there. A walk through the cemetery to inspect the headstones is a must. It is history in marble and stone.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. Small groups sat in the sunshine exchanging information and stories on how this was obtained. The joy of family research is in the sharing.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all and many photos were taken. The Hibbs family banner was on display as well as many charts and old photos. A photographer from the Sydney Morning Herald was in attendance and this resulted in a lovely photo of Emily Whiteman, with story, appearing in the Monday edition of the paper.



The reunion is held on the second Sunday in September and everyone is welcome. Associated family names include Cox, Byrnes, Webber, Everingham, Norman, and Izzard, just to mention a few.

Why not come along next year, have a lovely day and perhaps find a connection with your family and ours.

Betty Warn, Member #6110



Arthur Phillip Bell

Saturday, 5 March 1988, Peter Christian, the late Doug Oakes and other members of the FFF were present when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, conducted a Service for the dedication and hallowing of eight bells installed in St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. The bells were named after ships of the First Fleet. Sirius, Supply, Alexander, Friendship, Charlotte, Lady Penrhyn, Scarborough and Prince of Wales. The ring of eight bells was purchased from St Mark's, Leicester U.K., in approach to the 1988 Bicentennial. They were restored at the bell foundry of John Taylor at Loughborough UK. Two bells were added in 1994, Fishburn and Golden Grove, to give the cathedral a ring of ten bells. Two more bells, Borrowdale and Endeavour, manufactured at the Taylor Bell Foundry, Loughborough UK, were installed May 2005 to give a 12 bell peal.

The bells are upside-down at rest and travel a full circle when activated, stopping upside-down again with a jolt, making the clapper strike once only. Further funds are being raised to procure a thirteenth bell to be known as the Arthur Phillip Bell. This bell is to be a Flat 6th, which can take the place of the Natural 6th increasing the number of methods and peals possible. This will achieve the objective of being the only country town in the southern hemisphere having twelve-plus-one bells ringing full circle.

The Fellowship of First Fleeters donated \$1,000 towards the Arthur Phillip Bell. On Wednesday 21 September members of the South Coast Chapter were overwhelmed with information and a tour of the bell tower led by Tower Captain Ray Smith.

In conjunction with the FFF donation, Chapter Treasurer Terry Mortimer presented to Ray Smith \$100 on behalf of the South Coast Chapter.

The Arthur Phillip Bell is being cast at the John Taylor Foundry 17 November and Ray is working towards the hallowing of the final bell early 2006.

Jean Mortimer



WHAT THE DICKENS?

'What the Dickens' may you ask has the First Fleet to do with the famous novelist Charles Dickens?

Daniel Stanfield (Sirius) and Edward Kimberley (Scarborough) were the great-grandparents of Constance Desailey who married Charles Dickens's son Edward Bulwer Dickens. Constance was the daughter of Emily (nee Stanfield) whose parents were Daniel Stanfield Jnr and Maria (nee Kimberley).

Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens was the youngest and best loved son of Charles and Catherine (nee Hogarth) Dickens. In 1868, at the age of 16 years, his father sent him to the Colony to join his brother Alfred, and to make a man of him. The two were never to see their father again. Edward grew into a tall well-built young man who became M.P. in 1889 for Wilcannia in N.S.W. He became both a success financially and socially until 1894 when drought ravaged N.S.W.

and he lost his stock and station business.

His childless marriage failed and he died in 1902 aged 49, alone and broke. He is buried in the Moree cemetery.

Bonney Savill (nee Kimberley)

From the Chapters

SOUTH COAST CHAPTER

The South Coast Chapter AGM was held on 2nd August with John Boyd as returning officer and all positions were filled. But what keeps the SCC going? Members' participation, team work, enthusiasm and the dedication of those members willing to give extra time to hold office. Three members have tirelessly performed the same tasks since 2001. Together they cut the Chapter's fourth birthday cake, seen pictured below.



Incidentally Warwick put his talent to work as he spoke about the FFF and South Coast Chapter on the Illawarra Radio Station recently.

All FFF members are welcome to attend our meetings and events. For further information contact President *Jean Mortimer* 4257 5575 or Vice-president *Stan Keough* 4232 1060.



Pictured from left to right:
Support Officer Betty Warn,
Publicity Officer Warwick Grace and
President Jean Mortimer.

NORTH COAST CHAPTER

It is getting close to that time of year when we plan our following year's meetings. If anyone has any suggestions, such as guest speakers, or would like to offer their home for a venue, please contact me, or one of your committee members - phone numbers are listed on back cover of the newsletter.

Some of our members are going to Norfolk Island in March 2006, for their celebrations, so if there is anyone else who would like to join us, could you please contact either Hon. President or Mal Dale.

Next Chapter meeting: Sunday, 4 December 2005. Boambee Creek Reserve. Christmas Party, 10.30am start. Food and drinks supplied by Chapter. For details contact Colin Robertson 6654 1528.

CANBERRA CHAPTER

Members of the Canberra Chapter met at the Southern Cross Club, Woden for dinner on Saturday night 23rd July. President Geoff Cameron and wife Kathy welcomed all those attending including Pamela and William Hempel from the FFF Committee. A group photograph followed a pleasant evening of fellowship. Those present included Neil & Penny Ferguson, John & Toni Pike, Brian & Helen Mattich and Col & Jan Berryman.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CHAPTER

November marks the first birthday of the Southern Highlands Chapter and it is encouraging to see a steady increase in both membership and the level of interest within our community.

Our fledgling library is also off to a good start after a number of books and genealogical magazines were donated by members. We now have a foundation of a useful library.

Our thanks to local historian and author, Linda Emery, who presented a very informative talk to our August meeting, entitled *'The First Fleet and Norfolk Island'*

At our 12 October meeting at the C.W.A. Rooms at Mittagong (2 - 4pm), when Marilyn Kelly delivered a paper entitled *'Lachlan Macquarie - A Highland Laddie'* Marilyn says that her reading of Macquarie's journals reveal him as an astute, intelligent leader, an affectionate husband and father and a man with vision.

Our Christmas luncheon and final meeting of the year will be held at *'The Journeyman'* restaurant at Berrima on Wednesday, 14 December.

For further information please contact Wendy Selman
PO Box 503, Mittagong 2575, or Valerie Collyer 4872 1238.



The President, Committee and Members of The Fellowship of First Fleeters
South Coast Chapter Cordially invites
All FFF Members, Family and Friends to attend

our end of year **Christmas Luncheon** to be held at

Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club, Corner Shoalhaven Rd and Golden Hill Ave, Shoalhaven Heads.

Sat 3rd December 12 noon for a 12.30pm start **Cost \$25 per person**

A three-course meal including a dinner roll, tea and coffee. A choice of two dishes each course.

Special Dietary needs are catered to, please let us know at the time of booking. Drinks available from the bar.

Book now and payment by November 18

Cheques are made out to Fellowship of First Fleeters S.C.C.

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

**Closing Date
for
Next Issue:
November 20**

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Australia Day Weekend

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd January 2006

Conference, Celebration Dinner & Picnic

Venue – Panthers-Penrith NSW

All members, family & friends from throughout Australia & Overseas are invited to attend the Conference which commences at 9.00 am on Saturday with morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea all included.

Three keynote & highly respected speakers have been confirmed to provide presentations during the Conference – namely:

Peter Christian - *President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters*

Peter has spoken to many groups outside the Fellowship about the First Fleet story and it is a pleasure to allow our own members and friends to have the opportunity to enjoy and share his special expertise.

Ray Thorburn - *Director Kiama Family History Society*

Ray has spoken to many groups about the valuable specialised work being done by him and his organisation centred on the South Coast and it is a pleasure to have him share a little of his expertise with us.

Geoff Stuart - *Author "Secrets in Stone"*

Geoff was a guest speaker at the Australia Day Luncheon in 2005 where he shared with us a little about the History of Sydney as seen through his discoveries and photographs over three years research for his book "Secrets in Stone." Geoff has agreed to speak further about his experiences to the wider membership and friends in 2006.

A Celebration Dinner is planned for Saturday Evening at 6.30 pm

A great time to arrange a table with round tables of 10. Catch-up with family or meet other descendants of a First Fleeter.

*As descendants of a First Fleeter, we shall toast those
who we are so proud to call our Ancestor/s.*

Numbers are Limited

Those who are prompt to fill out the enclosed green form along with your payment & a stamp self-addressed envelope can be assured of being part of the celebration.

Picnic Day – Sunday 22nd at 10am

A time to relax with one another beside the lake with views to the Blue Mountains. Bring a rug, fold up chair, picnic lunch & enjoy some R & R.

Accommodation: On site at Holiday Inn Penrith Panthers

Enquiries: Phone 02 4721 7700. Don't forget to ask about a special rate!

Mention at the time you are attending a Conference & Dinner at Panthers.

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RON MAGUIRE, Hon. Editor