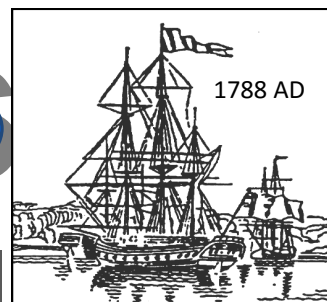


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To live on in the hearts and minds  
of descendants is never to die

## MEETING OF TWO CULTURES

**Kamay Botany Bay National Park** straddles both heads of Botany Bay 15km south of Sydney Harbour, enclosing 458 hectares of coastal bushland. Visitors come here to enjoy the walking tracks, picnic areas and sheltered beaches. The area played a key role in Australia's history; the first European settlers originally landed on the northern shore in 1788, and to-

formation on the surrounding wetlands and Cook's life and expeditions.

For many years, on 29 April, Sutherland Shire Council has conducted the annual **Meeting of Two Cultures** ceremony at the site of Cook's landing. This year President Jon Fearon and his wife Karys followed the tradition of most Fellowship presi-

dents before him and attended the moving 2016 commemoration.

The local school, Kurnell Public, attended along with children from other schools in southern Sydney. The highlight was the singing by Cronulla High School student, **Adrienne Brown** of the national anthem, the third verse being beautifully sung in the language of the Dharawal nation whose lands stretch from Botany Bay to the Shoalhaven. Adrienne was ac-

companied by the Royal Australian Naval Band and the Kurnell Public School choir.

**Kathryn Lord**, shire events manager, ably led the proceedings and introduced **Descendence**, the internationally acclaimed performance group of Torres Strait and aboriginal dancers. Several of their creative works were performed during the ceremony which began with *Jalina*, (Welcome). Their lead singer and narrator was accompanied by some masterful didgeridu playing, and his dancers delighted us with their depiction of kangaroos, willy-wagtails and collecting food amongst the mangroves while coping with mosquitoes. All in the audience, not just the school children, were entranced.

**Peter**, visiting from, as he called it, another country, La Perouse, and representing the local community, gave the Welcome to Country, referring as he did so to the resilience of our first peoples. 'My people have endured', he said **(to page 2)**



The Hon Mark Speakman, Cr Carmelo Peske, Peter of La Perouse Land Council

Descendence

day there are a number of interesting historical exhibits and monuments to explore in both sections

**Captain Cook** landed here in 1770, naming the bay after the botanical specimens his naturalist **Joseph Banks** found here. **Joseph Matra**, also on *Endeavour*, later suggested it would be a good place to bring American loyalists but by the time the First Fleet arrived in summer 18 years later, it had been designated as the site of a penal colony. However the scorched vegetation and limited water supplies were a far cry from what Banks had described as a wintry paradise. As we know the new arrivals quickly relocated to Sydney Cove on Port Jackson.

Cook's monument-marked landing place is on the southern side of the park in Kurnell. The nearby visitor centre, which is well worth a visit, conveys the impact of European arrival on the local Gweagar people of the Dharawal nation, and has in-

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jon Fearon



This past month has been a busy time for many in the Fellowship. As well as the **Meeting of the Two Cultures** gathering at Kurnell there has been the **229th** Anniversary of the sailing of the fleet. This was celebrated not only at Sydney Town Hall but also by some of our chapters with special luncheons and boat cruises.

Our special appreciation goes to **#8038 Dawn Cantwell** of Don Valley who kindly represented the Fellowship and gave an illustrated talk on our behalf at Nunawading, Victoria, to the Combined Probus Club of Tunstall. Dawn has given a copy of her excellent presentation to the Fellowship. The response was encouraging and all the copies of the magazine were snapped up. The Club Talks secretary, Mal Anderson, had this to say: 'Thank you so much for your time and very informative talk. It is good to be reminded at times about the origins - not all "baddies" - of our Australian Culture. Wishing you, and all FFF members well.'

My sincere thanks go to the many members who joined us at Matraville on 13 May at the wonderfully successful and most memorable opening of the new **First Fleeter Memorial**. We are gathering pictures and stories to share with you next issue. **Jon**

### (from page 1)

'and are very keen to develop and maintain our spiritual connection with our land.'

**Rodney Fleck**, a descendant of James Cook's sister, along with the NSW Rural Fire Service colour party, raised the Queen Anne flag as the band played *God Save the Queen*, and this was followed by two relevant speeches.

The mayor of Sutherland Shire, **Cr Carmelo Pesce**, spoke of the significance of the spot where all were gathered, on this the 246th anniversary of Cook's arrival. He said that event marked a turning point for both the indigenous people and the land of Australia itself. Cr Pesce then invited everyone to stay and enjoy the heritage.

The guest speaker was the **Hon Mark Speakman** MP for Cronulla, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage and Assistant Minister for Planning. He encouraged both cultures to shape our shared future and that diversity needed to be celebrated by everyone. Cook's important role was mentioned together with his many attributes such as his navigational skills and his entrepreneurship. In closing Mr Speakman challenged all Australians to 'reverse the wrongs of the past'

The Queen Anne flag was then lowered as Kathryn Lord asked the audience to stand and to contemplate the valuing of and respect for indigenous culture while a wreath of native flowers was laid by the mayor and the deputy mayor **Cr Hassan Awada**. The didjeridu was the perfect accompaniment for this part of the ceremony and was followed by a minute's silence.

After more memorable items from *Descendance* the naval band then accompanied Leading Seaman **Tracy Kennedy** in a powerful rendition of the song *I Am Australian*, Tracy encouraged the audience to sing along with her in the chorus, and that they did, with gusto. During the song the colour party returned and raised three flags, Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait. Alas there was not enough wind for them to be seen flying.

The Australian national anthem followed, with the band playing an Australian medley while the audience walked across to the Discovery Centre to enjoy a delicious morning tea prepared by the Sutherland Shire chef and his team.

While the adult guests were enjoying the goodies the school children stayed at the waterfront where they were treated to special practical lessons from indigenous teachers. Items included bush tucker, native plants and wildlife along with traditional local customs and folklore.

Jon and Karys enjoyed representing the Fellowship while chatting over lunch and then spent time browsing in the excellent museum and photographing some of the exhibits. They decided both there and during the walk back along the waterside to the bus stop that Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell, is definitely a place to revisit, along with their two youngest granddaughters, who, fortuitously, live in the Shire.

They recommend that whenever you visit southern Sydney you should include the park in your itinerary. After all in just four years' time Australia will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of Cook's first landfall. No doubt something befitting the occasion will be planned.

## MOTHERS DAY AT THE CASCADES FEMALE FACTORY

On a rather cold Mother's Day, 8th May 2016, the manager of the Cascades Female Factory in Hobart, **Greta McDonald**, ran an Open Day at the the World Heritage Site to celebrate Mother's Day.

In spite of the cold the event was extremely well attended and there was plenty to do - tours of the site, a performance of Her Story, peg doll making, and a scavenger hunt as well as a sausage sizzle and hot drinks to ward off the cold chill from Mt Wellington.

Derwent Chapter President **Judith Wood** along with Vice President, **Dianne Snowden** spent the day at the Female Factory which is located in Degrares Street South Hobart beside the Guy Fawkes Rivulet. Along with representatives of *The Friends of the Orphans School* and of the *Female Convicts Research Centre*, Derwent Chapter was there to interact with anyone who wanted First Fleet information. Despite the extreme cold, as the day progressed there was interest and new prospective members have already been contacted.

Judith was pleased to give the new chapter banner its first outing. Other chapters wishing to modernise their banner are advised to contact Judith and she will be happy to supply the details. She and Dianne look well rugged up against the cold but at day's end were still glad to get home to a cuppa and a warm fire.



Judith Wood & Dianne Snowden

## SYDNEY TOWN HALL RECEPTION

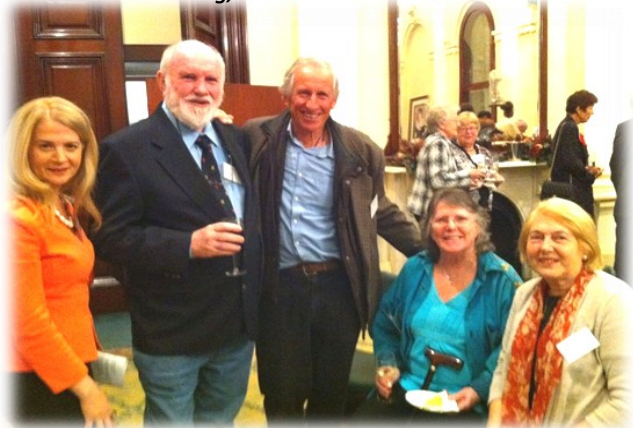
Every year on the anniversary of the Sailing of the Fleet from Portsmouth Chairman Richard Tanner of the Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee invites members of the Fellowship to the Lord Mayor's Reception Room at Sydney Town Hall.

Hosted by Councillor Angela Vithoulkas this year's 229th anniversary, held on 13th May, was attended by many of our members, and all were enthralled by the keynote speaker's talk. **Dr Wally Franklin** chose as his topic: *The First Fleet and Re-enactment - Some Untold History*.

The untold history centred on two very different personalities, James Matra and Gidley King, set in the context of the 1987-1988 re-enactment during which Dr Franklin and his wife Trish became significantly involved.

*Founders* will publish the full text of the talk, with its focus on indigenous matters, in forthcoming issues.

*Pictured below, from left: Angela Vithoulkas, Dr Wally Franklin, Dr Jonathon King, Dr Trish Franklin and Mrs Jan Fairbanks*



## DISCOVERY

*Captain Tench explores west of Rose Hill, June 1789.*

We march in fearful silence steering west  
by north following the vee of geese  
to other waterfowl. Before us stretches  
an untamed abyss, unknown to European

feet. A crow caws over its kingdom,  
spins to the grass with a single shot.  
There are signs of Indians at every mile,  
bird and squirrel traps, bark hunting huts

like two playing cards folded in the middle.  
We make camp at a pond and broil the crow.  
Next noon we turn back faced with a river  
yet to be named. Indians come, they labour  
with pox. I think on the Thames at Putney.  
Ducks hear gunfire for the first time and flee

The above poem, 'a sonnet in the voice of Watkin Tench', is one of a number of poems shortly to be published by *Smokestack Books* in an anthology, *First Fleet*, by writer, **Michael Crowley** of Sheffield Hallam University. Michael uses our website and original documents for background material.

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## CRUISING PORT HACKING with ARTHUR PHILLIP CHAPTER

On a sunny Thursday morning, 10 March 2016 to be precise, 22 members of the Arthur Phillip Chapter embarked on the *Tom Thumb III* from the Tonkin Street Wharf, Gunnamatta Bay, Cronulla, for a cruise on Port Hacking. As we had had very humid weather, everyone was grateful for the respite provided by the pleasant breezes we had from the water.

The Captain's offside provided a lively commentary throughout the journey, pointing out places of interest and telling stories of some of the personalities of the area.

First Fleeters will be interested to know that **Henry Hacking**, whom the area was named after, was the quartermaster of HMS *Sirius* and an accomplished bushman noted for finding the lost cattle from the Cowpastures in 1795, and for his hunting skills used in supplementing Government rations for First Fleet settlers.

Aboriginal inhabitants for over 8,000 years, were mainly Dharawal people and left evidence in many artifacts that have been found, shell middens, many of which were accessed by lime burners for mortar for early colonial buildings. There are also cave paintings, weapon-making grooves in rocks and rock carvings. The Dharawal were attracted by the lobsters, oysters, crabs, eels and abundant fish of the area.

In the early days, whaling was conducted and whalers were the first to interact with the Aborigines.

Fishing was a popular pastime in colonial days, as it is to-day, and fish authorities were so worried about the depletion of fish stocks that they stopped commercial fishing in the area in the 1880s and created a fish hatchery, which ceased operation in 1914, the remains of which can be seen in the Cabbage Tree Basin area. There is still a fisheries research station for the CSIRO at Hungry Point, on the north bank, which was the first point of interest on our voyage. *Bundeena*, which means thunder in an Aboriginal language, is on the south bank.

The next point of interest was Cabbage Tree Point on the south bank, which was where the old fish hatchery was. Also in the Cabbage Tree basin area is the Bonnie Vale campsite with access to the National Park. In this area was the famous Simpson's Hotel which operated from the late 1800s until about 1920, with guests being ferried from Gunnamatta Bay. It fell into disuse and burned down in the 1950s, but one can still see the ruins.

The Simpsons were landholders in the area before the creation of the Royal National Park which was established adjoining their property, in March 1879, with other additions by 1880. Australia was foremost in the world in conserving a National Park.

In 1796 Port Hacking was discovered by **Bass and Flinders** in the *Tom Thumb II*, an 8ft rowing boat. They spent three days

mapping the area but it took us only three hours to traverse. We were mainly cruising the Hacking River as far as the Audley weir, which is tidal, starting at the open expanses of Port Hacking at Gunnamatta Bay, and exploring many of its bays, inlets and creeks. The estuarine area at the beginning of our journey was covered in mangroves.

The north bank of Port Hacking is formed by the suburban sprawl of such suburbs as Burraneer, Carlingbah, Dolan's Bay, Lilli Pilli, Yowie Bay, Miranda, Gray's Point among others. The magnificent housing and terraced gardens of these suburbs on the slopes of the banks, were much admired by the onlookers. One could see how well the waterways are used by the evidence of the abundant boats and bathouses. Further up the river we saw sailing boats, kayaks and a ladies' dragon boat practising manoeuvres.

There was quite a difference in architecture between the early houses and more modern dwellings. Many of the early houses were simple wooden or fibro buildings, some quite quaint in construction.

The southern bank, by comparison was clothed in the endless green of the Royal National Park, with a few small communities like Maianbar, Warumbul and Gundamaian. At Gogerly's Point, was the **Telford** property, where two brothers ferried people from Lilli Pilli opposite to famous parties and entertainments held by the Telfords. A bit further round from Gogerly's Point was a soldier's repatriation and recreation area, where the soldiers had built a small pool out of stone, which could still be seen. Nearby there is an area where there are church campsites. Not far from here was the original Deer Park which was responsible for the now nearly 3,000 feral deer which populate the



*Tom Thumb III at Gunnamatta Bay Cronulla*



*On board with Arthur Phillip Chapter*

Royal National Park

Gray's Point was the last visible suburb and for the rest of the journey up to the Audley weir both banks were clothed in green and we were mesmerised by the tranquility and peacefulness of the river which passes through a variety of gums such as blackbutt, grey ironbark and Sydney blue gum. Geebung, bangalow and cabbage tree palms and grass trees can also be seen. We had our lunch of delicious sandwiches prepared by the cruise staff after reaching the Audley Weir on our return journey. Audley was the first part of the park to be developed, with kiosk, picnic areas and boatsheds, and remains an attraction to-day with a newly refurbished tea room and dance hall that doubles as an information centre and venue for receptions and parties.

As we made our return journey there was much to reflect on. One of the most remarkable was the founding of the National Park. This outstanding area was developed in an era when most people liked their parks to be areas of recreation with developed infrastructure. Ecologically speaking *National Parks and Wildlife* these days tends to encourage as little development as possible in parks and to emphasise the natural ecology. In the past much damage has been done by feral animals such as deer, rabbits and



*Dragon Boats practising their race manoeuvres*

foxes, and infrastructure such as the causeway at Audley, causes sedimentation that affects the sea grass beds that were once extensive. However, with little industrial or agricultural development in the area, which is a drowned river valley, the water quality is extremely good.

At approximately 1:30 pm we disembarked from the *Tom Thumb*, much refreshed by the camaraderie on the journey, our delicious sandwich lunch, the things we had seen and the delightful breezes.

**#6992 Jane Ann Tainsh**

## MID NORTH COAST CHRISTMAS CHEER AT WINGHAM

### *Programme Officer, Pauline Walker reports.:*

On 1 December 2015 our members met at 10:34 am at the Wingham Museum, New South Wales, where **Barbara Waters**, president of the Manning Valley Historical Society took us on a tour of the museum. Barbara has a great knowledge of the area and pointed out articles of interest.

The museum has recently received a donation of a sizable collection of very valuable precious stones. The donor was the family of an elderly gentleman and they said that he had collected the stones from all over the world.

At 11:30 we proceeded across the road to Wingham RSL Club for Christmas Lunch. For \$22 pp we enjoyed pork, turkey and ham accompanied by seven different vegetables, followed by plum pudding and custard or fruit salad and ice cream. Also on the tables were two platters of cheese and crackers and two of fresh fruit. These were enjoyed with tea or coffee. What a feast!

Tables were decorated with Australian themed flags and serviettes, supplemented by Christmas decorations. We made sure the Queen Anne Jack took pride of place.

*Show and Tell* followed the meal with members invited to speak about their oldest heirloom that they had brought along. These had been displayed on a large table and created great interest throughout the afternoon.

**Malcolm Tompson** spoke about the Boggis-Tompson family photo. FF **William Boggis's** daughter married a Tompson. Boggis himself had stolen a law book, but it didn't help him much as he probably couldn't read or write. However he did get a free passage to New South Wales. Malcolm also showed a family letter seal.

**Lesley Rudd** spoke about the wedding dress she had brought along. It was worn by **Blanche Duggan** in 1916 when she married Robert Henry Scott. Not long after Scott was killed on active service in France. The dress is in excellent condition but very fragile.

**Roslyn MacKenzie** brought along her great grandmother's 1880 tea-set, in mint condition and still in its original box. Her great grandmother was orphaned at 8 years of age.

**Pauline Walker** spoke about a handkerchief or scarf taken to the Western Front during World War One and safely returned. On it are the words of a popular old song we oldies all remember: *Keep the home fires burning...till the boys come home*. In the corners are the union jack and an early unofficial Australian flag. The handkerchief is now discoloured and very fragile.

Pauline also brought along a Moore family photo showing three generations of grandfathers. The photo was taken when the oldest, **Samuel James Moore**, her great great grandfather, was in his late eighties. He had married **Elizabeth Fishburn**, the granddaughter of First Fleeter **Andrew Fishburn** and daughter of **William Fishburn**, one of the first free settlers in Sydney's Hills district.

**Sandra Watt** showed a sextant that had belonged to her great grandfather, a mariner born in Lancashire.

**Bev Williams** spoke about the morganatic marriage of her commoner ancestor who married a son of **Queen Victoria**. A morganatic marriage is one between people of unequal social rank. It prevents the passage of the husband's titles and privileges to the wife and children of the marriage.

Such a marriage is also known as a left-handed marriage because during the ceremony the groom holds his bride's hand with his left hand instead of his right.

Before we left the club to make our way home there was a lucky draw for Christmas gifts kindly donated by Secretary Bev Williams for each one of us in attendance.

A great day was had by all and we are now looking forward to this year's Christmas Lunch.

**#7055 Pauline Walker**



*Wingham Museum, formerly a grocery and produce store, circa 1880*

## THE SHORTLAND FAMILY of the FIRST FLEET - PART 1

### Source: Hunter Valley Chapter Archive

When researching the First Fleet and finding information on the preparations carried out in England, the voyage out to Botany Bay and the first few months of settlement at Sydney Cove, the name **John Shortland** was prominent in all the diaries and reference books.

At first I believed this to refer to the John Shortland of Newcastle fame, but then found out that it referred to his father and that the father and his two sons, **John Shortland Junior** and **Thomas George Shortland** were all part of the First Fleet.

This information sparked my interest in the whole family, their backgrounds and their careers that followed. The family and the descendants of the younger son Thomas George played important roles in Australian and New Zealand history.

### LIEUTENANT JOHN SHORTLAND (Senior)

**John Shortland**, Senior, was born in St Mary's Whitechapel, Plymouth in 1739. His father, also John, was the patriarch of a remarkable west country family, six of whom were associated with the colonisation of Australia and New Zealand.

In 1755 John entered the navy as a midshipman and served off Newfoundland, off Minorca and in the West Indies. On his promotion to lieutenant in 1763 he was engaged in the transport service between England and America.

On 5 July 1764 he married **Margarethe Rutherford** at Whitechapel Middlesex. Daughter **Jane Shortland** was born about 1765 and her sister **Peggy Shortland** followed two years later. Son **John Shortland** arrived in 1769 and **Thomas George Shortland** in 1771.

In 1772 Shortland was in command of the transports taking reinforcements to the relief of Gibraltar and in 1786 after returning with troops from Halifax he was appointed naval agent to the transports of the First Fleet. This meant he supervised all the transports excluding the two naval vessels. He was responsible for the fulfilling of the contracts for supplies loaded onto the transports and he was also in command of all the masters (captains) of those vessels.

He had control of all directions for the correct distribution of provisions to the holds of the ships and was also responsible for the accommodation of the marines on board as well as that of the convicts. It was a very responsible position and the success of the whole venture was largely in his hands.

In these preparations he worked closely with **Arthur Phillip**, the Governor designate of the new colony and Phillip gave high praise for his work. John Shortland sailed in *Alexander* and arrived at Botany Bay on that vessel, but he had also spent some of the voyage on *Fishburn* since the transports had all to be supervised throughout the voyage.



*The prefabricated first hospital at Sydney Cove in 1793, originally set up by the Golden Grove carpenters*

Once the Fleet had arrived in Port Jackson, Shortland's main task was successfully and officially completed once he had examined all stores as they were brought ashore to be deposited in hastily built storehouses. Then at Sydney Cove he was kept busy ordering the carpenters from *Golden Grove* to build the first hospital in the settlement.

He departed Port Jackson in charge of *Alexander* on 14 July 1788, accompanied by his youngest son **Thomas Shortland** as Master's Mate. Also under his overall command were *Friendship*, *Prince of Wales* and *Borrowdale*. He carried important dispatches from Governor Phillip back to the government in London, and perhaps almost as important was the fact that he carried letters from **Jean-Francois de Galoup, Comte de Laperouse** to be handed over to the French Ambassador for the French government. These were the last accounts of the voyages of Laperouse.



*Louis XVI giving Laperouse his instructions, 1785*

*Alexander* and *Friendship* anchored at Lord Howe Island to await the arrival of *Prince of Wales* and *Borrowdale* but it was later found out that they had taken an alternative route. So Shortland's now two ships set sail for Batavia. On 19 July Lt Shortland came across an extensive shoal which he named Middleton Shoal, and two days later he came to an island which he named Sir Charles Middleton Island.

By 31 July 1788 the southern limits of the yet undiscovered Solomon Islands were sighted and Lt Shortland went ashore traversing the land mass and naming it New Georgia. He made detailed observational records and gave names to various peaks, capes, headlands and islands. He was totally unaware that **Louis Antoine de Bougainville**, the French navigator had passed the northern extremities of the island twenty years earlier, in 1768, and had named Solomon Island and the Bougainville Straits.

Towards the end of October 1799 scurvy had reduced the crews of the two ships to such an extent that only a small number were fit for duty. Being short of provisions and with the expectation of monsoonal weather it was decided that things were so bad that they could not continue to sail both ships.

Shortland had to make the decision to scuttle *Friendship* so that what was left of the two crews could continue the journey. They struggled on and reached Batavia, reporting that they were in such bad shape they were unable to sail *Alexander* into port and had to call on the Dutch for help.

The sick were sent to hospital and *Alexander* was refitted for sea, and with a fresh crew set sail for the Isle of Wight on

7 December 1788. At Table Bay, which they reached on 28 February 1789 they met **Captain John Hunter** of the *Sirius* who informed them that *Borrowdale* and *Prince of Wales* had taken the southern route.



Church of St Maurice, Lille

After a voyage lasting ten and a half months *Alexander* arrived at the Isle of Wight on 28 May 1789. Lt John Shortland (Senior) was promoted to Commander in 1790 and retired later that year to Lille in France as a captain on half-pay. He died there on 16 January 1803, aged 64. His death certificate indicates that his wife Margarethe was still with him at the time, aged 50.

The gravesite of John Shortland in Lille has not been located but Margarethe died in Westminster, London, on Christmas Day 1815 and was buried on 6 January 1816 in the North Cloister of Westminster Abbey.

## THOMAS GEORGE SHORTLAND

**Thomas George Shortland**, the younger son of **Lt John Shortland (Senior)** had entered the Royal Navy in 1785 aged 14 as a midshipman on the *Irresistible* and in March 1787 he was moved to the *Alexander*, transport for the First Fleet, to serve as second mate for the voyage. He turned 16 just three days before the fleet sailed from England.

He then left Port Jackson with his father aboard *Alexander* on 14 July and the path followed by the vessel from Port Jackson to Indonesia was charted by him. He also drew the chart on New Georgia, now the Solomon Islands, discovered by his father.

After he returned to England he had an impressive career in the Royal Navy, serving on many ships and in many areas. On the night of 3 August 1798 he commanded the boats of the frigate *Melpomene* in cutting out the armed French brig *Aventurier* from under the batteries in the Bay of Corréjou, on the north coast of Brittany. It was a gallant exploit for which he was promoted to the rank of commander on 20 April 1799 and appointed to serve on the Newfoundland station.

Later that year, on 16 December, Shortland married **Elizabeth Tonkin** of Plymouth. Elizabeth, born 16 August 1771, was the daughter of **Elizabeth Savery** whose family had links to royalty back to the Plantagenet **King Edward I** (Longshanks). Their first child, **George Tonkin Shortland**, was born in 1800.

During the next 15 years his appointments saw him in active service in the East Indies, the Mediterranean, the Dardanelles and the West Indies. Thomas and Elizabeth added to their family in that period: **Elizabeth** 1802, **Willoughby** 1804, **Margaret Amelia** 1806, **Catherine Inman** 1809, **Edward** 1812, **John Ruthford** 1814 and **Peter Frederick** 1815.

From April 1816 to April 1819 he was captain-superintendent to the ships of the ordinary at Hamdaze, Plymouth and during this period he obtained the Admiralty's approval for his meritorious conduct and for his zeal and ingenuity in forming a system to make telegraphic communication by shapes in lieu of bunting flags or semaphore.

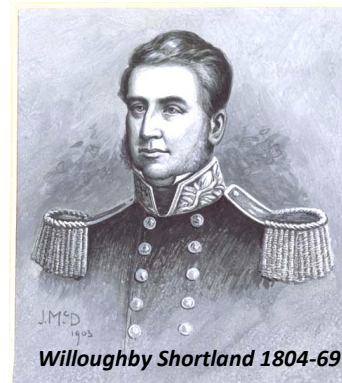
The last two of the ten children, **Cordelia Augustine** 1818 and **Charles** 1819 were both born during this Plymouth appointment. For the next three years he was comptroller-general of

the preventive boat service.

On 14 July 1825 Shortland was appointed Resident Commissioner at Port Royal, Jamaica, where he served until his death on 23 November 1827. He died of yellow fever, aged 56, and is buried in a tomb under a slab of white marble located beneath the floor of St Andrew Parish Church, Halfway Tree Road, Kingston, Jamaica. Elizabeth Shortland died on 16 June 1858 at Plymouth, aged 86.

Three of Thomas and Elizabeth Shortland's sons made major contributions to life in Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere.

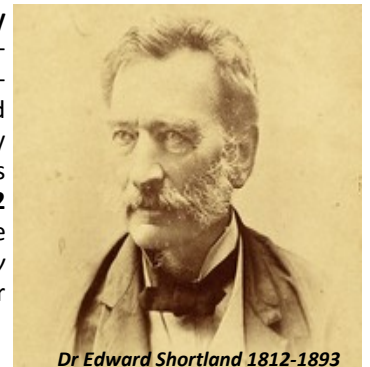
**Willoughby Shortland**, the second son, joined the Royal Navy at 14 in 1818 and after 21 years' service he accompanied **Lieutenant-Governor William Hobson** to New Zealand as colonial secretary. In 1842 he became acting Governor of New Zealand until 1843. He then took up the position of President of the Island of Nevis in the Leeward Islands and after that the Governor of nearby Tobago from 1854 to 1856.



The third son, **Edward Shortland**, studied medicine in London and at his brother Willoughby's request went to New Zealand as Private Secretary to Governor Hobson in 1841. In

August the following year, as Dr Shortland, he was appointed as Protector of Natives. He studied the native languages and became a profound Maori scholar. He settled finally in Auckland where he practised medicine.

He returned to England in 1889 and lived at Plymouth where he died in 1893, aged 81. His third son **Thomas Willoughby Shortland** had ventured to Sydney in 1880, marrying at Newtown in 1887 and lived and raised his children in Sydney until he died in 1927. Thomas was the grandfather of **#6292 John Willoughby Shortland**, the author of *The Shortland Family* from which some material for this article has come.



Thomas George Shortland's fourth son, **Peter Frederick Shortland** also chose a naval career. He joined the Royal Navy in 1827 aged 12, and from 1836 to 1837 he was serving in Australian waters on *HMS Rattlesnake*. The first settlement of Melbourne was taking place at this time and Peter Shortland and **Thomas Symonds** charted Port Phillip Bay. Symonds named the entrance to the bay Shortland Bluff, but this was changed to Queenscliff in 1853 in honour of Queen Victoria.

Peter Shortland took leave of absence on his return to England in 1838 and took a Mathematics degree at Cambridge. This assisted in his many years as a Royal Navy marine surveyor charting Canadian waters. Later he was involved in surveys of the Indian Ocean coastlines. On his retirement from active service in 1870 he returned to Cambridge and took out a law degree, later being called to the bar. For the last seven years of his life he had reached the rank of vice-admiral.

**Editor's Note:** This article was prepared some time ago as a chapter talk. Readers are invited to send to Founders any necessary amendments.

Part 2 will follow next issue.

# MARY MARTIN 1793 - 1857 MATRIARCH OF BEECROFT

Mary was the daughter of **John Randall** and **Mary Butler**. As she is identified as living in what is now known as Beecroft in 1847 she is the matriarch of a family with a long heritage in the area.

It is thought that Mary's father, John Randall, was an African slave of Captain John Randall of Stonington, Connecticut, United States of America. When he later joined the NSW Corps he gave his place of birth as New Haven, Connecticut. The first certain record for him is his conviction at Manchester Quarter Sessions, England, in April 1785. It is surmised that, because of his later career, he might have sought his freedom through being recruited as a musician to a British regiment and then travelled with that regiment to England in around 1783. Following his sentence for 7 years for stealing a watch chain, he was gaoled on the *Ceres* hulk and then transported to Botany Bay aboard the *Alexander* in the First Fleet.<sup>1</sup>

Randall was described as "about six feet high, well made and straight."<sup>2</sup>

Randall (then aged about 24) firstly married **Esther Howard** (then aged 38) in February 1788 but she died in October 1789. He then had a daughter **Frances** who was born before 1792 by an unknown mother. Then in September 1790 he married for a second time, to **Mary Butler**. Mary was Irish and had been convicted of stealing beans at Covent Garden in London.<sup>3</sup> John and Mary were one of 5 couples all married on the one day with the same witnesses at St Johns, Parramatta. They had two children who survived: **Mary** (born 1793) and **John T** (b 1797). Their mother Mary died on 29 July 1802.

Following Mary's death Randall had a de facto wife, **Fanny**, by whom he had 4 children. Of these four children, the two boys died in an accident in 1816. In 1822 Fanny asked that the two girls be admitted to the Parramatta Native Institution as she was a widow.

The Native Institution was, needless to say, for Aboriginal children which (unless Fanny was Aboriginal) these children were not. Of the two girls, **Eliza** (b 1814) was rejected as being too old. **Ann** (b 1817) was admitted and was still there when the Institution closed in 1829. When admitted in 1823, it was recorded that she "spelled and sewed well" even though she suffered ophthalmia. On the closure of the Institution she was fostered by the **Rev Robert Cartwright** who fostered all 10 of the children remaining. However he had to return Ann to her mother (Fanny) "because of the injury sustained by the Aboriginal children from witnessing [her] vicious conduct."<sup>4</sup>

Randall was a game keeper for the commanding officer of the NSW Corps and continued in this role following the expiration of his sentence in 1792 until he joined the NSW Corps in 1801. On 15 October 1793 four men with blackened faces broke into his Northern Boundaries farm and beat up his two convict labourers. They escaped without stealing anything. This property (of 60

acres<sup>5</sup>) had been granted to him when he finished his sentence. He was not there at the time of the home invasion and presumably did not live there because of his duties as game keeper<sup>6</sup>. He sold this land (to **General Joseph Holt**) when Randall joined the Corps.

Living near Government House, whether Sydney or Parramatta is unclear but certainly as part of his employment to the commanding officer, he was caught stealing glasses and other items from Government House in 1799. The Governor, **John Hunter**, did not press the charges and so they were dismissed. In 1800 he sued **Kit Murphy** for the return of a pound of tea that she alleged he had given to her as an inducement to have sex.<sup>7</sup>

At the time he joined the Corps he was noted for playing the flute and tambour (a type of drum). In 1801 he was part of the Regimental band that played every morning on the parade ground at present day Wynyard.

Upon discharge in April 1810 from the Corps, Randall lived on a small holding at Kissing Point. He then moved with Fanny and their children to Pittwater in 1815. As noted above Fanny claimed him to be dead in 1822.

In 1811 Mary's eldest half-sister, **Frances**, married **John Aitken**. Aitken was of African descent who arrived free on the *Marquis Cornwallis* in 1796. Some family members have stated that Aitken came from Jamaica.<sup>8</sup> As late as 1929 grandsons of Frances and Aitken were described as "dark skinned, aquiline features with fuzzy iron-grey hair."<sup>9</sup> He was a carpenter by trade.

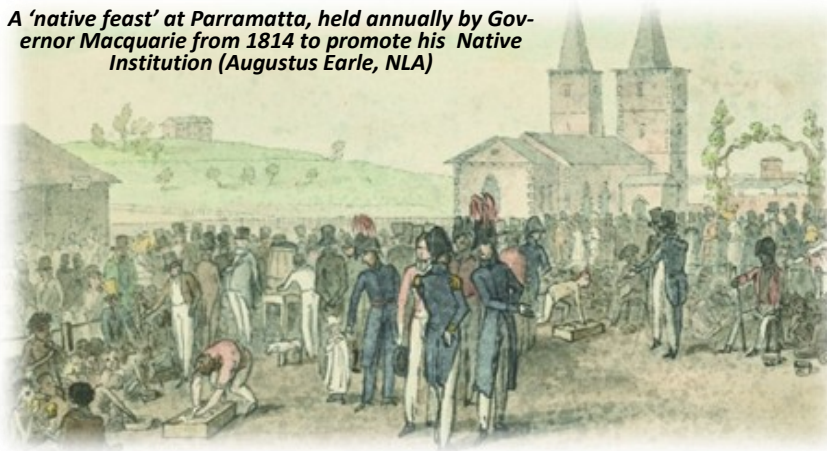
He had rented a farm at Northern Boundary by at least 1803. Aitken served in the Parramatta Loyal Association between 1803-05 as a private. Aitken received his first grant of 30 acres of land in 1821. The grant is roughly bounded by current day Taylor Street, Aitken and Hill Roads, West Pennant Hills. Aitken Road is named after this family

and later became known as "Dixie Land" in reference to the African slaves of the southern United States<sup>10</sup>

Frances and Aitken had at least 8 children: **Maria** (1809-1887) married Samuel Pateman (1815-1899); **Mary Anne** (1811-1817); **John** (1813-1883) married Mary Holland Cronin. One of their sons, William Joseph Aitken, married Hannah Bellamy and farmed land opposite Pennant Hills Hotel which he called *Hillside* however the locals called it *Blackacres*<sup>11</sup> and it was as *Blackacres* that it was subdivided and the local rifle range established.<sup>12</sup> **James** (b 1814); **William** (1816-1869) married Mary Ann Doyle (1816-1918). He was a local timber getter.<sup>13</sup> **Esther** (1818-1911) married Moses Fonseed and secondly Roger Hurst; **Frances** (b 1824) and **Mary Ann** (b 1835).

After Frances was born in 1824 Frances and Aitken separated as he placed an advertisement saying that he would not be responsible for her debts.<sup>14</sup> Aitken died around 1840 and Frances then married **William Brown**. Frances and Brown had seven

*A 'native feast' at Parramatta, held annually by Governor Macquarie from 1814 to promote his Native Institution (Augustus Earle, NLA)*



children together. She died 26 October 1870 aged 78 years and was buried in Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt<sup>15</sup>

By 1807 Mary (then aged 14) had her first child to her father's friend, **John Martin** (then aged 61). They married in 1812. Martin was an African seaman from the American colonies who came to England and was sentenced at the Old Bailey, London, for 7 years transportation. He was convicted for the theft of a number of items of clothing. Initially held in Newgate in 1782 he was placed on the *Den Keyser* for transportation to the island of Goree off the coast of modern day Ghana. He was removed from this ship as he had typhus and was returned to Newgate. Like Randall he was then held on the *Ceres* hulk (in his case from 1785) before also travelling on the *Alexander* to Botany Bay as part of the First Fleet<sup>16</sup>.

In the first winter following his arrival in 1788 Martin was flogged with 25 lashes for lighting a fire inside his hut to keep warm – despite orders to the contrary for fear of the huts being burnt down. In 1789 Martin spoke out at being kept as a convict because no records of his original sentence had been sent to the Colony and when he (correctly) claimed that his sentence had expired. Martin married **Ann Toy** in August 1792.

Martin signed the marriage register with his name.<sup>17</sup> When the expiration of his sentence was recognised, he received a grant of 50 acres in November 1792. This grant was next to that of Randall. In 1798 he was the last of the original settlers at what was now called The Ponds but clearly he was having a difficult existence. He was struggling on his farm. His family remained on the Government Stores. He was described as “a sober industrious man, yet very poor.” By 1806 he was a more successful farmer and had also been appointed as a constable but then in that same year his first wife died. They had no known children.<sup>18</sup>

In the year following the death of his first wife, Mary and Martin had their first child. There were eventually 11 children registered to Mary and Martin, although he only acknowledged the first five in his will. They married in St Johns Church Parramatta on 12 July 1812. Their children were: **John** (1807-1885) married Jane Swindon; **Sophia** (1809-1870) married firstly John Hackett and secondly George Naylor; **Frances** (b 1811) married Thomas Corncrake; **Henry** (1813-1894) married Mary Ingraham.

**Hannah** (1815-1871) married Peter Coups. They had at least 14 children and this family gave their name to Coups Creek in Fox Valley across which the Comenarra Parkway passes. They were squatting on this land from at least the early 1850s and had a peach orchard there in 1857. A descendant has claimed that this isolated peach orchard was used to produce illicit distilling.<sup>19</sup>; **Richard** (1818-1892) married Mary A Cohen; **Frederick** (1821-1903) married Mary Ann Bowerman and secondly Martha Sedgewick and thirdly Charlotte Corns

**Mary Ann** (1822-1870) married George Bowerman; **Amelia** (1824-1886) married firstly Frank Spencer and secondly Richard Bowerman. Amelia's daughter Martha (by Frank Spencer) married James Bellamy Snr. Amelia's daughter Susannah (by Richard

Bowerman) married James Bellamy Jnr.<sup>20</sup>; **Harriet** (1830-1883) and **Nicholas** (1832-1902) married Mary Ann Segwick.

Martin died in December 1837 at the stated age of 88 – although other records would indicate that he might only have been 82. He was buried in an unmarked grave in St John's Cemetery, Parramatta. In his will (dated 12 days before he died and which he signed with a X) he described his property as Pennant Hills Road, Field Of Mars. His entire estate (apart from the farm) was valued at 25 pounds from which he left his widow a shilling. His neighbours, **Isaac Mobbs** and **Richard Partridge**, were his executors. In 1850 he was still remembered and described as “an old and faithful district constable.”<sup>21</sup> His home still stands at 204 Pennant Hills Road Oatlands.<sup>22</sup>

In 1847 a survey of the Field of Mars Common by J J Galloway shows that Mary had lived as a widow (who had 12 children – although only 11 are known) somewhere in the vicinity of modern day York Street and Copeland Road, Beecroft since at least 1844.<sup>23</sup> In 1850 the 70 year old widow, attempted to dismount from a cart in Kissing Point Road while it was still moving and she was “not being altogether sober.” She severely injured her leg when it went between the spokes of the wheel. The next day, 72 year old **William Hawkins** was travelling in the same cart to Kissing Point and was also “a little the worse of liquor,” when he did the same thing and damaged his leg in the spokes.<sup>24</sup>

Mary died 27 September 1857 and is buried in St Johns Cemetery Parramatta, in the same grave as her daughter Harriet.<sup>25</sup>

*John Martin's house at Oatlands*



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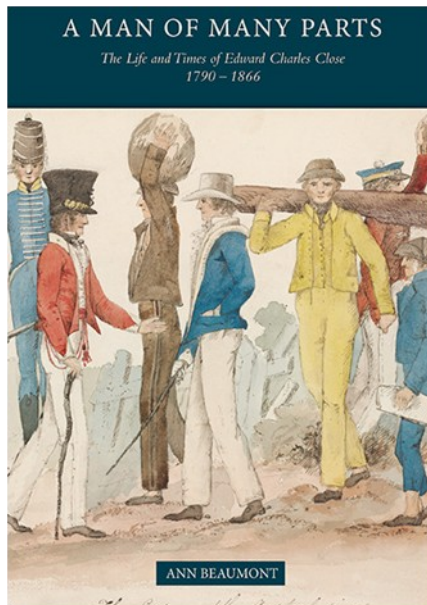
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Members were pleased to also have Ian and Robin Palmer as their guests at the meeting, Ian's lineage being linked to Edward's wife who was the daughter of his First Fleeter, John Palmer.

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### 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 June: Susan Boyer, *Life at Sydney Cove*; 15 July: AGM, Members, *First Fleeter Stories*; 19 August TBA. **Next Events:** 23 June: Judith Dunn Tour, *A walk on the wicked waterfront*; 11 August: Tour of First Fleet House. **Contact:** Jane Ann Tainsh 94885453

### CANBERRA – *ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations in Canberra. **Next Meeting:** 9 July: 2pm, AGM at 106/15 Coranderrk St Canberra. **Next Event:** 27 August: Annual Luncheon, 12 midday at Southern Cross Yacht Club. **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 62514095

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

**Venue:** Wyong RSL Club, – monthly meetings, second Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 11 June: 10th Birthday Luncheon, John Barclay, *The Rambling Poet*; 9 July: AGM, Members, *How I discovered I descend from a First Fleeter*; 13 August: Speaker, TBA. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43116254

### DERWENT - *Southern Tasmania*

**Venue:** Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meetings:** 4 June: Roger McNeice, *Colonial Coinage*. 6 August: AGM, Members Show and Tell, *Old items and books*. **Next Event:** 23 July: Christmas in July at Hope and Anchor Tavern, Recipes from Australia's First Cookbook. **Contact:** Marilla Lowe 0362437726

### 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 June: Kerima -Gae Topp, *Talking Tombstones*; 2 July: Janet Pelosi, *Popular Colonial Entertainment 1840-50*; 6 August: Mark Tedeschi: *John Hubert Plunkett*. **Contact:** Jennifer Follers 97991161

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

**Venue:** Mainly Tebbutt Room, Public Library, 300 George St, Windsor, but occasionally in Penrith and elsewhere-- monthly, second Saturday, 11 am. **Next Meeting:** 11 June: Gai Hendrikson, *Parramatta Female Factory*; 9 July: At Springwood Presbyterian Church, followed by *Local History Tour*; 13 August: AGM. **Next Event:** **Contact:** William Hempel 47303527

### 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 June: Ninth Anniversary, Christine Bramble, *Nurses of the Hunter WW1*; 15 August: AGM, Ed Tonks, *Beneath Tidal Water (Newcastle's harbour collieries)*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Barbara Turner 49439105

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

**Venue:** Usually Kinross-Wolaroi Library, Orange. **Next Meeting:** 20 August: AGM. **Contact:** Judy Dwyer 63658234 or 0428 173213 or dyr.tara@bigpond.com

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

**Venue:** Presbyterian Church, 76 Albert Street, Taree, Bi-monthly on 4th Tuesday at 2pm.. **Next Meeting:** 26 July: AGM. **Next Events:** **Contact:** Bev Williams 65598912

### 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:** 11 June: Dr Ian Bennett, *Rev Richard Johnson*; 13 August: AGM. **Next Events:** . **Contact:** Mary-Joy Payten 0755320543

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

**Venue:** Various locations – five times per year, usually 12 noon at Anglican Parish Centre, Armidale, on the 2nd Saturday. **Next Meeting:** 13 August: AGM, Speaker, TBA. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Wal Whalley 67723499

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

**Venue:** Either at Mylestom Hall or at members' homes, Bi-monthly meetings, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. **Next Meeting:** 12 June: at Coramba Hall, *Coramba History*. 7 August: AGM at Pat and Col Robertsons. **Next Events:** **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 66533615

### NORTHERN RIVERS – *Lismore and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** 24 July: AGM. **Contact:** Margaret Soward 66863597

### NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meeting:** at Tamworth Family History Rooms, 6 August: AGM and General meeting. **Next Event:** 4 June: 15th Birthday Historic Tamworth bus tour led by Rod Hobbs, starts at Old Information Centre at 10.30am. **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 June: Jillian Wilson, TBA; 5 July: AGM Dr Mike Donaldson, *Aboriginals in the Illawarra*; 2 August: Winter Warm Day & 14th Birthday, David Christian, *Papua New Guinea*. **Next Event:** 20 June: Tongarra Museum. **Contact:** Warwick Grace 42727013

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

**Venue:** Mittagong Community Centre – bi-monthly – second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meetings:** ; 8 June: Rod Davis, *Why Botany Bay*; 10 August: AGM, Members, *Chapter Chats*. **Next Event:** 20 July: Tour of ABC Studios Ultimo. **Contact:** Wendy Selman 48624849

### SWAN RIVER – *Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.*

**Venue:** 256 Stirling St Perth, quarterly, third Saturday, at 2pm. **Next Meeting:** 20 August: AGM; Speaker Marian Roeling. **Next Event:** July: Day Trip. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 0893845944 or Toni Mahony 0892717630

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#8599 Richard John Edward Kefford  
**JOSEPH WRIGHT**  
#8603 Carolyn Knight  
#8604 Geoffrey Alan Wright  
**EDWARD PUGH / HANNAH SMITH**  
#8605 Kenneth William Hoy  
**NATHANIEL LUCAS / OLIVIA GASCOIGNE**  
#8606 Phillip Thomas Smith  
**ANDREW FISHBURN**  
#8607 Patricia Evelyn Frail  
#8608 Kerri Lynne Simpson  
#8609 Megan Louise Frail

### Ordinary and Pensioner Members continued

**JAMES BLOODWORTH / SARAH BELLAMY**  
#8610 Gregory Thomas Ward  
**OWEN CAVANOUGH / MARGARET DARNELL**  
**ANN FORBES / MATTHEW EVERINGHAM**  
**JOHN CROSS / WILLIAM DRING**  
#8611 Donald Edward Mitchell  
**WILLIAM SALTMARSH / MARY PHILLIPS**  
**NATHANIEL LUCAS / OLIVIA GASCOIGNE**  
#8612 Beverley Faye Storer  
**Junior Members**  
**ANTHONY ROPE / ELIZABETH PULLEY**  
#8590 Achilles Archie Chamos  
**FREDERICK MEREDITH**  
#8594 Grace Elizabeth Kefford  
#8596 Harry John Matheson Perkins  
#8597 Darcy Freya Louise Perkins  
#8600 William James Bickerstaff  
#8601 Evelyn Grace Bickerstaff  
**JOHN BARRISFORD / HANNAH BARRISFORD**  
#8602 Trent Jayden Andrew Hempel  
**Associate Members**  
#8441.1 Ross Isles  
#8592.1 Nicole Kefford  
#8595.1 Matthew Perkins  
#8598.1 Paul Bickerstaff  
#8599.1 Jessica Kefford  
**Friends**  
#164 Jacqui Noonan

## BIRTHS

### THOMAS ARNDELL/ELIZABETH BURLEY

**Charlotte Toufia Johnson**, First daughter of Lauren and Mitchell Johnson of Allawah, New South Wales, and second great grandchild of #1079 Marge Raven, was born on 26.03.2016.

### JAMES BRADLEY

**Vivian Viva Pearl Brown**, daughter and first child of Jeffrey and Luxamee Brown, was born in Bangkok on 06.04.2016, the sixth grandchild of #6658 Viva and Alan Brown of Hurstville.

## DEATHS

### ANDREW FISHBURN

**#3522 Arnold Fishburn** of Sadleir, New South Wales, died on 20.10.2015. Arnold was a member of the Fellowship for 30 years.

### FREDERICK MEREDITH

**#2795 Dr Donald Leslie Burrows** of Glenbrook, New South Wales, died on 05.04.2016. Donald was a member of Hawkesbury-Nepean Chapter and first joined the Fellowship in 1984.

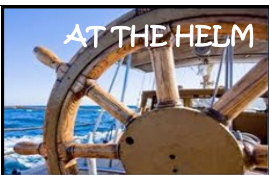
**#2277 Judith P Sphiris** of Hamilton South, New South Wales, died on 06.10.2015. Judith was a member of Hunter Valley Chapter and joined the Fellowship in 1982.

### JAMES MORRISBY

**#8281 Cecily Ann Dougan** of North Hobart, Tasmania, died on 31.04.2016. Members and Committee of Derwent Chapter Fellowship of First Fleeters mourn the passing of Cecily, our first secretary. A lovely lady who will be sadly missed by all who knew her. With deepest condolences to her loving husband David and her family.

### ELLEN/ELEANOR FRASER/REDCHESTER

**#8392 Winifred Ann Giles** of Willoughby, New South Wales, died on 05.04.2016, aged 83, after a lifetime caring for others.



### AT THE HELM



The directors advise members to **mark the date** for next year's Australia Day Luncheon at the Pullman Hotel on Sydney's College Street - **Saturday 21 January, 2017.**



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Congratulations to those chapters celebrating significant **anniversaries** this month. North-West Chapter will be 15 years old on 4 June, and Central Coast Chapter 10 years old on 11 June.

## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Editor will be pleased to have your items and stories for Founders 47/4 by **Monday 11 July** preferably as e-mailed attachments. Send pictures separately.

We often receive interesting news of chapter events through the year but are just as keen to hear from individual members out there with a story to tell.

Do remember the **story writing** challenge given by Hunter Valley Chapter Chapter for 2015-2016

So far they have submitted seven stories, Eastern Farms one, and South Coast one.

## MESSAGE BOARD

**#8030 Marian Roeling** of Swan River Chapter, is a descendant of **Ann Forbes and Thomas Huxley** and would like to borrow or buy the book *Transported to Paradise* by Douglas R. Huxley (about 1991). She will happily pay the postage

Her home phone number is 08 9457 6144, mobile number is 0407 980 761, and email address is [proeling@bigpond.com](mailto:proeling@bigpond.com). She would also like to hear from other members who are Ann and Thomas's descendants.

## Directors' Invitation. WINTER LUNCH AT FIRST FLEET HOUSE

from 11:30 am

SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2016

for

**ALL SOUTHERN SYDNEY MEMBERS**

RSVP by 23rd July by phone, post or e-mail

**\$5.00 pay on the day**

The Board is aware that there are three chapters operating on the northern side of Sydney Harbour but nothing to the south.

Why not join us for informal fellowship, a meal together and to hear a topical and historical talk.