

Founders

NEWSLETTER OF FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

'To live on in the hearts and minds of Descendants is never to die!'

PATRON: Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, AC, Governor of New South Wales

President's report

In this issue you will find enclosed subscription forms for the year 2002-2003. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

We welcome two new volunteers for First Fleet House. Neville Usher, FF John Small-Mary Parker, has opted to help Joy Pankhurst with the Membership Committee on a Tuesday, and Jean Mortimer has undertaken the Friday shift.

Jean is the President of the South Coast Chapter which seems to be going from strength to strength. BUT... we are still in need, desperately, of a member to take over the role of TREASURER. Brig. Roy Morris AM., FF Matthew Everingham, has filled this role since 1988 and feels that it is time to step down. Surely in the Sydney region we have a First Fleet member with some financial skills to take over this important position. Roy intimated that he would be willing to help any volunteer in the changeover.

The President's Welcome at H.Q. was fairly well attended. We greeted some members who had not visited First Fleet House and they included Shirley Mills, her husband Jim, Ray and

was related to me through the Warn/Stephenson line from Crookwell NSW.

Our PR Rep on the Executive, Pamela Hempel, did a magnificent effort in organising the stall at the Society of Australian Genealogists' Showcase Day at Richmond Villa on the 24th and 25th May last. On the two days the stall was 'manned' (apologies for being sexist) by Pam Quick, Elaine Bennett, Janet Eastment, Joy Pankhurst and myself. I feel sure that it was well worth the effort ... earlier issues of *Founders* were given out together with vital information on the Fellowship. It was an exceedingly successful Public Relations effort (see picture page 8).

Bookings have been rather beyond expectations for the Svanen harbour cruise in September. There are still some places left so please get your booking in early. It is a three-hour trip around Sydney Harbour and afternoon tea is provided.

The Soup and Damper Day at First Fleet House will be held on Wednesday 24 July next. It is limited to some 40 members and our Guest of Honour will be Dr Ruth Frappel, FF Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes. Ruth is the Immediate Past President of the Royal Australian Historical Society. Will be an interesting afternoon and the cost is \$5.00. Time 12.00noon.

At the last Executive Meeting Pam Quick was elected to the vacant post of Vice-President. Pam was a most capable Secretary of the Fellowship in 1988 when we were overwhelmed by the interest shown in all aspects of the First Fleet. Between 1986 and 1988 the membership jumped by about 3,000!! We were all much younger in those days but our resolve for the good of our organisation has not waned.

At the same meeting our Web-Master, George Griffiths, FF John Palmer, was elected on to the executive in addition to former Secretary Zona Maguire.

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President's Open Day First Fleet House

Beryl Williams, Jean and Terry Mortimer and Betty Warn. By coincidence Betty's late husband

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News of Members

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR PERIOD 17 FEBRUARY 2002
TO 25 MAY 2002.

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period, 15 adults, two juniors and two spouse associates.

JOHN BARRISFORD – HANNAH BARRISFORD: Mr Graham Leigh Hall.

BENJAMIN CUSLEY: Mr Aaron Lewis Waddell-Smith, Mr Lance Gordon Waddell-Smith, Mr Jared William Waddell-Smith (jun.), Mr Luke Arthur Waddell-Smith (jun.).

ANN FORBES: Mrs Margot Leanne Benoit (sp Mr Bruce Benoit), Mr Stuart Francis McKell.

ANDREW GOODWIN – LYDIA MUNRO: Mr Donald Evans Harris, Mrs Valeria Mary Joyce.

JOHN NICHOLS: Ms Louise Kneubuhler, Mr John Joseph Pearce, Miss Rachel Pearce, Mr Russell George Pearce.

ANTHONY ROPE – ELIZABETH PULLEY: Mrs Irma Foster.

JOHN REDMAN: Mr Jason James Saville.

ELEANOR WAINWRIGHT: Mr Colin Robert Robertson (sp Mrs Patricia Ann Robertson).

JOSEPH WRIGHT: Miss Nancy Joy Harris.

HOLIDAY TO BELLINGER VALLEY

Another enjoyable holiday! Twenty-three First Fleeters and friends joined up with Gosford Probus and Strathfield Bowlers to fill the coach for our 2002 trip, this time to the Bellinger Valley, staying at the Bellinger Valley Motor Inn. We were lucky that the showers and heavy rain that accompanied us up the coast miraculously stopped whenever we had a break on the way.

In Bellingen and Grafton, a local guide related the history of each town and showed us the important historical sites there. We enjoyed a boat cruise on the Bellinger and Kalong Rivers, starting from Urunga, and a marvellous trip to the Dorrigo National Park.

After the first two days travelling around the countryside, the showers ceased and the weather was ideal. Our winter

woollies were not needed. It was explained to us that the reason for the different names of the Bellinger River and Valley, and the town of Bellingen, came about because it seems that the fancy lettering of the mapmaker led the officials in Sydney reading the map to believe the name for the river and valley ended with 'r' instead of 'n', hence the two different spellings.

Reading in the Herald today I noticed an article giving the best towns in which to retire. The writer stated that Bellingen was ideal, but did not put it in his book, as too many people would go to live there and thus spoil it! The scenery was indeed beautiful and the town charmingly unspoilt. We had for the first time among the adventurers Ray and Beryl Williams and hope they will join us on many more occasions. Our holiday in 2003 will be to Cooma. I realise we have already had a holiday there, but we are starting to run out of destinations!

SOUP AND DAMPER DAY

Wednesday
24 July 12.00 noon
First Fleet House

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Ruth Frappel

FF Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes.
Ruth is the Immediate Past President of the
Royal Australian Historical Society.

Cost: \$5.00
Numbers are limited to 40
so please book early on 9360 3788

St Philip's Church
3 York Street, Sydney

Sunday 7 July 2.30pm

SPEAKER

The Right Reverend Donald Robinson
'Some Rectors and Recollections'
(from last century)

Bishop Robinson is a former Archbishop of
Sydney and a former Vice-Principal and
Lecturer of Moore College
Talk is part of Bi-centenary celebration for the
Parish of Saint Philip, Sydney

Admission Free
Devonshire Tea served in Parish Room

Closing date for
copy and pictures
July/August issue
August 9 2002

OFFICE HOURS
10.00am to 3.00pm
Monday to Friday

what's *on*

MUSEUM OF SYDNEY TOUR AND HISTORY WALK

2.00pm SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST 2002



We have organised a tour of the Museum of Sydney, which covers the site of the First Government House. The tour commences in the Museum itself with one of the curators showing slides of the First Government House and explaining the excavations, as well as inspecting the copper foundation plaque laid by Governor Philip in 1788. We then move out into First Government House Place, where the outlines of the house itself are examined and discussed in detail.

We will also view the wonderfully detailed 1/48 scale models of the ships of the First Fleet which are now on permanent display at the Museum. The tour then leads to historical areas between the site and Circular Quay.

The tour commences at the Museum
37 Phillip Street
Corner of Phillip and Bridge Streets
at 2.00pm

Price: Adults \$18 Pensioner \$12
Numbers are limited to 30

Please send cheque payable to
Fellowship of First Fleeters
Museum of Sydney Tour
105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo 2001

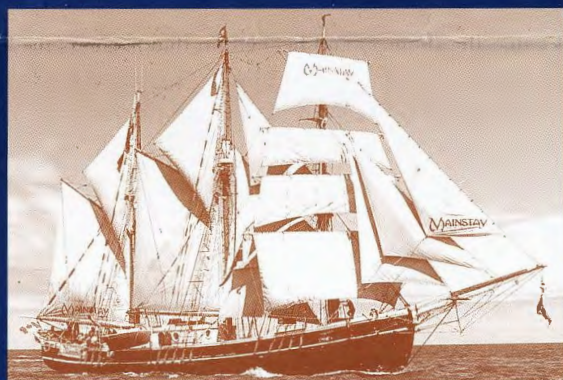
COME SAILING IN THE STEPS OF YOUR ANCESTORS!

We have chartered Sydney's magnificent barquentine *Svanen* for an afternoon's sailing around Sydney Harbour. *Svanen* was one of the ships used in the re-enactment of the voyage of the First Fleet for the Bicentenary in 1988. She is a 40 metre three-masted barquentine, one of the world's few remaining great timber sailing ships.

Watch the crew set sail and imagine the thoughts of our ancestors as they sailed into Port Jackson in 1788 in ships very similar to *Svanen*.

The three hour cruise takes place on

SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2002



The ship leaves from Campbell's Cove at the Rocks at 1.45pm and returns at 5.00pm.

Afternoon tea will be served during the voyage and is included in the price.

Price: Adults \$44 each Children under 12 \$36

Numbers are limited, so please reserve your places early.

Bookings:

Please send cheque payable to
Fellowship of First Fleeters

FFF Svanen Cruise
105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo 2001

from the chapters

MEETING DATES AND VENUES

North Coast Chapter

4 AUGUST 2002

Colin and Pat Robertson
21 Queen Street
Woolgoolga NSW

13 OCTOBER 2002

Mary and Jim Kell
'Coramba Park'
880 Coramba Road
Leigh NSW

1 DECEMBER 2002

Terry and Maureen Brown
17 Signal Street
Emerald Beach NSW

All meetings start at 11.30am

North West Chapter

3 AUGUST 2002

Anne Ware
RMB 717B
Warral Road
Commencing 1.00pm

North Coast Chapter

23 JUNE 2002

Annual General Meeting
Armidale Family History Group Rooms
Kentucky Street
Armidale NSW

3 AUGUST 2002

Warren J Luxford
'Charlton Dale'
10 Wade Avenue
Armidale NSW

5 OCTOBER 2002

Armidale Family History Group Rooms
Kentucky Street
Armidale NSW

7 DECEMBER 2002

Venue: To be announced
Christmas Party and final meeting for 2002

All meetings start at 12.30pm

South Coast Chapter

18 JUNE 2002

Historical and museum tour of Sydney Hospital.
Participants will learn that the hospital dates from 1788 and has strong links with some of the colonies earliest figures. Florence Nightingale's letters and Lucy Osburns Original Nurses Register, plus a lot more items of interest, can be viewed.

Cost \$10.

Lunch at the Supreme Court Cafe following the tour.

Any Sydney members joining group should meet at the hospital by 10.20am.

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SYD BALLARD'S *Presentation* LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Although it was not possible to organise Syd Ballard's Life Membership for his 100th Birthday, as we in the Northern Rivers Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters had hoped, it did arrive in time for his 101st Birthday, which fell on 9 April, 2002. We organised with the Caroon Nursing Home to present it to him on the morning

song about Sydney that his father used to sing when Syd was very young and he was in South Africa with his family. That was how he was named Sydney.

The large group of residents and workers clearly enjoyed the presentation. When it was over Syd and two of his family, together with Lionel



PROUD FIRST FLEETER: Syd Ballard, right, wears his First Fleeters life membership badge after receiving it from the Northern Rivers Chapter foundation president Lionel Phelps, left. With them is the current president, Rex Soward.

Picture WARREN CROSER

of his birthday in the general meeting area during morning activities, with the other Nursing Home residents and staff present. Many thanks to Lois Carroll, our Publicity Officer, for organising the local papers and television to attend. Members of Syd's family did not want Syd to be subjected to television, but were happy to have the Northern Star present.

Since neither Margaret nor I had met Syd, Lionel Phelps made the presentation with a short but very personal talk about Syd's involvement with the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Our Northern Rivers Chapter banner was displayed as a backdrop. Alan Findlay then spoke briefly about his and Syd's common First Fleet ancestor, John Nicholl. Syd replied, recounting his enjoyable times in the Fellowship and sang a

and Lenore Phelps, Alan and Muriel Findlay, Rex and Margaret Soward, Betty McPherson, Pat Eyeington and her granddaughter, and representatives from the Northern Star, moved to an outside covered area and had morning tea with Syd, courtesy of the Nursing Home. Here we all had a chance to talk with Syd and members of his family, and a photographer from the Northern Star took the photo of Syd, Lionel and I that appeared later that week in that paper.

The whole morning went well and was very enjoyable.

REX SOWARD

President
Northern Rivers Chapter

DID *you* KNOW

THAT

In 1776 with America now 'cut off' as a place to send convicts it was decided to 'moor hulks in the Thames, put convicts on them and work them at hard labour'. It was further agreed that the hulks would act as a temporary measure and 'were authorised for two years' – though they lasted eighty-two years. The last hulk being abandoned in 1858.

Reference: Shaw, A.G.L. (1964) *Convicts and the Colonies: A Study of Penal Transportation from Great Britain & Ireland to Australia & other parts of the British Empire*. Melbourne University Press.

The average age was 26 years, approximately 75 percent of prisoners were single, and nearly all were from the labouring classes. Certainly one-half, and probably two thirds, had formerly been punished, usually for forms of theft. Eight out of every ten were transported for larceny of various kinds. Two thirds were Protestants, and one third Roman Catholic'.

Reference: Robson, L.L. (1965), *The Convict Settlers of Australia: An Enquiry into the Origin and Character of the Convicts transported to New South Wales and Van Diemens Land 1787-1852*. Melbourne University Press.

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Between 1787 and 1852 'approximately 123,000 men and 25,000 women were transported to New South Wales and Van Diemens Land, and 1.8 percent died on the voyage out. Most of them (130,000) came after 1815, half were sent out for seven years, and a quarter for life. Two convicts out of every three were tried in England, about one in three in Ireland, and a few in Scotland and abroad.

The decision of the British Government to establish a convict colony at Botany Bay soon stimulated the wit and the ballad mongers. This piece was published on 19 December 1786 in *The Times*:

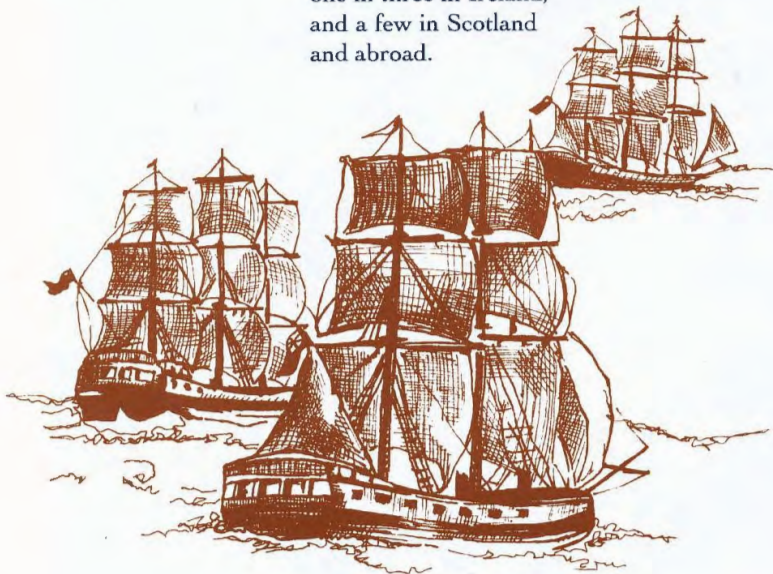
BOTANY BAY

Away with these whimsical bubbles of air
Which only excite a momentary stare;
Attention to plans of utility pay,
Weigh anchor, and steer for Botany Bay.

THAT

Lieutenant King who arrived at Botany Bay a couple of days earlier than the majority of the Fleet made the following remarks in his journal: 'as it is impossible to miss this place with Captain Cook's description before one I shall remark nothing on it, but that we hauled in for the harbour at a quarter past two in ye afternoon of the 18th... we came to anchor on the northern side of the Bay that the ships that were following might not miss the harbour.

Reference: Crittenden, V. (1981) *The Voyage of the First Fleet*. Mulini Press. ACT.



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Showcase 2002 at Society of Australian Genealogists

If you are a John Small/Mary Parker descendant you will have heard of the name of John Pollack. John was the author of that magnificent family tome of the Small/Parker family launched in 1988. Sadly he passed away in April and at his Remembrance Service at Epping Uniting Church I learnt that John was a man of many parts. Our sincere condolences to his immediate family and to the many many members of the John Small/Mary Parker First Fleet families.

On 18 August next we intend to visit the Museum of Sydney, On the Site of First Government House at 2.00pm. For full details and booking instructions see page 3.

On 24 April last, I represented the Fellowship at the Annual Commemoration Ceremony of the landing of Captain James Cook at Kurnell. It was an impressive ceremony entitled *The Meeting of Two Cultures* which obviously involved descendants of the original inhabitants of our land. Speeches were moderate in tone, and we all joined in the singing of our National Anthem. A small step towards reconciliation.

Joy and myself were guests of our Patron at a reception at Government House in honour of the Queen's birthday and the occasion of her Golden Jubilee on 4 June last.

Since the Last issue of *Founders* I have had five speaking engagements with a combined audience of some 350 people.

I hope to attend the meeting of the North-West Chapter at Tamworth in August on my way to Brisbane. It would be an ideal time to form a Chapter in Queensland where we have quite a number of members. A couple of Brisbane members have shown interest but we need the nucleus of a keen committee to get things started. I would personally welcome expressions of interest in this matter.

I am grateful for the number of letters received from members. Some I have yet to reply to but thanks for your encouragement.

In Fellowship
PETER

MY COMPUTER NOW HAS A SPELL CHECK

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly Marx four my revue
Miss steaks eye can knot sea.
Eye strike quay and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather I eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is made
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the era rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter-perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.



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