



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

To all intents and purposes the Australia Day Eve Luncheon was a complete success. Good food, good speeches, good Fellowship was the order of the day. Vice-President Rod Best did a sterling 'Bert Newton' compere act. Our Guest of Honour, Associate Professor Dr Carol Liston, President of the Royal Australian Historical Society, presented her talk – without notes may I add – on the Female Factory at Parramatta, in a most professional manner.

A personal card from our Patron, Her Excellency, the Governor, wishing us well and apologising for not being able to be present, was read by Rod. The toast of the day to *The Day We Celebrate* was given by your President and ended on a wonderful note by Rod's wife, Dr Louise Bauer, 'pianiste extraordinaire', leading us to the singing of our National Anthem.

The day was completed by the Fellowship's PR officer, Pamela Hempel, overseeing the draw of the raffle. First Prize was won by former President Beryl Lewis, resident of Bowral, NSW, who opted for the composite prints of the 11 ships of the Fleet by Frank Allen (originally second prize). Norma Hunt, from Camden then became the winner of the Harbour Bridge Climb for two persons. The list of other prize winners is to be found elsewhere in this issue. On behalf of the Executive, may I express sentiments of gratitude for all who participated in this raffle, whilst understanding for personal reasons why some members abstained from participating. Also thanks are due to Phyllis, Bonny and Zona for organising the Luncheon.

You will notice in this issue that the Executive has organised, through Pam Quick, a number of day excursions, some of which are extremely relevant to First Fleeters. I commend these to you!

January was a busy month for any President of the First Fleeters. Let us hope that this will continue for many generations ahead! Joy and

myself represented the Fellowship at the State Reception at Darling Harbour on Australia Day. It was a very low-key affair. Probably (1) because of the drought and bushfires ... no fireworks ... and (2) the ever present fear of some retaliation from fundamental religious groups. Maybe next year will be different!

Again January has also been a fairly busy month for speaking engagements. I spoke earlier in the month to the Engadine Probus members, some of whom were harassed by the bushfires a month earlier. I also spoke to the Independent Retirees, Chatswood Branch, and met a number of descendants of First Fleeters, and at the end of January, I was privileged to speak to the Ryde Probus Club. I felt that there would be some descendants at this meeting so I went prepared!

I first spoke to a Len Squire ... yes, I thought, he would be one of the Squire Clan. I realised, after speaking to him for some 10 minutes that he was the brother of Geoff Squire, an Executive Member of the Fellowship in the early 1980s. Geoff did excellent 'spade work:' (no pun intended) with Doug Oakes in the formation of the Graves Committee of the Fellowship. Geoff, although well into retiring age, travelled once per month for Committee Meetings of the Fellowship from Mittagong, where he lived, to our former premises in Margaret Street. He was a very keen descendant of James Squire, William Saltmarsh and Mary Phillips.

There is many a slip between cup and lip! Here is an example. Early in February I have been engaged to speak at a 'Fork Dinner' to members of the Royal Australian Historical Society. This event has been published on their website for some time. I received a phone call from FM Radio 99.3 requesting an on-line interview about my forthcoming speech. I readily acceded to the request and on contact I was, to my horror, introduced as the President of the Royal

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News of Members

BIRTHS

Welcome to additional First Fleeters:

LAUREN KATE BEARDSLEY (FF Thomas Acres), 11 August 2002, Hawkesbury District Hospital. Daughter to Julie and Geoffrey, first granddaughter to John (#2526) and Helen Kemsley. Eighth generation.

RORY KABLE JAMES DOYLE (FF Thomas Akers, Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes), 17 September 2002. Son to Greg and Fiona Doyle, first grandson for Trevor and Jeanette McBeath (South Coast Chapter), and first great grandson for Mabel Pearce (#3707). Eight generation.

LUKE RAYMOND FALCONER (FF James Sheers/Mary Smith), 14 August 2002, at Lismore. Second son for Ray and Monica Falconer, second grandchild for Dorothy Falconer (#6556).

FRASER LAWRY GARRETT (FF John Small/Mary Parker), 7 August 2002. Second son to Ian and Suzanne, and brother to Ethan. Second grandson to Ellen and Colin Manton (#4305). Eighth generation.

PARIS EMMA MABEL HUDSON (FF Thomas Akers), 16 October 2002.

Second daughter to Stuart and Melissa Hudson, third granddaughter for Trevor and Jeanette McBeath (South Coast Chapter), and third great granddaughter for Mabel Pearce (#3707). Eighth generation.

TAHLIA ROSE KILDEY (FF Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley), 11 October 2002. Second granddaughter to Roslyn (#5957) and Paul, eighth great grandchild to Stella Minter (#5825).

EWAN JOSHUA McCALLUM (FF Anthony Rope /Elizabeth Pulley), 16 September 2002. Second son to Rebecca and Anthony, second grandson to Pamela (#5895) and David, seventh great grandchild to Stella Minter (#5825).

ELSIE GEORGIA PAYNE (FF Robert Williams), 24 September 2002 at Wahroonga, NSW. A daughter for Jeff and Allison, a sister for Zachary, a granddaughter for the Rev. James Richmond Payne (#6311) and wife Joan.

MATTHEW DAVID QUICK (FF Jane Langley/Henrietta/Philip Shewing), 1 December 2002. First grandson for Pam (#1356) and Barry Quick.

JOSHUA PATRICK PAYTEN (FF Mary Williams), 1 August 2002. Grandson of Mary-Joy Payten (#1135).

BROCK MASON TRIMMINGS (FF Benjamin Cuseley), Tumby Bay, South Australia, 15 October 2002. A first great-grandson for Kenneth W. G. Smith (#6728). Ninth generation.

FLYNN HUGH WINCKEL (FF James Williams, marine, Sirius), 12 December 2002, Tamworth. Son of Dale and Sean Winckel, second grandson and seventh grandchild of Keith (#6853) and Joan (6854) Phipps, North Wollongong.

DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

MARGARET BOOTH (#5169), late of 15 Hakea Crescent, O'Connor, ACT, passed away suddenly 23 October 2002. Descendant of First Fleeter John Nichols.

ESTHER CATHERINE LANSDOWN (#3975), passed away peacefully on 6 December 2002. Aged 92 years. A proud Australian and descendant of First Fleeters Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS – 'TOUR ONE'

Monday 1 September to Saturday 6 September

This fantastic package includes hearty breakfasts, morning teas, lunches and three-course dinners, including wine, in the elegant 'Top of the Town' restaurant. Live music Wednesday night as entertainment. Daily coach tours – you will ride the Ski Tube to Blue Cow Mountain, viewing the highest peaks in Australia, visit Cabramurra, Thredbo Alpine Village, Mt Kosciuszko, Bega Valley, cheese factory, The Big Trout at Adaminaby, Happy Valley, and lots more.

PRICE: a comfortable \$510.00pp. \$50.00 deposit – refundable if unable to go. (Limited singles available)

Please send deposit and name as soon as possible.

Headquarters for the tour will be High Country Motel, built in the typical alpine-style found throughout the area. All the units are comfortable and have central heating. The large, open lounge area overlooks the pool and the adjacent hillside and guests can enjoy, in comfort, the lovely log fire and the beautiful view.

Note: Unless 40 people book we will catch the XPT to Canberra and get picked up at the station.

**Closing date for
copy and pictures
March/April issue
April 6 2003**

**OFFICE HOURS
10.00am to 3.00pm
Monday to Friday**

what's *on*

PRIVATE TOUR OF CAMDEN PARK – HOME OF THE MACARTHUR FAMILY

TO BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, 18 MAY 2003
from 10.30am

AT
**ELIZABETH MACARTHUR AVENUE
CAMDEN**



Camden Park is only open to the public one day a year, but will be privately opened exclusively for the Fellowship of First Fleeters on this occasion.

The house and Macarthur family were recently featured on the ABC-TV series *Dynasties*.

The house was built for John Macarthur, who unfortunately died before it was completed. The family has continued to live there, and the National Trust calls it 'probably the most important country home in Australia'.

'The fact it has always been lived in by the family means it's packed with all the old possessions and fittings, so it's a bit like a treasure trove,' says sixth-generation Macarthur family member, Edwina Macarthur-Stanham.

The house is painstakingly maintained as a 19th century country manor, with antique furniture, many portraits of the Macarthurs, old books and a massive sandstone cellar.

There will be tours of the house by the family, and there is a massive garden with Australia's oldest camellia.

The grounds are suitable for picnics. Plenty of parking.

Adults: \$15.00. Children: \$12.00

To ensure your place book early by phoning FFF office 9360 3788. More information next issue of *Founders*.

COMING EVENTS

STEP BACK INTO SYDNEY'S COLONIAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH 2003

WALKING TOUR OF THE ROCKS

This takes place in the morning and a tour of Susannah Place and an archaeological dig in the afternoon.

Places are available for each or both tours.

The walking tour lasts about 1½ hours and explores our sandstone heritage, with fascinating tales of past and colourful characters, haunts of convicts, soldiers, sailors, rogues and merchant princes. It is not an arduous walk, with frequent stops while the guides explain various features of The Rocks.

Time: 10.30 am

Meeting place: Shop K4, Kendall Lane, The Rocks

Adult: \$15.00 Pensioner/Senior (card no. required): \$12.00

Child 10-16 (with accompanying adult): \$10.00

Under 10: Free

BYO picnic for lunch or dine at the many cafes throughout The Rocks area

SUSANNAH PLACE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

This tour is conducted by the Historic Houses Trust and visits Susannah Place, a terrace of four houses located in the heart of The Rocks. Its modest interiors and rear yards illustrate the restrictions of 19th century inner city life. The original brick privies and open laundries are some of the earliest surviving washing and sanitary amenities remaining in the city. The re-created turn-of-the-century corner shop sells goods from that era. A tour of the present archaeological dig near Susannah Place takes place after the tour.

Time: 2.00pm

Meeting place: Susannah Place, 58-64 Gloucester Street, The Rocks

Adult: \$16.00 Pensioner/Senior (card no. required): \$11.00

Numbers are limited for these tours so book early.

First Fleeters Celebrate *THE DAY*

On Saturday, 25 January 2003, 120 gathered in Cello's at the NSW Masonic Club to celebrate Australia Day, Sunday, 26 January 2003.

Unfortunately, our Patron, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashier AC, Governor of New South Wales, was unable to grace us with her presence but sent a personal note wishing every success for the day and looks forward to the future.

The day's program started with the President, Mr Peter Christian, being introduced by Vice-President Rod Best, our Master of Ceremonies, to welcome all the guests. Mrs Pam Quick, Vice-President, was called on to say grace and a delectable three-course lunch was then served.

The charm of the heritage-listed Cello's lends itself so admirably to our association of First Fleeters that the day we celebrate takes on a positive meaning.

After the Loyal Toast our Guest Speaker, Carol A. Liston, PhD, BA, DipFHS, FRAHS, was introduced and regaled us with a history of the Female Factory. The rapt listeners' silence was indicative of the absorbing attention of the audience.

After the response to the Guest Speaker by Mr Rod Best,



the President gave the toast to *The Day We Celebrate*. [The toast is printed in full elsewhere in Founders.]

To finalise the day the reins were handed to our PR Pamela Hempel to arrange the raffle draw, the results of which are below.

- First Prize: Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb – N. Hunt, Camden
- Second Prize: Framed Printed Edition of 11 Ships of the First Fleet – B. Lewis, Bowral
- Third Prize: *Tracing Your Family History in Australia* by Nick Vine Hall – C. Cox, Narwee
- Fourth Prize: First Fleet Windcheater – J. Pike, Mosman
- Fifth Prize: First Fleet T Shirt – M. Lummis, Orange
- Sixth Prize: First Fleet Stationery – N. Sansom, Caringbah





from the chapters

Canberra Chapter



Approximately 20 Canberra Chapter members gathered at the home of Geoff and Kathy Cameron on Sunday 15 December to enjoy a BBQ and share pre-Christmas cheer. During the early months of 2003, the Chapter will gather again.

Geoff Cameron can be contacted on (02) 6251 4095 and welcomes hearing from anyone wanting to know more about the Chapter.

New England Chapter

MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2003

9 FEBRUARY

Boambee Bay Reserve

5 APRIL

Warren J Luxford

'Charlton Dale', 10 Wade Avenue, Armidale

Phone: (02) 6772 4717

7 JUNE

Armidale Family History Group Inc. Rooms

Kentucky Street, Armidale

9 AUGUST

Rob & Sally Taber

'Tallumbanna' Dangarsleigh Road, Armidale

Phone: (02) 6775 1275

4 OCTOBER

Venue and times to be advised

Visit by North Coast Chapter and invitation to Northwest Chapter

6 DECEMBER

Margaret Gunter

809 Cluny Road, Armidale

Phone: (02) 6771 1330

Meetings commence at 12.30pm unless otherwise stated.

If transport required to any venue or information sought please contact the President, Warren J Luxford, phone (02) 6772 4717.

North Coast Chapter

MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2003

9 FEBRUARY

Boambee Bay Reserve

6 APRIL

Ron and Pal Benjamin

Mackays Road, Coffs Harbour

1 JUNE

ohn and Jeanette Williamson

7 Lynhaven Crescent, Ulmarra

3 AUGUST

Colin and Pat Robertson

21 Queen Street, Woolgoolga

12 OCTOBER

Rod and Ruth Holmes

291 Mountain Top Road, Dorrigo

7 DECEMBER

Boambee Creek Reserve

Meetings commence at 11.30am unless otherwise stated.

If transport required to any venue or information sought please contact the Secretary, Robyn Condcliffe, phone (02) 6653 3615.

South Coast Chapter

The photograph below shows Peter Christian, the Fellowship's President, with a group of South Coast Chapter members taken at the Albion Park/Oaks Flat Probus Club meeting held on 21 October. In total, 12 South Coast chapter members, some who are also members of Probus, were joined by other Probus members to hear Peter's talk.

MEETING DATES AND VENUES FOR 2003

The South Coast Chapter meets bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December. The venue is The Old Court House, corner of Cliff Road and Harbour Street, Wollongong. Enter the car park from Harbour Street. Meetings are held from 10.00am-12.00noon.

Outings are held on the alternate months to places of historic interest. For further information contact Jean Mortimer Phone (02) 4257 5575.



Australia Day Presentations

PRESIDENT'S TOAST 'THE DAY WE CELEBRATE'

On the 26th January, 215 years ago, some 732 convicts together with 245 marines and a complement of Naval personnel arrived in Sydney Cove. One third of the convicts were female and I thought that it would be of interest to members if I dwelt somewhat on our matriarchs for once.

The diaries of Lieutenant Ralph Clark, marine on Friendship, continually harp on his dislike of the female convicts, although he was not loath to take one as a companion later!

Having arrived at Cape Town he noted in his diary, with regard to the 30 sheep taken on board quarters vacated by the female convicts ... 'I think we will find them more agreeable shipmates than the women were'!

On 6th February 1788, Surgeon Arthur Bowes-Smyth noted in his diary in regard to the disembarkation of the female convicts 'We had long wished for the pleasure of seeing them leave the ship. They were dressed, in general, very clean and some amongst them could have been said to have been well-dressed.' But he went on to record a night of debauchery! By 1797 things had settled somewhat. It is of interest to note that with many of the so-called recalcitrant convicts it did take some time for them to realise, that in this new environment, a new beginning could be made. So in his report to Lord Sydney, the second Governor of the Colony John Hunter, wrote: 'The vast number of women for whom we have little work are a vast weight on the stores of government, but, if we estimate their



Associate Professor Carol Liston with President Peter Christian

merits by the charming children with which they have filled the Colony, then they deserve our care.'

Bearing these sentiments in mind some two centuries later, Dr Portia Robinson of the History Department of Macquarie University noted in her book, *The Hatch and Brood of Time*, that these children of the First Fleeters, the so-called currency lads and lasses, were emerging as a remarkably honest, sober and industrious law-abiding group of men and women.

The first generation of First Fleeters were coming into their own. Dr Craig Smee in his book *First Fleet Families of Australia* notes, and I quote, 'Whatever the circumstances of their arrival the First Fleeters planted a seed of the native born, who soon acquired a character which was both different in nature from their origins in England, but similar to each other in their newly adopted land. A character such as self-reliance, initiative and, of course, from both parents also, a distinct accent emerged.'

One would hope that some time in the future an in-depth study may be made of the female convicts of the First Fleet, it would make interesting reading and, more importantly, would confound the efforts of some politically correct detractors of the First Fleet!

So we gather here today to honour the first European arrivals in this land. Their deeds are indelibly etched into the history of this our nation from its very birthpangs. Their descendants have enriched our heritage and we remember them all with pride.

Would you please charge your glasses and join with me in the toast: The day we celebrate! Advance Australia Fair.

The Australia Day Guest Speaker has provided a brief history of the building in which the Female Orphan School was housed.

THE FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL 1813-1887

The foundation stone for the Female Orphan School was laid by Governor Macquarie in 1813. The three storey building was an adaptation of Elizabeth Macquarie's family home 'Airds', in Appin, Scotland. The inscription on the pediment of the main building reads: Female Orphan Institution erected under the Superintendence of the Rev. S. Marsden 1814 L. Macquarie Governor. The orphanage was fully funded by the colonial government.

The first pupils arrived in 1818 and by 1829 there were 152 girls in a building designed for 100. Many of the children had one parent living. They came from all sections of colonial society - the children of convicts, children orphaned during the long voyage to Australia and even Aboriginal children referred to the orphanage by colonial clergymen and magistrates. Girls received a basic education and were apprenticed as domestic servants at thirteen.

When the Male Orphan School at Cabramatta (Bonnyrigg) was closed in 1850, the Protestant boys were admitted to Rydalmere and the orphanage was renamed the Protestant Orphan School. In 1873 there were 148 boys and 92 girls in the school. Changes in Government policy from 1881 favoured placing orphaned children with families and the Protestant Orphan School closed in 1886.

THE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL 1888-1985

Patients from the overcrowded Parramatta Hospital for the Insane were moved into the Orphan School buildings at Rydalmere in 1888. New wards were built during the 1890s and new theories for the treatment of the mentally ill were reflected in open building designs and landscaping associated with the new dormitories built about 1900. During the 1930s additions were made to a number of buildings. New wards were erected in 1949. A decade later, 1959-1964, saw substantial new facilities constructed.

By the 1970s medicines offered the means to control many symptoms of mental ill-health without requiring institutional care while changing philosophies emphasised community integration rather than isolation. There was no longer a role for large institutions such as Rydalmere and it gradually closed down between 1985-89.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CAROL LISTON
University of Western Sydney

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Australian Historical Society. This event has been published on their website for some time. I received a phone call from FM Radio 99.3 requesting an on-line interview about my forthcoming speech. I readily acceded to the request and on contact I was, to my horror, introduced as the President of the Royal Australian Historical Society! I quickly put him right and proceeded to give a historically correct run down on the First Fleet. It was a good interview, but I am always on tenterhooks when being interviewed on radio or TV. I well remember being 'set up' in 1988 by a TV station from the UK relaying a program to that country from Taronga Zoo of all places. I found myself seated between two Aboriginal activists who had their say. When it was my turn, the interviewer asked me what I thought of the racial questions in Australia from the view point of descendants of the First Fleet. My answer was 'no comment as it was not relevant'! That was certainly a waste of time.

The Rev Barry Marsh, FF Robert Forrester, in sending a sizable donation to the Fellowship on 17 January last, wrote that he intended to sail from the Bass and Flinders wharf at

San Souci, Botany Bay, and 'cruise through its heads to Sydney Harbour and up to the Opera House to join in the ferries race and the big sailships'. In doing this he said that he would be tracing the steps of his fourth great grandfather, Robert Forrester who made the trip, albeit at George III's expense, 215 years ago. We hope, Barry, that you enjoyed the day!

On 16 January member Jim Payne, and his spouse Joan, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in Canberra. Jim, who was at one time the Anglican Dean of Perth and General Secretary of the Bible Society is a very proud descendant of Robert Williams FF. Jim junior, in his email to me, noted that his parents had been a source of remarkable blessing and great pride over the years. I would personally add my AMEN to those sentiments as Jim regularly keeps in touch.

I look forward to the coming year in the hope that our Fellowship will continue to grow in strength.

In Fellowship
PETER

First Fleet Reference Books

The following list relevant to descendants of First Fleeters contains books that are available at the following prices plus \$5 postage and handling **per book**. To request one of the books, please fill out the slip below and enclose a cheque or money order for the cost of the book plus postage. There is only one copy of each book available, so it will be on the basis of first in. You may like to contact Pamela Hempel via email pamela.hempel@panthers.com.au or phone mobile 0407660579 to check on availability.

- 1 *Memorandum of the Transaction of a Voyage from England to Botany Bay 1787-1793* John Easty, Private Marine \$110
- 2 *Australia, The First Twelve Years* Peter Taylor \$50
- 3 *Bound for Botany Bay* Frank Clune \$50
- 4 *The Crimes of the First Fleet Convicts* John Cobley \$40
- 5 *Sydney Cove 1788 Volume 1* John Cobley \$60
- 6 *Sydney Cove 1788* John Cobley \$85
- 7 *Sydney Cove 1788 The First Year of the Settlement of Australia* - Original Diaries Edited by Dr John Cobley \$70
- 8 *Sydney Cove 1791-1792* John Cobley \$60
- 9 *Sydney Cove 1795-1795* John Cobley \$75
- 10 *The Second Fleet Convicts* Edited by R J Ryan \$55
- 11 *The Third Fleet Convicts* Edited by R J Ryan \$40
- 12 *Land Grants 1788-1809* Edited by R J Ryan \$60
- 13 *Muster of NSW inc NI and VDL 1811* \$110
- 14 *General Muster - Land & Stock Muster of NSW 1822* \$135
- 15 *Muster NSW 1837* \$160
- 16 *The English Colony in NSW* (Reprint) David Collins, Secretary of the Colony (two volumes) \$210 for the pair
- 17 *Transactions at Port Jackson and Norfolk Island* John Hunter, Esquire \$260

Name: _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

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Book Title: _____

Price _____

Book Title: _____

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Postage and Handling \$5 per book: _____

TOTAL _____

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