## 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

his issue contains belated reports from the Australia Day Seminar by Pamela Hempel. On the way to the February Executive meeting, Pamela sustained head injuries, having been struck by a car at a petrol station – an extraordinary accident – which put her out of action for some time, but thankfully she is now on the mend.

Over the past few months the Executive has unfortunately been beset by the illness of several members: Joy Pankhurst was away for some time due to a broken ankle; Pam Quick underwent a hip replacement; and we had a scare with our Treasurer, Roy Morris.

The Northern Rivers Chapter recently sent a cheque to First Fleet House as a donation, together with a publication, *Never to Dic.* Both donations were acknowledged with thanks, but I must offer congratulations to the Chapter for its efforts in producing a volume which goes a long way to bring to the fore the heritage which has been passed down from our first arrivals in this land. The book contains a profile of some First Fleeters and their descendants, written by several members of the Chapter.

Early February I was privileged to attend the meeting of the North Coast Chapter including a delegation from the New England Chapter. I must record appreciation to Robyn Condliffe and her husband, Tony, for their wonderful hospitality over the weekend. Some 40 members and friends joined in Fellowship at the Boambee Creek Reserve, a delightful spot, for the meeting and I must say it was a joy to meet and talk with my fellow First Fleet descendants.

I had a letter from a Mr Adrian Roberts, who is a descendant of FF Philip Devine. This First Fleeter arrived under an assumed name, as he was in fact Thomas Hilton Tennant. He used the name Devine up to 1791 and in 1794 he reappears in Norfolk Island as Thomas Tennant, a labourer employed in 'jobbing work'. Mr Roberts has

intimated that he would like our plaque on the tomb of Philip altered to his correct name!

I wrote in reply to Adrian that it was incredible that a number of First Fleeters used an alias for reasons best known only to themselves, but it is also strange that this man changed his name at various times! At the present time, it is not convenient to alter the wording on any of our original plaques but we have on record that Philip Devine, First Fleeter, arrived in the Colony on the 26th January 1788 as Thomas Hilton Tennant. Any feed back from descendants would be appreciated!

Appreciation is due to John Shortland (FF John Shortland) member #6292 for the donation of his book The Shortland Family of the Royal Navy and Australasia with particular reference to the First Fleet. John Shortland arrived in the Colony on the First Fleet with two of his sons, John Junior and Thomas George. An extremely interesting read, and as the three eventually returned to England we discover that there are many descendants, all proud First Fleeters, with us in our nation today.

If interested please contact John Shortland at 23 Meldrum Avenue, Miranda NSW 2228, or Email joro23@optusnet.com.au

It is with regret that Joy Pankhurst (FF Matthew Everingham) has decided to stand down as convenor of the Membership Committee. I may say that Joy has been for a number of years the only member of this most important adjunct of the Fellowship and has been a link to enrol many members. Two members are prepared to take on this important role, and I would ask that we need helpers, in the Sydney area, for this Committee which meets on a Tuesday.

Also I would like to revive the Fellowship Daytime Committee. This body has been a tower of strength to the Fellowship in its fundraising endeavours. Bonny Savill and Phyllis Selby, week

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### **News of Members**

### Membership Report

FOR PERIOD | FEBRUARY 2004 TO 27 MARCH 2004.

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period: five adults, three juniors and one spouse associate.

HENRY HACKING: Mrs Enid Isobel Moss.

JOSEPH HATTON: Miss Isabella Maybel Wright (jun.).

NATHANIEL LUCAS – OLIVIA GASCOIGNE: Mr Norman Lawrence Brooks.

JOHN MARTIN + JOHN RANDELL: Mr Robert Young.

RICHARD PARTRIDGE – MARY GREENWOOD: Mr Jackson Matthew Nilon (jun.).

EDWARD PUGH - HANNAH SMITH: Mrs Ann Winifred Keating (sp. Mr Raymond George Keating).

DANIEL STANFIELD - ALICE HARMSWORTH: Mr Bailey Austin Gordon Bennett (jun.).

JAMES WILSON: Mrs Merlene Edwards.

### **BIRTHS**

Welcome to additional First Fleeters:

PAFUSI TUIONO COX (FF Henry Kable Susannah Holmes), born 17 December 2003, at St George Private Hospital. Daughter to Charles and Amelia Cox, sister to Robert, Kimberley and Sioeli, eighth grandchild to Joan Cox (#164). Seventh generation.

ELLA ROSE HOLMAN (FF Thomas Jamison), 10 January 2004, at Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick. Daughter for Michael Holman and Suzanne Louise (nee Eggleston), of Lane Cove. First granddaughter for John Jamieson Eggleston (#4245). Eighth generation.

BENJAMIN THOMAS QUICK (FF Jane Langley/Philip Scriven/Henrietta), born 3 March, 2004 to Graham (#1357) and Heather Quick. Fifth grandchild to Pamela (#1356) and Barry Quick.

JENAYA PAIGE SIMPSON (FF Matthew Everringham John Nichols) born 6 November 2003, to Alison and Greg. A little sister for Tahnee Rose. Granddaughter for Judith (#4085) and Warren Manuel. Seventh Generation.

ISABELLA MAYBEL WRIGHT (FF Joseph Hatton and Ann Colepitts), born 5 June 2000, to Julia Turtle and Stewart Wright. First granddaughter to Mrs Lorraine Turtle and first greatgranddaughter to Mrs Joy Hanson – Acason.

### **DEATHS**

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

ERIC SYDNEY BLAIR (#5), 29 January 2004. A foundation member and former foundation treasurer of the Fellowship, loving husband of Ruth. Descendant of First Fleeter Frederick Meredith. TONI (Mary Antoinette) BARRY (#5986), died 21 February 2002, of 23 Bogong Street, Jindabyne. Descendant of First Fleeters William Baker and Susannah Huffnell.

### **FLEETINGS**

### MILES FRANKLIN DIARIES

The Buddong Society includes descendants of First Fleeter Edward Miles. The Society's secretary, Margaret Francis has advised that The Diaries of Miles Franklin exhibition detailing her life is currently showing at the NSW State Library until June 20 and will then go on tour. Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin, who wrote under the name of Miles Franklin, was the great-great-grand-daughter of Edward Miles (Diaries edited by Paul Brunton and published by Allen & Unwin at \$39.95).

#### OBITUARY - LAURIE COPPING

Laurie Copping, OAM, died in Canberra on 7 September, 2003, aged 83. His passing has been felt by numerous community groups in which he was involved over many years and by his colleagues nationwide.

Laurie was a descendant of Henry and Susannah Kable and served on the executive of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. He is survived by his wife Irene and twin daughters Trish and Rosemary.

Closing date for copy and pictures May/June issue 24 May 2004

### GLOUCESTER HOLIDAY REMINDER

2-7 MAY 2004

Price \$565.00 - Single Supplement \$150.00

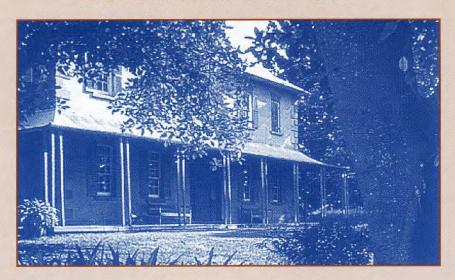
Balance of holiday cost needed now. Post to FFF House.

Leaving Eddy Avenue Bay 14 at 9.00-9.15am

### **OFFICE HOURS**

10.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday

### TOUR OF ROUSE HILL HOUSE AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE PICNIC SUNDAY 23 MAY 2004



This fragile property resonates with nearly two centuries of one family's occupation.

Explore the 19th century farm outbuildings, paddocks, gardens and the rich collection of objects overlaid with later additions and conserved intact as an essentially undisturbed record of the family's chequered history.

At the heart of the property lies a neo-classical sandstone dwelling built between 1813 and 1818 by convict labourers assigned to the enterprising free settler, Richard Rouse.

This guided tour of Rouse Hill House and its outbuildings situated in Rouse Hill Regional Park, which will take about two hours, will be preceded by a 10 minute audio visual in the visitors centre.

At the conclusion of the tour there will be a sausage sizzle lunch with tea/coffee and cakes in the picnic area adjoining Rouse Hill House. Depending on numbers there will be one tour in the morning at 10.00am followed by lunch. A second tour will have lunch first and then the house tour at 1.30pm.

Come along and meet new and old friends. There is a playground for children, as well as bike and walking tracks.

If you would like to attend and don't have transport please contact First Fleet House by <u>21 April</u> and leave a message for Pam or Elaine.

If numbers warrant it, a mini bus may be hired to collect from Parramatta Railway Station and return.

### **ROUSE HILL HOUSE**

Guntawong Road (along the M2 motorway and Windsor Road) Rouse Hill (about an hours drive from central Sydney)

### **LUNCH AND TOUR**

Adults: \$17.00 Concession: \$13.00 Children under 12: \$8.00 Non-Members: \$20.00 Family: Two adults and two children under 12: \$47.00

### LUNCH ONLY

Adults/Concession: \$10.00 Children under 12: \$5.00 Non-Members: \$13.00

Please post cheque made payable to Fellowship of First Fleeters to Fellowship of First Fleeters, 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo 2011 Phone: 9360 3788 if you require further information

# Australia Day LE LE LE 2004

From as far away as Europe, Malaysia, Northern Territory, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria, ACT and New South Wales, descendants and non-descendants from 70 different First Fleeters travelled to Panthers at Penrith for the Australia Day Weekend Event.

ongratulations – pat yourself on the back! To each of the 230 people who attended the conference, exhibition, dinner and picnic, you made the Event an overwhelming success.

The venue at Panthers provided everything under one roof: four star comfortable accommodation; restaurants; large conference, exhibition, dinner and picnic venues; plus complimentary car parking.



Greg Davies, the Mayor of Penrith, welcomed those present at the conference to Panthers and the City of Penrith. Following the welcome and a highlight of the conference was the presentation of books from the personal collection and estate of Patricia Gilmour, a member of the Canberra Chapter and one of the foundation subscribers of the Fellowship in 1987. Geoff Cameron, President of the Canberra Chapter, made the presentation to

Peter Christian, President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. The books have been proudly placed in the library at First Fleet House and are specially marked. We are truly grateful to Canberra Chapter which made this gift possible.

Everyone was impressed with the presentations given by each of the speakers. The first speaker, Professor Alan Atkinson



from the University of New England, gave a talk titled *The First Fleeters and their Children. How did they think?* Professor Brian Fletcher, whose background is extensive writings on aspects of colonial history, presented

Religion in Colonial NSW. This was followed by a buffet lunch in Memories Brasserie overlooking the Blue Mountains. After the lunch break, Laurie Hadley and Darren Ryan presented a paper on Ships of the First Fleet. Laurie Hadley, together with his wife Lynne, are responsible for the model ships of the First Fleet that take pride of place in the Museum of Sydney. Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker's talk titled *Unrest and Disruption in Colonial NSW* was a great finale to the conference.

Fifteen t exhibitors set up and provided information for conference delegates in the Woodriff Room. The South Coast Chapter of the Fellowship had an outstanding stand and the



area was a continual buzz with people asking representatives on the stand all sorts of questions. During morning and afternoon tea in this room delegates exchanged stories, with one person discovering they were related to another person. It was a case of being in the right place at the right time!

After a few relaxing hours the dinner guests assembled in preparation for an evening of fellowship in the Glenleigh Room. Some families were so well



represented that several tables had to be arranged to cater for them. There were people at these tables who were meeting for the first time, and this being the case, I am certain it will set a precedent for future events.

The special guest at the dinner was The Honourable Jackie Kelly, MP for Penrith, who is a warm and friendly lady. She spoke about First Fleeters who settled in the Penrith-

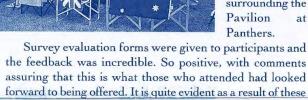
### AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND 2004

Castlereagh area. Peter Christian, our President and knowledgeable mentor, spoke with such passion and feeling about our day. Each time I listen to Peter speak I think to myself how fortunate the Fellowship is to have a president of his calibre.



Panthers banquet chefs excelled when it came to the dinner, which offered two choices for each of the three courses. During the meal, the Southern Flame Choral Quartet entertained those present. After dinner, guests retired to their

accommodation for the evening, to rest and revive for the picnic to be held on Sunday on the grassed area surrounding the Pavilion at Panthers.



evaluations that this is what people want.

In conclusion, special thanks must be expressed to all those people who contributed to the planning of this Event. Their support and co-ordination made it the success it turned out to be. Watch this space for plans for 2005.

PAMELA HEMPEL

### LETTERS FROM PARTICIPANTS

The FFF first conference was a great success. Loads of good fellowship, excellent speakers and good food ...

The final speaker Anne-Maree Whitaker, a Councillor from the Royal Australian Historical Society, chose as her topic the *Unrest and Disruption in Colonial NSW*.

It is amazing that the colony of NSW actually got off the ground and developed into this marvellous country of Australia.

... And the Australia Day dinner on Saturday night was absolutely stupendous. Marian Perrem, Heather Hardaker, my wife and I were at Peter & Joy Christian's table together with the guest speaker, The Honourable Jackie Kelly MP, member for the Penrith area. Jackie gave life and beauty to our table. She also gave a very appropriate dinner speech.

In short, I consider the FFF Australia Day Conference was a tremendous success and I look forward to next year.

### JOHN DANIELL

Tunks Family Association

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### **First Fleeters Represented**

William Baker John Barrisford lames Bloodworth William Boggis James Bradley William Broughton Owen Cavenough Thomas Chipp Ann Colpitts John Cross James Bryan Cullen Phillip Divine (Thomas Tennant) Mary Dickenson Margaret Dowling (Margaret Darnel) William Dring William Eggleton Deborah Ellam Matthew Everingham











Anthony Rope
Philip Scriven
James Sheers
John Small
Mary Smith
Mary Spencer
Daniel Stanfield
William Tunks
Joseph Tuzo
William Tyrrell
Edward Whitton
James Williams
Joseph Wright

James Redman/

John Redman (2)

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First a very sincere thank you for arranging the Australia Day weekend at Panthers. We thoroughly enjoyed the speakers, the venue, and the meeting of new friends. I wonder whether you can help us contact a lady who was on our table - Number 20. Her first name was Patricia. In conversation she mentioned that she was related to the Bean family. On returning home we looked up the family tree and found a Bean - so more

On the Sunday we did an exploratory tour. On the Friday previously a visit to St Matthews, Windsor and the Windsor library confirmed that James Freeman was buried there as a pauper. From James liaison with Mary Edwards came two children, one of whom (Bethina) married a Timothy Hoy. This couple ended up at Liverpool and most of their children were born at a place called White's Hill. In turn some of their children remained at Liverpool and their children were born at Hoys Hill.

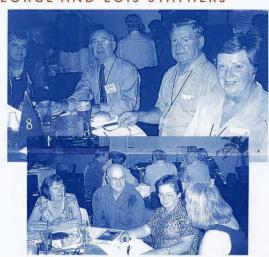
So on Sunday we tried to find these places - in fact there is a Hoys Road and a Hoys Park. These are next to the Warwick Farm racecourse. This was very likely the location, but not confirmed. A visit to the St Lukes Church old pioneer cemetery confirmed that the second Timothy Hoy was buried there in 1905.



The story didn't end there. Returning home I looked up the phone book and found a page of Hoys. A small search and calls enabled a contact with a Keith Hoy who said he thought he was related to the 'hangman' and that his sisters had being doing research for 20 years. However he also had an old aunt in a Nursing Home at Gymea near us. Sadly he rang back later in the week to say that she had just died. A few days later another call. Keith had gone to the funeral and met some relatives who said that that they knew us - by great coincidence they happened to be neighbours whom we had known for some years - the old lady we had known for 30 or so years. It turns out that her grandmother in turn was a Hoy and the brother of Lois' mother's grandmother Timothy and Elizabeth Hov. So a late night comparing notes and now we have been able to put together an almost complete picture of the family going back several generations.

So the weekend was memorable to us in many ways. Thanks again.

### GEORGE AND LOIS STATHERS



## grand annual raff

1st Prize: Captain Arthur Philip Wedgewood Plaque -Natalie Peterson, Griffith, NSW.

Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb for two People -

Jenni Little, Narara, NSW.

3rd Prize: Holiday Inn Panthers, Penrith Penthouse Package for two People

2nd Prize:

- Patricia Johnson, Cowra, NSW.

4th Prize: Castlereagh Inn Deluxe Package for two People

> - Irma Foster, Nelson Bay, NSW.

5th Prize: Fellowship of First Fleeters Polo Shirt -

Hugh Morgan, Darling Point, NSW.

6th Prize: 7th Prize: Fellowship of First Fleeters T-Shirt - Stewart Rose, Corryong, Victoria.

Where First Fleeters Lie - Diana Harband,

Tamworth, NSW.

8th Prize: Founders of the Nation

Chart - Tony Pike, Chapman, ACT.

9th Prize:

Fellowship of First Fleeters Stationery -John Roberts, AO,

Perth, WA.

The lucky winners were from far and wide, indicating the popularity of the Grand Annual Raffle. Thank you to everyone who supported it. All money raised supports resources

required in running First Fleet House.



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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by week, have not only seen to the sale of our crested items but also have organised these fundraising activities for the Fellowship. We need a member prepared to act as Chairperson and organise bi- or tri-monthly meetings, with a guest speaker.

The passing of Joyce Cowell and Doug Oakes, both keen and hard working members, has left the Fellowship with an incredible gap to continue the aims and aspirations of our unique organisation. Please contact me if you feel that you could give some valuable input to the day-to-day running of your Fellowship.

Congratulations to Mark Troy, FF Ann Colpitts/Robert Smith. Mark was elected Mayor of the Bellingen Shire Council at the recent Local Government elections. Both Mark and his wife, Gina, are members of the North Coast Chapter.

The Executive received the AGM Minutes and the President's Report of the Northern Rivers Chapter. I have already acknowledged the donation to First Fleet House by this body, but would also put on record the work that this Chapter is doing in the aims and objects of the Fellowship as a whole.

February and March had been fairly busy for your President. I have already mentioned my North Coast Chapter visit, but as well I have spoken to a rather crowded meeting of the Wahroonga Probus Club, given a talk to the Epping Computer Pals Club and the next day spoke to the Pennant Hills Ladies' Probus Club. The 26 February saw me at the West

Gosford Probus Club and the next day it was a privilege to speak to members of the Granny Smith Day Care Club at Epping. On 7 March I spoke to the Tunks Annual Picnic and on 9 March to the East Lindfield Probus Club. The next day saw me at the Hurstville Family History Society, a good meeting where I met member Marj Ravel (FF Arndell/Burleigh), and spoke to a fairly good gathering.

On 28 March I was invited to speak to a plaque unveiling ceremony in memory of Maria Nash. Members of the Nash Family are descended from marine William Nash and his 'wife' Maria who arrived in the First Fleet. They were married in a ceremony after arrival, but it is of interest to note that Maria was only one of three females who arrived free on the First Fleet and stayed to found a family. After the break-up of his marriage William returned to England, but Maria battled on, eventually passing to her eternal rest at the property of her son in the Castlereagh district near Penrith.

On behalf of the Nash Family I was presented with a book for the Fellowship Library written by member Carol Baxter on the first three generations of this family. More on that book in the next issue of *Founders*.

I was honoured recently to be invited to give the Annual James Jervis Lecture on behalf of the Parramatta District Family Historical Society. This will be held on Saturday 15 May next at Parramatta.

In Fellowship
PETER

## JOHN NICHOLS FAMILY SOCIETY REUNION

Descendants of

First Fleeter John Nichols

and

His wife Ann (nee Pugh)

Are invited to attend a world-wide Reunion to be held

### **SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2004**

10.00am - 4.00pm

At

Norm Jordan Pavilion Coffs Harbour Showground Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour ALL WELCOME

Information, old family photos, certificates etc will be on display as well as all other documentation which will be willingly shared. A photocopying service will be supplied. Admission is free and tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

For details contact Reunion Co-Ordinator
Robyn M Condliffe
28 Sandpiper Crescent, Boambee East NSW 2452
Phone: (02) 6653 361S
Email: condliffe@martchat.net.au

## from the chapters

### Northern Rivers Chapter

Northern Rivers has a new President:

Hazel Tressider

6 Teatree Place

East Ballina, NSW 2478

Phone: (02) 6681 6996

### North West Chapter

2004 ACTIVITIES

Sat 5 June AGM – Community Centre, Tamworth at 1.30pm. Guest speaker: Belinda Gonsalves will describe how to make an interesting history/scrapbook

Sat 7 August Meeting - Community Centre, Tamworth 1.30pm

Sat 9 October Meeting – Community Centre, Tamworth 1.30 pm

For further details contact:

Warren White

'Roschell', PO Box 67 Kootingal NSW 2352

Phone (02) 6760 3801 Email wwhite@ceinternet.com.au



March 2005 is the time to pack your bags and head for the beautiful and historic island of Norfolk. It is also an historical month to be there, with Foundation Day celebrated in early March and the Commemoration of the Wreck of the Sirius in mid-March.

Holiday package includes:

- Return airfare from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne all airline taxes except Norfolk Island Departure Tax
- Return airport transfers on Norfolk Island
- Seven nights twin/double share accommodation
- Seven days car hire (car insurance and petrol additional)

 Complimentary 'A Walk in the Wild' and Miniature Golf Optional extra packages will be on offer.

If you are interested in attending and would like further information sent to you, please write to:

Pamela Hempel

'Edenmore', I Millstream Road

Werrington Downs 2747

advising your name, address, phone and mobile numbers, plus email address if applicable, including the name of each person in your party.



## Create Memories

**Create Memories** is the title of a special program of scrapbooking for beginners. It will show you how to create a range of brilliant layouts on many different themes, from family to travel.

A class will be held at First Fleet House on Tuesday, 18 May at 10.30 am and repeated on Saturday, 29 May at 1.00 pm. The cost is \$12.00 (financial members \$10.00).

Come along – you will find talents you never realised you possessed. Expect to get hooked on this hobby while preserving your photos and documents or perhaps those of your descendants! To reserve a place at the session of your choice, please tick the appropriate box and fill out the form opposite, posting to the address shown.

Tuesday, 18 May 10.30am Saturday, 29 May 1.00pm
Name (First and Surname)
Address
Postcode Phone Number
Email (if available)
Please send form to:

Pamela Hempel, 'Edenmore', I Millstream Road, Werrington

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Downs NSW 2747.