



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

Another year has gone by and we have a new Executive to guide your Fellowship for the next 12 months. The new Executive details appear elsewhere in this issue.

I look forward to the next 12 months, in the hope that we can continue to educate our fellow citizens that this continent was settled by the efforts of the original members of the First Fleet, despite overwhelming odds.

On behalf of the Fellowship, I would thank Warwick and Pam Grace for their donation to our library of a volume called *A Nation within a Nation*. This book was published in 2001, researched and compiled by Peter McKay and contains some 1550 pages of the family tree of Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne. In his acknowledgments, the author states that although this book stands on its own as a history of the descendants of Nathaniel and Olivia, its bedrock is the original book of Rhonda Kroehnert and Betty Taber. It is an important acquisition to the Fellowship Library.

In response to a condolence letter to the family of the late Hazel Tresidder, chairperson of the Northern Rivers Chapter, I received an answer from her husband Phil, who really poured his heart out at the loss of his helpmate. She eventually succumbed to colon cancer diagnosed in mid June of this year, but Phil informed me that she faced the inevitable with great composure and fortitude, showing that she faced death with equanimity. She was an extremely proud descendant of Matthew Everingham, enrolled in the Fellowship by the efforts of her daughter Kaye, influenced, as I personally have been, by the enthusiasm of Valerie Ross's writings of the trilogy of Matthew Everingham, FF.

My only regret is that I was not able to sit down with Hazel, in my visits to the Northern Rivers Chapter, and have a heart to heart talk on our common heritage.

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Descendants is never to die*

Another sad loss, not only to the Fellowship but also to the Tunks Descendants Association, was the passing of Val Daniell, spouse of John Daniell AM. For a number of years Val was the Treasurer of the Family organisation and was also a daughter-in-law of Fred Daniell, third President of the Fellowship.

In November I spoke to the members of the Castle Hill Computer Pals Club, some 200 in attendance, in addition to the Moss Vale Probus Club and also to a small group of Seniors who belonged to Chatswood Day Carers.

I seem to have a rest from talks for the remainder of the year, but have a number of engagements in 2005.

Please keep in mind our activities over the Australia Day week. Details in this issue.

I wish each and every one of you and yours all of the joys that the Christmas Message brings to us, and a very happy and prosperous New Year to all.

In Fellowship
PETER

Merry
Christmas

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News of Members

Membership Report

FOR PERIOD 25 JULY 2004
27 NOVEMBER 2004

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period: 20 adults, four juniors and one associate spouse.

WILLIAM BAKER/SUSANNAH HUFFNELL: Raymond Keith Entwistle.

JOHN CROSS: Leslie George Theobald.

JAMES BRYAN CULLEN: Maxwell William Arthur Keough; Christopher Maxwell Keough; Leilani Joy Donovan; Andrew Stanley Keough.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM: Susanne Gai Wright.

ANDREW FISHBURN: Daniel John Babekuhl.

ANN FORBES: Maya Lucien Roberts (jun.).

NATHANIAL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE: Scott Gregory Matthews; Kylie Jane Matthews.

SAMUEL PIGOTT: Emma Kate Jackaman (jun.); Sara Jayne Jackaman (jun.).

WILLIAM JOHN ROBERTS: Kyle Andrew Howard (jun.).

ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY: Wendy Elizabeth Humphreys.

JAMES RUSE: John Francis Nolan.

WILLIAM TUNKS: Brian Keith Heldon.

JAMES WRIGHT: Bruce Norman Agland; Stephen Michael Watson; Christine Watson (spouse); Kim Lillian McLeod; Peter Stephen James Watson; Kelly Elizabeth Watson.

JOSEPH WRIGHT: Garie Glynne McGregor-Crowe; Leslie George Theobald.

Births

Welcome to additional First Fleeters:

LACHLAN ALEXANDER COOK (FF Patrick Burn and Ann Smith), born 22 June 2004. Son to Natalie and Julian Cook, brother to Kaitlyn Ann and third grandchild to Lynette (#2726) and Peter Russell. Ninth generation.

AINSLEY MARIE HELDON (FF William Tunks, Mary Phillips, Thomas Spencer) born 20 June 2004 at Benowa, Queensland. Daughter to Matthew and Marna, ninth grandchild to Brian Heldon (#6850) and twenty-eighth great-grandchild to Dorothy Heldon (#2982). Ninth generation.

KYLE ANDREW HOWARD (#7081) (FF William Roberts) born 3 July 2004,

a son to Scott and Therese of Engadine at St George Hospital. A brother to Claire (#6721 jun.) and Jessica (#6888 jun.), grandson to John (#6701) and Judith Minehan, their fourth grandchild. Eighth generation.

PATRICK PETER BRIAN RUSSELL (FF Patrick Burn Ann Smith), born 31 October 2004 to Andrew and Michelle. Fourth grandchild to Peter and Lynette (#2726). Ninth generation.

JENAYA PAIGE SIMPSON (FF Matthew Everingham, John Nichols), born 6 November 2003 to Alison and Greg. Little sister for Tahnee Rose, granddaughter for Judith (#4085) and Warren Manuel. Seventh generation.

DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

KEITH WILLIAM JONES (#6557), passed away 14 September 2004. Descendant of First Fleeter Edward Risby.

JOHN BARRIE TIERNAN (#5049), 11 Pinkwood St, Bellbowrie, Qld 4070, passed away 21 October 2004. Descendant of First Fleeters John Small/Mary Parker.

ROBERT KEITH WHITE (#1543) passed away Monday 2 August 2004. Devoted husband of Valmai. Very proud to be a First Fleeter. Descendant of First Fleeter William Broughton.

YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2004 – 2005

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENTS

Peter Christian
Rod Best
Pam Quick
Roy Morris

TREASURER
DIRECTORS

Bruce Arnett, Elaine Bennett, Ron Maguire, Zona Maguire, Joy Pankhurst, Pamela Hempel, William Hempel, George Griffiths, Jean Mortimer, John Haxton

**Closing date for
copy and pictures
Jan/Feb issue
January 31 2005**

**The office will close
on Friday,
17 December 2004
and reopen on
Tuesday,
4 January 2005**

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

Australia Day 2005 WEEK

LUNCHEON

As detailed in the last issue of *Founders* the Luncheon Event on Saturday, 22 January 2005 will be held in the Glenleigh Room at Panthers.

Our Guest Speaker on this occasion will be Mr Geoff Stuart, author and photographer of the book *Secrets in Stone*, which is a tribute to the people who built Sydney. Sydney is not just a beautiful city, it is a great city, with a marvellous and intriguing past. It is also ours to take care of. Geoff Stuart is a speaker who will leave you with a lasting impression.

We have arranged for the Irish Group *Tir-na-not* to entertain you. The Mayor of Penrith, Ms Jackie Greenow will also be our guest at the luncheon.

Remember to return your form along with a cheque made payable to Fellowship of First Fleeters and a stamp self-

addressed envelope for your tickets. Wednesday, 29 December is the final day for bookings to attend this special event.

Forward correspondence to:

Pamela Hempel

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Werrington Downs NSW 2747

GRAND ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Enclosed are your raffle tickets that will give you the opportunity of winning one of the 12 prizes being offered. Please return the tickets you purchase along with a cheque made payable to the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Mail them to First Fleet House, 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011. Good Luck.

See page 5 for list of prizes.



All Aboard LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE AUSTRALIA DAY Wednesday 26 January 2005



Watch the great Sydney Harbour Ferry Race
and see

The Parade of Sail
Historic Fleet Display
Aerial Display by Hornet flying team
Search and Rescue operations

Our specially chartered *MV Fiesta*, a classic
wooden boat, will depart from
BIRKENHEAD POINT, Drummoyne
at 9.45am returning approx 3.00pm

BYO food, but as the vessel is fully licensed
NO alcohol can be brought aboard but all drinks
can be purchased from their cash bar

Price per person will be:

Adults \$45.00

Children over 10 years \$40.00

Children under 10 years \$30.00

If travelling by public transport

Bus routes 504, 506, 507 leave from

Wynyard: corner George and Hunter Streets

Town Hall: Druitt Street side of Town Hall

Alight from bus at corner Victoria Road and

Thornley Street, Drummoyne

Short walk to Birkenhead

To make booking contact FF House 9360 3788

Numbers limited – places are filling fast!

DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP HOLIDAY FOR 2005 – PARKES

Monday 2 – Saturday 7 May

Cost \$550.00. Single supplement \$25.00 per night.
Deposit of \$100.00 required by 31 December 2004.
Full deposit refund if cancelled up to four weeks prior
to holiday, later cancellation incurs \$20.00 fee.

DAY 1

JOURNEY TO PARKES AND THE GOLDEN WEST

Join your air-conditioned luxury coach at the designated departure point. The coach is equipped with the latest comfort features which will ensure that your tour is most enjoyable, comfortable and, above all, safe. You will travel through the beautiful Blue Mountains, making a Morning Tea stop along the way. You will visit the world famous Echo Point at Katoomba, with its breathtaking scenery. Your journey will continue through the mountains on to Lithgow. Lunch will be provided at Bathurst.

On your way to Parkes you will travel through some of Australia's most beautiful undulating sheep and wheat growing country. In season the countryside appears to make landscape postcards come to life.

During the afternoon you will arrive at the Parkview Motor Inn, which will be your home for the next few days. Your hosts, Anne and Kevin, will do their utmost to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. You will have time to relax before enjoying your evening dinner, served in the charming JD's Piano Bar and restaurant at the Motel.

DAY 2

DUBBO AND THE WESTERN PLAINS ZOO

After a delicious buffet breakfast, served in the Motel restaurant, you will board your coach for your trip to Dubbo via the historical gold mining town of Peak Hill.

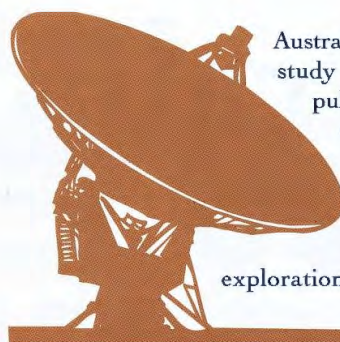
After travelling through the City of Dubbo, a Morning Tea stop will be made at the Dubbo Visitors Centre. You will then visit the Western Plains Zoo, which will enable you to travel the world in a day. The Zoo is home to more than 800 animals from all over the world, many of them endangered species. Walking trails meander past large open exhibits landscaped to closely resemble the animal's natural environments. The Zoo is set in 300 hectares of bushland; there are many waterways, which provide a haven for the spectacular bird life. The Zoo is also home to free-ranging native animals, including kangaroos, emus and wallabies. Roads throughout the Zoo enable your coach to take you from one exhibit to another. Lunch will be at the Zoo.

You will return to the Parkview during the late afternoon in time to reflect on your day's outing prior to enjoying a drink at our Cocktail Bar before Dinner.

DAY 3

THE DISH, PARKES AND FORBES

Today you will visit the world-renowned Parkes Radio Telescope and CSIRO Visitors Centre. The giant steel dish of the Parkes Radio Telescope is a landmark in the paddocks just north of Parkes and a landmark in the scientific history of



Australia. Used by astronomers to study galaxies, exploding stars, pulsars and quasars near the edge of the universe, the telescope was used in conjunction with Apollo 11 Moon landings, Apollo 13 rescue, and explorations of Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune and Haley's Comet. It is the world's

most powerful single dish radio telescope. You will return to Parkes where you will visit the War Memorial. It is located on Memorial Hill from which there is a 360-degree view overlooking Parkes and surrounding areas. Morning tea will be at the Parkes Tourist Centre.

Your coach will then journey south to the beautiful historical township of Forbes, just 32 kilometres from Parkes. Forbes is rich in the history of Australia's growth and is the resting place of the notorious bushranger Ben Hall.

After a stop at the Forbes Railway Arts and Tourist Centre, situated at the 100-year-old Forbes Historical Railway Station, you will enjoy lunch in Forbes. You will then be taken on a tour of Forbes, which last century was the Cobb and Co coach stop. The coaches of Cobb and Co carried gold from there to various destinations. In the early 1860s because of extremely active bushrangers, tunnels were constructed linking the coach stop, now the Albion Hotel, and the various banks where the gold was deposited. The tunnels were used to transport gold and money to and from the banks to avoid robberies, which were frequent in the streets.

You will then return to Parkes and, if time permits, a leisurely walk in the Parkes Shopping Centre, prior to returning to the Parkview for dinner

DAY 4

WELLINGTON

Today you will visit Wellington via Molong. Morning Tea will be at picturesque Wellington Park. You will then travel to The Angora Tourist Farm, incorporating the Alpaca Farm, at Yeoval, about 25 kilometres from Wellington. There seeing is believing, there is nothing like this anywhere else in Australia. The award winning tourist farm is an experience you won't forget. It is a 2000-acre wheat, sheep and cattle property, which incorporates a fine tourist attraction. You will see unique angora rabbits and one being shorn. You will see how the fleece is spun on an old fashioned spinning wheel. You will see numerous farm animals on this working property. You will enjoy a traditional woolshed Bar-B-Q lunch, during which there will be live entertainment.



Then browse through the souvenir shop where angora, alpaca, crocodile, emu and woollen products are on sale. On the return we will call in to the Lavender Farm for a brief visit. Your coach will then return to the Parkview for some relaxation time prior to dinner.

DAY 5

CANOWINDRA, COWRA AND GRENFELL

Following breakfast you will join your coach and travel to Cowra, via Eugowra and Canowindra. A morning tea stop will



be made at historical Canowindra, with its quaint antique shops, and where it appears as if time has stood still. You will then travel to the Cowra Visitors Centre, where you will enjoy a stroll through its extensive rose garden, boasting over 1,000 roses. The complex also houses a local art gallery, historical museum and souvenir shop. You will visit the

impressive POW theatre and display. Lunch will be at the Cowra Visitors Centre Park.

You will then visit the Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre which covers five hectares of beautifully landscaped gardens with meandering paths, revealing streams with numerous fish, water falls, lakes, picturesque wooden bridges,

a traditional tea house, Wisteria Arbor, Bonsai House, Bonsho Temple Bell and much more.

You will return to Parkes via historical Grenfell, arriving at the Parkview in time for some relaxation time before a special farewell dinner.

DAY 6

JOURNEY HOME

Today you will leave the Parkview Motor Inn, with pleasant memories of your stay in the Golden West of NSW, and your hosts best wishes for a safe journey home.

A morning tea stop will be made in Bathurst before doing a circuit of the famous Mt Panorama. You will then continue your trip home via the Blue Mountains with a light lunch provided at Penrith Panthers or another suitable venue before the final leg of your journey home.

Changes to the published itinerary may be necessary on some occasions, to enhance your holiday.

Brochures available at First Fleet House
or posted to you if required.

Grand Annual Raffle

IT IS TIME TO ANNOUNCE THE GREAT PRIZES
THAT YOU CAN WIN BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR G.A.R.!

- 1st Sydney Harbour BridgeClimb for two people to experience a spectacular view of the recently announced No. 1 city in the world.
- 2nd A beautiful blue Wedgewood plate with the Sydney Opera House in the centre
- 3rd Accommodation package for two people at the Holiday Inn Penrith Panthers
- 4th Royal Selangor pewter wine bottle stand and matching wine bottle cork stopper
- 5th Stokes silver jug
- 6th A framed photograph of the Bonds of Friendship at Portsmouth
- 7th A framed photograph of the Old Bailey in London
- 8th Fellowship of First Fleeters Polo Shirt
- 9th Fellowship of First Fleeters T-Shirt

- 10th Copy of *Where First Fleeters Lie*
- 11th Chart of *The Founders of a Nation* bearing names of those on the First Fleet
- 12th Fellowship of First Fleeters Stationery

Funds are required to maintain the operation of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Your support is deeply appreciated.

The Grand Draw will take place at our Luncheon on Saturday, 22 January 2005.



Everingham Family Association Foundation Day Reunion

The Reunion for descendants of
Matthew James Everingham (First Fleet)
and

Elizabeth Rimes (Second Fleet)

is to be held on

SUNDAY, 31 MARCH 2005

(214th anniversary of their wedding)

Commencing at 11.00am

at

Dargle Picnic and Caravan Park (plenty of parking)

Celebrations will also include the bicentenary of

Matthew and Elizabeth Everingham's daughter,

Elizabeth, born 10 June 1805.

Bring along memorabilia, old family photos, etc.

For further information please contact

Everingham Family Association Inc

PO Box 1039, Ashfield 1800

Anne O'Sullivan 02 9326 3290

Rhonda Pilkington 02 9716 8991

from the chapters

South Coast Chapter

Members and visitors of the above organisation were very pleased to unveil their new banner at the third annual general meeting. The members discussed the design and colours over two meetings before the committee decided to go ahead with the members' choice.

The colours of blue and gold have heraldic significance, as they are the colours of the crest in the Commonwealth Coat of Arms. Blue and gold were also selected for the riband colours for the Order of Australia when the Order was established in 1975. The rope and chain is for the seamen and convicts on board the ships. The single ship represents the eleven ships of the First Fleet. We honour the First Fleet arrivals with the laurel branches. Our motto needs no explaining.

As usual, the meeting was held in the historic Court House at Wollongong Harbour. Peter Christian, President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, was the guest speaker. He gave a very informative and interesting talk on the people who came with the First Fleet.

To mark the occasion, Peter was presented with a book, *Living Echoes*, which is a history of the Shoalhaven.



President Jean Mortimer and other committee members presented their reports. Several members were voted on to the committee for the following year.

A light lunch followed after which a very large birthday cake was cut. The inscription on the cake was: *I split the rock, I felled the tree, the Nation was because of me.*

This was to honour our early settlers and our convicts. Without their huge input the Colony would not have survived to eventually become our wonderful nation.

Although the occasion was also the third birthday of the Chapter, the group then sang *Advance Australia Fair* rather than *Happy Birthday*.

Anyone with an interest in history, with or without a First Fleeter, is welcome to join.

BETTY WARN

Support Officer, (02) 4294 2735

North Coast Chapter

On 19 September the John Nichols Reunion was held in Coffs Harbour and the members of the North Coast Chapter FFF manned the coffee shop, which I had set up, all day. They all enjoyed themselves and virtually held a mini chapter meeting!

Below is a list of the meeting venues for year 2005 (note the meeting in February). Meetings commence at 11.30am unless otherwise stated.

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2005

Boambee Creek Reserve. 10.30am start 'Show and Tell'. Please bring an interesting article or photo of relevance to your family and a plate of finger food to share – no desserts please. As well please also bring your own cups, glasses, plates, knives, forks and spoons. Tea, coffee, cold drinks, morning tea and dessert supplied by Chapter. This day also combines with a visit from New England Chapter.

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2005

John and Jeanette Williamson
7 Lynhaven Crescent, Ulmarra NSW
Jeanette will speak about her interesting family, in particular *Maria and the Russian connection*. It is a truly fascinating story!

SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2005

AGM – Ron and Pal Benjamin
Mackay's Road, Coffs Harbour NSW
Turn right into Mackay's Road from Bray Street (Baringa

Hospital), follow the road over the railway line and veer slightly right and then left and you will see a milk can with Mackay's Private Road. Follow the road to the end. Do not take any right or left forks. There will be small Australian flags to guide you.

Guest Speaker will be Dr Andrew Beattie and his subject will be *Viewing your family's past*.

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2005

Colin and Pat Robertson
21 Queen Street, Woolgoolga NSW
Dr Amajit Moore to speak about the Indian culture and migration to Australia

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2005

Rod and Ruth Holmes
291 Mountain Top Road, Dorrigo NSW
Turn left at the Lookout Motor Inn and follow the road until you come to a sign saying 3kms to Mountain Top Lookout. Turn left. Go to the lookout and turn left into '292'. Go past the house on the left to the second house. Mark Troy will speak about his ancestors Ann Colpitts and Patrick Troy

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2005

Christmas Party, Boambee Creek Reserve
10.30am start. Food and drinks supplied by Chapter. Full details in future Newsletter.

For further information or transport to meetings, please contact Robyn M Condliffe, Secretary (02) 6653 3615.

Road Builders

MEMORIAL

F Following the establishment of the penal colony in Sydney in 1788, the first major engineering project undertaken was the building of a road across the Blue Mountains to Bathurst. This followed the exploits of Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson in 1813. History tells us of the hundreds of convicts who toiled with pick, shovel and sledgehammer to create this road. God knows of the hardships and privations they endured.

The sandstone mountains with its steep grades, the winter weather and we believe harsh treatment were their lot. Early sketches show the gangs lined up clean-shaven but in leg irons.

My life's ambition is to build a permanent monument to the road builders. I envisage a group of figures including two convicts, a soldier and two aborigines surrounded by mountain sandstone. The figures would be 1.5 times life size, cast in bronze.

Terrance Plowright from Wentworth Falls is a highly skilled sculptor whose work includes the Brolgas at Darling Harbour and the Driller at Cobar.

The RTA has authenticated a section of Cox's original road at Leura on the Great Western Highway where there is plenty of room to construct the memorial to the convicts. We estimate 10 bus bays 20 car spaces, toilets and shelter would be needed.

We have researched the formation of a prescribed private fund or trust account, for taxation purposes, we have opened a bank account, we have appointed a researcher Susan Franks (email systems@mail.lisp.com.au) to confirm the list of names of over 200 convicts who worked on the road.

We have secured 20 original convict bricks, with handmade Frogs in them, and asked a brick company to make replicas, the idea being to construct a pioneer family wall. From these bricks, (suitably inscribed with the ancestors name the ship and date of arrival on them.) and to sell these in order to pay for the memorial.

My purpose in writing to you is to ask you if you have a list of names of convicts who may have worked on this road and their crime, ship, arrival date and where they are buried. Also, a list of First Fleeters or pioneer families that may be interested in helping us get bring this project to fruition.

I am hoping to make it a Rotary centennial project for 2005, I have pledged \$100,000 towards it, Terrance has started modelling the figures and we hope to have an official launch in September 2004.



This monument will link Australians with their past and as far as I know this is the only proposal to honour the builders of the original road. We need to pay tribute to our ancestors.

REMINISCENCES OF AUSTRALIA

'Soon after were gathered the criminals under the military authority, who commenced operations under Lapstone Hill, where the present road through the Blue Mountains to Bathurst now runs. There were something like a thousand men, with two hundred soldiers over them, with Williams and Broton as overseers, who remained as such until the road was formed to Mount Victoria, and thence to Bathurst. And now come the terrors of the poor unfortunate criminals; a stockade was formed on the spot where the burial ground, church, and school-house now stand. Rayner's factory was the old soldier's barracks. In the centre of the stockade were fixed the triangles, where the lash was administered daily; the yells of the poor unfortunate wretches would have melted a heart of stone, and no human being to soothe or speak a word of kindness, to prevent, perhaps the prospect of being sent to Tasmania or Norfolk Island, even though they were fortunate enough to escape a cruel death in the Blue Mountains.

Williams, the overseer, was subsequently killed by a prisoner, who rushed at him and struck him down with a spade, in revenge for being put to work on a bull-dog ant-hill. For this crime he was of course, hanged.

In close proximity to the stockade there was a place called Billibot, where the dead were buried. It was a round hole, dug out like a well, about thirty feet in circumference, and of considerable depth. The bodies were stripped, thrown in, and covered with quick lime together with some earth. This was their mode of burial.

The Correction House was well flagged and kept thoroughly washed, but was bitterly cold in winter. There were cross beams, five feet high, to which prisoners were often handcuffed all night for bad conduct. Sometimes two or three were found dead in the morning, the doctor's certificate being the only record of death. They were disposed of in the afore-mentioned manner.

Dr White, a well known medical man of Windsor and Penrith, who was the doctor the whole time (about six years), has often related the story of Billibot.

Wells, who was the butcher during that period, has often spoken of the barbarity of that awful place, now almost forgotten, perhaps not even been heard of, by the quiet and peaceful inhabitants now occupying the lands. It is indeed to be deplored that such a lovely spot should have, at any time, been polluted by such dastardly deeds as those committed by the bloodthirsty wretches who so cruelly betrayed their trust.

'But when into the earth they descended
Such cruel tyranny surely ended'

The above was received by William Hempel as an email from Tom Colless re a planned Leura memorial.

Floriade in Canberra 2004



The gold pansies represented Australia's dry interior while the blue pansies depicted the outline of the continent girt by sea. Anyway it was a colourful interpretation!



We are indebted to Rebecca and Geoff Lamb for these photos taken at Floriade in Canberra. Their enclosed note says 'It was nice to see the First Fleet represented in the theme of water and in such a colourful fashion.'

TUNKS DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

The Tunks Descendants Inc. has launched the Tunks Family Tree 2004 publication.

This new edition of the Tunks family tree lists over 6,890 individual related names was launched by the associations Patron Peter Christian. Peter was the secretary of the inaugural committee in 1982 and is currently the President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

The updated Tunks Family Tree 2004 book contains a one-page family tree of the first three Australian born generations, a profile of William Tunks (First Fleet) and Sarah Lyons (Second Fleet), photographs of many of our early ancestors, 223 pages of births, deaths and marriages and other details of 6,890 descendants of William and Sarah Tunks broken down to thirteen family branches, a separate alphabetical index of 83 pages, and other historical information, in all 337 pages.

For further information please contact:

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114 Spencer Road, Killara NSW 2071
Phone/Fax (02) 9418 1279

FINAL CALL FOR NORFOLK ISLAND



Foundation Day 2005 on Beautiful Norfolk Island will be celebrated on 6 March.

If you are quick to reply, you can be part of the celebrations. Saturday, 5 March fly out for Norfolk Island spending eight days seven nights, returning Saturday 12 March.

For details in regard to the trip, contact Lee Christian or Debbie Steven at The Travel Centre, PO Box 172, Norfolk Island 2899, South Pacific or email travel@travelcentre.nf

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