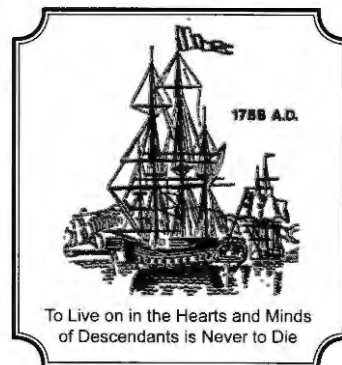


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## A Window on the Fleet



First Fleet House facade has always been something of a Cathedral Street stopper for the curious, but now the window wall contains an ocean of real information — nothing less than a complete list, arranged by ship, of those who arrived on the Fleet. But this is not any old list. It is the result of prime research by **John Boyd**, with the assistance of all Board members, which has resulted in all but three known arrivals being assigned to a vessel. It is identical to the record now posted under SHIPS on our website.

The information is superimposed on a colour-screened version of the 1937 painting by Algernon Talmage of the *Founding of Australia*, arranged in nine linked panels: the project being designed by Edward Whitton descendant, **Erin Tomkin**, and installed by Signarama.

Friday 28 May heralded the Official Launch of the new facade, which of course also includes, for the benefit of those up or down the street, the newish hanging sign. Some 35 members, many of whom were delegates in Sydney for the Chapter Conference on the morrow, rolled up for the event.

Peter Christian, representing under one of his hats the members of the Board who bought the building, provided background to that 1988 acquisition. John Boyd described the process by which the window wall had been produced, and **President John Haxton** presented Erin with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work.

The honour of cutting the ribbon went most appropriately to our Records and House Maintenance Officer, **Ian Palmer**, whose FF ancestor, John Palmer, once owned the land on which our building is sited.

Board members and volunteers at First Fleet House have since reported a level of interest in the window which they describe as amazing, and our stock of membership application forms is being steadily depleted!

When in Sydney Town do come and have a look.

RW



At the Launch. Neither Erin nor John Haxton are in the photo. But see page 2 overleaf.



Ian Palmer launches the Fleet.

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## From the President...

Congratulations to two of our members on receiving Queen's Birthday Honours in 2010. Professor Louise Baur, #1169.1, wife of Roderick Best, was awarded an AM for service to medicine, particularly in the field of paediatric obesity. Denis Smith, #4068, received his OAM for service to the community, particularly through the Lane Cove Historical Society.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for our revamped shopfront with its exquisite sign and window display is reported on the cover of this issue. A special thanks to Erin Tomkin and to John Boyd and Ron Withington for the research and planning, and to Ron and Ian Palmer who painted the facade and window frames.

I was delighted that for the second Chapter Conference at Scots Presbyterian Church, 11 of the 12 Chapters were able to send representatives (see page 10). Along with the Board Members and some of the volunteers from FF House, a total of 36 attended the all-day conference. Reports from each Chapter, volunteers and Board members enabled us all to share our progress and plans.

Hopefully by the time you read this note a Sydney North Shore Chapter Committee will have been formed.

In Fellowship, John Haxton Denis Smith OAM Louise Baur AM



John presents Erin Tomkin (and Millie) with a Certificate of Appreciation.



## LARCUM'S LONGING FOR LONGITUDE

There has been quite a bit of discussion as to whether the average latitude of 16-year-old Jessica Watson's recent solo sailing around the world was close enough to the Equator for her to claim a world age circumnavigation record. Jessica no doubt used a GPS with satellites to plot her latitude, but Captain Phillip and his Fleet Masters employed a simple sextant, measuring the distance between the sun or certain known stars and the horizon, to estimate their position north or south of the Equator. In both cases, latitude lines as horizontal bands around the earth, are simple to envisage. Not so with longitude.

I have always tried to imagine longitude lines as what you get when you peel and divide the segments of a mandarin. A good starting point but not much help to Phillip as his supply of fresh citrus fruit was a bit irregular!

Well what did he have to do? He knew that the distance was always measured from Greenwich, and he every day needed to know the exact time at that starting point.

**So let's do his calculation:** His latitude from last night was 34 degrees South. By the sun it is now 12 noon on *HMS Sirius* and his Greenwich chronometer indicates 4 minutes past 10am. What is the ship's longitude? **Short answer:** *Sirius* is 10 hours 4 minutes in front (later) than Greenwich. Later means east-of, so the ship is 10 hours 4 minutes east of Greenwich. Since 1 hour equals 15 degrees of longitude (360 degrees divided by 24 hours) the ship is  $10.07 \times 15 = 151$  degrees east of Greenwich, or 151 degrees E. longitude. That right - he's made it to Botany Bay, just as Thomas Barrett (see p.3) recorded on his medal!



For the tricky matter of keeping an accurate time for Greenwich in all weathers, *Sirius* carried the important **Larcum Kendal Marine Timekeeper, K1**. This chronometer was one of two used by Captain Cook on his second and third voyages (1772-1775) and (1776-1780) and maintained excellent time.

It was found to need cleaning following the third voyage, after which, in 1786, it was returned to the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. K1 was taken aboard *Sirius* in 1787. (ctd p.3)

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## The Houdini of the Death Sentence

Those of our members who were able to visit the Mitchell Library Centenary *One Hundred objects for one hundred days* – March to June – would have been gratified that over one third of the exhibits were relevant to the first 33 years of the colony, when many of our FF ancestors were still alive and well. Folk have been discussing which object they found most moving. Opinions were more scattered than for the Archibald Prize winner, but my vote went to the Conrad Martens watercolour of *The funeral of Rear-Admiral Phillip Parker King, 1856*, a melancholy sky over a grieving harbour empty of all but the cortege fleet and a lone tall ship firing a smoky farewell salute.

By way of contrast with the Mitchell, the Australian Maritime Museum collection is just 24 years old, and has only a couple of First Fleet items on display. One is the wooden sea chest believed to be the property of Henry Kable. The other is the **Charlotte Medal**, an item starkly linked to the arrival of the Fleet into Botany Bay, and to the brief, but again moving, history of its creator, **Thomas Barrett**.

Barrett was an engraver, convicted at the Old Bailey on 11 September 1782 on charges of stealing a silver watch, a chain and key, a hook, two shirts and one shift from Ann Milton in July of that year. **Aged 24, he was sentenced to death.** On 10 September 1783 he was reprieved to transportation for life, spent six months on a Thames hulk and March 1784 was sent to *Mercury* at Gravesend for the passage to America.

At Torbay, off the Devon Coast on 8 April some convicts mutinied. Barrett escaped to Stoke Damerel near Plymouth, but was recaptured and sent to gaol in Exeter. **As a ringleader and a convict who had 'returned before expiry', on 24 May 1784 he was sentenced to death.** On 9 June he was again reprieved to transportation for life and sent to hulk *Dunkirk* at Plymouth. On 11 March 1787, aged 29, he was discharged to *Charlotte* for transport to Botany Bay.

Between Tenerife and Rio de Janeiro Barrett with accomplices melted belt buckles and pewter spoons to counterfeit quarter dollars with which they purchased goods from Rio merchants through *Charlotte's* portholes. His punishment was light.

In January 1788, while at anchor in Botany Bay, Barrett, probably at the request of an impressed Surgeon John White, fashioned his **Charlotte Medal**, a 74mm silver disc from White's



### THE CHARLOTTE MEDAL

**Obverse:** The Charlotte at anchor in Botany Bay Jany the 20 1788.

**Reverse:** Sailed the Charlotte of London from Spithead the 13 of May 1787 Bound for Botany Bay in the Island of New Holland. arrivd at Teneriff 3 of June in Lat 28.13N Long 16.23W departd it 10Jn arrived at rio Janeiro 6 of Aug in Lat 22.54S Long 42.38W, departd it the 5 of Sepr arrivd at the Cape of good hope the 14 Octr in Lat 34.29S Long 18.29E departd it 12 of Novr and made the South Cape of New Holland the 8 of Jany 1788 in Lat 43.32S Long 146.56E arrivd at Botany Bay the 20 of Jany the Charlotte in Co in Lat 34.00 South Long 151.00 East distance from great Britain Miles 13106

kidney dish. Shortly after, on 27 February 1788 Barrett was convicted with Henry Lovell, Joseph Hall and Ryan Clark of stealing butter, peas and pork from the common store. **He was sentenced to death!** Barrett once more endured 'transportation' for life, but this time only as far as the nearby gallows, where he became the first man in the Colony to undergo capital punishment.

A plaque commemorating his place of execution has been fixed to the wall of the *Four Seasons Hotel* at the corner of Essex and Harrington Streets in The Rocks. It is incongruously green in colour, and essentially vacant in design, even as a tour marker. In fact the plaque is a pretty shabby tribute to the man who saw only one of four seasons in NSW, but had cheated death long enough to produce in the **Charlotte Medal**, the Colony's first known work of art. **RW**



(from p.2). Phillip ordered that it be wound daily at noon in the presence of Captain Hunter. The chronometer was still aboard *Sirius* when she was wrecked at Norfolk Island, and was one of the first articles to be rescued. It was returned to Port Jackson in *Supply* and in 1791, arrived back in England. Having played its part in the success of the First Fleet voyage the chronometer today rests in the Old Royal Observatory at Greenwich. I somehow don't think Jessica's GPS will gain that distinction **RW**

Two chronometers the captain had,  
One by Arnold that ran like mad,  
One by Kendal in a walnut case,  
Poor devoted creature with a hangdog face.  
Arnold always hurried with a crazed click-click  
Dancing over Greenwich like a lunatic,  
Kendal panted faithfully his watch-dog beat,  
Climbing out of Yesterday with sticky little feet.

From *Five Visions of Captain Cook*, by Kenneth Slessor

## Bonds away!

Both the Fellowship and the Sydney Portsmouth Sister City Committee have been fighting a long, losing battle with the City Council to have the Bonds of Friendship sculpture polished and reinstated at Circular Quay in the forecourt of the Customs House. The bus stop site at Jamison St, under the lillypilly berries and vulnerable to the piddlers of the Paragon, is simply no d....d good. No reaction. Perhaps it is time we took matters into our own hands, it can't be that heavy!

## FINDING AUSSIE OPAL and FAUNA at LUCAS HEIGHTS

First Fleeters have not one but two points of notional ownership of Lucas Heights. One is of course the connection through the name with FF Nathaniel Lucas and his son John. The other is perhaps a bit more nebulous, but nonetheless significant. In 1958 the future Director of Lucas Heights Research Establishment, Keith Alder, considered it terribly important to get Australia's first nuclear reactor, HIFAR, up and running on Australia Day, exactly 170 years after the First Fleet landed.

HIFAR kept going for 49 years and 4 days, to be shut down in January 2007 and replaced by OPAL (an Open Pool Australian Light water reactor).

On 6 May some 53 FFF members went to Lucas Heights to visit ANSTO (the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation), to hear a paper on the life of John Lucas, and to explore the fascination of scientific wonders behind OPAL, GATRI and ANTARES and the neutron beam instruments with the more accessible zoological titles, but equally amazing functions, Echidna, Koala, Wombat, Kowari and Platypus.

Following lunch in the spacious cafeteria, the group assembled in the Visitors' Lecture Theatre. FFF Associate Paul Miskelly is a former staff member of ANSTO. Glenda Miskelly, who with her husband was one of the originators of the tour, took the lectern.

Glenda is a descendant of First Fleeter Nathaniel Lucas. Neither Nathaniel nor his son John owned land on which ANSTO is situated, but they both had land grants in the region. Much has been written on the life of Nathaniel who was transported for theft, became a settler on Norfolk Island, returned to Port Jackson, became a private builder and then Superintendent of Carpenters. Many of his buildings are well known today, including the Mint Building, the parsonages at Parramatta and Liverpool and St Luke's Church, Liverpool. So Glenda's presentation appropriately zeroed in on the life of son John, born a Currency Lad on Norfolk Island on 21 December 1796, and who also became a prominent builder.

After a period contracting in Van Diemen's Land, in 1817 John married Mary Rowley in Sydney. In 1820 he built a flour mill at Harris Creek in the Liverpool district, most likely on land owned by his father-in-law, Captain Thomas Rowley adjacent to the Lucas holding.

John extended the family holding in 1825, acquiring 150 acres in the upper reaches of the Woronora River, ideal sitting for a second flour mill.

After a tumultuous life juggling building, farming and milling in various partnerships with his siblings and involving shipwrecks, drownings and bankruptcy, John in 1832 received 213 acres through his wife and subdivided it to begin the closer settlement of the suburb now known as Croydon. Part of the boundary, Lucas Road, gave access to Parramatta Road and is still known as Lucas Road, Burwood. (Other roads known to be named after the Lucas family are at Richmond, Moorebank, Five Dock, Camperdown, Emu Plains, Panania, Lalor Park and Cronulla). After this change in fortune, a family exodus to Gundaroo seems to have taken place. John Lucas died at Murrumbateman on 5 June, 1875, aged 78 years.

In acknowledging the heritage but hardships that John endured, Glenda closed on a note of consolation that his life is commemorated in the naming of the suburb of Lucas Heights.

So what did we learn about ANSTO? Firstly that it has nothing to do with power generation. OPAL is too small. Nuclear power reactors operate at an energy output of around 3,000 megawatts, and use 100,000kg of uranium per year. OPAL produces just 20megawatts of energy (enough to warm the water in the reactor pool to just 40 degrees C) and uses around 30kg of uranium per year. Secondly



Glenda Miskelly explains a point referring to her map on an overhead projection.

the installation is supremely safe. The reactor, which is only the size of a two-drawer filing cabinet, is located at the bottom of a 13m-deep pool of ordinary water contained in a 3m stainless steel cylinder. The water protects the reactor from a bomb blast, provides cooling, and absorbs radiation. There is a skeletal steel space frame over the reactor which protects against earthquakes, and will shred most of a jumbo jet on impact, causing the rest to bounce off.

Thus OPAL is a multi-purpose facility that generates millions of neutrons which are used to produce radio-pharmaceuticals, world-class scientific research and irradiations for researchers and industry.

Given the relative seniority of the touring party there was a special interest in medical aspects. ANSTO dispatches 3000 medical isotope shipments each month across Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia, the main products being molybdenum-99 and iodine-131 used in the diagnosis of cancer, and thallium-201 used to detect the location of damaged heart muscle.

There is always a concern about the radiation in medical procedures, so Tour Leader, David Ross, conducted a series of entertaining demonstrations to show the levels of radioactivity from common manufactured materials. In the process he explained the range of penetration and the effective shielding of the various atomic particles. As a keen camper, I was a bit worried by the



Left: A section of the tour group whose level of interest and good humour was exemplified by their stamina over the three hours of presentation.

Right: David Ross with Ken McGregor operating a Geiger counter to measure the high radioactivity of a gas lamp mantle.





top reading for those little webbed outdoor gas lamp mantles. We were all much aghast at the extremely high reading for a US synthetic orange-tinted dinner plate, now off the market, which had been coloured with a uranium derivative. On the other hand our typical home smoke detector's radioactivity range was comfortably less than 10cms.

David demonstrated how GATRI, the gamma ray irradiator, can be used to make a colony of fruit fly pupae sterile. On release in the target region the flies create no offspring. This pest control is deemed preferable to spraying with toxic pesticides. GATRI has also produced seedless mandarins and changed the colour of flowers. It sterilises medical products like bandages, eye pads, cotton tips and catheters.

Ken McGregor had volunteered to assist David by reading the Geiger counter and brought a boisterous chuckle by announcing the reading obtained surreptitiously on David's abdomen.

In ANTARES (the Australian National Tandem Accelerator for Applied Research) we met the machine that carries out a technique we had all heard about, Carbon-14 dating. ANTARES has dated thousands of objects, up to 50,000 years old. It has dated the Venice lagoon at 1300 years old, by investigating the microscopic sea creatures found in the sediment. It has authenticated the Crown of Charlemagne, dating it at 700-780AD, close to the time the Emperor lived.

We were all fascinated to see nuclear science interfacing with biology. On the wall was a one-metre diameter section of a Huon pine, 5000 years old, displaying all its rings. The tree is used as a calibration check on ANTARES. For example, ANTARES says a European plague took place in 1350AD. The pine tells us that in 1350 its rings were close together, so the weather was cold, so the rats came inside the houses, so plague-infected fleas came with them. QED!

And on to the afore-mentioned Zoo, a menagerie of Neutron Beam Instruments for solving complex research and industrial problems in many key fields:

**Echidna**, a diffractometer, for researching into batteries and building products.

**Koala**, a diffractometer, for developing pharmaceuticals and energy materials.

**Wombat**, a powerful powder diffractometer, can watch chemical reactions and find energy-storage materials.

**Kowari**, a residual stress diffractometer, can look at stresses in materials such as jet engines or gas pipes and failures in wheels and rails.

**Platypus**, a reflectometer, throws light on biological materials and data storage films in hard drives.

Not to mention Quokka, Taipan and Sika.

That reminds me. As I reclaimed my forbidden digital camera from the locker, I recalled one more OPAL role that had been explained. ANSTO receives 5kg pure silicon ingots from Japan, OPAL irradiates them and they are sent back, each one becoming 3000 silicon microchips for computers, cameras, mp3 players and the like.

Nathaniel and John, millers, builders and inventors, would have loved to play with all this technology. *RW*

An Order Form for the New FFF Polo Shirt is enclosed with this issue.

More forms are available from FF House.

## FF Links with Hadley Park and Landers Inn

**K**en Heldon #2983 has written to advise that his cousin, **Madge Buller née Starling**, a sixth generation First Fleet descendant of **Thomas Spenser/Mary Phillips** has died in Penrith at the age of ninety-four. Ken has sent details of her life.

Madge was born on 23 October 1915 at her parents' home in Derby Street, Penrith, and was baptised in the old Methodist Church in Henry Street.

In 1937 she met Albert Buller, a builder, in Penrith where they were married on 15 June 1940. Bert enlisted nine days later, and was posted to the 2/12th Field Company RAE of the 8th Division which sailed from Sydney for Singapore in July 1941. He served in Malaya and Singapore and became a prisoner of war at Changi. He did not return to Australia until after the Japanese surrender and was discharged in January 1946.

Madge joined the Australian Women's Army Service on 17 September 1942 at Paddington. She remained in the Army until 1945, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

Reunited after the war, Madge and Bert built a home at 48 Woodriff Street and there they lived for more than 60 years.

Madge died on 8 February 2010 and was cremated at Pinegrove Crematorium in Minchinbury. Her brother Jim Starling, aged 90, of 84 Henry Street, Penrith, survives her. Madge had lived in Penrith all her life and could trace her ancestry back more than 200 unbroken years in the Penrith Castlereagh area.

Her first Australian-born ancestor, **Sarah**, (Spencer/Phillips) born on Norfolk Island, married Charles Hadley (*Matilda* 1791). About 1812, they built **Hadley Park** on Portion 47 at Castlereagh which although fragile, still stands. The property



remained in the Hadley family over the 19th and 20th centuries.

Sarah's step-sister, Ann Hadley, married James Landers, son of French prisoner-of-war Antoine Landrin who was released from Portsmouth in 1800 to establish a vineyard at Government House, Parramatta. James and Ann became, in 1844, the first proprietors of **Landers Inn** on Castlereagh Road. This structure too, although modified, still stands.

In 2010 both of these buildings are being set aside as Heritage sites within the ambitious and never-ending Penrith Lakes Scheme. **Hadley Park** is unique in NSW as the most intact extant early colonial farmhouse complex and the most important extant homestead in the Nepean River Valley. **Landers Inn** and its stone stable ruins demonstrate the construction materials and techniques of early public houses. The stables may in fact have been used as a stockade or store, possibly housing the men who built Castlereagh Road or just for securing their supplies.



Ken Heldon has pointed out that the preserved buildings effectively provide an ongoing memorial to Madge, and through her to his and her First Fleeters Mary Phillips and Thomas Spenser.

*Above: Hadley Park (inaccessible pro temp) and Landers Inn stables*

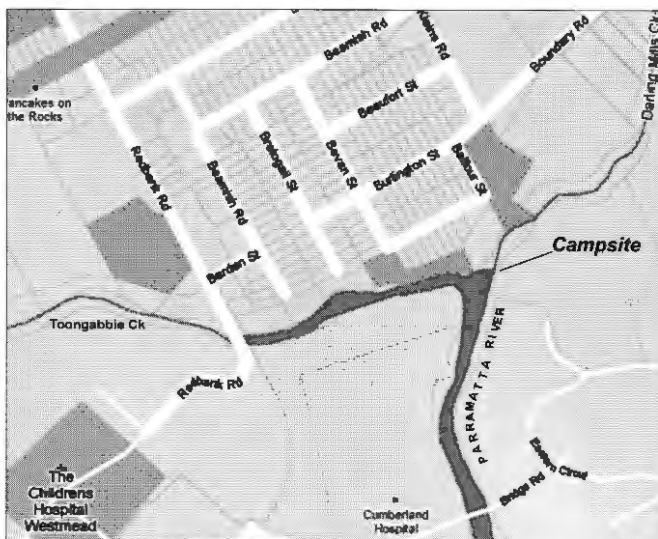
On the evening of 24 April 1788, Arthur Phillip, along with John White, George Johnson, David Collins, John Cresswell and six marines, made camp at the spot where Toongabbie Creek and Darling Mills Creek merge to become the Parramatta River.

They had ventured upstream of the riparian salinity line, but in no way had they escaped their dietary nemesis of sodium chloride, as that night they dined on roast duck stuffed with salt beef. Phillip's appetite was probably jaded by "a most violent complaint in his side and loins" but John White, at least, claimed that "never did a repast seem more delicious".

Exactly 222 years later, on 24 April 2010, members of Walking Volunteers, a community group that identifies, maps and opens up pedestrian laneways, paths and routes across Sydney, trudged in the footsteps of Governor Phillip and picnicked at his riverside campsite.

They were celebrating another successful link with the First Fleet colonial days. For more than 140 years the public has been denied proper access to the site, reachable only on a rough track that cuts across land owned by the Westmead, Cumberland, and Children's Hospitals, at Westmead. Now, under a deal brokered by Walking Volunteers and other agencies with the NSW Department of Health, the site is to be accessible for everyone once restoration is completed and signs are installed. A leading member of the Volunteers, Phil Jenkyn, scores the decision, five years in the making, as a triumph, as it completes a network of walking trails around Parramatta.

You probably can't wait to become a pilgrim. However, it is certain that, unlike Phillip's party, you will be forbidden to shoot "three ducks, besides two crows and some loraquets", and you may not care to drink from the creek. So do plan to supplement your salty corned beef sandwich with local stinging nettle soup watered from a litre bottle of fresh Mt Franklin. **RW**




***"A flat space of large broad stones." The junction of Toongabbie Creek and Darling Mills Creek. This campsite was part of the exploration during which Phillip was to stand on Prospect Hill and decide to establish the town of Rose Hill (Parramatta).***  
***Quotations: Surgeon-General John White***

**G**overnor Macquarie 1810 Bicentenary events continue apace. This is my favourite image of him. It is the business end of the gargantuan statue that rears aloft in the foyer of Governor Macquarie Tower in Phillip St, Sydney. The head and torso were hastily photographed by hand-held flash and zoom under great personal risk from an absurdly unsympathetic security guard. Neither he, the architect nor the www could reveal the name of the sculptor. Does anyone know please?

On the same trip to the city, at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, I happened upon a tribute written by students of Macquarie Fields High School – a nine-part poetic response to Lachlan Macquarie's Inaugural Speech. Didn't care for all of their verses but I feel this one shrewdly invokes the thrust of the Governor's mission and reflects on his demise. It is great to hear the young responding:



Chained together,  
shackled to the world's austerity,  
ragged, unruly men  
in worn out uniforms.  
A Circular Quay,  
A Square Lock,  
You broke the chains,   
You broke the rules.

A man is pulled from the crowd,  
his cuffs removed from sore wrists  
and in his hands, a gavel is placed.  
One Judge, one poet, one architect.  
You gave them a living, gave them respect.  
Your advisers  
who once supported you cordially,  
now condemn your ideals.  
Waves crash against sandstone cliffs,  
Confidence erodes, salting the sea.

On 24 April the State Library announced that it has acquired a cache of 200 letters written by **John Septimus Roe** to his father in England between 1807 and 1829.

Roe was born in 1797 and after studies in mathematics at London, joined Phillip Parker King, the geographer, in Port Jackson in 1817. He swanned around in Sydney while King was setting up his explorations, meeting such august folk as the Macquaries, husband, wife, son Lachlan Jr and Commissioner Bigge.

Librarian Richard Neville says that the letters are frank, quirky and amazingly detailed and will provide historians with "contextual detail — gossip, scuttlebut, career intrigue, reflection, exquisite sketches and first hand accounts of an infant nation. **They are the colonial equivalent of a Facebook page!**" The Library regards the archive as the most important and original to surface in the past 50 years, and says it will take scholars years to incorporate Roe's perspective into Australia's history.

John Roe took part in four major coastal surveys with King between 1817 and 1823. He later became Surveyor-General of the new state of Western Australia.





### Fiesty Grass Roots Genealogy

I am 92, a 7th generation descendant of Jacob Bellett who was found guilty of stealing seven ells of material and sentenced to seven years transportation. He arrived on *Scarborough*, but in 1790 was sent to Norfolk Island with a small party of convicts aboard *HMS Supply*.

My daughter Cheryl and I went to Norfolk with Terrys Tours in 2009. They took us to all the great spots, including the land granted to my ancestor to grow food. He did this successfully. Later he was sent to Van Diemen's Land when the Island was evacuated.



Cheryl and I walked to the relic of his house. A tourist bus arrived and Cheryl gave a talk about Jacob. I cannot describe the feeling I had to stand on the land my great-great-great-grandfather had farmed 200 years before.

In 1855 Queen Victoria bequeathed Norfolk Island to the Pitcairn islanders, descendants of the *Bounty* mutineers. They arrived on 8 June 1856 and are still there. While I was shopping one day, one of them asked, "Why are you here?" I said, "To see where my convict ancestor was living in 1790." He responded with, "So you are a descendant of those thieves?" I retorted with, "Your lot could not take the discipline!" My mother was a Bellett, I am proudly Australian.

#6637 Nancy Head (née Wilson)



Nancy at large on Jacob's land and the remains of his house on the Island.



Readers often ask how many members we have in the Fellowship.

Well the answer sounds alarming when we reply that we have 1700 fully paid up members and a total membership of around 8000. Can we be that slack?

No. You see we are a bit unusual. Unlike your golf club or literary group, we never lose a member. Once a descendant has found us, he or she is in for life and the hereafter, forever recorded on a database in the family line of a named First Fleeter.

But we do have a problem. As members age they very often lose the capacity to participate in our activities and in the dialogue represented by our Chapters, their family groups and our magazine, and they drop out. This factor is then accentuated if they move from their family home to a retirement or nursing home. Payment of subscription fees can also then become prohibitive. Ultimately all that is left, valued as it may be, is the database entry.

This can mean that we have lost month-to-month contact with a whole branch of a First Fleet family and probably with a wealth of family history records.

What can be done about it?

Only one solution stands out. We should all be on the alert, like Nancy, to identify someone in our family of the next generation to take up the running as we tire – gentle persuasion at first, followed by downright loving coercion.

And in regard to our priceless family records, if we can't find that successor, let's specify in our will that the records be withheld from destruction or formal archiving for two years, in the expectation that a family member will finally emerge to claim, protect and, yes, extend them.

..... I feel better now!

**William Douglas – how old was he?**  
A query from descendant #7288 Faye Crane and Associate Member, #7288.1 Bill Crane.

"William Douglas' headstone in the old St Alban's Cemetery records that he died on 27 November 1838, aged 81, giving a birth date in 1755-57. The Census of 1828 records his age as 73, again placing his birth in 1755-56.

"Mollie Gillen states that he was sentenced at Lincoln on 9 July 1785, aged 22, placing his birth in 1762-63. She then says that he was delivered to *Alexander* on 6 January, 1787 aged 24. But maybe in both cases she simply arrived at his birth date by a process of subtraction.

"Our son visited the Society of Genealogy in London, and found a single entry for William Douglas, baptised on 7 June 1763 at St Martin Church, The Castle, Lincoln. Father: John Douglas, Mother: Jonas. This again places his birth in 1762-63.

"It seems unlikely in those times, that there would have been 6-8 years between the date of his birth and that of his baptism, so the later birth date seems to have greater credence – and he was probably 73 when he died.

"We would greatly appreciate an opinion from members. Please ring 02 4228 7185, or post a reply to 9 Shauna Crescent, Mt Keira NSW 2500."

**EDITOR:** It may be worth checking for ambiguity on the arrival of William's namesake on *Coromandel*, 1804, also on Thomas Douglas, *Canada*, 1801 and Joseph Douglas, *Baring*, 1815. The Fellowship too would like to have the matter resolved, specifically for the update on William Douglas in the upcoming revised edition of *Where First Fleeters Lie*.

### Anzac Day, Mittagong 2010



President Pat Robinson & Associate Colin Selman (ex-RAAF, Vietnam) laid a wreath on the Cenotaph on behalf of the Southern Highlands Chapter, at the Anzac Day Service in Mittagong. The Chapter has a vigorous policy of integrating with the community in its meetings and events.

## NAILING JELLY TO THE WALL ?— the search for the site of the Vinegar Hill Uprising

**V**inegar Hill, in 1804, was the first insurrection within the colony of NSW. It was an uprising of the convicts at the two convict farms, Toongabbie and Castle Hill. Many histories have been written about the event, covering the Irish factor and the speedy, forceful, and many suggest brutal and unconscionable suppression and retaliation against the rebels, its ringleaders in particular. However if we circumvent that particular controversy, we are still left with the rather curious fact that the exact location of Vinegar Hill has been a matter of debate right up until the present day. Indeed, Kate Clark, current Director of the Historic Houses Trust, has said that “pinning down the site is like trying to nail jelly to a wall.” It is this aspect of the event that I sought to look into.

Vinegar Hill was not a formal location in 1804. The battle between the rebels and the soldiers became commonly known as the *Battle of Vinegar Hill* after the Irish battle in 1798. But the name Vinegar Hill began to appear on maps in the Rouse Hill area from about 1809.

The road the rebels and soldiers travelled in 1804 was the old Hawkesbury Road. This is the modern day four-lane highway from Seven Hills roundabout, down Old Windsor Road and along Windsor Road. Originally Vinegar Hill was considered to be Rouse Hill but historian **George Mackanass** challenged this in the 1950s, marking the location as the crossroads between Windsor Road and Schofields Road. In the 1980s other local historians came to the same conclusion as did the NSW Commissioner for the Department of Planning and the Environment in 1982. Historian **Lynette Silver** points to the letter of Major George Johnston which talks of his troops turning at the ‘Government Stock Fence’ to the second hill from Half Way Pond. By her reckoning the Government Stock Fence is where Old Windsor Road and Windsor Road meet and Old Ponds Creek is known today as Second Ponds Creek. To Silver the location of the battle is approximately at the crossroads of Schofields Road and Windsor Road and the area occupied by Castlebrook Lawn Cemetery satisfies that criterion.

In 1988 a sculpture wall commemorating those convicts who died in the battle was dedicated at the brow of Castlebrook Lawn Cemetery, as a bicentennial gift from Blacktown Council.

Researcher **Jilly Warren** has re-challenged this location. She says she has unearthed written evidence that the Rouse Hill village was actually built on what was once the Vinegar Hill farm. “I have been finding more and more maps showing that Vinegar Hill was understood by the colonial authorities to have been further up the old road than Castlebrook Cemetery. I’ve deduced that it is below **Old Rouse Hill Public Schoolhouse** and the historic home known as Rouse Hill House.”

Following this lead I sought the view of the staff at Rouse Hill House off Guntawong Road, built between 1813 and 1818 by



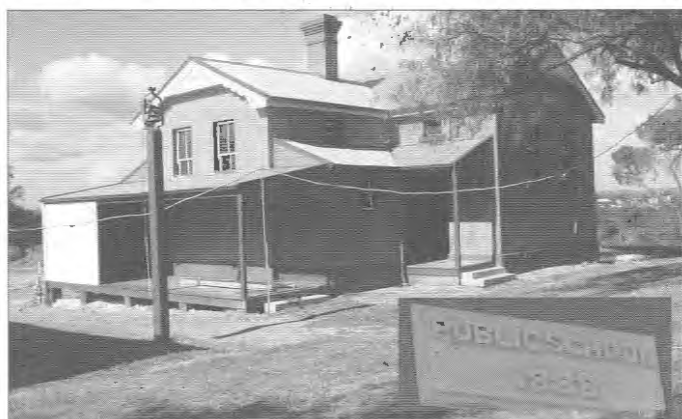
convict labour. I was told that the curator, **Fergus Clunie**, stridently supported Jilly’s view, having “clarified the line of the old road by reference to the adjacent land for *Copenhagen Farm*, granted to Governor William Bligh in 1806”. Furthermore I was informed that the Old Rouse Hill Public Schoolhouse, of 1888, just over the fields on the old convict road, was in the final stages of a restoration by the Historic Houses Trust, which is seeking to repair, paint and furnish it to its original condition and attach it to the tour experience of Rouse Hill House and Farm.

Ten minutes later I was at the school having turned left from the highway opposite Annangrove Road to reach the old road. Its restoration was authentic, bench desks spread with ‘transcription’ copy books for the trial 19th century classes, and the teacher in period costume. And I observed that it was indeed on the crest of a hill.

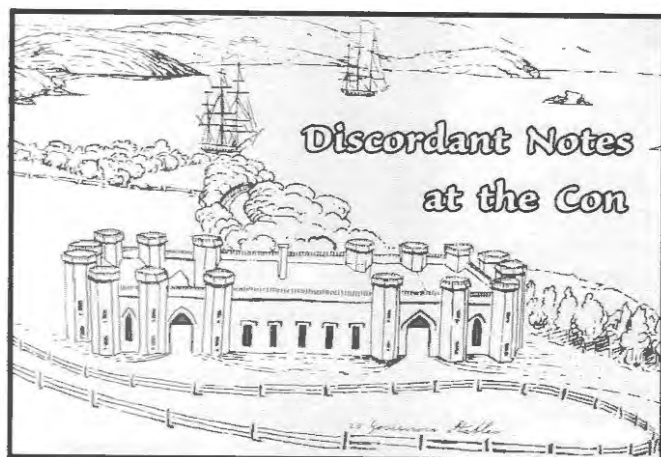
I glanced down the hill to the south. No rebels, no Redcoats, no forest — just a bare piece of earth being landscaped. But the weight of evidence and the preparations for a new memorial obelisk suggested that I was in the right spot. I imagined that the spirits of those who died would now be resting somewhat uneasily back down the road at the Lawn Cemetery.

**CODA: The convicts who died at Vinegar Hill were in fact buried at Green Hills Burial Ground in Windsor.**

The restored Old Rouse Hill Schoolhouse officially opened on Sunday 27 June 2010. **RW**







In 1816 Macquarie required **Francis Greenway** to design a grand House and stables in castellated Gothic style. The stables were built, but the Home Government prevented the Governor from erecting a new vice-regal residence. In 1819 **Rose de Freycinet**, the "genteel, amiable" French stowaway wife of **Louis-Claude**, on their voyage around the world in *L'Uranie*, was perplexed by the building. She later wrote, *en français*, in her journal, "...we went to see the Botanical Garden and the strange building erected to serve as stables to Government House. It looks like an old fortress, with towers, battlements and so on ... no one could tell us what the Governor had in mind when he had it built. I personally think that it was to add to the beauty of the harbour from which one can see this building on top of a hill close to town."

This querulous but diplomatic quotation and the above etching now appear on a large plaque on the Botanical Gardens walkway overlooking the building. What is not displayed is the reaction to the building of Greenway's architect arch rival, **Henry Kitchen**.

In his evidence to Commissioner John Bigge, Kitchen wrote:

"This building is one among the many structures in this Colony that calls for the severest animadversion [censure] — as being most extravagantly expensive without affording that accommodation which from its extent and its objects it ought to do.

"It is a very incorrect attempt at the style of the castellated Gothic — It encloses an area of 174 ft long and 130 ft wide but affords accommodation for 28 horses only, exclusive of Coach-houses, a Cow house and apartment for the servants. The execution is generally very bad — the site seems also to be particularly ill-chosen on a declivity of a hill, there is left scarcely any room for the turning of a carriage."

On 6 March 1916 the building was opened as the **Sydney Conservatorium of Music** and has fulfilled that teaching function to the present day. During 1998-2001 it received a major upgrade. Despite Henry's reservations (and he is still right at least about the siting and the parking!) the redevelopment restored Greenway's castellated building, removing a series of unsympathetic additions and consolidating the scattered functions of the Con into the single building.

In the February 2010 set of four celebratory postage stamps it is the only Macquarie building featured in stand-alone format. It could be said that the Stables did have a positive influence on the ultimate design of the second Government



House, but the final word should go to the 'neigh-sayers' of the equine community. The horses have complained that their dedicated dwelling has housed music students far longer than it housed them.

RW

## Foundlings

### FIRST FLEET QUIZ NO.15

1. Lawyer **Jeremy Bentham** provided **David Collins** with plans for a 'Panopticon' and urged him to construct one at Port Phillip. It was **a.** an observatory **b.** a circular prison building **c.** a secure commissary store **d.** a demountable desalination plant
2. Many of our ancestors became the husband, wife or common law partner of transportees who arrived in the Third Fleet. Which of the following was NOT a ship of that 1791 Fleet.  
**a.** Active **b.** Matilda **c.** Neptune **d.** Salamander
3. The celebrated **George Barrington** joined the First Fleeters in the colony in 1791. He was famous for: **a.** horse thieving **b.** picking pockets **c.** Irish rebellion **d.** forgery  
**e.** acting Shakespeare **f.** multiple bigamy **g.** distilling whisky
4. Died 1804. Convicted of a serious felony, he had been a First Fleet prisoner, builder, brickmaker, Superintendent of Works, well respected & funeral paid for by the government. He was **a.** Nathaniel Lucas **b.** James Bloodworth **c.** Edward Miles
5. Captain **Sever** of *Lady Penrhyn* was so relieved to off load the female convicts at Sydney Cove that he: **a.** issued the crew an extra rum ration **b.** drifted aground in Neutral Bay **c.** failed to stow the sails before the violent storm that followed
6. **John Pilot Rickerby** was in 1806 one of the earliest burials at Green Hills Burial Ground. He was: **a.** the first settler at Green Hills **b.** the steward of Captain **Gilbert of Charlotte** **c.** an aboriginal boy **d.** the oldest Second Fleeter
7. A 'Two-Up' question. There were 22 births on the First Fleet. The number of boys was: **a.** 7 **b.** 9 **c.** 13
8. At St Matthew's Windsor, a First Fleeter headstone grouping includes his son, daughter, grandson and daughter-in-law. He is: **a.** Henry Kable **b.** Thomas Arndell **c.** Robert Forrester
9. Macquarie's super-extravagant tollgate at the entrance to Sydney excited the criticism of architect **Henry Kitchen**. Its overblown style was **a.** Greek **b.** Georgian **c.** Italianate **d.** Gothic

#### SCORES AND PRIZES:

Answers on page 11. RW

9/9 ... Two Heritage plots at Green Hills Burial Ground

6/9 ... A CD of J. Bentham's panopticon operation manual

3/9 ... A retraining term at Old Rouse Hill Public School

### \* semaphore \*

**WHAT YOU DO:** Each symbol stands for a different letter. Just decipher each of the eight lines.

**THIS MONTH'S CODE:** Convict Ships sent to NSW 1788 to 1826 with a geographical place in their name. eg: Malabar

**THIS MONTH'S CLUES:** ☛ = H ☛ = T

Answers next issue. RW after DA/SMH

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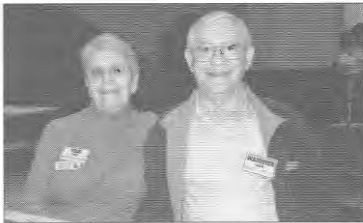
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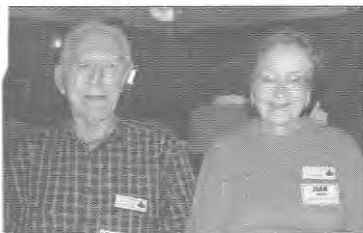
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**SOUTH COAST – 74 members**  
Pam & Warwick Grace



**CENTRAL COAST – 49 members**  
Margaret Tomlinson & Jon Fearon



**NORTH COAST – 42 members**  
Dare & Jean Taylor



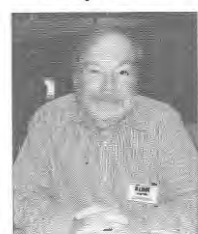
**MORETON – 48 members**  
Ken Quinton & Tony Bloodworth



**HUNTER VALLEY – 40 members**  
Barbara Turner & Yvonne Bradley



**NEW ENGLAND – 15 members**  
Robyn Crossle & Fran Newling



**CANBERRA**  
20 members  
Geoff Cameron

## 13TH CHAPTER COMING UP?

**O**ur Biennial Chapter Conference at Scots Church on 29 May 2010 was attended by 21 Chapter delegates, representing all of our Chapters, save Lachlan Macquarie, whose President, Phil Foster, (see inset below) sent a written report. All Board members were present along with our Membership Trio and our Librarian. It was deemed an outstanding success!

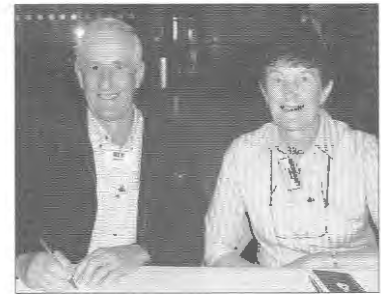
Non-Chapter members will be familiar with the fact that our Fellowship activities are now widely decentralised into a geographical spread of Chapters, details of whose events appear on page 11 of each edition of *Founders*. The Chapter reports at the conference served to emphasise just how successful the Chapters have been in terms of fellowship, research, diverse activities, outlying major celebrations, community outreach, recruitment and funding.

Individual Board members and visitors reported on their portfolio activities. Some housekeeping issues were amicably addressed. **From Conference discussion, the following items are among those to be taken up by the Chapters and/or referred to the Board.**

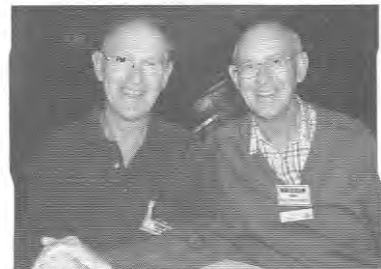
1. Increased focus on the regular Grant opportunities to support FF House/Chapter activities and initiatives.
2. For country Chapters, consideration to varying the location of regular meetings between individual towns.
3. A possible submission on the desirability of a FFF element in the Barangaroo development.
4. A Moving Annual Program embracing FF House and all Chapter activities, to be posted on the website.
5. A FFF role in restoration of Glebe Cemetery, East Maitland, burial site of FF Joseph Trimble & Greenway?
6. Further combined Chapter Events.
7. A renewed focus on the Fellowship Archiving.
8. Chapters to send their newsletter to all other Chapters with a copy to the Secretary, FF House.
9. The website FF Route Map to go as A3 hard copy to Chapters, for publicity display and/or purchase.
10. A new FFF Polo white or blue shirt, with embroidered logo, with sizes for men, ladies and children.
11. Computer Indexing of all past copies of *Founders*.
12. All payments made from FF House to be by Internet banking rather than the issue of cheques.

**A highlight was the announcement by President John Haxton of a meeting at Gordon on 2 July of some 16 members who have registered interest in the formation of a Chapter on the Sydney North Shore. There is also a level in interest in Perth, W.A.**

RW



**NORTHERN RIVERS – 20 members**  
Rex & Margaret Soward



**EASTERN FARMS – 72 members**  
Tony Holden & Malcolm Squire



**STH HIGHLANDS – 40 members**  
Paul & Glenda Miskelly



**NORTH WEST – 30 members**  
Susan Circuitt & Beverley Johnson



**L MACQUARIE**  
30 members  
Phil Foster



### Norfolk Island Postcard from Judy Dwyer, LM Chapter



This year my husband, Chris, and I joined the five-day tour advertised in *Founders* to Norfolk Island for their Foundation Day celebration which included a re-enactment of the landing of Philip Gidley King and his small party of settlers. It was a fantastic experience for all of the forty participants.

For me personally, the locating of where my First Fleet ancestors, Jane Poole and James McManus, lived and worked has been unforgettable.

Jane arrived on Norfolk Island aboard *Supply* in November 1789 and was later most likely employed on flax making at Phillipsburg. James, a marine, came to the island aboard *Atlantic* as a settler in November 1791. Jane is not on the record as living with anyone, but a child named Margaret Pool (c.1790) returned with her to Port Jackson on *Atlantic* in September 1792. And James travelled back on the same ship!

In 1797 James was granted 65 acres at Mulgrave Place. Here he and Jane settled. But he died in 1798, leaving Jane with four children – Margaret, Sarah (1793), James (1794) and John (1797). Jane continued to farm this land, in 1800 receiving a further 160 acres previously granted to James.

Jane Poole and James McManus were probably one of the couples married by Reverend Richard Johnson on Norfolk Island in November 1791, as they were registered as a married couple when Sarah, James, and John were baptised.

By mid 1802 Jane was living with Richard Ridge, and they jointly held 250 acres at Mulgrave Place. Their daughter Martha was born on 14 May 1803. They parted in 1806. In 1814 Jane was described as a widow at Parramatta, but in 1822 she still retained her 160-acre holding. Jane died in 1826 and is buried in St John's Cemetery, Parramatta.

My time on Norfolk was jollier than Jane's. Dinner at the *Bounty Lodge*, a trip to the *Pier Store Museum*, seeing the First Settlement artefacts, inspecting the First Fleeter plaques in the Cemetery, enjoying *Forrester's Court* Luncheon with Administrator Owen Walsh and his wife Bianca, watching the Re-enactment boats, the raising of the Flag, the speech of 'Philip Gidley King', the toast to King George III, and saluting the whole experience with three rousing cheers.

### CANBERRA: ACT, Queanbeyan & surrounds

**Next Event:** Annual Dinner, 7.00pm, Canberra Southern Cross Club, Corinna St, Woden. RSVP to Geoff Cameron by 30 July. ☎ 026251 4095

### CENTRAL COAST: Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi & surrounds

**Venue:** Wyong RSL Club, corner Anzac Ave and Margaret St, Wyong. Meetings each month on second Saturday at 10.00am for 10.30am.

**Next Meetings:** AGM 10 July. *Let's look at our Library* – book reviews by members.

14 August. Speakers: Elaine Bennett & Lois Cook. Topic: *Jane Langley & Philip Scriven*. 11 September. *FF Charles Peat*. Speaker: Margaret Meyer.

**Next Event:** 4 August. Train trip to Newcastle, visiting Macquarie Display at the University, the Art Gallery and St Andrew's Presbyterian Church. \$20 including entries, morning tea and lunch. For more information contact Karys Fearon ☎ 4323 1849.

### EASTERN FARMS: Ryde, Eastwood, Parramatta, Kings Langley, Pennant Hills & surrounds

**Venue:** The Hall at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson Street, Eastwood from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on first Saturday of the month.

**Next Meetings:** AGM 7 August. Speaker: Anthony Laffern. Topic: *Ann Colpitts*.

4 September. Speaker: Dr David Branagan. Topic: *T.W. Edgeworth-David*.

For details please contact Robin Palmer, ☎ 9871 4102.

### HUNTER VALLEY: Hunter regions, Newcastle, & surrounds

**Venue:** Adamstown Senior Citizens' Hall, 153A Brunner Rd, Adamstown.

Chapter Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Next Event:** 19 July. 11.00am 'Tram' trip around historic Newcastle city, then visit Newcastle Maritime Museum. **Next Meeting:** AGM 16 August. Plus soup and damper over informal chat. **Next Event:** 9 September. Visit to Victoria Barracks. Contact Barbara Turner, ☎ 4943 9105. **Forward Event:** 15 November. 10.00am. Guided Tour of Goat Island. All members of FFF and Chapters invited. For details ring Noeline Snowden ☎ 4959 3702.

### LACHLAN MACQUARIE: Orange, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra, Kelso

**Venue:** **Next Meeting:** 21 August, Kinross Woleroi Library, Orange. 12.00 lunch, then 2.00pm – 4.00pm, *Norfolk Island Founders' Day, 2010*. Contact Judy Dwyer, ☎ 6365 8234.

### MORETON: Brisbane, Tweed & Noosa Heads, Dickey Beach, Eagle Heights/Tamborine Nth

**Venue:** Bi-monthly on 2nd Saturday at St Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton.

**Next Meeting:** AGM 17 July at 10.30am. Speaker: Peter Christian, Vice-President FFF.

Contact Don Cornford ☎ 07 5545 0474.

### NEW ENGLAND: Armidale & surrounds

**Venue:** Quarterly, normally on the first Saturday at various venues.

**Next Meeting:** AGM Saturday 14 August, 12.00noon, at the Family History Centre, Kentucky St, Armidale. For details ring Fran Newling, ☎ 6771 5099.

### NORTH COAST: Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Woolgoolga

**Venue:** Meetings bi-monthly are at various locations on the first Sunday at 11.30am, unless otherwise notified. **Next Meeting:** AGM 1 August at home of Colin & Pat Robertson, 21 Queen St, Woolgoolga. **Next Event:** 8 September 11.15am to 2.30pm Lunch Cruise on Nambucca River. Contact Robyn Condliffe for bookings ☎ 6653 3615.

### NORTHERN RIVERS: Lismore & surrounds

**Venue:** 43 Temple St, Ballina, bi-monthly, fourth Sunday at 11.30am.

**Next Meeting:** AGM 18 July. BBQ Lunch & Drinks. Report on May Conference. \$7 members, \$8 non-members. RSVP to Vilmai ☎ 6624 2972 or Marg Soward, ☎ 6686 3597.

### NORTH WEST: Tamworth & surrounds

**Venue:** Bi-monthly meetings, on the first Saturday at 1.30pm.

**Next Meeting:** AGM 7 August at the Family History Group's Rooms, North St, Tamworth. For details contact Jo Crossing, ☎ 6766 8255.

### SOUTH COAST: Engadine to Burrill Lake

**Venue:** Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto. Meetings monthly on the 1st Tues, 10.00am to 1.00pm.

**Next Meetings:** 3 August. Ninth Anniversary and Winter Warm Day. 7 September.

*Gold Prospecting*. Speaker: Ken Stanford.

Contact Jean Mortimer ☎ 4257 5575.

### STH HIGHLANDS: Mittagong, Moss Vale, surrounds

**Venue:** Mittagong Community Centre, monthly on second Wed, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Next meeting:** AGM 11 August, plus Chapter Chats/Show & Tell plus Soup & Damper.

**Next Event:** 18 September, 9.45am to 4.00pm. *Gallivanting at Goulburn*, in the steps of FF Mary Martin. Meet at St Clair Folk Museum & Archives. \$25 including lunch and a/tea. RSVP 10 September with cheque to Secretary, FFF SHC, PO Box 503 Mittagong 2575. Details from Neville Usher ☎ 4869 1406.

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 #7830 Clare Lorraine McGowan (Jnr)  
 #7831 Bruce Leonard Adamson  
 #7832 Luke Elliot Adamson  
 #7833 Megan Victoria Adamson (Jnr)  
 #7834 Katie Louise Adamson (Jnr)  
 #7835 Helen Elizabeth Connell

#7836 Michael Anthony Connell  
 #7837 Sophie Victoria Connell (Jnr)  
 #7838 William Alexander Connell (Jnr)  
 #7839 Kate Louise Watt  
 #7840 James Alexander Watt (Jnr)  
 #7841 Natalie Elizabeth Watt (Jnr)

## ASSOCIATE

#7756.1 Kenneth Quinton

## FRIENDS

#68 Bob Walker, #69 Gary Baker,  
 #70 Brian McEvelly, #71 George Neil Wilson,  
 #72 Helen Foley, #73 Charles Wilbur Wright,  
 #74 Ken Williams, #75 John Damien Healy,  
 #76 Randolph Barnes, #77 Margaret Ann  
 Frost, #78 Elaine Barker #79 Laurie Facer

## BIRTHS Congratulations to the families of:

### PHOEBE FLARTY

Oliver John MacLennan

16 April 2010. Great grandson for #4049 Linda  
 and #4049.1 John Pallett. Ninth generation.

### EDWARD KIMBERLY/DANIEL STANFIELD/ ALICE HARMSWORTH/WILLIAM STANDLEY

Jasmine Jennifer Kirby

7 April 2010 at Campbelltown, NSW, a daughter  
 to Jennifer and Tim Kirby. First grandchild for  
 Susan and Vince Buckley & great granddaughter  
 for #3642 Bonney Savill.

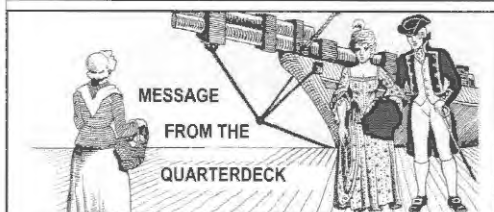
## DEATH Sympathy to the family & friends of:

### JOSEPH WRIGHT

#4664 Margaret Marlene Allen

16 May, 2010. Late of Cairns.

Correction last issue: Rachel Bentham's sole FF  
 ancestor is Benjamin Cusley.



Members will have noticed the recent  
 resumption both on television and  
 in the Sydney press of the **Australian Flag  
 Debate**, with two spirited media men, Pe-  
 ter FitzSimons of the Red bandana on the  
 left and serial Conservatives tormenter,  
 Mike Carlton, oddly on the right.

This poem, *Keep the Flag*, does it for me:

*The Flag bears the stars that blaze at night  
 In our Southern sky of blue,  
 And a little old flag in the corner,  
 That's part of our heritage too.  
 It's for the English, the Scots and the Irish  
 Who were sent to the ends of the earth,  
 The rogues and the schemers,  
 The doers and dreamers  
 Who gave modern Australia birth.*

*And you who are shouting to change it  
 You don't seem to understand.  
 It's the flag of our law and our language,  
 Not the flag of a faraway land.  
 (Tho' there are plenty of people who'll tell you,  
 How when Europe was plunged into night  
 That little old flag in the corner  
 Was their symbol of freedom and light).  
 It doesn't mean we owe allegiance*

*To a forgotten imperial dream:  
 We've the stars to show where we're going,  
 And the Flag to show where we've been.*

Peter Christian, in picking up on  
 the story of David Collins' dis-  
 interment in the last *Founders*, re-  
 marked that there are ever so many  
 interesting snippets relating to our  
 First Fleeters. Some stem from fam-  
 ily oral history and can be a bit suss!  
 e.g. "my forbear was first ashore",  
 "we used to have the sword owned  
 by our marine ancestor" or the most  
 insightful "my ancestor was the first  
 conceived in the colony". However,  
 Peter says, for some 'firsts' we have  
 primary evidence — The first graffiti  
 artist was **Frederick Meredith**, who  
 left his initials FM 1788 at Garden  
 Island. **William Bradley** and **Joseph  
 Redford** left their initials too. They  
 can still be seen today near the ten-  
 nis courts. And the first 'flasher' per-  
 formed no later than 20 January 1788,  
 although under duress, as Philip Gid-  
 ley King reported, "They took us for  
 women, not having our beard grown,  
 and I ordered one of the people to  
 undeceive them, when they made a  
 great shout of admiration...."

What's been on or coming up  
 Macquarie Celebration-wise?

*Macquarie Visions* light show was  
 a design extravaganza leading to a  
 sumptuous and edifying spectacle,  
 too vivid to be shown here in *Found-  
 er's* humble black and white.

*Redcoats & Convicts* at the Bar-  
 racks proved how difficult it is for  
 dedicated, but non-thesbian enthusi-  
 asts, to carry off a costumed role play

in an outdoor arena — but the ma-  
 rines did fire a mean musket.

The Joe Snell *Macquarie Arch*  
 drew seventeen long bows: curved  
 lengths of electrical conduit lit with  
 azure light, said to represent the  
 road over the Blue Mountains be-  
 cause the conduits are "all about  
 data flow which is the modern in-  
 terpretation of a road". I'd like to  
 ask Willie Cox and Frankie Green-  
 way what they thought of that.



## Now look out for these events:

Alex Buzo's 1972 play *Macquarie*,  
 which is a bit loose on some facts,  
 but catches the essence of the tussle  
 between the Governor and Samuel  
 Marsden and his cohorts. From 15-  
 31 July at Riverside Theatre.

An Exhibition of *Macquarie's Let-  
 ters and more*, at the NSW State Li-  
 brary, 5 July to 10 October.

*Five towns that saved a Colony*,  
 at Hawkesbury Regional Museum,  
 Windsor until 31 December. An ex-  
 hibition highlighting Macquarie's  
 influence on the five towns he cre-  
 ated on the River.

*From Governor's Demesne to  
 Public Domain*, Walking tour, 16  
 July. Details and more events at:

[macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au](http://macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au) RW

## FFF Web Watch



## LATEST ADDITIONS ARE:

- Route map of the FF voyage.
- More data on FF ships  
 linked to the *Ships* pages.
- 19 more F Fleeter profiles.
- Photos of the Chapter Con-  
 ference & Facade Launch.
- Gravesite Plaques update.



