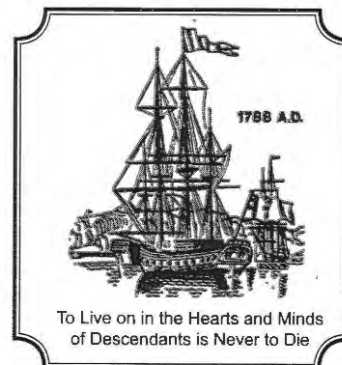


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Swan River Chapter established in WA

The meeting to launch a Chapter of the Fellowship in Western Australia was held at Fremantle Community Hall, 2 Thompson Road, North Fremantle, on Saturday 19 March 2011. FFF Secretary Bruce Arnett attended with his wife, Marilyn and daughter Wendy McKeown, who is now resident in Perth. Nineteen persons in all were present, and a further four FFF members expressed interest when sending their apologies.

Bruce assumed the chair and gave a general overview on the Fellowship's functions. It was indicated to the meeting that being an offshoot of WAGS or WAHS was not administratively practical and that the Fellowship was not a research group but was primarily about friendship with a common bond of being descendants of First Fleeters and preserving their memory. Bruce then worked through selected important parts of the Memorandum of Association of the Fellowship of First Fleeters where Chapters are seen as being an integral extension of the Fellowship.

The subsequent motion to form a Chapter in Perth, Western Australia, moved by #1624 Ian Hancock and seconded by #5525 Toni Mahony, was passed unanimously.

As seems usual when it comes to forming a Chapter Committee there was a reticence to volunteer, principally because the attendees and their capacities were not well known, one to the other. However, the meeting suggested and agreed to adjourn for afternoon refreshments and to further deliberate.

On resumption, Lynton Symington offered to be Treasurer and Toni Mahony accepted the role of Secretary, with a President and Vice-President still to be found.

The meeting was then asked to recommend a name for the Chapter. Those considered were West Coast, Perth, Stirling and Swan River. As the least favoured was deleted in turn, the most favoured name was confirmed to be Swan River Chapter. There is rationale in this as Perth was originally known as the Swan River Colony and the choice aligns with the naming of the Moreton Chapter in Brisbane.

The meeting favoured quarterly gatherings and preferred a suitable location in North Perth to South Perth. Saturday afternoon was accepted as the best time to meet and from 2.00pm to 4.00pm seemed appropriate timing.

A motion of appreciation for the efforts of Bruce and Wendy McKeown was made by Ian Hancock on behalf of the gathering and was endorsed with acclamation. Wendy, in liaison with Bruce, had done sterling work in promoting the Chapter formation. She also took the minutes! Some of the ladies also generously brought a plate, while Marilyn



The Executive of the new Swan River Chapter with the Secretary of the Fellowship, Bruce Arnett (c). Julie Aitken, Lynton Symington, Peter Miles and Toni Mahony.

Arnett managed the vital refreshment preparations and "the after" cleanup.

The meeting was closed at 4.10pm, without a President being identified but with agreement of members continue to work towards a nominee. Later that same evening #5068 Peter Miles, who had been present at the meeting, rang Bruce to advise that he was prepared to accept the position. Subsequently, to everyone's delight, #7766 Julie Aitken, who had not been able to attend the meeting, accepted the role of Vice-President.

So the following inaugural Executive is established:

President: #5068 Peter Miles
Vice President: #7766 Julie Aitken
Secretary: #5525 Toni Mahony
Treasurer: #7947 Lynton Symington

The new Chapter has been given its spot on our website, where Toni is the contact on 08 9271 7630.

The President of the Fellowship, John Haxton, sent greetings to the Chapter, warmly applauding the role taken by the members of the Arnett family in its formation, congratulating the new Committee and the foundation members, and expressing the delight of the Board in having as the fourteenth Chapter of the Fellowship, a link across the continent to Western Australia.

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From the President...

We have been celebrating recently two annual events, Easter and Anzac Day; as well as the 70th Anniversary of the Rats of Tobruk, and the Battle of the Coral Sea.

By the time you receive this edition we will also have celebrated Mothers Day and the sailing of the First Fleet from Portsmouth on 13 May 1787.

All the early celebrations have a central theme of Service and Sacrifice. Portsmouth to Botany Bay, is also about Service; Penal servitude for the convicts, service to King and Country for the Marines, Officers Captains and crews.

To all those who have passed on their genetic profiles to us we give a grateful 'three cheers', well done, thank you. What a mammoth task was undertaken by our pioneering ancestors. If we think we are disadvantaged or hard pressed, maybe we need to think for a while about their plight and discomfort.

Peter Christian's Morning Tea was packed with nostalgia as friends from many decades came to wish him well and reflect on the many years of 'fellowship'. (see below).

We have been advised of the passing of Alice Clarke who was a former Vice-President and Badge Secretary of the Fellowship. Peter's tribute can be found on Page 12.

In fellowship, John Haxton

Peter Christian's Farewell Morning Tea at First Fleet House

The Farewell Morning Tea for Peter Christian duly took place at First Fleet House on Saturday 16 April, 2011. The Board eschewed an even more robust function in deference to Peter's somewhat uncertain state of health and stamina. A crowd of some 40 well-wishers attended, with representation from 12 of our 14 Chapters. North West and New England Chapters sent apologies and a greeting. Peter's family was well represented, including his wife Joy and a number of their grandchildren. President John Haxton presented Peter with a brace of FFF inscribed wine glasses, and Peter responded with a gift of Michael Southcott's framed painting, a tribute to FFs Edward, Edward Jr and Jane Dwan which had been given to Peter at the Bicentennial in 1988.

John had prepared a number of souvenir booklets setting out Peter's *Short History of the Fellowship 1968 to 1993*, as previously published in *Founders*. These were made available to those attending, and were duly signed by Peter with the traditional personalised message. Come photo time, Tony Holden saw to it that attendees, particularly those who had worked with Peter over years long passed, had the opportunity of being snapped in company with the guest of honour.

All in all, this was a heartfelt tribute to a man who with dedication and self-effacing good humour has given so much to the Fellowship across five decades.

Unfortunately Peter made a fairly swift transition from the function to another short stay in hospital, but in typical fashion, as we go to print, he has bounced back. **RW**



The presentation by the President.



Mal Dale of North Coast Chapter with Peter.

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ARCHIVAL "THE SIGNATURE SONG OF THE FELLOWSHIP" ???

AUSTRALIA, OUR LAND!

Well marked and majestic

VOICE

PIANO

*1. Aus - tra - li - a - our land! Fair - est and
2. We are all one - peo - ple and
3. We are all one - peo - ple and*

grand; sound; just!

*When the acacia grows there'll be no foes.
Aussie - cre - ti - ge - t's hand, God bless our land.*

Broadly

Land of the brave and free, Bush - land, plain and sea. E - mu and

ff - p

tempo

Kan - ga - roo. Bring to the lips our coo - (ee); Sci - ons of pi - o - neers,

We, too, have no fears. Blest with the bright - est sky - Southern Cross on

high! high!

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WORDS AND MUSIC
by
JOHN K. LAVETT
President, Fellowship of First Fleeters
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John K R Lavett
FF James Squire

*Australia our Land,
Fairest and grand.
Where the acacia grows
there'll be no foes.
So let our joys abound,
Welcome the sound.
Australia our land,
United we stand.
Then in our God we trust.
Generous and just,
with his angelic band
God bless our land.*

Refrain:
*Land of the brave and free,
Bushland, plain and sea.
Emu and Kangaroo
Bring to the lips our coo(ee):
Scions of pioneers,
We, too have no fears
Blest with the brightest sky,
Southern Cross on high, high!*

What on earth is this? Well, firstly it is a latter day addition to our Archives, sent in to Sharon Lamb at First Fleet House by writer and historian, #289 Jean Stewart, who is a member of Morton Chapter.

Then, unmistakably, it is a handscored copy of words and music of a song composed by the inaugural President of the Fellowship, John Kimpton Rowley Lavett. It was his intention that it be adopted on its formation in March 1968 as "the Signature Tune of the Fellowship of First Fleeters."

I am not qualified to comment on the musicality of the composition, although I did have my daughter play it for me, and the tune seems catchy enough. However a quick scan of the lyrics, will I think leave one in no doubt as to one reason why it did not mature as our official, or even unofficial, 'anthem'.

But there is another explanation!

Peter Christian has written that John Lavett formed a second body to be known as the 1788-1820 Association for descendants of those pioneers who arrived between and including those years, and he also laid plans to Chair an Australia Day Movement with the Fellowship taking a major part in the future celebrations of Australia Day. His unrevealed agenda proved to include among other matters, the Fellowship sponsorship of competitions for the adoption of a new National Flag and a new National Anthem.

Controversy ensued, as the Board of the Fellowship decided on a less confrontational pathway in the remembrance and celebration of our First Fleet ancestors. John Lavett resigned in March 1970, and upon his departure this composition, *Australia, Our Land*, took on its mantle as an historical curiosity now destined for a dormant life in the depths of our Archives. Err, Enjoy!

RW

PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY direct action produces a breakthrough



Back in January 2011, *Founders* 42.1 drew attention to an online petition that related to the protection of a section of the Parramatta Female Factory. This was supplemented by contributions made on a written petition by members attending our Australia Day Luncheon.

Then in late April we had some welcome news. The *Parramatta Advertiser* reported the following:

"Victory for supporters of the historic Female Factory – it has been saved from State Government desecration.

"The fight against the Health Department's plans to turn the third-class sleeping quarters of the Female Factory into a data room, with no public consultation, started last December. It was former Parramatta Girls' Home inmate, Bonney Djuric, who started the fight, bringing Parramatta State Labor MP Tanya Gadiel on side. Parramatta Girls' Home was on a site adjacent to the Female Factory, so had a shared history of female incarceration.

"Others weighed into the fight, including Parramatta Heritage Centre curator, Gay Hendriksen, who formed the Female Factory Action Group (PFFAG). Ms Djuric's Female Factory Precinct Association and PFFAG were able to bring on board politicians and political candidates from all sides. Ms Hendriksen said she was thrilled when the Health Department announced it would no longer use the room for data storage. 'This is a site of international significance and should be recognised as the cultural icon it is, as the earliest still-surviving convict female site in Australia', Ms Hendriksen said.

"Ms Djuric told *The Advertiser* she wanted to see the whole historic precinct – the asylum (Cumberland Hospital), girls' home site and female factory – become a heritage district similar to Port Arthur or The Rocks – an idea put by former Premier Nathan Rees as a keen supporter of the site."

Thank you to all our Fellowship members who took the time to sign the petition, as well those who laboured to get the word out there. I'm sure it helped in the decision.

RW

Central Coast Chapter active in FFF outreach to schools

The children in Years 3 and 4 in our schools usually study the First Fleet and Convict Era as part of their curriculum. Our Central Coast Chapter is hoping to build up interest and a sense of history among our Year 4 children by challenging them to write, in competition, a story of 500 to 1000 handwritten words set in the years 1788-1790 at Sydney Cove.

It has been suggested that Goldie Alexander's book, *Surviving Sydney Cove, the diary of Elizabeth Harvey*, be used as a guide and for background reading. The writer must imagine he or she is about 10 or 11 years old, a convict, the child of a convict, a free settler, a marine, or indeed an indigenous child. The narrative, covering a special day in the writers' life, can be based on facts or simply invented.

Many Coastal schools have shown keen interest in the competition and teachers are looking forward to involving their children in the historical writing exercise. Prizes will be awarded, both to the individual who conjures up the best reliving of the time and to library of the school which submits the greatest number of well-written entries. The competition closes on 23 September 2011, the end of Term 3. It is anticipated that the overall winning entry will be featured in a future Chapter Newsletter and a subsequent issue of *Founders*.

Jon Fearon, Central Coast Chapter

Rose Cottage Bicentenary



Louisa Prince, FF Matthew Everingham, and a member of Arthur Phillip Chapter, and her daughter Judy McGill are seen here at the celebration marking the Bicentennial of the completion of Rose Cottage at Wilberforce in NSW. The function, at the cottage grounds on 20 March 2011, was sponsored by the Rose Family Society — an open day of food, historical display, period dressups and fun, song and frolic with the ever-reliable Richmond Players.

Rose Cottage was built by Thomas and Jane Rose, who had arrived in the colony with their four children in 1793. It remained in the Rose family until 1961 when the new owner built the Pioneer Australiana Village with the cottage as a central attraction. Later the Hawkesbury Shire Council acquired the Village. In 1993 the Council returned the cottage to the Rose Family Society, who since 1994 have been responsible for its restoration under a Permanent Conservation Order.



At Wyong Public School, the Chapter Secretary (and our FFF Chapter Liaison Officer), Jon Fearon, presents a copy of *Surviving Sydney Cove* to School Captain, Chelsea King (right) and Vice Captain, Alexandra Jones.

The saga of George Wood, the 193rd First Fleeter ancestor in our database

There is more than a smidgen of excitement in the ranks when we are able to admit a descendant for full membership of the Fellowship, in the process of which establishing a genealogical line from a First Fleeter, that we did not previously have. It does not happen all that often. You see, up until the end of 2011 we had identified member descendants from only 192 of the 1483 souls who we calculate reached Sydney Cove on the First Fleet. Now in 2011 we have 193!

The new man is George Wood.

Three sisters, Diane Hendrie, Lynette Stokes and Deirdre Watson all applied for membership on their undisputed (according to our records) descent from John Barrisford and Hannah Barrisford. In addition, however, they claimed descent from a George Wood, through his son George Oakley. Although the descent of the ladies from George Oakley was firmly documented, the Fellowship had at that time no information confirming that Oakley was in fact the son of Wood. We thus issued membership certificates to the ladies without acknowledgement of the George Wood link.

Correspondence between the principal researcher, Diane, and our Research Officer, John Boyd, ensued, and John set to work diligently to sort out the matter.

The problem was that there was no birth certificate in existence for George Oakley, so John consulted the work of Mollie Gillen, Michael Flynn and Dr CJ Smee together with the various musters of 1805, 1818 and 1822.

He established that First Fleeter George Wood was cohabiting with Second Fleet Convict Mary Oakley on Norfolk Island in July 1791 on 106 rods of cleared land in Sydney Town and sharing a sow with their neighbour William Waterhouse — and that George Oakley was born on 14 August, 1791. FF George Wood died in April 1796 and Mary Oakley in August of the same year, possibly from complications following the birth of her third child, Mary, born on 13 August. In the 1805 Norfolk Island Muster George is described as an Orphan Boy aged 14 years and off stores with George Wood and Mary Oakley as his parents. With this compelling circumstantial evidence, John found himself in accord with the findings of Diane,

and thus recommended to the Board that FF George Wood be added to the ancestry record of Diane, Lynette and Deirdre, and that new membership certificates be issued to reflect the relationship.

Voilà and hooray, the Fellowship, prompted by Diane, had unearthed First Fleeter George Wood as number 193 on our ancestor database.

The life of George Wood

George Wood and William Giles were indicted on 20 October 1784 for feloniously assaulting on the 8th of October, in the King's highway, called the River of Thames, one Robert Currie, and putting him in fear and taking from his person and against his will, four trunks covered with leather, value 10s., four dozen of shirts, value 10l., six other shirts, value 12s., three coats, value 20s., eight dimity waistcoats, value 4l., four pair of nankeen breeches, value 20s., three pair of silk breeches, value 20s., three pair of silk stockings, value 20s., eighteen pair of cotton stockings, value 20s., one pair of boots, value 5s., six pair of thread stockings, value 6s., eighteen pair of cotton trowsers, value 30s., five silk handkerchiefs, value 15s., one linen stock, value 1s., four stocks, value 2s., six linen handkerchiefs, value 3s., one pair of sheets, value 5s., one table-cloth, value 8s., one silk umbrella, value 5s., one gold ring, value 10s., one silver stock-buckle, value 5s., and one pair of stone knee-buckles set in silver, value 2s. — the property of William Bunkum.

Some forty pounds. Quite a haul! And Robert Currie had plenty to say....

"I am steward to the ship *Venus*, Captain Bunkum, commander, she was laying at Limehouse the 8th of October, and about two that night our vessel was boarded by a number of people, they came to the cabin and opened the door, two men came into the cabin with a dark lanthorn, their noise and the light awakened me, I started up in my cot and one of them rushed to me with a pistol or blunderbuss, and told me not to move, if I did I was a dead man; they took two trunks containing wearing apparel, and a trunk containing things which was not locked, and a trunk with the papers of the voyage, (repeats several of the things inserted in the indictment) the whole amount of the things in those trunks was forty pounds, on a moderate computation. The prisoner Wood was one of the

Convicts embarking for Botany Bay



men; I made every observation I could of their stature and dress, but none on their faces, except the prisoner Wood's who came to the cabin door, and laid hold of the trunks, by which I had an opportunity of seeing him; the things are the property of Captain William Bunkum."

The jury obviously found that the identification by Currie was not bunkum. They found George guilty and acquitted William Giles. Transported for seven years!

On 5 April 1785, then aged 21, he was sent from Newgate to *Ceres* hulk, transferred to *Justitia* hulk and then delivered on 6 January 1787 to *Alexander*.

From Port Jackson, on 4 March 1790 Wood was sent to Norfolk Island on *Supply*, where on 10 May he was one of five men in the boat's crew who received fifty lashes for concealing fish. His sojourn in Sydney Town is referred to above. In December of 1791 Wood was settled on 12 acres at Cresswell Bay, Queenborough, and in 1792 was selling grain to stores. He gave up his ground in 1794 and by May of that month was employed in jobbing work. He died in April 1796, aged 33.

George's wife, Mary Oakley, was born circa 1770. She was convicted at the Old Bailey on 10 December 1788 of theft and sentenced to seven years Transportation. Mary was sent to Newgate prison until 14 March 1789, then delivered to the transport *Lady Juliana*, the ship of the Second Fleet. On 7 August 1790 she was sent to Norfolk Island, where she formed the relationship with George Wood. George Oakley was born on 14 August 1791. In 1794 she gave birth to her second child, Isabella, who died on 21 September 1804 on Norfolk Island. Mary herself died on 27 August 1796, just two weeks after the birth of her third child, Mary. She was only 26. It is highly probable that George Wood was father to all three of her children. **RW**

THE HEALTH OF THE FLEET — PART 3

The fact that some 1530 souls left England and 1483 reached Sydney Cove is an 'undying' tribute to the health management of Arthur Phillip, his Officers and staff. In a series of articles, in *Founders* 42.1 and 42.2 and continuing here with PART 3, we focus on the health aspects of the voyage, across its preparation, its several stages, its ports, and its destination.

TENERIFFE TO RIO DE JANEIRO (Continued)

Punishment for their misdeeds and their own violence was responsible for much of their ill health. Sarah McCormick continued to get worse. On August 3 the doctor had to bleed her twice and thought she would not live the night. "She was speechless," wrote Clark, adding, "I am apt to think, God forgive if it is not so, that she is eaten up with the Pox. She is one that went through the bulk-head to the seamen. I hope she has given them something to remember; there never was a greater set of rascalls together they are ten thousand times worse than the Convicts" (meaning the men). Next day Sarah was worse, and she was bled another three times by the doctor. Dr Arndell stayed up all night with her. She developed a "stoppage of the breath" and he bled her another three times, eight in all, but she slowly improved over many days in spite of the doctor's bleeding. A year later she was well enough to be reprimanded by Hunter and Collins for calling Ann Farmer "an old bitch" over a handkerchief dispute.

Clark had been ill again too. It came on during the night of July 10 and he was very ill all next day. He was ordered physic but reassured by Arndell that it was caused by the change of climate. He made a rapid recovery, thanking "gracious God for giving me health again... and thanks to Mr Arndell for his very kind attention, for he is very kind and tender when I am anyways ill."

On *Lady Penrhyn*, Arthur Bowes Smyth wrote of a number of health problems. Mr Watts, passenger for China, was very ill again and this time Bowes Smyth had diagnosed his dyspnoea as an "asthmatic complaint". He must have improved and his chest is not mentioned again. Ann Read, one of the female convicts, took a dose of Corrosive Sublimate (Mercuric Sublimate Corrosive he calls it) instead of water. She was given a strong emetic and afterwards strong doses of Ricini, and she did very well. Four days later he had to send Mr Altree on board *Charlotte* to Surgeon White for a supply of medicines, "the greater part of which he got". According to Bowes Smyth there were not less than 2000 pounds worth of medicines on the fleet and White must have kept a very careful watch on them for Bowes Smyth to have run out of them so soon.

On July 1, Mary Love, aged 60, fell down the steerage, breaking two ribs and bruising herself severely; and for this she was cupped and given "the usual medicine in such cases", whatever that was, and she perfectly recovered. The same day a sailor received a bad head wound, and three days later a convict was delivered of a dead boy. Such were the usual problems.

He has much to say for July 5. He noted the water restrictions to three pints a day, as did all the writers, and the same day Mr White came on board to enquire into the state of health of the ship. He was satisfied with it pronouncing *Lady Penrhyn* the most healthy ship in the fleet. He told them that Captain Shea, Captain of Marines on *Scarborough*, was very dangerously ill with a mortification of the "Salival Glands, a Phrenitis" and that he did not expect his life an hour". The captain lived, but died in the Colony in February, 1789 of consumption, and was buried on his farm at the site of Sydney Town.

On July 11, Elizabeth Beckford, a convict aged 82 who had been convicted of shoplifting and sentenced to seven years, died of a dropsy with which she had long been afflicted. She died at nine in the evening and her body was committed to the deep an hour

later. It is hard to believe that such an inhuman sentence could be imposed on an old, sick woman.

Bowes Smyth brewed spruce beer and raised salads on wet flannels for the Cabin. This was one way of preventing scurvy among the officers. He also notes that a convict from *Alexander* was drowned in spite of every endeavour to save him. Ralph Clark also records that Surgeon White boarded *Alexander*, surmising that some of the officers on board were dead or very ill, or the ship "is become very sickly". But the event of the day for him concerned Elizabeth Barber who we have met before, ironed to Elizabeth Hackney. Clark said, "she abused the doctor (Arundell) in a most terrible manner and said he wanted to (bed) her, and called him all the names she could think of. Capt Meredith asked her how she could raise such a report, and abuse Mr Arundell, so she still persisted it was true, and she was very much in liquor. She was ordered on a pair of big irons and when she was getting them on she began to abuse Capt Meredith in a much worse manner than she had the doctor. She called him everything but a gentleman and said she was no more a whore than his wife. In all the course of my days I never heard such expressions come from the mouth of a human being."

This incident shows that convicts could get alcohol; Elizabeth Barber was "very much in liquor" and other cases of convict drunkenness are mentioned in the journals. The language used here confirms it could be bad; and Clark, whilst doubting that Arndell was "offering that thing to this brute", was not saying he would not have offered it to someone else, as in fact he did later with Elizabeth Dalton (or Burley, or Burleigh), a convict on *Lady Penrhyn*, who he probably married. He had eight children by her. Arndell must have possessed a degree of surgical skill. On July 21 Clark notes, "the young child that was born on July 3 (17 days old) in addition to a crippled right foot, has a deformed hand like a duck's foot; the doctor has cut the fingers asunder once and will be obliged to cut them once more when we come into harbour."

The following day Clark got up early and washed himself all over; the only reference to an all-over wash. Faddy had had no sleep as he had a great number of bugs in the small place where he slept, and had killed over a hundred that morning with oil and tar. "Thank God," he exclaims, "that I have not one in my bed and hope I shall have none, the ship is swarming with them, everybody complains of them except Capt Meredith and self who sleep in cots". Bugs, rats, cockroaches and other vermin added their smells to close-confined humanity with their odour of body, sweat and faeces. No wonder silver turned black in this foetid atmosphere, but the wonder of all is how healthy the fleet remained throughout the voyage. Bateson comments, if such were the conditions in the officers' quarters, how much worse must they have been in the over-crowded prisons?

White tells the true story of *Alexander*. He found several marines and convicts ill, occasioned by the bilge water, which had risen to a great height, so that "the panels of the cabin and the buttons of the clothes of the officers were turned nearly black by the noxious effluvia. When the hatches were taken off the stench was so powerful that it was scarcely possible to stand over them". He was at a loss to explain how it had come about because

Phillip had given strict orders to the masters of the transports to pump the ships out daily to keep them sweet and wholesome. He reported the matter to Phillip and notes, "Captain Phillip, who upon every occasion showed great humanity and attention to the people, with the most obliging readiness, sent Lieut King to instruct the master how to sweeten and purify his ship."

AT RIO DE JANEIRO

The Fleet reached Rio de Janeiro on August 5, 1787. Most of the people who were sick soon recovered, but not Sarah McCormick. All sources agree on the very good health of the convicts on arrival though there are variations on the number of deaths. Hunter says 16, Bowes Smyth 14, White records eight deaths since leaving Teneriffe, but all agreed that most sickness occurred in people who were unwell at the time of embarkation. White's return from Rio said "the convicts were much healthier than when we left England". As well as the eight deaths, his return shows there were a total of 81 sick of whom 64 were convicts. The sicknesses were: Fever 8, Venereal 7, Scorbutic ulcers 30, Cholera morbus 1, Dysentery 20, Convalescent 15.

All the journals treat the stay at Rio in some detail, and all say that health improved with the fresh fruit and vegetables. Hunter records that fresh provisions were immediately provided with an abundance of vegetables and fruit and "indeed it was no uncommon thing to see country boats, as they passed the ships, throw in a shower of oranges among the people." According to Sgt James Scott oranges could be bought for 7.5d a hundred, but John Easty said he bought them for 6d a hundred.

Bowes Smyth has some interesting comments. Mr Watts, the passenger, introduced him to Mr Worgan, surgeon on *Sirius*, who invited him back to *Sirius* to hear his pianoforte. "He is the son of Dr Worgan, Dr of Music" writes Bowes Smyth, "and seems a very sensible good kind man". The piano was afterwards given to Mrs John Macarthur to whom he gave piano lessons and who lamented on his departure from the Colony in 1791 that "in losing him a very considerable branch of our society will be lopped off".

Bowes Smyth had to treat Captain Campbell, Marine Captain on *Lady Penrhyn* who was very ill with a violent pain in the head and a bilious disorder, probably migraine, but he does not say what he gave. Captain Campbell was better next day. On August 14 Bowes Smyth went on shore to purchase some medicines for his own use at sea. You wonder why when there was supposed to be such an expensive supply on the fleet. On the 24 August he extracted a tooth of the handsomest woman they had met in Rio, and prescribed for a black slave who was very ill in the same house. He also tapped the hydrocoele of an old captain in the Fort, draining off nearly half a gallon of water.

White gives a well-written and good description of Rio but he describes a surgical operation he performed which sheds some light on his character. He was being shown over the hospital by Senhor Ill de Fonso, surgeon general to the army, and prevailed on him, as he was about to amputate a limb, to allow White to perform the operation according to a new method devised by one Allenson. White noted the surgeon general was not much pleased with the suggestion, nor the students either. It does seem an overbearing and condescending act on White's part.

Officers, sailors, marines and convicts seem to have had ready access to alcohol. It will be remembered that when Elizabeth Barber abused Dr Arndell, Clark says "she was very much in liquor"; Sgt. Scott complains on the voyage from Teneriffe to Rio that a fellow Marine "Sgt Kennady being Disguised in Liqr and abusing Several people in the ship...jumped Down the Main Hatch Way Upon my Wife as she sat at work just by the Lader. Which caused a great Fright. And likewise Hurted

her Greatly. In consequence of this and other abuses, Serjt Kennady Was Confd. With a Centinal Pleased Over him". The sailors were no better than the marines, or the officers.

Ralph Clark who piously drank only lemonade, refers to the almost daily alcoholic excesses of Captain Meredith, Lieutenant William Faddy, Dr Arndell and others, and on their visits to other ships berthed at Rio and to their tipsy return home. Again and again the Journal refers to their nocturnal drinking bouts, "Captain Meredith and Mr Faddy were pretty well in for it," are recurring comments. One night that the doctor did not join them was on Friday August 24 when Sarah McCormick was ill again. "Do what he will," says Clark, "she cannot remain long in this world for she is nothing but a mass of corruption, eaten up with the Pox". Arndell said he was again prepared to sit up all night with a sick convict and forego his grog.

Tempers must have been getting frayed, and no wonder considering the cramped quarters and smell of the ships; even the relaxation at Rio did not stop violent arguments over small things. Captain Meredith and Faddy were not on good terms, and Clark felt it was Faddy's fault. The day after leaving Rio, Captain Meredith had words with Arndell over some wood. "The doctor told the Captain he did not behave like a gentleman, on which the Captain struck him, which the doctor did not return. I ordered them both to be quiet or I would confine them."

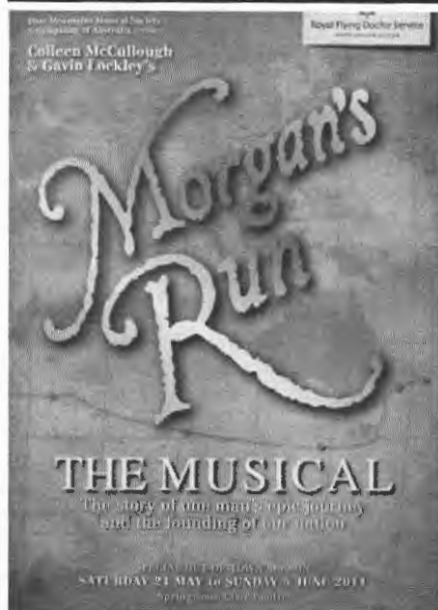
Clark got sick again at Rio, "caught a cold and got a little soreness in my throat... the doctor ordered me some bark which I took a glass of before I went to bed." Bark refers to Cinchona Bark or Quinine the specific for malaria, but used then, something like antibiotics today, for fevers of all kinds, and like them, often uselessly. Before leaving Rio arrangements were made for three sick officers of *Sirius* to return to England on *Diana*, a whaler, which had put into Rio because she was leaking. The three were Mr Michael Morton, master of *Sirius*, Sam Rotton or Wrotton, a midshipman, both of whom had hernias, and another midshipman who was being returned "on account of a venereal complaint which being long neglected is not likely to be cured at sea." Mr Morton had been ruptured from an accident whilst unmooring the ship at Santa Cruz, and had never been able to do any duty since leaving the port. We are not told of Sam Rotton's accident, but Southwell tells later how *Diana* on her way home sprang a leak again, was forced to bear up for the West Indies, and Sam, falling much worse, died on the passage. We can only presume he had a strangulated hernia. Hernia or Rupture was one of the commonest occupational hazards to which seamen were exposed in the days of sail, caused by the tremendous strains as they laid out the yards or shifted huge puncheons of provisions and heavy casks of water. In 1753 the Sick and Hurt Board complained of the expenditure on the issue of trusses for the past three years.

During the stay at Rio the convicts were each served daily with a pound of rice, and a pound and a half of fresh meat (beef), together with vegetables and a great number of oranges, and every care was taken to refresh them and put them into a state of health and condition so as to resist the attacks of scurvy, during the journey ahead. The Rev Mr Johnson also gave his attention to their spiritual welfare, performing divine service on board two of the transports every Sunday whilst in port.

RIO DE JANEIRO TO CAPETOWN

Continued next Issue

Theatre Review



Our Patron, the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, late last year had a sneak preview of a new Australian musical composed and orchestrated by former Blue Mountains resident, Gavin Lockley.

Professor Bashir and her husband, Sir Nicholas Shehadie, hosted a reception on 11 October to celebrate the launch of *Morgan's Run*, based on the 2002 (faction) novel by Colleen McCullough, which many of our membership will have read. The launch involved the recording of the musical, most appropriately in the presence of the 17th Governor of New South Wales, as the libretto, penned by McCullough herself, tells the story of Richard Morgan, and innocent man sentenced to transportation, who arrived in the First Fleet aboard *Alexander*.

The NSW Arts Minister (at the time), Victoria Judge, who also attended the launch, said she "was captivated and impressed by the presentations. The score was powerful, the lyrics moving and historically interesting. I believe it has huge potential to be an amazing stage production."

Well that was put to the test when the Blue Mountains Musical Society and Symphony of Australia presented the world premiere at the Springwood Civic Centre on 21 May 2011.

How then did it go, this first musical tribute to the founders of our nation?

Fundamentally there is no doubt about Australian Colleen McCullough's credentials for the task of

composing the libretto from her novel. A neurophysicist, she established the department of neurophysiology at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney, then worked as a researcher and teacher at Yale Medical School for ten years. She is the author of the record-breaking international bestseller *The Thorn Birds* as well as eleven other novels, and lives on Norfolk Island with her husband.

I attended the matinee following the premiere. First disappointment: the very interesting events leading up to Richard's dubious conviction were conveyed to us on a drop-down storyboard, rather than acted out on stage. (and the text was too small and disappeared before it could be read). This led to all of the first act covering merely aspects of the time on the Hulks and the voyage out, the most tedious section of the book. Second disappointment: the local ensemble supporting the 'experienced' singers were over exuberant, mugged too hard and were badly cramped for choreography.

Major disappointment: the sound was just ridiculously loud: face-miked, the sopranos were too shrill, the baritone too booming, and the tenors too muffled, while the full company number closing the act rattled my teeth and numbed my neurons.

I never complain to the chef when a restaurant meal disappoints: but this was too much! Bounding out the back I found the sound engineer and 'advised' him in no uncertain terms to abandon his half-time tea and scones, return to his knobs and switches, adjust the whole thing down five notches and use his fabulous equipment to tune the bass and tenor outputs. I did not know exactly what I was talking about, and he took some offence at the 'direction', but on our return after interval it became possible to understand most of the lyrics and finally discern what was going on.

The second act contained all of the Colleen magic. No novelist can outdo her in her ability to wrap her heroes and heroines in a cocoon of love and empathy. The strength, skill, and team-building endurance of Richard at last becomes evident, the poignant plight of wife Lizzie is highlighted, and the confused love and loyalty of Kitty is explored. Something of the executive skill of the usually-maligned Robbie Ross is given rein. Most effectively though, the complex relationship between the free-man Stephen Donovan

and the convict Richard Morgan, with its one-sided sexual overtones, is effectively and affectingly played out.

The music was robust and relentless, just as it is in *Les Misérables*, without any show-stopping solos, duets or memorable chorus work. In the same way, while some of the settings were effective, it was not possible to come away humming the scenery.

Of the principals, it seemed a mistake that the writer-producer, Gavin Lockley should play Morgan — he lacked the stage presence so essential to the story. Liz Magner as Lizzie Lock was far too busy and Keara Donohoe as Kitty Clarke far too passive and both had the shrieks. Roy Best as Stephen Donovan was superb in voice, appearance and character, and in many ways it was left to him to carry the show.

The Blue Mountains Musical Society has a long history of superior musicals that nonetheless foster a low profile. This was a much-vaunted affair (the programme alone cost ten bucks!) but it fell short of their usual standard.

It is indeed wonderful from the viewpoint of our Fellowship, that the life and times of a First Fleeter should be given prominence in a new theatrical production. However I feel that if it is to really meet its own strategic targets and be fully embraced by our members and the community at large, then the show will need a lot more work. Specifically cut most of the shipboard stuff and replace it with the details of the hero's early career, marriage, misdeed, trial and conviction.

It may be facetious to suggest that the musical should next preview in Portsmouth and transfer progressively over 36 weeks from Tenerife, Rio, Cape Town and Brighton le Sands to Sydney, but maybe a month or two travelling 'off Broadway' from say Broken Hill to Penrith would hone the promising elements of the work into a rather fine production. Then *Morgan's Run*, the history of a valiant First Fleeter, and *Morgan's Run*, his prosperous holding on Norfolk Island, could both be long celebrated in the enduring words and tunes of *Morgan's Run*. **RW**

The 2010 recording of *Morgan's Run*, the Musical by Symphony of Australia has been published by ABC Classics in its entirety and can be downloaded from iTunes. For download details, please visit www.gavinlockley.com.au



On the Right Tack – No.12

Words or expressions our FF ancestors heard or used aboard ship, carried ashore and bequeathed to us. Derivation, literary and present usage.

Grog..... Groggy

Admiral Sir Edward Vernon (1684-1757) was known throughout the Royal Navy as "Old Grog" because he always appeared on deck in a cloak made from *grogam*, a coarse fabric of silk, mohair and wool. In favour of temperance and discipline, he ordered that the daily rum ration of one pint neat issued to sailors was henceforth to be diluted with water. Furious seamen, promptly labelled the lesser concoction **grog**. Daily rum rations were discontinued in the Navy as late as 1970, but the tradition lives on in song and verse. In his book *Poor Jack* the writer Frederick Marryat (1792-1848), himself an heroic naval officer, could not resist the urge to send up grog and its effects:

Sam Swipes, he was a seaman true, As brave and bold a far As e'er was dressed in navy blue On board a man-of-war.	At fighting Sam was never shy, A most undoubted merit; His courage never failed and why? He was so full of spirit.
One fault he had – on sea or land He was a thirsty dog: For Sammy never could withstand A glass or so of grog.	In action he had lost an eye, But that gave him no trouble; Quoth Sam, "I have no cause to sigh, I'm always seeing double".
He always liked to be at sea. For e'en on shore, the rover If not as drunk as he could be, Was always half seas over.	A shot from an unlucky gun Put Sam on timber pegs; It didn't signify to one Who ne'er could keep his legs.
The gunner who was apt to scoff With jokes most aptly timed, Said Sam might any day go off, 'Cause he was always primed.	One night he filled a pail with grog, Determined he would suck it; He drained it dry, the thirsty dog! Hiccapped and kicked the bucket.

A new book by Dr C.J.Smee:

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Foundlings

FIRST FLEET QUIZ NO.20

- What was the full name of Richard Morgan's third wife?
a. Catherine Clark b. Elizabeth Lock c. Caroline Haycock
- In his early life Richard Morgan was a: a. publican
b. farmer c. farrier d. gunsmith e. mason
- Charlotte Field was: a. a farm on Norfolk Island
b. Richard Morgan's first wife c. a ship trading in spices
- On Norfolk Island the entity called the Cockpit was:
a. the rescued remains of the quarter deck of wrecked *Sirius*
b. a house where cock fighting took place c. a waterfall
d. a house of ill fame e. Morgan's whisky distillery
- Other than *Poor Jack* (see opposite), author Captain Marryat is well known for his novel: a. *Kidnapped* b. *Young Hornblower*
c. *Two Years Before the Mast* d. *Mr Midshipman Easy*
- Which diarist wrote, inimitably? *Sattaday, clowdy, fresh breases, boat wartering. Mt Jonstone priched a sormon in bord ship all officers from the fleet attinding Devine Service.*
a. John Nicol b. John Easty c. Charles Ormsby

7. This famous anonymous drawing by a Georgian satirist shows two flash lads farewelling their distressed doxies while the overseer gives vent to his impatience to get them aboard the transport. Name the two ladies, as given in the usual title.



- Back on an oft-favoured theme. In London street argot, what were Sawney-Hunters? Those who: a. who cut the panes out of shop windows b. stole clean clothes off the hedges
c. purloined bacon from cheese-mongers' shop windows.
- 'Ballum rancums' were engaged in on Norfolk Island in the times of Major Foveaux. These were a. witch hunts
b. erotic dances c. bare-knuckle fist fights d. boat races
e. comic theatre plays f. the whipping of naked malefactors

SCORES AND PRIZES:

Answers on page 11. RW

- 9/9..... A year's subscription to the joys of the Cockpit.
5/9..... Two tickets to the next incarnation of *Morgan's Run*.
3/9..... Spelling tuition from one of three FF diarists.

* semaphore *

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

THIS MONTH'S CODE: Masters of the First Fleet ships, other than Fishburn, Golden Grove and Borrowdale.

THIS MONTH'S CLUES: None given, too easy!

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Oh, yes, forgot to say that the surnames are reversed. The ships were going backwards in the Doldrums.

Answers next issue.
RW/DA/SMH



Leanne reflects on the lives of Mary Parker and John Small...

Leanne Wicks, FF John Small and Mary Parker, I writes, "I really enjoy reading *Founders* – thank you. Lately I have been reflecting on how the First Fleeters would feel about their descendants and have put my feelings into a poem. I would like to share it with the Fellowship members as I am sure you have had similar thoughts. " Here it is:

Dear Mary, can you see me?
We gaze upon the same sky
walk beside the same river
with akin reasons to cry.
Are your eyes dark like mine?
What part of me is like you?
A woman gentle and kind,
imparting wisdom and truth.
Tell me about England's soil
and sailing in the First Fleet,
how you protected yourself
and so landed on your feet.
Tell me now of my home town,
once Kissing Point but now Ryde.
Sing to me a family song,
share the many tears you've cried.
I want to feel your history
to really know who you are.
Somewhere deep inside my mind
I know you're not very far.
You were severed from your roots
and sent to a distant gaol.
Any comparing of you
to my modern self must fail.
Yet I am also a mum
battling an external war
with authorities outside
trying to break through my door.

Wish you'd written a letter
full of wisdom, tales and wit:
gems from your experience,
how you never seemed to quit.
You were married to John Small
in 1788.
Was he a gentle husband,
a friend, protector and mate?
And childbirth, oh, I'm so humbled
in awe of tenacity.
A frightening world for women
with infant mortality.
Without your painful labours,
determination to strive,
Without your part in history
my lot would't be alive.
I stand amazed at branches
distant from mine on the tree
and wish I could climb closer.
What likenesses would there be?
Can you hear me Mrs Small
You would recognise my face.
I'm a precious part of you
My heart shares a common place.
Thank you, fifth grandmother,
for your guts and rolled up sleeve
your hard work and gritted teeth.
May I succeed and achieve.

Recognition of Lord Sydney

Many thanks for the article on Lord Sydney in the March/April edition of *Founders*. For those of us who were unable to attend the Australia Day Luncheon, we are now very well informed.

What I would like to know — is there a statue to Lord Sydney in the city of Sydney? Surely there should be one in a prominent position near the Town Hall or in Macquarie Street, to let people know more of our origin.

Elaine Barker – FF etec etc Eastern Farms Chapter

We made enquiries of the fountainhead, Andrew Tink, and he advised that no such tribute to Lord Sydney has ever been erected. — Ed

Did he get us over a barrel? No!

I have, hanging on my wall, a full list of the whole First Fleet, ships, officers, crew, passengers, convicts, stock and a thousand other items. I read the lists from time to time and back up the information from good books.

However one item has me stumped. I have written to various organisations with nil result, so it is now up to you, as I have just discovered your existence. In the list of Provisions, there is an entry for 12 bags of rice, preceded by 8 bram of rice, **What is a BRAM?** Please put me out of my misery!

John Mason

The list of stores unloaded from Lady Penrhyn on 25 January has been widely quoted in books. In Sydney Cove 1788 by John Cobley, the amount of rice is given as 8 bram. This amount has been repeated in various books on the First Fleet. Bram, however is not a unit of measurement, and the original log entry is for the amount of rice as 8 barrels. So we have a typo. — Ed

...and shares her Anzac Day First Fleeter Ode

"I read this poem about my great grand Uncle Sid Wicks, also a First Fleet descendant, at the Mudgee Anzac Day Poetry Reading."



I'm the last man killed at Anzac Cove*
but please don't have pity on me.
I'm honoured to have watched the backs
of my mates, closer than family.

I'm a soldier of the 20th
Battalion here at Russell's Top.
We're the ones invading this land
but I wish the bloody bombs would stop.

I'm a son of Adam and all men
I learned this from old Johnny Turk:
New mates in the enemy camp
Shame that killing them's ugly work.

I'm a friend of dear mother England,
great grand parents** the first to greet
the Empire's latest colony
as fateful convicts with the First Fleet.

I'm a lad of my Australia
raised in her fresh federation.
Eagerly joined the militia
to die without hesitation.

I'm the boy of Mr Thomas Wicks,
The tithed tenth child and his fourth son.
It's a blessing Mum's passed away,
she'd cry for what the Great War has done.

I'm the brother of Frederick Charles.***
He's been here since the first landing.
We yarned amidst the shell fire.
So proud of his new Sergeant's banding.

I'm the beau of Charlotte Billington:
she's the most handsome girl back home.
Thinking of her helps me forget
that I'm fighting within Hell's dome.

And I'm best mate to Wally Trevitt,
unburied here in No Man's Land.
His face blown right off beside me,
Something I will never understand.

I will be a father to no-one,
a child's hand I will never hold,
but, tell my nieces and nephews
that Uncle Sid was stubborn and bold.

* George Sidney Thomas Wicks' name is recorded on Panel 64, Lone Pine Cemetery. He was 21 and one of the two men listed as killed on 17 December 1915 at Russell's Top.

** John Small and Mary Parker.

*** Frederick Charles Wicks received a Distinguished Conduct Medal for his bravery on the Western Front in 1917. He died in 1972.

**They shall not grow old as
we who are left grow old.**

224th Anniversary of the First Fleet leaving Portsmouth



My husband and I joined Fellowship members from a number of other Chapters for the *Sydney Harbour Tall Ships Portsmouth Sailing Commemoration Luncheon Cruise*. The Hunter Valley Chapter organised the event aboard the barquentine vessel *Southern Swan*, and the date of the outing, quite significantly, was 13 May 2011, 224 years since the departure of the First Fleet itself.

This vessel was one of the eleven sailing ships that comprised the First Fleet re-enactment voyage for Australia's Bicentennial celebrations. She was called *Our Swanen* at that time, but has been renamed after being purchased by the Woods and Warne families in 2007. They are committed to keeping the ship in Australian waters.

Built in Denmark in 1922, she started life as a three-masted schooner named *Mathilde*, and carried cargo of timber, wheat, coal and grain around the Baltic Sea and across the North Atlantic to Greenland. While not as big as most of the larger ships that comprised the First Fleet, at 89' in length, 22'4" wide and laden weight of 208 tons, she is not dissimilar to the dimensions of the two smaller ships, *Friendship* and *Supply*.

We boarded the *Southern Swan* at Campbells Cove, The Rocks. She is manned by an enthusiastic and friendly crew who provided us with a wonderful tall ship experience and a sumptuous lunch. An outing on board this vessel is highly recommended.

Glenda Miskelly



~ The Chapters in Action ~

ARTHUR PHILLIP: North Shore Sydney, Milson's Point to Cowan and surrounds

Venue: Ku-Ring-Gai Library Meeting Room, Gordon, third Friday of each month at 10.30am.
Contact: Joy Zamiatin, ☎ 9451 8665.

Next Event: Tuesday 5 July, Visit to St James Church, King St, 10.00 am, \$5 donation, RSVP to President Alayne Harrison-Thorpe, ☎ 9411 6209.

CANBERRA: ACT, Queanbeyan & surrounds

Next Event: tba. Contact is Geoff Cameron, ☎ 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: 11 June, Chapter Fifth Birthday celebration. Speaker: Ross Pulbrook.

Topic: *South American and African Tours*. 9 July, AGM. Speaker: Kerri Metcalf.

Topic: *Thomas Acres*. Contact Beryl Haxton on ☎ 4353 2524.

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: 4 June, Speaker: Dr Lesley Muir. Topic: *The Garden Palace Scandal*

2 July, Speaker: Associate Professor Carol Liston. Topic: *Parramatta Domain*.

For details please ring 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 10.00am to 12.30pm.

Next Meeting: 20 June, 10.00 am, Speaker: Suzanne Martin. Topic: *The Story of Newcastle*.

Next Event: 18 July, Tour of Fort Scratchley, \$8 for Seniors. Pay at June meeting. Meet at Fort at 10.00am. Lunch on Newcastle foreshore. Details from Noelene ☎ 4959 3702.

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

Venue: Quarterly meetings at different venues. Next meeting tba. Contact Judy Dwyer for information, ☎ 6365 8234.

MORETON: South East Queensland

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

Next Meeting: 4 June at 10.00am. Speaker: Tory Rawlinson, a descendant of Philip Gidley King. Topic: *Ann and Anna, the two women in Gidley King's life*.

Next Event: 2 July, Tour of Toowong Cemetery. Contact Julia Cornford, ☎ 0418 747 891 for details.

NEW ENGLAND: Armidale & surrounds

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

Next Event: 4 June, Combined 10th Birthday Celebration with North West Chapter. Details tba. Contact Robyn Crosslé, ☎ 6772 3140 or turnbull@northnet.com.au.

NORTH COAST: Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Woolgoolga

Venue: Meetings bi-monthly are at various locations on the first Sunday at 11.30am.

Next Meeting: 5 June, at home of Paul Wood, 55 Charlton St, Nambucca Heads.

Topic: *Paul's Ancestors*. Please contact Robyn Condliffe for details, ☎ 6653 3615.

NORTHERN RIVERS: Lismore & surrounds

Venue: 269 Richmond Hill Rd, Richmond Hill, bi-monthly, fourth Sunday at 11.30am.

Next Meeting: 24 July, 11.30am, Barbecue and AGM. Venue to be decided. Contact Margaret Soward, ☎ 6686 3597.

NORTH WEST: Tamworth & surrounds

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

Next Event: 4 June, Combined 10th Birthday Celebration in Tamworth with New England Chapter. For details please 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 Tuesday, 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Next Meetings: 7 June, Speaker: Margaret Shannon. Topic: *Cemetery Transcriptions*.

5 July, AGM. *Show and Tell by Chapter members*. For details please contact Jean Mortimer, ☎ 4257 5575 or Fae McGregor, ☎ 4271 3762.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS: Mittagong, Moss Vale & surrounds

Venue: Usually Mittagong Community Centre, bimonthly on second Wed, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Next meeting: 8 June. Speakers: Ted Westwood. Topic: *John Martin and John Randall*; and Roxanne Seaward. Topic: *Local Library Resources*. Please contact Neville Usher for details, ☎ 4869 1406.

SWAN RIVER: Perth, Fremantle and surrounds

Venue: Various locations, no fixed arrangement at this time.

Next Meeting: 11 June, North Fremantle Community Hall at 2.00pm. 13 August, AGM, venue to be decided. Please contact Toni Mahony, ☎ 08 9271 7630 for details.

Jon Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer

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#7936.1 Edward Major West

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#7938 Andrew William Boodle
#7951 Isaac Jacob Boodle (Jnr)
#7952 Caleb Ethan Boodle (Jnr)
#7957 Charli Pruys (Jnr)

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ELLEN FRASER/ELEANOR REDCHESTER

#7948 Catherine Louise Lenthall (Jnr)

#7958 Wendy Margaret Jones

CATHERINE JOHNSON

#7953 Roger Nicholas Stewart

MEMBERS' MEMORANDA

PATRICK BURN/ANN SMITH

#7954 Lorraine Kathleen Valent
#7954.1 Wilhelmus (Bill) Valent

JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER

#7955 Lorraine Dobbs

ELIZABETH THOMAS

#7959 Susan Louise Halcrow

CHARLES PEAT/HANNAH MULLENS

#7960 Joan Esma Burns

WILLIAM NASH/MARIA HAYNES

#7961 Geoff Rice

#7961.1 Meryll Rice

WILLIAM HAMBLEY/MARY SPRINGHAM

#7962 Karin Brown

JANE LANGLEY/PHILIP SCRIVEN/HENRIETTA LANGLEY

#7963 David William Lillico

#7963.1 Gae Ruth Lillico

#7964 Grace Eileen Rose Lillico (Jnr)

ASSOCIATE

#5058.1 Patricia Beth Miles

FRIENDS

#93 Judith Mills

#94 Kay Ellem

#95 Sharyn Wicks

#96 Jacqueline Hope Smith

#97 Mt Druitt Historical Society

BIRTHS Congratulations to the families of:

JACOB BELLETT

Jordan Francis Pang

30 December 2010, at the Mater Hospital, a son to Derek and Melinda Pang. Grandson for #6600 Janice Bellette and great grandson for #6659 Gwen Porter.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM

Flynn Tucker Derwent

13 September 2010, a son to Dean & Kelly Ann Derwent. Second grandchild for #4774 Graeme & Robyn Frost. Second great grandchild for Keith (dec.) and #4772 Valerie Frost. Eighth generation.

DEATHS Sympathy to the family & friends of:

GEORGE JOHNSTON/ESTHER ABRAHAMS

#2076 John Higman

4 February 2011, aged 79. Husband of #2076.1 Hazel Higman. Late of Nelson, NSW. Vice-President of Eastern Farms Chapter of the Fellowship.

ELLEN WAINWRIGHT

Gordon Cumming

2 February 2011. Late of Watsons Bay, NSW. Husband of #1041 Cherie Cumming.

JAMES BLOODWORTH/SARAH BELLAMY

#651 Alice Clarke

6 April 2011, aged 90. Late of Eastwood, formerly of Mt Brace, Rylestone and Lane Cove. Former Vice President of the Fellowship. (see below)

SAMUEL PIGOTT

#7361.1 Bruce Dolman

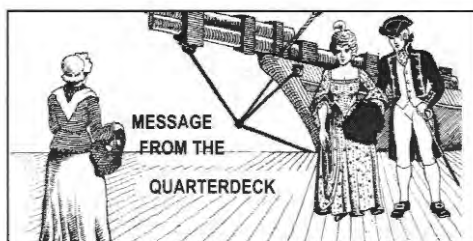
13 May 2011, aged 93. Late of Coffs Harbour. Husband of #7361 Ruth Dolman. Member of North Coast Chapter.

FRIEND 34, LORNA HUTCHINSON

4 March 2011, aged 81. Wife of John Hutchinson. Late of Alstonville. Member of Northern Rivers Chapter.

FRIEND 26, SYBIL MAY KABLE

15 March 2011, aged 95. Late of Ettalong Beach, NSW. Stepmother of #261 Roy Kable. Member of Central Coast Chapter.



⚓ This issue of *Founders* is reaching you a good month later than usual, as I have been overseas during much of April and May. Every attempt will be made to catch up during the second half of the year, as it has become a tradition that the magazine is sent to members six times per annum!

⚓ Keen Royal watchers will have noted that the Australian State Coach was used in the recent Princely wedding. This six-horse drawn carriage was presented to Queen Elizabeth as our official gift on the occasion of the Bicentennial in 1988. It was designed and built by W.J. Frecklington of Manly. One of the most modern of the royal coaches, it is fitted with electric windows, heating and hydraulic stabilisers. Little wonder then that Prince Charles surrendered his Aston Martin to Prince William and used the coach to convey himself, the Duchess of Cornwall and Mr & Mrs Michael Middleton from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace after the wedding.

⚓ The sad passing of #651 Alice Clarke, FF James Bloodworth/Sarah Bellamy is recorded above. Long term associate, Peter Christian, had this to say of her. "Alice, along with her sisters #159

Ula, and #226 Nellie (Sansom), were keen members of the Fellowship acting as volunteers for a number of years. As Vice-President Alice played an important part in the life of our organisation especially after the Bicentennial. She acted as a competent Badge Secretary and also was Editor of the Junior Newsletter which is now unfortunately in limbo. Alice also presented the Plaque Eulogy at Sydney Town Hall in 1988.

"I had known the Clarke sisters since the early 1950s and was indeed surprised to realise, when I joined the Fellowship in 1981, that we had this common interest.

"Alice's Requiem was held at St James Church, King St the week before Easter. May she Rest in Peace."

⚓ A student, **Mine Konakci**, who is currently working towards a Master of Documentary Photography at Sydney University is seeking assistance with a project which is part of her degree requirement — **For a Pittance: A Photographic Impression on Descendants of First Convict Settlers.**

Mine plans to photograph (in Sydney) up to 50 direct descendants of the first European convict settlers, together with an artifact of the object(s) they were guilty of stealing, or with representations of the petty crimes for which they were convicted. She also wishes to conduct a short interview in the locale or

home of the participant. The project will result in a student exhibition and a thorough book on the subject. If you are enthusiastic thus to share your FF ancestor's story and your own, please contact Mine directly to discuss and obtain her detailed briefing paper.

Note that there will be no remuneration for participants.

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⚓ The Britain-Australia Society Newsletter for May 2011 reports that the Dean of Westminster has agreed with the request of the Society that a plaque in memory of Arthur Phillip be placed in Westminster Abbey in 2014, 200 years after his death. In addition to this there are plans by the Arthur Phillip Memorial Trust to repair and renovate the existing memorials to Arthur Phillip in the City of London, where Phillip was born. Then the West Country Branch of the Society is proposing that a sculpture be placed in Bath opposite the house where Phillip died. **RW**

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