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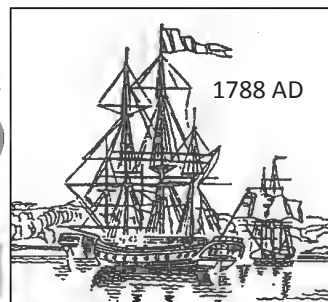
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of Descendants is never to die

## EDITORIAL

You will have read, in the May/June issue of **Founders**, that Ron Withington, who has been the Editor for over four years, and 26 issues of the magazine, has decided to '*call it a day*'.

We know what an important communication **Founders** is for you, the members, as well as for the Board.

The Board is reviewing the options, and the ways in which **Founders** may be produced in the future.

Consequently, in this interim period **Founders** is being produced 'in house' by a Committee of volunteers. The content has been sourced from ourselves and contributed articles. If we are to continue in this format, we will need input from you our Members.

There may be events of interest in your area that you can write a story about. Local history, family anecdotes, family history are all areas of interest to all of us. Even if you feel that your writing style may not be good enough – not to worry, we can bash a story into shape, we just need your words on paper to give us a starting point.

The Board is also seeking expressions of interest from the membership, to find out if there are folk who may be able to fill two important roles. The first position is that of **Editor** this person would be responsible for the composition of articles to be included in future issues. A background in journalism would, of course, be ideal, but you may be just someone who has had some experience in this field.

The second position is, for someone who has had some experience in/with **Design/Layout** of magazines/newsletters. This person would need to be proficient in the use of Microsoft Publisher or a similar type of computer program. It would be helpful as well, if we have folk who are happy to proof-read.

Your input and feedback are very important to us, in many ways the future of **Founders** is in your hands, so please let us know your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions so we can all pitch in together to make this publication an informative, balanced and well-presented mouthpiece for the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

*The Founders Committee*

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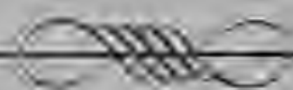
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If you saw the small paragraph on page 12 of the last edition of *Founders*, you would have been surprised to learn that our editor Ron Withington, advised that, that edition was his last contribution to *Founders*. Ron also submitted his resignation as a Director of the Board at the meeting held on the 23rd May.

Ron has made a major impact on the fellowship as evidenced in the FF stories on the web site and the wealth of articles in *Founders* since he took over the role of editor in May 2008.



For all the long hours of writing articles and editing the magazine in a first rate manner, we thank you Ron. Your dedication to the task has always been to go the extra mile, which we have all appreciated.

Ron's contribution to our ongoing history will be continuing with the updated edition of "Where First Fleeters Lie". This new edition will include all previously recorded plaque ceremonies together with ceremonies which have occurred since the 1989 edition. Appendices of First Fleeters buried without headstones, where their burial data is known, will also be included.

In Fellowship, John Haxton.

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## What a Difference a Day Makes at St. John's

Until about six months ago, the care and maintenance of the historic St. John's Cemetery at Parramatta was carried out by periodic detention prisoners, from the N.S.W. Corrective Services Department. Due to a misunderstanding or bad communication between departments, the maintenance of the cemetery was stopped in late 2011. As a result, the grounds became a wilderness with weeds, vines and grass growing unchecked throughout the site.

*Before*



This cemetery is of special interest to the Fellowship of First Fleeters due to the seventeen First Fleeters, who are buried there. In addition to the First Fleeters, many notable pioneers from the surrounding area are entombed there. The graves of the Wentworths of Wentworthville, the Kellys of Kellyville, the Whalans of Whalan, the Lethbridges of Lethbridge Park, the Thorns of Thornleigh, the Wollstonecrafts of Wollstonecraft, and the Pymbles of Pymble, all have their final resting place there.

The first interment at the site was James Magee, a convict child, buried on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1790. The first burial to be marked with a stone memorial was that of, Henry Edward Dodd, the

Superintendent of Convicts at the Government Farm. His burial took place on the 28th January 1791, and this is the earliest settler's grave in Australia with a headstone in situ.

Concerned citizens and local residents had been aware of the plight of the cemetery for some time, and the Trustees of the cemetery seemed to be getting nowhere, as a result, they contacted local history groups and historical societies to gain support, for some action to happen. The Channel 10 news on Thursday the 26th April brought a media spotlight to the situation.

The Trustees arranged a working bee for Saturday the 28th April and due to the efforts of some eighty people involved, a dramatic transformation took place. A large part of the grounds have been mowed, and look clean and tidy, and is a real credit to all those who pitched in and helped.

One of the most moving events on the day involved a Maori Church group which came to restore the grave of Samuel Marsden.

In March of 1814 Marsden had taken his schooner, the 'Active' on an exploratory journey to the Bay of Islands, NZ., and it is claimed during this time that he conducted the first Christian service on New Zealand soil, as a result Marsden is very much revered by the Maori nation for introducing Christianity into New Zealand.

There is however, still much to be done, and the latest news from the Silverwater Correctional Centre is that the trustee prisoners will once again be looking after the maintenance of the cemetery. IAP

*After*



## Lang Park – Plaque ‘Restored’

For people who are not familiar with Sydney, we should explain where Lang Park is situated - it is bounded by York, Grosvenor and Lang Streets in the centre of Sydney.

The park was named after Dr. John Dunmore Lang who arrived in Sydney in 1823, the first ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Australia. He remained a minister for 52 years until his death in 1878 and was instrumental in having the first Scots Church built in Sydney.



Lang was one of the most outspoken men in Australian public life at that time; he edited the ‘Colonist’ newspaper, wrote many pamphlets and was elected to parliament. He took a leading part in effecting the separation of Victoria and Queensland from New South Wales and persistently advocated for an Australian republic and independence from Britain. He also very actively encouraged the immigration of Scottish and German artisans and farmers to Australia.

The hill on which Lang Park is situated was bounded by Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian Churches and thus became known as Church Hill. The first of these churches was the original St. Phillip’s Anglican Church, commenced in 1802, and named in honour of the colony’s first Governor, Arthur Phillip.

The church was completed in 1810 and survived until 1856 at which time a new St. Phillip’s took its place on the opposite side of York Street.

The Scots Church opened in 1826 on the southern side but unfortunately had to be demolished in 1926 to make way for the approach roads to the Harbour Bridge. It was later replaced in 1929 by a five storey building which in 2005 was converted into the very up-market Portico Apartments with the addition of a 22 storey tower building. To the north stands St. Patrick’s Church, Sydney’s second Catholic house of worship to be built, begun in 1840 and completed in 1844.

The old St. Phillip’s church site appears to have remained vacant for the rest of the nineteenth century; it may have been grassed, but there is no evidence of paths or plantings of any kind. The earliest form of park development occurred during the early years of the

twentieth century and possibly associated with the construction of an electricity substation in 1904. The substation was removed in 1931 and other improvements and additions followed - including a men’s ‘convenience’ in 1942. In 1975 the site was listed by the National Trust as having ‘historical signification’.

As part of the Australian 1988 Bi-Centennial celebrations, the Fellowship of First Fleeters attached a plaque to a sandstone plinth in the park in remembrance of the First Fleeters who were buried from the old St. Phillip’s Church.

In 2010 it came to the attention of the Fellowship that the plaque was missing and we can only speculate as to the reason. A thoughtless act of vandalism or perhaps it was stolen for the value of the metal in the plaque, who knows!

Our Secretary at the time, Bruce Arnett, made enquires through the Sydney City Council about the process required in having the plaque replaced. Little did he realise the mammoth task he had undertaken and the time and effort that would be involved in the letter writing, emails and personal interviews that ensued between the parties over the following years.

Bruce Arnett retired as the Fellowship Secretary, and Director Sharon Lamb, our Community Advocate, took up the challenge with renewed enthusiasm resuming regular communication with the Council.



*A copy of the original plaque*

The eventual outcome - a new plaque was manufactured that very closely matched the original.

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The plaque was finally fixed to the original sandstone plinth on Thursday the 3rd April 2012. Hopefully it will remain in place as a constant reminder to the people of Sydney of the significance, and importance, of this historic site. *IAP*

*Fellowship of First Fleeters' Directors Ian Palmer, Bob and Sharon Lamb who were on site to witness the restoration of the missing plaque.*



'Thieves, robbers and villains, they'll send them away, to become new people at Botany Bay....' - **1790 ENGLISH SONG**



## This year we are celebrating the 225th anniversary of the voyage of the first fleet

The first Act in England, authorising the transport of felons was passed in 1597 being ..... "An Act for the Punishment of Rogues, Vagabonds and Sturdy Beggars ..... to be banished out of this Realm, and all other Dominions thereof .....". Further Acts were passed in 1664, 1666 and 1718 permitting transport to the American Colonies.

The loss by England of the American War of Independence in 1783 had put a sudden halt to the passage of convicts across the Atlantic. From 1718 some 50,000 of Briton's felons had been sent to the American colonies as indentured servants, which in effect, condemned them to slavery.

After several attempts to find a solution to rid the 'Mother land' of convicts held in her disease infested hulks, and the unsuccessful trial-run on the west coast of Africa, which resulted in the loss of many lives, **Botany Bay was chosen!**

The British Treasury arranged for a fleet of eleven ships to be prepared for the voyage; two naval ships, **Sirius** and **Supply**, six convict transports, **Alexander**, **Lady Penrhyn**, **Scarborough**, **Charlotte**, **Prince of Wales**, **Friendship** and three store-ships **Fishburn**, **Borrowdale** and **Golden Grove**.

It took some months for the stores to be loaded. In the language of the day the following were listed on the ship's Indents; barrels of flour, casks of water and beer, pipes of rum and brandy, cords of wood, caldrons of

**In 1786 Thomas Townsend, Lord Sydney, announced that His Majesty, King George the Third, authorised the establishment of a settlement at Botany Bay. The Admiralty and Treasury were ordered, and I quote "you do forthwith take such measures as may be necessary for providing a proper number of vessels for the conveyance of 750 convicts to Botany Bay, together with such provisions, necessities and implements for agriculture as may be necessary for their use after arrival".**

coal, bags of bread, and portable soup (one would hope that it was portable!!). Hogs-heads of seeds and the usual pease, cheese, rice and pork were also included.

A fair amount of livestock was carried much of which was replaced at Capetown, together with the addition of seedlings and seeds for agriculture in the new colony.

There were of course, tools and agricultural implements, medical supplies, surgical

instruments, handcuffs, leg-irons, looking glasses and other trinkets for any natives they encountered; also carried was a prefabricated tent for the Governor, 5,000 bricks and the piece de resistance, a piano stored on the **Sirius** belonging to Surgeon George Worgan (on Worgan's departure from the colony some years later the piano was given to Mrs. Elizabeth Macarthur).

The Fleet eventually set sail from Motherbank, Portsmouth on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1787 so aptly put by our pianist, Surgeon Worgan aboard **HMS Sirius** in his diary .... **"Thus equipped each ship like another Noah's Ark, away we steered for Botany Bay."**

I say eventually, because of a strike by the crews of the **Fishburn** and **Alexander** who mutinied over wages and conditions. This strike was short-lived due to the lack of public interest – no one in Britain seemed the least bit interested that a fleet of some 1500 souls were sailing into the unknown!

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There is no denying that the First Fleet voyage was an epic achievement and the ultimate success of the voyage was in no small part due to the leadership and navigational skill of Arthur Phillip.

**A contingent of sickly and rebellious convicts arrived in far better shape than they left!**

### *FIRST FLEET LOG – PART 1.*

#### **15 May**

At this point, Phillip decided to let the convicts out of their chains, as Hunter said, “That they might have it in their power to strip their clothes off at night when they went to rest, be also more at ease during the day, and have further advantage of being able to wash and keep themselves clean”.

#### **16 May**

The seamen of the *Friendship* went on strike over their rations, which they claim were inadequate. With the vessels already in short supply, there was little room for negotiation, but a compromise was reached in that the men were promised that when the ships were resupplied, their rations would be increased. With this assurance the men returned to work.

#### **18 May**

Some of the convicts aboard *Scarborough* made a break for it. Led by Phillip Farrell and Thomas Griffiths, they sent word around that this was the moment to escape. Using tools and weapons which they had managed to sneak into their cells, they began to unlock their fellow prisoners. Once free they expected to seize the ship and sail to freedom. An informer alerted the marines and the plot was foiled.

#### **20 May**

It was time for the *Hyaena* to turn back. *Charlotte* would have to make her own way from now on. Dispatches and letters were collected from all ships for her to take back to England.

#### **3 June**

The voyage of the eleven ships continued, The Canary Islands were reached, Phillip Gidley King was dispatched ashore to make diplomatic contact and arrange for supplies at the port of Teneriffe to be taken on board. During the next few days, the ships were re-supplied with food and water, the crews were given shore leave and the convicts were allowed on deck for fresh air and exercise. Just before the fleet left Teneriffe, one of the convicts, John Powers, escaped from the *Alexander*. Under the cover of darkness he slid over the side and swam to a boat tied to the stern. As Chief Surgeon White recounts, “When brought back by the party sent after him, Captain Phillip ordered him into irons, in which state he remained for some time.”

#### **10 June**

At first light the 11 ships sailed out of the Spanish port and headed for Rio de Janeiro. The trip would take them at least eight weeks, as to maximise winds and currents the fleet had to swing out in a wide arc across the Atlantic before reaching the South American port.

*Continued Next Month.*

J. H.

### **THE SYDNEY-PORTSMOUTH SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE CELEBRATED THIS EVENT ON THE 4TH MAY, 2012**

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> May, the Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee, held their annual get together to celebrate the sailing of the First Fleet from Portsmouth, on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1787. As has been the custom, this event was held at the Sydney Town Hall and this year hosted by Councillor Phillip Black. The Fellowship of First Fleeters was represented on the night by, Peter and Joy Christian, Denis Smith and Directors Ian and Robin Palmer.

The Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker was the celebrated Australian author, Mr. Thomas Keneally AO.

The title of his address was “Merry England and the First Fleet—The Social and Economic Conditions in England which Gave Rise to the First Fleet”. Quite a mouthful, but a subject Tom was passionate about and although hindered by a head cold he delivered a logical and well-constructed address to make his point to an enthralled audience.

He spoke initially about Arthur Phillip, tracing his career from the Naval School through to his so called “spying phase” when he was stationed in France, to his term in the Portuguese navy, and then his inspired

appointment, as Governor of the Penal Colony of New South Wales.

Phillip was a 'real' humanitarian and believed that everyone on the voyage should be treated equally. This ideal was later acted upon in the colony, when food supplies were running short, and soldiers, administrators, and convicts all receive an equal share of the available supplies.

Tom, then continued his talk looking at conditions in England during this period. Jobs were scarce, and living conditions for the general population were very tough. Many unfortunate desperate men and women turned to stealing as a means of survival for themselves and their families. A common theme was the theft of articles which could be sold to provide a little cash to purchase food and other essentials. Many were incarcerated for offences that today we would consider minor.

Rural workers were adversely affected by the passing the Enclosure Acts. Radical changes had taken place in the English countryside. The narrow-strip system of farming and the traditionally 'common land' could no longer be accessed by villagers for grazing stock, growing crops or harvesting the meadows for hay. Under the Enclosure Acts, wealthy landowners were empowered to seize land which they fenced and divided into enclosed fields. The land was then used exclusive by the owner.

This was a disaster for the evicted tenants, and deprived many people of the means to augment 'peasant' wages, and ultimately lead some to poaching, as a way of supplementing their dining table while other disposed farmers, left their homes to look for work in towns which soon became impossibly overcrowded.



Ian Palmer, Denis Smith and Thomas Keneally AO

This was also the time of "**invention**". James Watt (1736 – 1819) had modified his steam engine design making steam an efficient source of energy for trains, ships and machinery. In the 1770's the invention of the Spinning Jenny opened the way for mass production in textiles, and this also contributed to the loss of livelihood for many people.

With these social changes, an increasing number of felons had to be dealt with by British Justice. Goals were overcrowded so **the New South Wales experiment proceeded.** IAP

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## THE ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP RN MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

## The Britain-Australia Society

has embarked on projects intended to recognise further, to commemorate and to

pay due British tribute to Admiral Arthur Phillip RN (1738-1814). For **Westminster Abbey**, there is a plan, already approved in principle, for a major commemorative stone is to be installed in a prominent position in the floor of the Nave, near the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

The church of St Nicholas at Bathampton has already erected a series of lit panels which illustrate Phillip's achievements; and has illuminated his ledgerstone in the Australia Chapel. The City of Bath is soon to commission a commemorative sculpture as a tribute to the then Captain Arthur Phillip RN.

After his distinguished naval service, Admiral Phillip retired to Bath, where he lived at 19 Bennett Street until his death in 1814. The memorial tribute sculpture is to be placed in a notable National Trust site at the North-East corner of the Assembly Rooms in Bath.

For the Bath project, a group has been formed under the chairmanship of Sir Christopher Benson DL to select a sculptor and concept. The Society intends that the commemorative sculpture, which is not to be a statue, will honour this British hero, humanitarian and visionary, under-sung in his own country; and his story, including that of his First Fleet and his extraordinary endeavours as founder of modern Australia. The Society hopes, further, that it will educate (though not in a school-room way); inspire both young and old; and become an admired attraction of high quality in Bath.

For those planning to be in the UK in 2014 the week beginning Tuesday 8th July should be reserved.

## A CHAPTER GET TOGETHER IN THE BEAUTIFUL NEW ENGLAND RANGES - VISITING BEN LOMOND STATION

On Saturday 14th April 2012, the North/West and New England Chapters joined together for a coach trip into the New England Ranges - Captain Thunderbolt's (Fred Ward 1835–1870) country - for a visit to the Historic Ben Lomond Station and Village.

The North/West Chapter left Tamworth at 8am with our commentator, and North/West Chapter Member Suzanne Turner (nee Streeter). Suzanne kept us informed of historical facts about the places we passed that tied in with the history of the New England. We stopped at Armidale where the members of the New England Chapter joined us. One of the New England members, Mrs Emma Parker, was celebrating her 92nd Birthday - goes to show, age has no barrier in showing an interest in our history!

Ben Lomond Station was first known by the name of "Llangothlin" and was settled by Thomas Perry in 1839; it was originally over 240,000 acres, taking in land from Glencoe to Guyra. It passed to a Mr Rawson in 1844 and to Charles Codrington in 1854.



NORTH WEST CHAPTER AND FRIENDS

Charles Codrington, after arriving from Wiltshire, England with his new bride, travelled from Morpeth northward through Maitland in the Hunter Valley, skirted the Liverpool Plains and finally, after climbing the Moonbi Ranges, pressed on until they came to the first unclaimed land, which happened to be the Llangothlin run recently abandoned by Rawson.

In 1861 the Bagot Brothers took over and renamed the run 'Ben Lomond'. Christopher Bagot could see the potential, he was a man before his time, and is credited with planting some of the oldest trees in the New England - Elms, Oaks, and Ash. Bagot held progressive ideas on improving the Station, clearing 800 acres for cultivation, using a self-closing gate, galvanized iron for roofing and a mechanised milking dairy.

In 1874 a mill was constructed from local stone, with a wooden and steel wheel. After damming the creek, water from the nearby Llangothlin Lagoon was used to turn the wheel. The diameter of the wheel was 32ft 10inches and sat on top of walls on two, 2 ton granite blocks. The wheel worked two pinions designed to operate a saw mill, a flour mill, and later on a woollen mill. The ruins of this mill can still be seen, in the paddock, near the stockyards.

On the 14th March 1879, Christopher Bagot was declared insolvent by the Bank of New South Wales. The Bank was in possession of the Station until it was sold to Suzanne Turner's Father.

Mr Archie Streeter with his new bride purchased the homestead block of 640 acres in 1926. The Streeter family maintained the garden and planted more trees during their 74 year ownership of the Station. After Archie Streeter died in 1976, his son Robert took over running the station. Suzanne said that "they had all had a good life - sometimes it was not that easy, but always enjoyable". Robert sold Ben Lomond in 2000 to the present owners John and Pat Young.

On arrival at the Ben Lomond homestead, our bus driver bag-piped us off the coach and followed with a 15 minute recital. The Young's completely won our hearts as we toured their beautiful home – on the wall in the living room was a framed copy of the listing of the ships and passengers on the First Fleet.

Our 92 year old did not miss out on the tour of the garden and park as a golf buggy was provided with John driving whilst pointing out the old trees, interesting parts of the garden, and old sheds with stories to match.

After boarding the coach, we headed off to the village of Ben Lomond where we were treated to lunch in the War Memorial Hall by the ladies of the Ben Lomond Hall committee. During lunch, we were given the history of the village by a very passionate history lover, Mrs. White, a resident and farmer from Ben Lomond.

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Some of the facts and information were fascinating. The railway line which came into service in 1884 brought many changes to the people on the Ben Lomond Station and the surrounding properties. The Railway Station is the highest Station on the Great Northern Railway, being 4,473ft above sea level, and is now listed on the NSW Register as a Historic Site.

It's very sad to see it now, standing by the side of a rusting rail-line, with brambles and weeds on and around the buildings and platform.

***Both Chapters enjoyed a wonderful day together in a beautiful part of the New England and we are looking forward to sharing in some more adventures together, in the future. Pat Worrad—President, NORTH WEST CHAPTER.***



The old school building (1881) - catered for 20 students

## THE SYDNEY GAZETTE

And New South Wales Advertiser

3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1803

We understand His Excellency during his late visit to the Our Settlements, has given directions for making a more convenient Road to Hawkesbury from Parramatta, by which-the mischief occasioned to Horses and Carriages from the necessity of crossing the Seven Hills will be totally removed.

Ground has also been measured at the Green Hills, for building a School House 100 feet in length by 24 feet wide, for the Education of the Youth on the Banks of the Hawkesbury; for which purpose Government has undertaken to make the Bricks, and to give such other assistance as may be admissible, to effectuate so desirable an Institute in that quarter of the Colony.

It is unnecessary to offer any further comment on the important advantages which shall accrue from the discovery made by Captain FLINDERS, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop *Investigator*, of a fast and easy Passage through Torres' Strait into the Indian Ocean, without the necessity of going round New Guinea, and entering that Sea by Pitt's or Dampier's Straits.

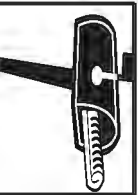
Such Commanders of Vessels as may choose to make trial of the Passage through Torres' Strait, may in general save Five or Six Weeks between Port Jackson and the British Settlements in India.

We sincerely regret, however, that the ardent pursuits of Captain FLINDERS should suffer impediment; but the decayed condition of the *Investigator's* Hull requiring her being Condemned, a temporary delay must be sustained; Yet we feel the highest satisfaction in reporting, that there is every; reason to hope Captain FLINDERS will be enabled to resume his labours nearly as soon as his Officer's and People may have perfectly recovered their health and strength.

**NB Dampier Strait in Papua New Guinea, is named after the First European to sail through it, British navigator William Dampier in 1700 in the HMS *Roebuck*, it separates Umboi Island and New Britain, linking the Bismarck Sea to the north with the Solomon Sea to the south.**

**The Pitt's Straits does not appear to be in current atlases but was a Strait situated at the western extremity of New Guinea about 48kilometers long and 9.65kilometers wide.**

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## Readers Letters

Tippling my bonnet to the Exiting Editor - I wanted to pay a small tribute to Ron Withington and thank him for way he brought our descendants to life in our hearts and minds for the last four years as Editor of Founders.

I don't think anyone would realise the amount of research, energy, attention, travel, photography setting and time that he put into the 26 issues he carefully edited – with the hawkeyed support of his wife, Margaret, who wouldn't miss a punctuation mark or a grammatical slip - up until her death in August 2010. It was a labour of love and it was always wonderful to catch his quirky comments throughout. Rachel Audigé #7558.

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Many thanks Ron for your excellent contribution to Founders over the past four years. May your retirement from this position enable you to do other interesting activities with just as much enjoyment. Warwick Risby. President.

HOBART TOWN (1804) FIRST SETTLERS ASSOCIATION (WARWICK, TASMANIA)

## The Chapters in Action

### **ALBURY-WODONGA DISTRICT – Area - Both sides of the Murray River.**

**Venue:** Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury –monthly meetings, the third Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meeting: July:** Anne Simmonds. Topic: Meet My Ancestor— James Williams.

**August :** A.G.M.

**Contact:** Gaye Merkel, 6025 5747

### **ARTHUR PHILLIP – Area - North Shore, Sydney – Milson’s Point to Cowan and surrounds.**

**Venue:** Meeting Room, Old Gordon Public School. 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon – monthly meetings, the third Friday at 10.30 - 12 noon. **Next Meeting: July:** Frank Wilson. Topic:

Our Convict Heritage. August: Don Davis. Topic: Francis Howard Greenway.

**Events:** Sunday 29th July. 12 noon. Tour of Government House/Botanical Gardens.

**Contact:** Joy Zamiatin, 9451 8665 or Gillian Doyle 9440 5340

### **CANBERRA – Area - ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.**

**Venue:** Various locations to be advised. **Next Meeting:** AGM. 2.00pm on Saturday 14 July, at 11 Titheradge Place, Chapman.

**Events:** Annual Dinner, 7.00pm Saturday 11th August. Canberra Southern Cross Club, WODEN.

**Contact:** Geoff Cameron 6251 4095

### **CENTRAL COAST – Area - Gosford, Tuggerah Lake, Wyong, Budgewoi and surrounds.**

**Venue:** Wyong RSL Club, corner Anzac Ave and Margaret Street, Wyong – monthly meetings, the second Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meeting: TBA**

**Contact:** Jon Fearon 4323 1849

### **EASTERN FARMS – Area - Ryde, Eastwood, Parramatta, Kings Langley, Pennant Hills and surrounds.**

**Venue:** The Hall at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson St. Eastwood –monthly meetings except in January, the first Saturday from 10am – 12.00 noon. **Next Meeting: August.** Speaker: Pam Wilson, The Hills District Historical Society. Topic: The first settlers of Old North Rocks Road.

**Contact:** Robin Palmer 9871 4102

### **HUNTER VALLEY – Area - Hunter Region, Newcastle and surrounds.**

**Venue:** Adamstown Senior Citizens’ Hall, 153A Bruncker Road, Adamstown – bi-monthly meetings, the third Monday from 10am - 12.30pm. **Next Meeting: August:** AGM, A soup and Damper Day.

**Contact:** Yvonne Bradley 4957 4758

### **LACHLAN MACQUARIE – Area - Orange, Bathurst, Parkes, Dubbo, White Rock, Cowra, Kelso.**

**Venue:** Various locations to be advised – Quarterly meetings. **Next Meeting: TBA**

**Contact:** Judy Dwyer 6365 8234 or 0428 173 213

### **MORETON – Area - South East Queensland.**

**Venue:** St. Augustine’s Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton –bi-monthly meetings, on an available Saturday.

**Next Meeting: August.** AGM. Speaker. David Gibson.

**Contact:** Don Cornford 04 5746 6020

### **NEW ENGLAND – Area - Armidale and surrounds.**

**Venue:** Various locations to be advised – the first Saturday. **Next Meeting: August.** AGM.

12 noon at St. Peter’s Parish Centre, Tingcombe St., Armidale. followed by Show and Tell, so bring along the earliest photo you have of a descendant of your First Fleeter.

**Contact:** Robyn Crossle 6772 3140

### **NORTH COAST – Area - Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Woolgoolga.**

**Venue:** Various locations to be advised – bi-monthly meetings, the first Sunday at 11.30am

**Next Meeting: August,** AGM. 21 Queen St, Woolgoolga.

Show & Tell - bring along any hobbies, family treasures, etc. for display.

**Contact:** Mal Dale 07 3283 4485

**NORTHERN RIVERS – Area - Lismore and surrounds.****Venue:** Various locations –bi-monthly meetings, the fourth Sunday at 11.30am**Next Meeting: July.** Tibouchina Room, Alstonville Bowling Club, Alstonville.**Contact:** Karin Brown 6682 5338**NORTH WEST – Area - Tamworth and surrounds.****Venue:** Various locations –bi-monthly meetings, the first Saturday at 1.30pm**Next Meeting: August.** AGM: Family history rooms, 51 Piper St Tamworth 1.30pm.**Contact:** Jo Crossing 6766 8255**SOUTH COAST – Area - Engadine to Burrill Lake.****Venue:** Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto – monthly meetings except January, May and December – the first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm**Next Meeting: August.** Winter Warm Day & 11th Birthday Celebration.**Contact:** Stan Keough 4232 1060**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – Area - Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds.****Venue:** Mittagong Community Centre –bi-monthly meetings – the second Wednesday at 10.30am - 12.30pm. **Next Meeting: August.** AGM followed by Chapter 'Chats' & Soup & Damper Day.**Contact:** Neville Usher 4869 1406**SWAN RIVER – Area - Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.****Venue:** Various locations to be advised **Next Meeting: 11th August.** AGM. 2.00pm.

Church of The Resurrection Community Hall, Cnr. Shenton Rd. and Derby St. Swanbourne.

**Contact:** Toni Mahony 08 9271 7630*Jon Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer***SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS— ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE**

For the third year, our Chapter laid a wreath in remembrance of our ancestors and members who have served our country, at one of the ANZAC Commemoration service held in the Highlands. This year the service held at Moss Vale Services Club was attended by our President Patricia Robinson accompanied by Chapter Member, Damien Healey (CSG Lt. Col Ret'd A.A,VN), Damien's wife, Dorothy, and their son Jonathan (serving on Black Hawk Helicopters). Pat, Damien, and Jonathan were very proud to lay the wreath on the Moss Vale Cenotaph, on behalf of our Chapter. Wendy Selman - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CHAPTER.



**CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO ANTHONY S. SPRINGETT # 7466 WHO WAS AWARDED AN OAM IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF BOWRAL THROUGH A RANGE OF BUSINESS, CHARITABLE AND SPORTING ORGANISATIONS. W.S.**

**Patricia Robinson # 6079 FF James Wright, (John) Damien Healey # Friend 75, and Jonathan.**

**Clarification** — In the last edition of Founders it was advised that Family Trees had been completed for all Members of the Fellowship. In addition an Index had been completed for all the Birth, Death and Marriage certificates that are held by the Fellowship. Work is in progress in scanning all these certificates.

This work is being carried out mainly for the benefit of the Membership Committee whose job it is to verify the lineage of all prospective Members. **Due to privacy laws, the Family Trees and the relevant certificates, are not available for general viewing by Members.**

The Fellowship is able to allow Members access to certificates under the same circumstances that apply at the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, i.e. Birth certificates older than 100 years, Death certificates over 30 years old and Marriage certificates over 50 years old. IAP

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**THOMAS ACRES** Grayson James Thomas Orellana **BRUCE**. 13th April 2012, at Royal Liverpool Hospital.  
A second son to Lorena and James Bruce.

### DEATHS: OUR SYMPATHY GOES TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

**JOHN HARRIS / MARY GREEN** #6631 Robert M. Boland . 4th December 2011. Late of Burnie Tasmania.  
**JAMES WILLIAMS** David John Tomlinson. 22nd May 2012. Youngest son of #7379 Margaret Tomlinson, President Central Coast Chapter.  
**PETER HIBBS** #3838 Janice Mildred Bailey. 17th November 2011. Late of Twin Waters, Qld.



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