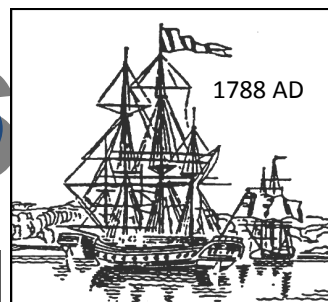


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To live on in the hearts and minds
of descendants is never to die

DIRECTORS DECAMP TO DAPTO

It has become a tradition, on the fourth Saturday morning in October each year, for the directors to venture forth from the safety and security of First Fleet House to conduct their Annual General Meeting at a distance.

So it was again this year when, courtesy of State Rail and/or the motorway network, the Board met in the Show Room at Dapto Leagues Club to review the year past and face the future after the annual election of officers and directors.

Our hosts were the members of South Coast Chapter, under the guidance of their President, **Kerrie Ann Christian**, their membership officer, **John Boyd** and other committee members.

The peripatetic Board of Directors, along with members from other chapters, were rewarded with a handsome morning tea on arrival and the chance to catch up with friends, some of whom were fellow FF descendants. Twenty-eight members representing six different chapters were in attendance on the day, outnumbering the apologies two to one.

Outgoing President, **Ian Palmer**, led the proceedings right on schedule, calling on Kerrie Ann to give the official welcome. This included a brief introduction to the Illawarra area and featured a few historical highlights of places and personalities. Her scope stretched back to before the days of European settlement but also included some First Fleeters who made their mark on the region.

Ian's review mentioned the two new chapters, the soon to be available index to *Founders*, the new members morning tea and the annual Australia Day luncheon. He thanked members who had visited the House during the year and especially the many volunteers who, as he said, 'all contribute their skills and expertise in innumerable ways to keep the Fellowship func-

tioning smoothly.'

The Treasurer, **Kevin Thomas** guided us through the tabled finances for the year and after questions and discussion these were adopted. It's good to know that once again the fellowship is in a sound financial position moving into the new year.

Ian Palmer was appointed as Returning Officer and indicated that as no positions were challenged, the directors so nominated were declared duly elected. All eleven will continue in office with **Jon Fearon** taking over from Ian as President for 2015-2016. [Ed: The Directors and their specific portfolios are listed on page 2 of this issue.]

There were no volunteers from the floor to fill the two known vacancies on the Board.

The newly elected president was invited to take the chair and conduct the remainder of the meeting. His call for general business fell on deaf ears so he was able to thank those in attendance for seeing him into office and proceed with officially thanking **Ian and Robin Palmer** for their years of service as directors of the Fellowship.

Ian is a founding member of the Fellowship and has served as a director for ten years, the last three as President. It is, said Jon, great to know that Ian will continue his valuable role as Thursday volunteer at First Fleet House.

Karys and Jon then presented Ian and Robin with gifts in appreciation from the Board and commemorative photos were taken to mark the occasion. Robin has served as a director for eight years.

So ended official proceedings and the call will no doubt come, in due course, for members to join in attendance in October 2016, as *Founders* understands it, at Gordon with Arthur Phillip Chapter as our worthy hosts.



New Officer at the Helm. Jon Fearon
with Ian and Robin Palmer



Robin Palmer & Karys Fearon

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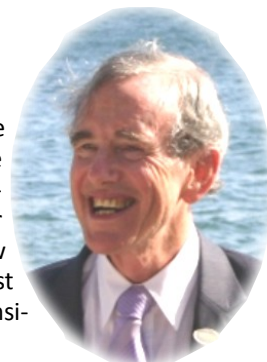
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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jon Fearon



Thank you for the many kind wishes you have expressed on my being elected as your President for the forthcoming year. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. Ian Palmer's contribution over 47 years as a member and 12 as a volunteer has been amazing. It is great to know that he will be continuing on with that volunteering at First Fleet House on Thursdays and attending to his many responsibilities there.

I on the other hand am just a Fellowship new chum, a member for 10 years and a director for 5 with a lot to learn. One amazing learning experience was to discover after Karys and I moved back to NSW from 17 years living and working in Tasmania, that I was descended from a First Fleeter, one of the *HMS Porpoise* Van Diemen's Land 1807/8 pioneers.

After 56 years as a teacher, with my classes ranging in age from pre-school to adults and in a multiplicity of subject areas, it has been very fulfilling to add family history research to our many life-long interests and activities. We endeavour to keep up with our our five interstate and internationally domiciled children and their families but have to admit that as yet, none of them, with households of teenagers keeping them on their toes, has as yet joined the Fellowship.

The Directors are looking forward to another great twelve months for the Fellowship. As ever there are ongoing matters that we will be involved in, particularly as changes to our heartland, the foreshore of Sydney Cove, are gaining momentum in high places. Already the **Bonds of Friendship** Memorial has been placed in storage and its team of carers, the Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee, is discussing options for its relocation. As you would have guessed, many in the Fellowship would like to see it in **First Fleet Park**, as close as possible to the now recognised first landing place. And back again in 2016 we hope to give you the opportunity once again to purchase **clothing items with our logo**. The logistics are still being worked upon.

With your *Founders* this time is the booking form for the **Australia Day Luncheon** at the Pullman Hotel in Sydney. Remember it is held on Saturday 23 January, a few days before our foundation day itself. The luncheon is traditionally part of our Fellowship calendar and is always a great place to catch up with friends from near and far. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

THE CONVICT'S FAREWELL TO OLD ENGLAND

What if the parting day is at hand
Never at fate be railing,
Though from a rich and plentiful land,
We must be quickly sailing:
Let not our bosoms fear dismay
Future events concerning;
Tho' we are going to BOTANY BAY
Never from thence returning.

Food that's as good as heart can wish
Soon may be there acquir'd,
Finest of FOWL, and sweetest of FISH,
What can be more desir'd?
Labour apart – where every day
Nature is kindly giving;
Plenty to have, and nothing to pay,
That is the land to live in!

We'll not for England care a pin
If when abroad well treated;
Give us good store of Holland's gin,
Then is the work completed.

Care, who the Great Ones will attend,
Seldom the mind perplexes,
When through the year there's no demand
Either for RENT or TAXES

Laws which made here the MAKERS shame
Every year want mending,
When afar off about the GAME
There will be no contending
Pheasants, and Hares, and Ducks we'll kill,
All with the sport delighted,
And not a soul, go where he will,
Ever shall be indicted.

Having these glorious things in view
Why any dread at starting?
Hang'd be the wretch whose heart can shew
Any regret at parting;
Over the waves our course we'll bend,
Glad the fond hope to cherish,
Better to range in a foreign land
Than in prison perish.

Windmill Tavern, Newgate Street, Jan 6, 1787

NEW MEMBERS' MORNING TEA

Once again this year the Fellowship held its annual New Members' Morning Tea. In keeping with tradition a fifth Saturday morning of a month in the second half of the year is allocated and it fell on 31st October for 2015.

President **Jon Fearon** and five of the Directors were there to welcome the twelve new members in attendance. The morning was very warm so the guests were able to enjoy a cool drink on arrival and partake of the goodies with their tea or coffee.

After an introductory talk about the Fellowship and the House an opportunity was given for questions. Many of the guests were particularly interested in the building so President Jon was able to refer to the all-knowing **John Boyd** for the curly ones.

As ever, after a quick survey of the new members' ancestry, all of those present were found to be descended from convicts. The count was *Scarborough* and *Alexander*, four each, *Lady Penrhyn* two, and *Charlotte* and *Prince of*

Wales one each. After the Directors' ancestors were added to the mix Vice President **Denis Smith** valiantly announced that he was the only member present not of convict stock. He was forgiven.

Directors then showed the members over the house and answered questions on the way. Many stories were shared about family connections and advice was given as to finding the way back to public transport. After all, Cathedral Street in Sydney does an amazing dog-leg, designed, it would seem, to confuse even the most seasoned map readers.

It was good to see that the members were wearing their badges and to learn that most had already joined their local chapters.

This was indeed a happy morning and the Fellowship looks forward to next year when we will meet some of those who have joined from July 2015 onwards.

Founders wishes to thank directors **Therese Luck** and **Karys Fearon** for attending to the morning tea and **Tony Holden** for his photography.



Margaret Shaw, Eileen Reed, Director John Boyd, Megan Cleary, Joy & Ken Shepherd, Josephine Meincke, Carol & Frank Oliver, Logan Cherry.

BONDI TO TAMARAMA - THE ANNUAL ARTISTIC PILGRIMAGE

Founders recently made its annual pilgrimage along the well known coastal walk in eastern Sydney to the **2015 Sculpture by the Sea** exhibition.

As ever the two youngest granddaughters came along and they were intent on finding works of art that they were allowed to touch and perhaps climb into or onto. As such, Kate Carroll's *Open Home* won their vote.

Your reviewer personally opted for the pair of shoes in granite, mystically entitled *The First Experience of a Poet Number 3* by Hyeong-Taek Chang. It was photographically popular no doubt because its admirers could stand within its very solid footprints, surely a reminder of the very human footprint that modern Australians have left on this ancient land of ours.



BJF13

The choice for a specific First Fleet connection was rather limited this year, however Ben Fasham's **BJF13** ticked all the boxes for *Founders*.

Pictured here, the stainless steel and bronze sculpture strongly suggests ocean waves trying to engulf the small world of early navigators and their settlers venturing forth into the unknown. There is also a suggestion of the delicate balance between their maritime endeavours and what would be a rather unforgiving environment they hoped to tame.

Perhaps this delicacy remains with us all even yet.

We understand some of this year's sculptures will also be on display at Cottesloe Beach in Western Australia.

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THE STORY OF THOMAS CHIPP and JANE LANGLEY

Delma Eileen Burns FF# 7793 recounts the story of her First Fleeters

She notes: This information comes from family members who have done a great deal of research over the years and have written a very large, detailed book, now out of print. There are reference copies at First Fleet House, the State Library and Liverpool Library. The title is A New Beginning. The Story of Three First Fleeters and their Descendants. The three people are Jane Langley, Thomas Chipp and Henrietta Fletcher, because Henrietta was also a First Fleeter, having been born on the voyage.

Jane Langley was born at Holborn Lying-in-Hospital in London on 16th September 1761, the daughter of **Elizabeth & Edward Langley**. This was a maternity hospital for distressed, poor, married women only. It was maintained by private subscriptions, so anyone subscribing five pounds a year had the right to recommend three patients a year. Jane's mother, Elizabeth, was recommended by **Lady G.Sackville**, and it is thought that her father Edward may have been an employee of Lord Sackville.

We don't know anything of Jane's early life in London but we know that she worked as an apprentice tambour worker, one who embroidered fabric on a small circular embroidery frame called a tambour. It is not known who paid for Jane's apprenticeship but it is assumed that she was a clean tidy girl because dirty fingers and clothes wouldn't have resulted in the standard of embroidery sought for this luxury trade. It was intricate work, used for decorating veils, shawls, bonnets, handkerchiefs etc.

Artificial light was not available back then so daylight was necessary for fine work. Working hours were from 12 hours in winter to 16 hrs in summer to take advantage of the light. Research from the Broderers Guild of London told of a way to gain extra light. This was done by surrounding a large bowl of water with candles to gain good bright reflection.

Now we come to why Jane was transported, in other words, the crime.

On the 29th July 1785 Jane was returning to her home in Blackhorse Yard at 10pm on the night of the alleged crime. The district where she lived was where the Craft Guilds were located and not far from The Tower of London. She was charged with stealing 5 pounds 5 shillings and 9 shillings and sixpence, the property of one **Robert Robinson**.

Statement from Robert Robinson: 'I was going home and I met the prisoner Langley in Nightingale Lane and she asked me to go home with her. Accordingly I returned and she took me to **Mary Finn's** in Blackhorse Yard and I set down in the house for five minutes. I felt something in my pockets and I jumped up and felt in my pocket and missed my money. I was not in any way disguised in liquor. I had the money after I went in not five minutes before. I had it in my hand. They ran out of the door and a man who stood in the doorway before I was robbed tripped up my heels and set his feet on my breast as I was going out.'

Jane's statement, as quoted from her defence: 'I served two years to my business. I had been to carry some work home. Coming along a man met me; he took hold of me; I said I was going home; he said he had been robbed in this place, I do not know by whom; he had been knocking on several people's doors; he followed me home; I stopped and got me a halfpenny

candle and I went and unlocked my door.

'This man followed me in. He sat down on a box that stood beside my bedside; I told him, says I, I will be very much obliged to you to go out of my house, I want to go to bed. He asked me for a bit of candle and I locked my door and went to bed. He never took me up till Monday and when I asked him what for, he said he had been robbed and whether it was me or not, he would make me pay for it.'

Jane was described as 'a very remarkable woman indeed; a quite black complexioned woman and her hair grows over her forehead all rough; a tall girl with very curly hair'. Jane is also in the records as 'having saved a few things around her and being tidy'. She was tried with her friend Mary Finn at the Old Bailey on 14th September 1785.

As it turned out, Robinson had been at a nearby Inn and was intoxicated. He had lost his money and was banging on doors. He then saw Jane and her friend Mary Finn and blamed them for taking his money. The girls protested their innocence and produced witnesses, whom the judge refused to believe. They were found guilty and sentenced to be transported.

Jane was marked out of Newgate Prison for transportation on 1st January 1787 and was with the first group of 56 women to be sent on the 6th January 1787 for embarkation on the *Lady Penrhyn* which had been tied up in the Thames from late December 1786, taking on convicts until she sailed on 13th May 1787.

Jane was not, however, listed as on board the ship by **Surgeon Bowes Smyth** at departure. She did not appear on the ship's log until 23rd October at the Cape of Good Hope, when she gave birth to a daughter, **Henrietta**. Although, at first glance it was thought that, according to Bowes Smyth, only boys were born at the Cape, it has since been established, that all babies born on board ship, were listed under the father's name. He did not list Henrietta, but he did list a baby Phillip. The baby's father's name was **Phillip Scriven**, a seaman on the vessel.

Phillip Scriven, being a member of the crew of the East India Company,

had to return with the ship. He went missing from Sydney Cove for about a week before the ship sailed and was found by two sailors in a search party, about eight miles from the settlement. He had fallen in with a party of natives, who had stripped him and pelted him with stones. He was found in a swamp, up to his neck, and lay there concealed among the rushes as he was sure the natives were going to murder him. It was said of him that he was a very good man and his searchers were delighted to find him.

The next we hear of Phillip Scriven is when the ship departed Sydney. The surgeon's diary stated that Scriven was so debilitated he could not get out of his hammock and he was fearful of not reaching Oteheite, Tahiti. He was only able to have some soup and could eat nothing else. It is thought that he died at sea as no further records of him have been found.

There is no more information about Jane's life in Sydney Cove until she was sent, with Henrietta, to Norfolk Island to help relieve the shortage of food in Sydney Town and also help to farm on Norfolk. She was on board the ill-fated *Sirius* which was wrecked on the reef on 19th March 1790.



Holburn Lying-In Hospital London

The women and children were left at Cascade Bay because the weather was too bad to land them at the Landing Place. I can't imagine how difficult it must have been for them. Henrietta was 2 ½ years old and they had to find their way across the island through very rugged country. The personal diary of **Lieutenant Ralph Clarke** states: 'The Town from Cascade is between 4 & 5 miles, a very bad road...before we got into the road we had a terrible high hill to get up, almost perpendicular. The country is much thicker of wood than Port Jackson...you can hardly get through the wood it is so thick. The women who had young children, told me that they had been obliged to sleep in the woods for they could not get to Town.... poor devils'

With the sinking of the *Sirius* food became very scarce. They salvaged what they could, but also lost many supplies. Their food supply was supplemented by a migratory sea bird, the Mount Pitt petrel. They killed and ate about 200 000 of them, thus saving their lives but also wiping out the colonies of birds.

Now to my second First Fleeter, **Thomas Chipp**

Thomas was a marine in His Majesty's Service since at least 1780. He was also a Soldier, Farmer, Police Constable and Baker. On his discharge papers from 102nd Regiment in 1821, at age 67, it states that Devizes, Wiltshire, is his place of birth in 1754, but no records have been found. Little is known of his life before the First Fleet. His service records state that he was in the marines for 16 years, and had travelled extensively as a member of the crew of the *Warwick* and other vessels. We do know he was a baker by trade.

Thomas joined the First Fleet with the 42nd Company. under **Captain Lieutenant Watkin Tench** on *Friendship*. It was, apparently, a great honour for the marines rather than the army to accompany the First Fleet to NSW. At the end of his marine service, Thomas took the option of becoming a settler on Norfolk Island and left Port Jackson on the *Atlantic* on 26th October 1791.

Thomas Chipp and Jane Langley were married on 5th November 1791, blessed by Rev. Richard Johnson who had also travelled on the same ship as Thomas. No records have been found, but it is said that Rev. Johnson married many couples in the few days he was on the island. Their marriage date is recorded in the book, *Norfolk Island 1788-1813, The People and Their Families* by James Donohoe.

It would seem that Thomas and Jane had been friends at Port Jackson and maybe he was influential in moving her to Norfolk Island. This, no doubt would be the main reason for Thomas following Jane there and becoming a marine settler. Thomas was granted 60 acres of land at Cascade Stream, Phillipsburg, Norfolk Island, on 28th November 1791 for 14 years. The land here was in two sections and was the first land grant he received.

Jane and Thomas's first child, **Robert Thomas** was born on Norfolk Island on 1st November 1792. Sadly, he only lived a few days and died on 23rd November 1792. He was buried on their property as no official burial ground had been established. **Ann** was born a year later in November 1793. In October 1793 Thomas and Jane had 7 acres cultivated and were selling grain to stores. Export and import was impossible due to the lack of shipping and there was much ill will between the NSW Corps and the Marine Settlers, so many



Henry Boyle, Cricketer

of them left the island.

Thomas sold his farm to **Stephen Martin** and returned to Sydney on the *Daedalus* in Nov 1794. He immediately enlisted as a private in **Colonel Francis Grose's** Company, NSW Corps of Foot on 27th November 1794 and served in the Corps for eight years, finally taking his discharge in December 1802.

After their return to Sydney, Jane and Thomas had five more children, four girls and a boy. Sadly this son, **William**, died, age 16, in 1814. There is no information on his death. On 4th June 1804, Thomas received a land grant of 100 acres at Bankstown and by 1806 as a settler he was supporting himself, his wife, and seven children, employing one man on his farm, Chipps Farm, on the Georges River.

Other land grants followed: In August 1807 Thomas advertised his Georges River land for sale. On the premises at the time was 'a good shingled dwelling house, barn and other requisites'. A grant of 100 acres of land was recorded in 1809 being in Mulgoa but the deed was never made out.

On 1st January 1810 a grant of 100 acres at Upper Minto was recorded. However the land grants made in 1809 by the Rum Rebellion Government were declared illegal. When **Governor Macquarie** arrived he instructed that land grants made during this time were to be cancelled, but could be re-granted to deserving persons. Thomas surrendered his Upper Minto land on 22nd January 1810 and was re-granted it on 11th April 1811.

Various records indicate other milestones in the life of Thomas Chipp. In 1811 he was appointed as a constable at Sydney Town and in the 1814 Muster he was still a constable. In an 1822 document Thomas was listed as a baker in Pitt St Sydney and he was still there in the 1828 Census. On the 18th February 1823 he was recommended as an out pensioner of Chelsea Hospital, because of his long service. At some stage of his service, his arm was injured and he was left severely handicapped.

Jane died in February 1836 aged 74. Her profession on her death certificate was shown as a tailor and at the time of her

death she and Thomas still had a baker's shop in Pitt St. Jane was buried at Devonshire St Cemetery. No headstone remained to be transferred later to Botany. Thomas died in 1842 aged 88 and is buried in St Johns Cemetery Parramatta. No headstone remains.



Sydney Long, Artist

The Chipp-Langley family history book referred to above contains over 11500 descendants with the database being added to all the time. Included are some well-known people: **HENRY BOYLE** was a cricketer with the first eleven to England and the founder of the Silly Mid On fielding position. **SYDNEY LONG**, artist, was part of the Julian Ashton School and a trustee of the NSW Art Gallery from 1933 to 1949. **JACK THOMPSON**, jockey, in his long career was four times leading apprentice and five times leading senior jockey. He rode over 3000 winners. **GORDON RORKE**, a controversial fast bowler, had a unique style of delivery which led to the introduction of the front foot law. He played for NSW in 1957 and 1958 and was also in the Australian test team in the late 1950s..

FFF 7793 Delma Burns, whose ancestry traces back to Sophia Chipp, the 6th child and mother of twenty children.

SHELLHARBOUR'S FIRST FLEET CONNECTIONS

#7993.1 Wendy Nunan researches the children of First Fleeter, Thomas Jameson, Pioneers of the Illawarra, New South Wales. Part 1

Thomas Jameson (also spelt Jamison) was baptised on the 10 January 1753 in the Presbyterian Church at Ballywalter by Newtownards, County Down, Ireland. He was the son of William Jameson and Mary Fisher. He married **Rebecca**, surname unknown and they had **Mary, John and Jane**. He studied to be a surgeon and joined the Royal Navy in order to better himself. In 1786 he was assigned to *HMS Sirius* as surgeon's mate. He sailed with the First Fleet as surgeon's mate of the *Sirius* and then accompanied the first settlement to Norfolk Island in March 1788. He remained at Norfolk Island until October 1799 when he returned to Sydney.

In September 1800 when he was granted twelve months' leave, Jameson returned to England for a short while, until appointed to succeed **William Balmain** as surgeon-general of NSW. He arrived back in Sydney in June 1802. In 1806 he applied for leave to return to England and bring out his family but Bligh refused permission. He eventually left the colony in June 1809 to be a witness for Johnston in the inquiries into Bligh, to be held in England. Meanwhile, he also had a family out here, having five daughters by **Elizabeth Colley** and a son by **Sarah Place**. He had obtained a 1000 acre land grant on the Nepean in 1805 and also farms at George's River and South Creek.

After returning to England, he signed over his NSW property to his son, **Sir John Jameson**, who came to NSW in 1814. Thomas died in January 1811 in London, unfortunately before he was able to give evidence at the trial of **Major George Johnston**. He was buried in the graveyard of St Mary's C/E Paddington Green, London England. Rebecca was eventually awarded a government pension and she died in County Antrim in 1838.

Mary Jameson, Thomas's elder daughter, was born about 1786 in County Antrim Ireland. Later records indicate that she married three times, first to **John Piggot**, secondly to **Abel Brown** and thirdly to **William Howard**. All three marriages probably took place in Ireland.

William and Mary Howard, together with Mary's children, **Catherine Piggot** and **John and St Clarence Brown** arrived in Sydney on the *Parland* on 3 October 1838. The various shipping documents described the family as follows: William Howard, aged 25 years on 24 May 1838, stonecutter from County Tyrone Ireland, parents Robert Howard, shopkeeper, and Sarah Morrison. He could read and write, was Presbyterian and in very good health. William was engaged on his own account in Sydney. Mary Howard was aged 45 years, from County Antrim Ireland, parents Thomas Jameson, surgeon RN, and Rebecca. She could read and write, was Protestant and in very good health.

With Mary were St Clarence Brown aged 14 years and John James Brown aged 12 years. Also on board was Catherine Piggot aged 20 years, from Bally Castle, parents John and Mary Piggot from Bally Castle County Antrim. It was also noted that 'This female emigrated with her mother and stepfather W^m and Mary Howard.' She was engaged to her parents, Sydney. They were brought out by the Government. It was Mary's shipping record that confirmed she was the daughter of First Fleeter, Thomas Jameson.



Thomas Jameson

In the 1841 Census Return No. 428 for the Illawarra we find William Howard living at Dapto on land owned by **Colonel Mole**. The house was made of wood, completed and inhabited by four people, all free. These four people consisted of a married male aged 21-45 years (William), a married female aged 45-60 years (Mary), a single male (John) and single female (St Clarence), both aged 14-21 years. They all came free to the colony and belonged to the Church of England. The married male was classified as a 'Land Proprietor, Merchant, Banker, or Professional Person'.

Note that Catherine was not listed in the 1841 Census in the Illawarra. Her absence led to the question of where was she? Catherine Piggot married 13.01.1840 in the chapel of St Lawrence's C/E Sydney, by Banns, **Robert Howard**. They were married by Rev. William H. Walsh. Witnesses were John M'Cullagh and Andrew Kean, both of South Head Road. Further investigation showed Robert Howard arrived 10.03.1839 Sydney, per *Susan*. The shipping index lists him as being aged 27, a stonecutter from Dunganon, County Tyrone, his parents being Robert Howard and Sally Morrison. He was to be initially employed doing piece work for the Colonial Government in Sydney. Robert, therefore, was the brother of Catherine's step-father, William Howard.

Mary died 15.01.1846 at Avondale, aged 60 years. She was buried 17.01.1846. The burial was listed in the register of St Michael's C/E Wollongong. However, **Rev. M.D. Meares** commented "I was not informed of this burial having taken place." Considering the fact the minister was not even aware of the burial, it is more likely that she was buried at the General Cemetery at Shellharbour, rather than being taken into Wollongong.

Meanwhile William Howard, John Jameson Brown and St Clarence Brown moved to Jamberoo.



St Mary's Church of England, Paddington Green

Robert Owen, Esquire, of Sydney on 31.01.1850: 'sold 200 acres at Jamberoo to Robert Howard and John Jamieson Brown, both farmers of Minnamurra, and St Clarence (sic) Brown, spinster of the same place'. The land was described as: 200 acres Minnamurra River, Illawarra, being portion of **Michael Hyam's** Grant, west by a reserved road, south by the parish road from

Wollongong to Kiama, east by reserved road opposite land sold to Mr. Waugh, north by the Minnamurra River. (Old Sys. Reg.18 No.520). They mortgaged the property to Robert Owen on 02.04.1850 (Old Sys. Reg.18 No.521), the mortgage being subject to further charges and agreements on 25.01.1853, these transactions involving Robert Owen and only John Jamieson Brown. (Old Sys. Reg.25 Nos.110 & 111) The first of these transactions saw John receiving additional funds from Robert Owen, the second saw John signing over the 'Equity of Redemption' of his 1/3 share of the property to Robert Owen in lieu of funds borrowed, this being almost but not quite, a full conveyance of the property to Owen.

On 28.10.1852, Robert Howard and St Clarence Brown, settler and spinster of Jamberoo, further mortgaged their 2/3 share to **Henry Osborne**, Esquire of Marshall Mount. (Old Sys. Reg.24 No.733)

Mary's son, John Jamison Brown, was married in Sydney in 1852. The newspaper notice, *Sydney Morning Herald* Thursday 10.06.1852, provided a direct reference to his father: 'Married, By special license, on the 8th June, at St. Lawrence Church, Sydney, **Hannah M^cCoullough**, second daughter of the late John M^cCoullough, South Head Road, to John Jamison Brown, of Hermitage, Jamberoo, only son of the late Abel Brown, Muccamore Mills, county of Antrim'.

John's movements can be traced over the next twelve months by the land transactions mentioned above and the enforced sale or lease, due to his ill health, of his wife's hotel in South Head Road Sydney. The next record found of him is his involvement in two further land transactions relating to the Jamberoo property in 1865, suggesting that he returned south at some time in the intervening twelve years. Nothing further has been found on him.

Mary's daughter, St Clarence Brown, was married 22.06.1854 St Andrew's Scots Church Sydney to William Howard, her step-father. They were married by special licence by Rev. John Dougall. Witnesses were William Hazlett and Catherine Hazlett. William's relationship with his step-daughter had developed much earlier, and had led to the birth of their first child, **Joseph**,

in 1843, three years before Mary's death.

William and St Clarence's second son, **Robert Thomas Jamison Howard**, was born 28.03.1856 at Jamberoo. His birth registration listed previous issue as Joseph aged twelve. In December 1857, William advertised the auction of the lease of his farm at Jamberoo and the sale of his dairy herd. The lease went to **Alfred Cook** of Kiama but the sale of the dairy stock had to be readvertised.

In April 1858, their daughter, **Mary Sarah Jane**, was born at *The Hermitage* Jamberoo. Unfortunately she did not live long and her death was advertised in the, *Illawarra Mercury*: 'Monday 06.09.1858, Died. At the Hermitage, Jamberoo, on 2nd instant, Mary Sarah Jane, infant daughter of Mr Wm Howard, aged four months'. Mary Sarah Jane was buried 03.09.1858 in the Anglican Cemetery Jamberoo by Rev. Percy J. Smith.

On 14.01.1859: William and St Clarence sold their share of the Minnamurra property to William's brother Robert, though the land continued to be locally known as William Howard's farm, Jamberoo. (Old Sys. Reg.59 No.346) William Howard died 05.09.1859 at Jamberoo, from typhus fever, aged 47 years. He was buried 06.09.1859 in the Anglican Cemetery Jamberoo by Rev. Percy J. Smith. His headstone still exists and his daughter Mary Sarah Jane is also listed thereon.

Robert Howard died 26.06.1861, leaving the two half-sisters, his widow, Catherine, and St Clarence Howard, in charge of the farm. Joseph was still living locally as in 1859 he advertised for help with riding the mail between Dapto and the

Shoalhaven. In June 1864 they were still on the farm, known by them as *Hermitage Farm* and their farm was used for the local ploughing match.

To be concluded

(Editor's note: This article is an edited extract from Terry and Wendy Nunan's book: *Shellharbour's Forgotten Cemetery and Selected Pioneers*.)

William Howard's headstone at the Church of the Resurrection Cemetery, Jamberoo New South Wales

Sacred to the Memory of
WILLIAM HOWARD
Late of Jamberoo
Who departed this life
5 September 1859
Also
Sacred to the Memory of
Mary Sarah Jane Howard
His beloved child
2 September 1858
Weep not for me, my children dear.
I'm not dead but sleeping here.
Weep no more, wipe off your tears.
Just sleeping, till Christ appears.

YOUR STORIES

Founders, we must remind you again, is always ready to receive First Fleeter stories for the magazine and web.

The following guidelines are suggested:-

1. Include your name as the author.
 2. Only one story per FF. A new story could replace that existing with previous author so informed.
 3. The Fellowship deserves the right to edit.
 4. Biographies must contain facts.
 5. References are definitely preferred.
 6. Type in *Calibri*, size 10 .
- Contact the editor for further information.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Editor will be pleased to have your items and stories for *Founders* 47/1, by **Monday 11 January** preferably as e-mailed attachments. Send pictures separately.

We often receive interesting news of chapter events through the year but are just as keen to hear from individual members out there with a story to tell.

Our readers may remember the very successful challenge mounted and won by Moreton Chapter in 2014.

We understand Hunter Valley Chapter, wishing to continue the **story writing** fashion, has now issued a similar challenge.

JOHN FOLLY - MARINE PRIVATE

#8115 Val Heel traces her family line back to the *Friendship*,

The maternal side of my family is descended from **John Folly** or **Foley** who was born in England in 1749 and died in Hobart on 19 March 1830. He was a stonemason and bricklayer who joined the First Fleet vessel *Friendship* in Portsmouth as a marine. He has been described as uneducated, honest, hard working and very kind. History records him as being the builder of many structures in Sydney before sailing to Norfolk Island on *Supply* in 1790 as part of another first fleet. As a marine, stonemason and bricklayer he helped establish the first colony there too. Again, history records him as building many structures on Norfolk.

John Foley left that infant colony to return to Sydney in April 1791 on board *Supply*, to obtain his discharge from the Marines. Foley returned to Norfolk Island on *Atlantic* 26 October, 1791 as a settler and later added constable and land holder/farmer to his many job titles. On his return he was employed by **Governor King** to continue laying bricks and pitching stone at 1/- per day. 1793 saw Foley appointed constable at Cresswell Bay and West Point Streams. He was granted 60 acres of land at Drummonds Run, now known as The Cascades. John Foley added to his holdings by leasing 15 acres at West Point Run for 2s6p rent per year for 21 years commencing 12 August, 1801

John lived with **Catherine Heyland**/Hyland, and though no archival record of marriage has as yet been found, they were said to have been married in 1792. They became the parents of **John Foley**, born 7 November 1792, and **James Foley**, born 1 February, 1795. Through James came my line of descent

Catherine Heyland, who was born in London in 1753, and died in Hobart on 18 October 1824, came to Australia on board the *Lady Juliana* a vessel of the second fleet. The transcript of her trial before **Mr Ashurst** on 2 April 1788, along with **William James**, alias Levi, and **Ann Allen**, states they were charged with counterfeiting coins (shillings and sixpences) on 7 March 1788.

William James and Catherine Heyland were found guilty and sentenced to death. William James was hanged in June 1788. Documents at the time indicate that he was, as he stood on the gallows, still declaring that Catherine was not involved, despite the fact that she was found with newly made fake coins secreted in her cleavage. Catherine was sentenced to burn at the stake. She received a stay and was then granted a reprieve and accepted transportation for life. The reprieve came about due to King George III recovering his wits, an event which was said to have been wildly and widely celebrated throughout the nation. Apparently nineteen other women were reprieved at the same time with only fifteen accepting transportation as an alternative.

On arrival in Sydney in May 1790, Catherine was sent to Norfolk Island on the *Surprise*. By July 1792 she had 102 rods of cleared ground at Sydney Town and was independent of Government stores. Catherine was granted a conditional pardon by **Governor Hunter** in 1796. John and Catherine Foley and their sons lived at Drummonds Run in a four-roomed wood and stone cottage built by John. Their furniture was all crafted by John

from local pine. They farmed diverse crops and kept a few animals.

John Grant, a gentleman convict, was assigned to John Foley as a servant. He was an educated man and tutored the sons of John and Catherine after long days working on the farm. He described his master and his wife as being very caring of and kind to himself. Whilst exiled on Phillip Island, a small island near Norfolk Island, Grant kept his journals by writing on banana leaves. He also undertook, in gratitude it seems, to compose a letter to Governor King requesting payment to John Foley for his toils in the new colony. Apparently he did not receive the promised one shilling per day. In reply Governor King claimed that, in fact, Foley was in debt to the Colony for subsistence supplies given him until he became self sufficient.

The Foley Family departed Norfolk Island, for Van Diemens Land on board *HMS Porpoise* on 26 December, 1807, as part of the second embarkation. They arrived in the Derwent River in January, 1808. John Foley was granted 40 acres of land in Queensborough near Browns River, some of which is now Kingston Beach Golf Course. There John and Catherine farmed and again became self sufficient so that by 1819 they no longer required government stores.

John died on 19 March 1830, Catherine having predeceased him on 18 October 1824. Both were buried in St. David's Church Cemetery, Hobart. John apparently remarried after Catherine's demise as his grave stone, which no longer survives, indicated Anne as his wife. Some early records suggest that he sired a daughter in that marriage.

John and Catherine's youngest son, **James Foley**, married **Mary Shurburd** in 1813. Mary was the daughter of **William Shurburd** and **Esther Thornton**

both convicts who arrived on *Lady Juliana* with the Second Fleet. Their second daughter, **Elizabeth Foley**, previously married to a **John Pearce**, married the somewhat colourful **Thomas James McGrath** in 1840. That union produced **James Thomas McGrath** in 1841, one of six siblings.

James Thomas McGrath married **Abigail Rosina Head** in Hobart in 1860. One of their family of eight sons and two daughters, **Thomas Edwin McGrath** was born in Hobart in 1864. My grandparents, Thomas Edwin McGrath and **Martha Alice Thompson** married in Liverpool in England in 1884. My mother was **Alice Martha McGrath** the eleventh of their fourteen offspring and had been born in Melbourne. Alice Martha McGrath married **Alfred Edward McCabbin** in Bowen, Queensland in 1926 and I am the fourth child of six in that family.

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Norfolk Island's neighbours, Nepean and Phillip Islands

OPEN DAY AT MORETON CHAPTER

Moreton Chapter members were concerned that membership was gradually reducing, largely due to the age and infirmity of the member cohort. After discussion at both the Committee and the General Meeting, it was decided to put in place strategies aimed at attracting new Chapter members. The first of these was to better publicise the existence of the Chapter and a media strategy was proposed.

Chapter Vice President, **Julie Webb**, undertook to develop a Chapter Facebook page and this is now up and running.

The next key event was a Chapter Open Day, planned for 10 October, 2015. Membership Officer, **Julia Cornford**, obtained a list of all persons who had been registered with the Fellowship of First Fleeters, who lived in Queensland and a general letter of invitation to the Open Day, from the President of the Chapter **Gloria Wallace**, went to all of these people. The response was remarkable; not only did we make contact with people who did not know there was a local Chapter; we also received responses from the families of a number of people on the list who had passed away. This has enabled us to progressively tighten up our list.

In the meantime, press releases were sent to media outlets (limited success) and articles or notices were sent to Genealogy and History Societies, with many of these being published.

The day was planned as a free event, with a series of short presentations. Members arrived an hour before visitors to prepare the hall setting up tables to display their family trees and books from members' home libraries, where visitors could look

up people of interest.

Visitors started to arrive at 9.30 and by 10 am, there were 22 visitors who participated in the morning events. President, **Gloria Wallace**, asked all to take a seat, and there were general introductions, where both members and visitors were asked to introduce themselves and advise of their First Fleet connection. There was much delight among the descendants of Frederick Meredith, with a number of 'new' connections made.

A series of short presentations was very successful; Julie Webb raised much interest on the use of DNA for researchers, **Mary Sweeney** touched our hearts with her presentation on the Child Convicts of the First Fleet, **Gaye Fitzpatrick** provided insights into Robert Ross, and **Don Cornford** spoke on the First Fleet brothers John and Christopher Palmer. We were then delighted by the music of visitor, **Vicki MacDonald**, who sang some very touching songs, motivated by her First Fleet ancestry and in doing so, re-discovered her close family connection with our Membership Officer, Julia Cornford.

We were very pleased with the outcomes of our Open Day. Not only was interest raised in new memberships, our existing members thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with our visitors, with whom they shared common interests.

Although we have yet to have a subsequent meeting to discuss the outcomes and the future for this event, I feel sure that it will become a regular event on our Chapter calendar, perhaps bi-annually.

Gloria Wallace



VISITORS FROM LYNDBURST

Over the years First Fleeters who have made the pilgrimage to the United Kingdom will often have had their sights set on visiting Portsmouth and exploring the links and memorials to our First Fleeters in that old naval city, rich in maritime history.

After the Arthur Phillip celebrations in 2013 it has become clear that Lyndhurst in the New Forest is one place not to be missed, being the site of Arthur Phillip's farm and house, *Vernalls*, a 'substantial gentleman's house' as it is described in the Parish Council's *The Australian Connection* brochure.

Recently First Fleet House in Sydney was honoured with a visit by **Paul and Angela Trend** Lyndhurst Parish Councillors, bringing with them multi copies of their new brochure, *In and Around Historic Lyndhurst*. Vice President **Denis Smith**, who had met them at the Phillip commemorations last year hosted them

for the day, showing them around some of Sydney's Arthur Phillip sites.

They joined the Directors and new members at the morning tea and it was good to meet them and keep the wheels turning on setting up stronger links between Lyndhurst and the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

Paul thanked those present for the warmth of their welcome and invited all First Fleeters to include a pilgrimage to Lyndhurst and do some of the walks.

Walk No 2, in particular, is known as the Arthur Phillip Walk and those who take it will see the old *Vernalls* farm, (the house is long gone), and many other places and buildings such as

Goose Green, and also *Foxlease* and *Hawkslease*, two old homes known to Phillip during his famous days there.

Collect a brochure when you are next at First Fleet House.



Denis Smith with Angela and Paul Trend

NEW BOOKS 1 - BLOOD REVENGE - Murder on the Hawkesbury 1799

Descendants of the First Fleeters, **William Butler** and **Robert Forrester**, are probably aware of the events recounted and examined in this beautifully presented and illustrated book containing 75 colour plates, by **Lyn Stewart**, the great granddaughter of one of the murderers.

It is not a study in family history as such, nor is it a biography of Butler or Forrester who arrived on the *Scarborough* in 1788. Rather, it is a thorough analysis of the workings of the criminal court in early Sydney after five white men, Butler included, were found guilty of the murder of two Aboriginal teenagers and yet were never punished.

Black-white relations along Argyle Reach on the frontier settlement of the Hawkesbury are the apparent focus of this fascinating and engrossing study, which reads like a detective story and is hard to put down. The author's style makes dense historic material easy to read and is reminiscent of the recent books by the history detective, **Carol Baxter**.

Two contracting methods of dealing with crime and punishment are outlined, Aboriginal payback versus the developing colonial rule of law. We meet a group of settlers along the river together with their wives whose lives were inextricably bound up with the difficulties and dangers of life on the frontier.

Over against them are the marauding Buruberongal (Dharug) tribesmen whose country with its hunting lands was being gradually overtaken by the newcomers who were there to stay.

In investigating the apparent miscarriage of justice the author makes use, for the first time, of the depositions that preceded the trial itself and also the note that **Judge Advocate Richard Dore** wrote to **Governor John Hunter** when he was deliberating over the wording of the indictments.

Stewart's book begins with a short narrative of what happened that led to the murders, who was involved on both sides and the trial that followed. She skillfully weaves these events

back and forth as she forensically examines the backgrounds of those involved and cites earlier examples of cross-cultural misunderstandings that foreshadowed the murders.

As we read we quickly get to understand the clashes that were common at the time. Not only do we find Dore against Hunter, but also army versus navy, judiciary versus status quo, determinism versus leniency and as ever narrative truth versus fiction.

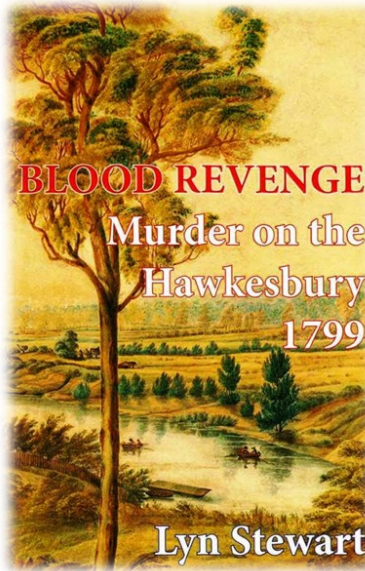
You will meet **Jemmy** and **Little George** and their clan, **Constable Edward Powell** and his neighbours, the governors and their judges and, significantly, the grieving, vengeful widow **Sarah Hodgkinson** and her fearful neighbour **Isabella Ramsay**, wife of First Fleeter Robert Forrester in whose house much of the action takes place.

In her warm review of *Blood Revenge* in the Australian (13 June 2015) historian **Babette Smith** says 'such is the power of the book, readers may well agree with Stewart when she concludes: *My interpretation of the events of 1799 on the river and in the administration of the colony has led me to a much deeper understanding of the injustices the Aborigines suffered and the challenges the farming settlers faced in those times. That my ancestor took a leading role in the decision to execute these young Aboriginal warri-*

ors is, I believe, beyond doubt, that his actions were inexcusable, yet at the same time understandable, is also plain to me. That realisation has given me the deepest sadness about these events and about the plight of our Aborigines then and since.'

In keeping with its mandate, authenticity and scholarship, *Blood Revenge* is thoroughly referenced with end notes and a bibliography that distinguishes primary and secondary sources and it concludes with a valuable index.

The book, published by Rosenberg Publishing, 2015, is available from all good bookstores. **W.J.F.**



NEW BOOKS 2 - THE GIRL WHO STOLE STOCKINGS

If you have ever set out to compile a readable history of your First Fleeter, or indeed any ancestor, you will know how difficult it is to develop a continuous narrative when all you have to go on are the officially available historical records. These resources often lie hidden in court transcripts, shipping manifests, colonial secretaries' files, coroners' reports, muster lists and the like.

The author of this book, **Elsbeth Hardie**, has used these records and written an amazing account of the life of her ancestor **Susannah Noon** and the 101 women who arrived in Sydney on the convict ship *Friends* on 10 October 1811. Some of these women can be found in the family trees of First Fleeters.

Hardie has trawled through primary records to glean the facts relevant to the women of her story and then skilfully woven these into a thoroughly researched historical background.

The story begins in Colchester, Essex and ends in Port Underwood on New Zealand's South Island in the days of the whaling stations. You will sit with Susannah in the courts, join the

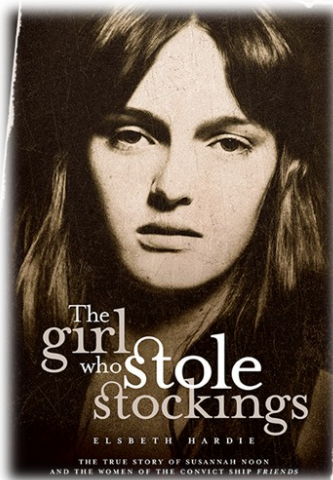
women on the voyage, spend time in the Female Factory and then face life with the pioneer settlers on the Hawkesbury. Macquarie's Sydney Town becomes the focus for a time and then life takes Susannah to the wild frontier of Cloudy Bay.

Elsbeth Hardie has a true historian's love of the past and yet presents the background description of those times in such a readable fashion that it is hard to put the book down. It is not a historical novel yet it reads like one, with facts from the records cleverly planted into the societies of the time.

As we read we get to know Susannah as the real heroine of the tale, her character shining through as the years go by. Your reviewer is indeed impressed with this book and recommends it be read widely. Those without previous knowledge of the whaling days and early settlement of New Zealand will marvel at the wild frontier of

what was then an unruly outpost of NSW.

Referenced, indexed and illustrated, the book is available at leading booksellers. See also www.friendsconvictship.com



Our Eighteen Chapters in Action

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

Venue: Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury, monthly meetings, third Saturday at 10am for 10.15 **Next Meeting:** 12 December: Meet at Brown's Lagoon picnic area for barbecue and Christmas celebration. **Next Event:** 26 January: Wodonga City celebrations at Woodland Grove, Wodonga, details to be confirmed. **Contact:** Val Heel 0357282613 or Gaye Merkel 6025 5747

ARTHUR PHILLIP – *Milsons Point to Brooklyn and across to all northern beaches.*

Venue: Meeting Room, Old Gordon Public School. 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon – monthly meetings, third Friday at 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 19 December: Meeting and Christmas Party. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Jane Ann Tainsh 94885453

CANBERRA – *ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations in Canberra. **Next Meeting:** **Next Events:** 13 December: Christmas Barbecue at 7 Portus Place, Bruce, from 2 pm; 26 January: Australia Day Luncheon, 12 midday, at Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club. **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 62514095

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

Venue: Wyong RSL Club, – monthly meetings, second Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meeting** 13 February: Patrick Dodd, Governor Macquarie. **Next Event:** 12 December Christmas Lunch at Wyong RSL, from 11.30 am. **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43231849

DERWENT - *Southern Tasmania*

Venue: Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meeting:** 6 February: Doug Chipman, *A Colonial Romance*. **Next Event:** 5 December, Activity and Location still to be arranged. **Contact:** Marilla Lowe 0362602690

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

Venue: The Hall at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson St. Eastwood –monthly meetings, first Saturday from 10am **Next Meeting:** 5 December: Dr Austin Mack, *Doc Martin*. **Contact:** Jennifer Follers 97991161

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN --*Western Sydney, Penrith to Windsor, Blue Mountains.*

Venue: Mainly Tebbutt Room, Public Library, 300 George St, Windsor, but occasionally in Penrith and elsewhere-- monthly, second Saturday, 11 am. **Next Meeting:** 13 February: Ron Withington, *Dispatched Downunder*. **Next Event:** 12 December, at Windsor, Meeting and Christmas Party. **Contact:** William Hempel 47303527

HUNTER VALLEY – *Hunter Region, Newcastle and surrounds.*

Venue: Adamstown Senior Citizens' Hall, 153A Bruncker Road, Adamstown – bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am – 12.30pm. **Next Meeting:** 15 February: Rosemary Rope, *Convict Clothing of Early NSW*. **Next Event:** 14 December: Christmas Luncheon at Adamstown Hall. **Contact:** Barbara Turner 49439105

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

Venue: Kinross-Wolaroi Library, Orange. **Next Meeting:** 13 February: proposed visit to *Bishop's Court* in Bathurst. Details of time and cost nearer the day. **Contact** Judy Dwyer 63658234 or 0428 173213 or dyr.tara@bigpond.com

MID NORTH COAST -- *Taree and Surrounds, Bulahdelah to Kempsey.*

Venue: Presbyterian Church, 76 Albert Street, Taree, Bi-monthly on 4th Tuesday at 2pm.. **Next Meeting:** **Next Events:** Tuesday 1 December: 10.30 Tour of Wingham Museum, then at 12.30 Christmas Lunch at Wingham RSL, *Show and tell - Oldest heirloom*. 26 January: Australia Day from 10.30 am at Port Macquarie Town Green, Museum tour then Hastings River Cruise. **Contact:** Bev Williams 65598912

MORETON – *South East Queensland.*

Venue: St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton – bi-monthly meetings, on an available 2nd Saturday. **Next Meeting** 13 February: Ian Bennet. *Reverend Richard Johnson*. **Next Events:** 5 December: Christmas and End-of-year function; 26 January: Australia Day Lunch at Max & Mary's, 30 Vauton Court, Arana Hills. **Contact:** Mary-Joy Payten 0755320543

NEW ENGLAND – *Armidale to Glen Innes and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations – five times per year, usually 12 noon at Anglican Parish Centre, Armidale. **Next Meeting:** **Next Event:** 12 December 12 noon, Christmas Luncheon at Saumarez. **Contact:** Wal Whalley 67723499

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

Venue: At Mylestom Hall, Bi-monthly meetings, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. **Next Meeting:** 7 February: Mal Dale, *Panama Canal*. **Next Events:** 6 December. From 10.30 Christmas Lunch at Mylestom Hall; 26 January: Australia Day celebrations at Dorrigo. **Contact:** Robyn Condcliffe 66533615

NORTHERN RIVERS – *Lismore and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** At Alstonville Bowling Club, on Australia Day, Tuesday 26 January, 11.30 for lunch and a host of Ozzie activities. **Contact:** Margaret Soward 66863597

NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

Venue: Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meetings:** 6 February: at Tamworth Family History Rooms, Pat Worrall & Anne Ware, Parramatta Female Factory. **Next Event:** 5 December: Christmas lunch at McLeans, Wallabadah, meet at 11 at First Fleet Park; 26 January: Australia Day service 7.30 am, then Community breakfast and Citizenship ceremony. **Contact:** Diana Harband 67652122

SOUTH COAST – *Engadine to Burrill Lake.*

Venue: Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto – monthly meetings except. Jan, May and Dec. – first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm. **Next Meeting:** 2 February: Members, *Show and Tell*. **Next Event:** 5 December: Christmas Party at Dapto Leagues Club, Sinclair Room. **Contact:** Warwick Grace 42727013

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – *Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds.*

Venue: Mittagong Community Centre – bi-monthly – second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meetings:** 9 December: 11th Anniversary and Christmas Lunch at Mittagong RSL, Speaker, Robert Griffin, *The Hordern Houses*; 10 February: Glenda Miskelly, *Arthur Phillip's Last Days - the True Story*, and Rod Davis, *England before the First Fleet*. **Next Events:** **Contact:** Wendy Selman 48624849

SWAN RIVER – *Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.*

Venue: 256 Stirling St Perth, quarterly, third Saturday, at 2pm. **Next Meeting:** 20 February. **Next Event:** 26 January: Australia Day Brunch from 0930 on the banks of the Swan at Burswood Park, near the outdoor cinema, with usual barbecue and quiz. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 0893845944 or Toni Mahony 0892717630

Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS		DEATHS
Ordinary and Pensioner Members JAMES BRADLEY/JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER #8533 Jennifer Eileen Cridland JAMES RUSE #8534 Catherine Janet McLennan PETER HIBBS #8536 Brenda Helen Baker THOMAS LUCAS #8537 Meaghan Anne Lucas FREDERICK MEREDITH #8538 Jennifer Aileen Werth MATTHEW EVERINGHAM #8539 John Forbes JOHN MARTIN/JOHN RANDALL #8540 Betty Joan Jobson	Ordinary and Pensioner Members continued ANDREW FISHBURN #8541 Cameron Brett East #8542 Ella Rose East ANN FORBES #8544 Margaret Ann Black JOSHUA PECK #8545 John Reginald McLean WILLIAM ROBERTS #8546 Judith Ann Osborne Junior Members JAMES RUSE #8535 Lachlan Jude Ruse Burnett ANDREW FISHBURN #8543 Keegan Joshua East	FRIEND #Friend 32 Yvonne Frost , of Tamworth, New South Wales, died on 25.09.2015 after a long battle with cancer. Yvonne was a member of North West Chapter. ASSOCIATE #7206.1 Theresa Garland , of Redcliffe, Queensland, died recently. Theresa was a member of Moreton Chapter. ELLEN WAINWRIGHT #4876 Marjorie Wheeler , of Curtin, Australian Capital Territory, died 29.09.2015 ELLEN WAINWRIGHT #4272 Shirley Shields , of Epping, New South Wales, died 24.10.2015. Shirley was a member of Eastern Farms Chapter.



On Sunday 7 February 2016 St Philips Church York Street Sydney at the 8:30 am Holy Communion service will be commemorating the **228th Anniversary of the first church service** conducted by Rev Richard Johnson on 3 February 1788. Do note the date on your new calendar and/or smart phone and plan to join the President and other Fellowship members there if you can.



We had hoped to give you an update on the proposal made by **Botany Memorial Gardens** in association with the **Botany Cemetery Trust** to develop a substantial First Fleet Memorial in the Pioneer section of the Cemetery. The plan is to include information **plaques** on some of the First Fleeters whose remains were re-interred there after their removal from Sandhills (Devonshire St Sydney) Cemetery. Recently three members of the Park staff paid a lunch visit to First Fleet House at our invitation. They again expressed their hope to work closely with the Fellowship in establishing the memorial which, dependant on funding, will be developed over a number of years.



For those of you who are planning to attend the dedication of the **Edward Beckford** plaque at Camperdown in Sydney's inner west we do apologise for jumping the gun and announcing that it would be held before the end of this year, 2015. Edward Beckford died on 2 June 1851 and his unmarked grave is somewhere out in the vast memorial park surrounding the enclosed St Peters Cemetery and churchyard. We already have been granted heritage permission to install the plaque but its manufacture and the selection of the site within the enclosure is yet to be arranged.



After 9 December the volunteers will be on **holidays** and not at First Fleet House to answer the phone. Posted mail and e-mails will be dealt with as usual. House open again on 1 February 2016.

HERSTORY

LIVES OF THE PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY WOMEN An Exhibition

presented by the Parramatta Female Factory
Friends

In collaboration with the Parramatta & District Historical Society

WHERE: At Hambledon Cottage, corner Hassall Street & Gregory Place, Harris Park.

WHEN: Open Thursday to Sunday 11 am - 4 pm until March 2016, or by appointment for groups.

Enquiries: Hambledon Cottage 02 9635 6924

TUNKS FAMILY VISIT THE HOUSE

On Thursday 24 September members of the Tunks Descendants' Association visited First Fleet House. Hosted by Ian Palmer they were full of praise for an excellent visit. Their Secretary, **Richard Chalmers**, wrote: 'Thank you very much for entertaining our group with a very informa-



Donations received for First Fleet House upkeep:

Binder MJ, Carter KL, Cummins EA, Eggleton MJ, Horsfield BJ, Marsden F, Symington ND, West LM, Williamson HT



tive talk and guided tour of your facilities.

'I'm sure those who hadn't visited before were duly impressed with the extent of your knowledge of all things *First Fleeters*, the library and your offer to all our members to visit whenever it is open to take advantage of the expansive information therein.'