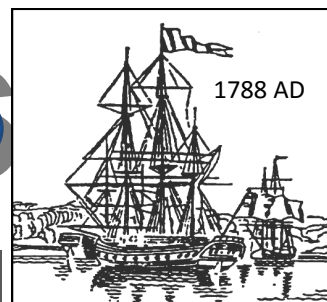


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To live on in the hearts and minds  
of descendants is never to die

## FIRST FLEET MEMORIAL GARDEN OPENED AT MATRAVILLE

The date chosen for the opening of this memorial garden was 13 May 2016, exactly 229 years since the First Fleet set sail from Portsmouth England. This memorial, at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, is in honour of the eleven small ships with almost 1400 souls on board who took this epic voyage of 15,900 miles over eight months to found the nation of Australia.

This unique memorial takes the shape and approximate size of the smallest of the First Fleet ships, the *Friendship*. In the garden beds outlining the shape are twelve granite panels etched on the outward facing side with information on each of the First Fleeters, who made the voyage and whose remains were re-interred in what has now become the First Fleet Memorial Garden.

On the inner facing side the details of the ships are given, each with a list of those who sailed in her, the naval ships -- *HMS Sirius* and *HMS Supply*; the transports -- *Alexander*, *Friendship*, *Lady Penrhyn*, *Prince of Wales*, *Charlotte* and *Scarborough*; and the store ships -- *Borrowdale*, *Fishburn* and *Golden Grove*.

The memorial includes several statues of historic significance. In the bow of the ship there is a granite statue of **Captain James Cook** who in 1770 mapped the East Coast preparing the way for the First Fleet. He is facing west having sailed in that direction after circumnavigating New Zealand. His arm points northward to indicate the coastline he mapped.

A granite statue of **Captain Arthur Phillip** seated with a greyhound named Chara at his feet is in the stern of the memorial. The greyhounds who came aboard the First Fleet ships were used in the new colony to hunt game.

The citrus trees in the garden outlining the memorial's shape symbolise the twelve First Fleeters (ten convicts, one marine

and one seaman) whose remains were moved from the Sand Hills Cemetery and in 1901 were interred here. Parts of this 165 acre historic cemetery overlook Botany Bay and each of their stories are told in granite panels.

A full sized replica of the anchor of *HMS Sirius* is beautifully sculpted in granite and is featured beside the ship-shaped memorial.

The Queen Ann Jack Flag flew during the opening ceremony and at the conclusion was lowered and the Aboriginal flag was hoisted.

**Mr Rod Best** from the Fellowship of First Fleeters was the MC for the opening ceremony and he introduced **Aunty Barbara Simms-Keeley** of the Bidjigal people of La Perouse from the Eora Nation who gave a wonderful Welcome to Country. All who heard this most moving and heartfelt address later agreed that this was, for them, the high point of the day's proceedings.

Twenty-nine butterflies were then released, symbolising the freedom we enjoy in this nation. The National Anthem was sung and the

Chairman of the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, **Mr Anthony Simpson** addressed the gathering. He spoke of the building of the Monument and the co-operation with the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

An official welcome was extended to all present by the CEO of the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, **Mr Graham Boyd** and **Mr Jon Fearon**, President, of the Fellowship of First Fleeters was invited to give a short address.

One descendant of each of the First Fleeters **John Nichols**, **Hannah Pugh (nee Smith)**, **James Squire**, **William Tyrill** and **Robert Watson** was invited to speak and there was great variety and quite some humour in their carefully prepared presentations.

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Brothers Jett, 13, and Cooper Frendin, 10, descendants of First Fleet marine, Robert Watson. Picture: John Appleyard, News Local.

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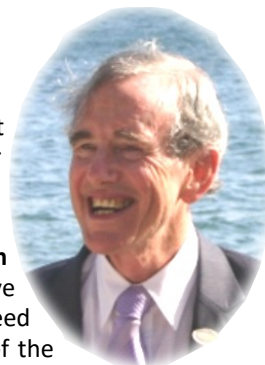
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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jon Fearon



There were about 300 people in attendance at the **Pioneer Memorial Park** at Matraville on 13 May this year and I would guess that most of them would have been members of the Fellowship.

Thank you to all who were there on the day. **CEO Graham Boyd** and his team were delighted with the support and have asked us to pass on their thanks to our membership. It was indeed a grand occasion. As a result we have given strong coverage of the event in this issue.

Chapters will be sent a copy of the excellent **short video** that was made on the day. Those of you with strong internet connections may like to view the DVD online. The link is <https://vimeo.com/171662782>. The official book of photographs, produced as a memento of the occasion, can be purchased on <http://www.photobox.com.au/1xC8C8A7/creation/4204688702?cid=puksecs001> and we believe the price, including postage, is about \$60.00.

In recent months we have been advised that funding for some Commonwealth entities has been reduced due to fiscal restraints. One casualty is likely to be the National Library's **Trove** service that many of us find invaluable for research. We understand that the NLA decided where it planned to make cuts and that further digitisation for Trove has been put on hold.

Members may like to direct their concerns to Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM, **Director-General**, National Library of Australia. The Contact us page on the Library's website has both a postal address and an online form for user feedback: <http://www.nla.gov.au/contact-us>.

Jon

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting

Will be held on

**Saturday 29th October 2016**

**Commencing at 11.00am**

**At: Roseville Presbyterian Church**

**43 Lord Street Roseville NSW**

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies.
2. To receive and confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 October 2015.
3. To receive the President's Report.
4. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts of the Fellowship for the year ended 30 June 2016.
5. To approve the appointment of Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir as Patron.
6. To approve the appointment of Commodore Paul Kable as Vice-Patron.
7. To approve the appointment of Peter Christian as Vice-Patron.
8. Election of Officers:  
-Appointment of Returning Officer,  
-Declaration of vacancy of positions and the election of Officers:  
**President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Committee Members (max 13 Officers),**  
-Declaration by the Returning Officer of the incoming Officers.
9. General business.

*T Luck, Secretary, 25 June 2016*



(from page 1) The Honourable Mark Speakman, New South Wales Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage and Assistant Minister for Planning spoke and cut the blue ribbon to open the memorial.

As MC Rod Best then asked all present to join him in reading *Going to Botany Bay*, a hymn written by **John Newton** for the **Rev. Richard Johnson** before he sailed with the First Fleet. The words of this are printed at the end of this article.

As a blessing for the ships and all who sailed in them **James Donohoe** a descendant of James Squire took a growler of Squire's *One Fifty Lashes Pale Ale* and anointed the anchor, perhaps symbolising the number of lashes some convicts received.

To conclude the ceremony **Bishop Ray Smith** from St Philip's, Church Hill Sydney, as the representative of the Church of England's Royal Chaplain to the First Fleet Richard Johnson's Church gave the final prayer and blessing. Fellowship was then enjoyed over refreshments.

We, the descendants of First Fleeters who were present, gave high praise to all who had been responsible for the memorial, at no cost to the Fellowship of First Fleeters. It is very honouring to our ancestors and we are thankful. We were also impressed by the whole event, in the way it was planned and executed.

It was indeed an honour to be in attendance at this historic event.

**Fae McGregor # 7161**



Left: #3413 Les Baxter  
FF William Tyrill

Right: #7046 Ann Keating FF  
Hannah Pugh (nee Smith)



Left: #8206 Suzanne Kirby  
FF Robert Watson



Right: #7711 Joy Zamiatin  
FF James Squire



## GOING TO BOTANY BAY

The Lord who sends thee hence will be thine aid  
In vain at thee the lion danger roars  
His arm and love shall keep thee undismayed  
On tempest toss-ed and on savage shores.

Go, bear the Saviour's name to lands unknown  
Tell to the southern world his wondrous grace  
And energy divine thy words shall own  
And draw their untaught hearts to see his face.

Many in quest of gold of empty fame  
Would compass earth or venture near the poles  
But how much nobler thy reward and aim  
To spread his praise and win immortal souls.

*by John Newton for Rev. Richard Johnson*

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## THE HON. MARK SPEAKMAN'S OFFICIAL ADDRESS

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today. I acknowledge the Bidjigal and Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and the Gweagal people of the Dharawal nation. I pay my respects to the elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people here today.



Hon Mark Speakman

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: On this day, 229 years ago, the First Fleet set sail from Portsmouth, England. It was an experiment of unimaginable proportions - over 1400 men, women and children departed the familiarity of Georgian England on a perilous voyage to establish the first European settlement on the *Great Southern Land*. The opening of this very important memorial today gives us the chance to reflect on the experience of the First Fleeters and the scale of their enterprise.

**David Collins'** 1804 Account of the English Colony reflects upon the mindset of these reluctant pioneers as they prepared to depart the Cape of Good Hope on the final leg of their journey to New South Wales. He writes:

*It was natural for the thinking part of the colonists to indulge at this moment a melancholy reflection which obtruded itself upon the mind. The land behind them was the abode of civilised people; that before them was the residence of savages: when, if ever, they might again enjoy the commerce of the world, was very uncertain. The refreshments and pleasures of which they had so liberally partaken at the Cape were to be exchanged for coarse fare and hard labour at New South Wales.*

The arrival of the First Fleeters on land at Botany Bay did little to alleviate the famine and disease that had so far plagued their voyage. Years of the most unbearable hardship would follow. But the experience was better for some than for others. In July 1788, Lieutenant **Newton Fowell** wrote to his father:

*I am very well off for all sorts of clothes except shoes of which I have only 2 pairs left ... What I shall do till you can send some out, I don't know, however I should be very much obliged to you to send me a dozen and a half pair of shoes and some of them of the shooting sort ...* He signs off his 27 page letter: *I must again remind you how very short I am of shoes and then subscribe myself as, Your Dutiful Son, Newton Fowell.*

The story of the First Fleeters - captivating, horrific and at times amusing - is one of the most extraordinary chapters in our nation's history. As we know from the great English literature of the early 19th century, the lives of the early settlers were a source of great imaginative potential even back home in England. In **Charles Dickens'** *Great Expectations*, we discover Pip's

benefactor is the convict, **Abel Magwitch** who fortuitously became wealthy as a sheep farmer in New South Wales.

The First Fleet is a story imprinted on the lives of so many Australians today, including my own as a direct descendant of five First Fleet convicts:

- **James Squire** - who established Australia's first commercial brewery in 1798
- His live-in convict servant and mistress **Elizabeth Mason**
- **Matthew Everingham**, who pawned a stolen book for 5s
- **John Small** sentenced for assault
- His wife **Mary Parker**, who'd stolen two muslin gowns and coats valued at 40s, a cotton gown valued at 10s, three cotton frocks valued at 4s, a calico bed gown valued at 2s, four pairs of cotton pockets, eleven shirts and other items.

When we recall the story of early settlement, we also acknowledge the experience of the indigenous inhabitants. Not only were populations decimated by smallpox, but the initial skirmishes that took place between the two cultures and the mistreatment that endured thereafter, is a bloody stain on our nation's past.

Some of the encounters described in the journals of First Fleeters portray indigenous people in the most horrendous terms. Conversely, there are others that reveal an amicable curiosity. **George Worgan**, a surgeon on the *Sirius*, wrote of how the Aboriginal children *laugh(ed) heartily and jump(ed) extravagantly* when presented with gifts of beads, red cloth and other such trinkets.

That inquisitive spirit which **Worgan** describes may have been no more than a rare glimpse of kindness amidst what was otherwise a bleak and violent relationship between the two cultures. But it's a consolation to know that it is precisely those qualities of generosity and respect that have enabled us to embrace the depth and richness of indigenous culture.

It's important that we continue to reflect on our past -

on our triumphs, on our failings, on our struggles - so that we can progress in an ideal direction..History, as we know, is a tapestry of symbols.

The markers by which we're surrounded today are more than just cement structures; they're imbued with meaning for so many people. And this memorial is symbolic of the stories of an entire nation of people: Indigenous Australians, the First Fleeters, their descendants, subsequent migrants and indeed anyone who today calls Australia home.

So to the Fellowship of First Fleeters and the trustees of the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park: thank you for your commitment to preserving our history and heritage for future generations. This site will be part of helping diverse populations to know and to understand not only our shared history, but, just as importantly, our shared future.



Graham Boyd, CEO, Anthony Simpson, Chairman, Mark Speakman, MP





Hannah Pugh Memorial

Right: Lee Bevan  
Cape Banks FH SLeft: Helen Alderman  
John Nichols Society

#2626 James Donohoe anoints the anchor

## OUR PRESIDENT REFLECTS ON THE OCCASION

Where we are today is within sight of a most significant spot in the story of Australia. We are in **Matrville**, named in honour of **James Mario Matra**, the American sailor and diplomat who was a midshipman on the voyage with **Lieutenant James Cook** to Botany Bay in 1770.

In fact it was Matra's journal of the voyage and his proposal in 1783 to the British Government that it establish a colony at Botany Bay as a place where American loyalists could settle.

We understand that Matra and his friend **Joseph Banks** had walked over this area in the few days *HMS Endeavour* was at anchor in the bay nearby.

Out of the enthusiasm of these two grew the plans for and the eventual arrival of the First Fleet five years later, not with American loyalists but rather shiploads of convicts with the task of establishing, it was thought, a settlement in this area.

Just two weeks ago my wife Karys and I were privileged to attend the annual **Meeting of Two Cultures** ceremony across the water at Cook's Landing Site in Kamay Botany Bay National Park, **Kurnell**.

On the waterfront below us was the grave and commemorative plaque honouring **Forby Sutherland**, able-bodied seaman on *Endeavour*, the first Britisher to be formally buried in what was to become eastern Australia.

It seems rather serendipitous that just at the time the 246<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cook's arrival in the bay was being celebrated with spectacular aboriginal dances to honour the **Gweagal** people of the **Dharawal** nation, wreath-laying, music and flag-raising, word was coming through from **Newport, Rhode Island**, that in the harbour there the remains of the barque *Endeavour* had been positively identified.

Today we are gathered here to honour those First Fleeters whose remains had been relocated here from their former resting places at the **Sandhills Cemetery** which, although it had been disused for many years, was deconsecrated and the land redeveloped for the new **Central Railway Station** in 1901.

A tram line was constructed to simplify the removal of the re-

located remains and existing headstones from Sandhills (Devonshire Street) to this new purpose-built **Bunnerong Cemetery** alongside what was then known as **Botany Cemetery**.

Over 2200 individuals are represented in the move here, among them at least 12 First Fleeters whose remains and/or headstones have been identified and will be commemorated today.

The **Fellowship of First Fleeters** began its life in 1968, nearly 50 years ago, when the founding President, **John Lavett**, called a meeting in Sydney with a proposal to set up a fellowship of descendants of those who had arrived at Botany Bay in January 1788.

In archival material held at **First Fleet House** in **Woolloomooloo** we read that one of the stated aims at those early meetings was to locate the whereabouts of the graves of first fleeters in order to honour them in story and commemorative gatherings.

It took some years for this aim to be fully put into practice and it was May 1973, when the fellowship's newsletter records the following request by committee member **Mrs Mary Thompson**:

*We have on a number of occasions mentioned with regret the dilapidated state of some of our earliest cemeteries. Unfortunately it is too big a task to tackle on our own, but we have decided to do something about the graves with your help.*

*We hope to enlist the help of members who would be prepared to act as custodians of first fleeter graves and report back to the committeeman **Mr Des Jurd** twice a year so we may keep a check on these tombstones.*

*At a later date we hope to place plaques on these graves showing that these people were first fleeters.*



President Jon Fearon



Releasing the butterflies



Well, that was how it began, and since that first call for help, which apparently also made it to Granny's Column 8 in the **Sydney Morning Herald**, the fellowship has honoured in many parts of Australia over 100 of our ancestors with the unveiling of headstone and commemorative plaques, usually in association with family gatherings for a ceremonial dedication with eulogies and site histories.

The first such ceremony, honouring **Henry Dodd** at his last resting place, **St John's Cemetery** at **Parramatta**, occurred on 21 March 1976.

The Fellowship's focus has continued since then, and this brings us today to a new and exciting extension of our endeavours, the wonderfully magnanimous installation and dedication of this **First Fleet Memorial Garden** here at what has become **Pioneer Memorial Park**.

We are so grateful for this kind gesture by **Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park** and the **Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust** to memorialise some of our ancestors in this way, and I call on all present to join me in acclamation for the honour thus bestowed on the Fellowship

I would like also to pay special tribute to our director **Ray Keating** for his enthusiasm for this project and our immediate past president **Ian Palmer** for his encouragement in assisting our hosts to bring this memorial into being.

Today you will be hearing from four members of the fellowship with a special interest in proceedings, Each descends from one of the

**liam Shakespeare**, to conclude my remarks with a quotation from his play *Julius Caesar*. Perhaps like me, as an 11 year-old, you learnt by heart **Mark Antony's** funeral oration in honour of Caesar.

I trust you will forgive me as I misquote it. It seems most relevant when applied to our First Fleeters honoured here and in graveyards everywhere:

*The good that men do  
lives after them;  
Their evil is best interred  
with their bones.*



**Aunty Barbara Simms-Keeley:**  
*Welcome to Country*

Thank you

**Jon Fearon**

## THE TWELVE FIRST FLEETERS WITH GRANITE MEMORIALS

1. **Isaac ARCHER**, marine, *Alexander*, died 04.06.1836, age given as 82.

2. **Sarah ARCHER** (nee Burdo), convict, *Lady Penrhyn*, died 14.07.1834, age given as 74.

3. **Mary MARSHALL** (Snr), convict, *Lady Penrhyn*, died 29.04.1849, age given as 93.

4. **Francis MINTZ** (nee Davis) convict, *Lady Penrhyn*, died 11.11.1828, age given as 62.

5. **John NICHOLS**, convict, *Scarborough*, died 24.12.1822, age given as 67.

6. **Thomas PRIOR**, convict, *Alexander*, died 24.07.1836, age given as 79.

7. **Hannah PUGH** (nee Smith), convict, *Lady Penrhyn*, died 15.10.1826, age given as 77.

8. **James SQUIRE**, convict, *Charlotte*, died 16.05 1822, age given as 67.

9. **John TRACE**, convict, *Charlotte*, died 01.07.1823, age given as 82

10. **William TYRILL**, convict, *Alexander*, died 25.06.1827, age given as 68.

11. **Elizabeth VANDERCOM** (nee Evans), convict, *Lady Penrhyn*, died 25.09.1820, age given as 60.

12. **Robert WATSON**, seaman, *Sirius*, died 01.01.1819, age given as 53.



**CEO Graham Boyd gives the Official Welcome**

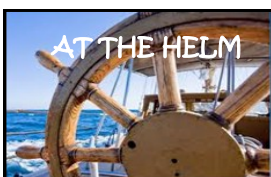
twelve first fleeters being honoured today, and each one represents members of their extended family who are either present or have sent their greetings from afar.

Many here today will have spent time exploring cemeteries and noting epitaphs, old and new, traditional and upbeat. While visiting graveyards I have quite often noticed, as well as the expected Biblical references, that quotations from significant authors find their way onto headstones.



**Bishop Ray Smith**

It seems fitting then, exactly 400 years since the death of **Wil-**



\*Any members in the **Melbourne** area who would like to meet other local First Fleeters are invited to contact Dawn Cantwell on [dawn-cantwell@bigpond.com](mailto:dawn-cantwell@bigpond.com). The Fellowship is keen to see a chapter established in southern Victoria.

\*Michael Flynn, our FF researcher, advises that the last surviving First Fleeter has recently been identified. He was **Thomas**

**Russell** who died in England in 1867. Michael plans to provide an article for *Founders* on this interesting discovery.

\*This year marks the bicentenary of Sydney's Royal **Botanic Garden** and Macquarie's **Rum Hospital**. Commemorations for both are currently taking place.

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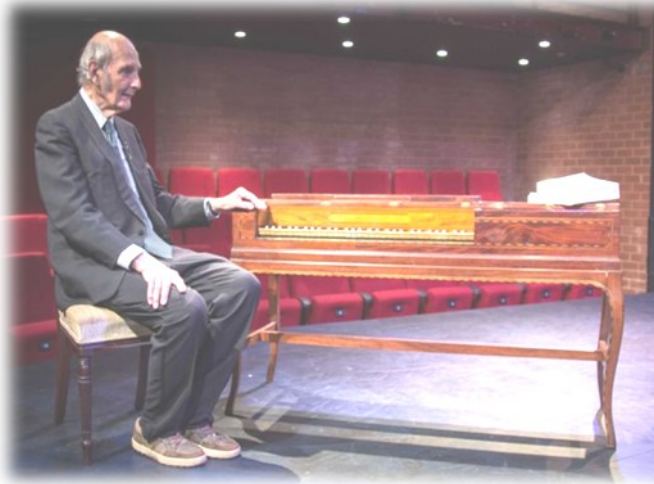
## FIRST FLEET PIANO IN HISTORIC WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COLLECTION

Australia's first piano, brought to Sydney in 1788 on board the First Fleet, has been donated to Perth's Edith Cowan University (ECU), which plans to restore the instrument so it can be played again. The First Fleet piano is part of a collection of 130 historic pianos donated to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) at ECU by Sydney collector **Stewart Symonds**.

Mr Symonds has been collecting historic pianos since the late 1960s and had been looking for an institution to take them after he ran out of space to store them at home. "They were everywhere, in storage, the garage, sheds, even on the veranda," Mr Symonds said. He offered the collection to institutions in Sydney and Canberra but found they were not interested or lacked the funding to accept the instruments.

WAAPA professor of music **Geoffrey Lancaster** knew Mr Symonds from writing a book about the First Fleet piano and said the university was delighted to accept the collection. "It's an enormous gesture of the most extraordinary philanthropy," Professor Lancaster said. "The First Fleet piano is probably the most important piano in the country. We are quite blown away by the generosity of Stewart Symonds in having given this collection to us."

The First Fleet piano is an English square piano that was built in London in 1786. It was brought out to Australia by a surgeon, **George Worgan**, on board the flagship of the First Fleet, *HMS Sirius*. Considerably smaller than a modern piano, its legs can be folded away for storage and records show that it was brought up onto the deck for recitals on the journey to Australia.



**Donor: Mr Stewart Symonds**

When George Worgan completed his tour of duty in 1791 he gave the piano to **Elizabeth Macarthur**, the first soldier's wife to come to New South Wales. "Elizabeth Macarthur kept it for about 17 years; by then it was hard to sell as it was very old," Professor Lancaster said. It was sold on and off until 1838, and that was the last that was heard of it until 1965.

"A very eminent antiques dealer named **William Bradshaw** heard of a so-called spinet for sale in an old farmhouse on the outskirts of Windsor," he said. William Bradshaw tracked down the home in Windsor, north-west of Sydney, and found the piano being stored in the laundry. "The family that owned it wanted to money to buy a new washing machine so they sold this piano to Bradshaw," Professor Lan-

caster said. "He kept it in his private collection for a number of years until it was bought by Stewart."

The university plans to send the First Fleet piano, along with a number of others from the collection, to master restorers in London so that the pianos, which are currently unplayable, can be used by students and researchers. They also want to send restorers from Western Australia to learn the restoration techniques, so future work on the pianos can be done locally.

Stewart Symonds has amassed his extraordinary collection over the past 50 years but says he has no regrets at giving it away. "The collection is far more important than I am," Mr Symonds said. "This is for future generations. People in 100, 500, maybe even 1,000 years, will be able to come and rediscover in these instruments exactly what our early composers wrote".

*Source: ABC online, 26 May 2016*

## CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC - Ian Palmer's SURPRISE

Earlier this year Eastern Farms Chapter Members had the pleasure of taking a conducted tour of the Conservatorium of Music in Macquarie St. Sydney. 'The Con' has a special interest for me. The building stands on land that was once leased by my First Fleet ancestor **John Palmer**, who oversaw the operation of a wooden windmill to grind grain for his bakery on the site. In 1814 **Governor Macquarie** resumed this parcel of land and demolished the wooden buildings, commissioning **Francis Greenway** to design and build stables there. In 1915 the stables were converted into the Conservatorium of Music that officially opened on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1916.

During our tour we passed a closed and locked door and our guide mentioned that behind it was a restricted space leading to an area under the stage of the Verbrugghen Concert Hall and that the foundation remnants of the bakery building that once stood on the site were still there. My interest was immediately aroused.

After the Chapter visit I contacted the Conservatorium and

explained my interest and connection to the site and asked if a viewing of the area under the stage was possible. In due course my request was granted and my special tour was booked.

On the appointed day a small contingent of the Palmer family was met at 'The Con' by **Richard Graham** and **Elise Hudson** who were our guides on the day. Under the stage of the Verbrugghen Hall a circular arrangement of bricks, three tiers deep that outlined a well, was clearly visible. In addition there were other foundation brick remnants laid in an L shape that defined the walls of the bakery. With all the building work on the site over the last 100 years it is a miracle that even this small part of the bakery has survived.

The Management is to be congratulated for their administration and regard for the area. I am grateful for their foresight and care to protect this piece of our colonial history. **IAP**



**Pictured, L to R: Laurie Walkley, James Palmer, Catherine Palmer-Woods, Ian Palmer, Julia Cornford, Anthony Palmer, Liz Palmer, Richard Creswick**



## THE SHORTLAND FAMILY of the FIRST FLEET - PART 2

### CAPTAIN JOHN SHORTLAND RN

**John Shortland** was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1769, the elder son of Lt John Shortland senior. His career in the Royal Navy began in 1781 when, aged 12, he took his first voyage to Quebec with his father who was employed as Agent for Transports providing services between England and North America.

During 1787 he was serving in West Indian waters as an able seaman and returned to England that year. He was appointed to the First Fleet expedition to New South Wales, first as 2<sup>nd</sup> mate on the *Friendship* and transferred to *HMS Sirius* as an able seaman on 1 September 1787 under the watchful eye of **Captain John Hunter**. On arrival he was involved in the establishment of the colony. On 1 October 1788 *HMS Sirius* set sail for the Cape of Good Hope and at Table Bay took on provisions and returned safely on 8 May 1789 having completely circumnavigated the globe.

He was promoted to master's mate aboard *HMS Sirius* when it was wrecked off Norfolk Island in March 1790 and spent eleven months 'exiled' on the island until *HMS Supply* returned to Norfolk Island on 11 February 1791. He arrived back in Sydney after a 16 day voyage. It was arranged that he accompany Captain John Hunter back to England in the Dutch ship, *Waaksamheid* on 27 March 1791.

He took his commission, becoming Lieutenant John Shortland on 10 October 1793 while serving aboard *HMS Arrogant* and where he remained for two years.

He returned to Sydney in 1795 as First Lieutenant aboard *HMS Reliance* with Captain Hunter as the new Governor and shipmates Surgeon **George Bass** and Master's Mate **Matthew Flinders**, both of whom are noted for their subsequent exploration and activities in the colony.

Two years later on 5 September 1797, the vessel *Cumberland*, a colonially built vessel engaged in the carrying of supplies between the Hawkesbury and Sydney, was seized by a party of convicts. No description of the *Cumberland* has been located, but it is described as being the 'largest and best' boat in the colony. This description suggests that the *Cumberland* was larger than its contemporary, the other colonially built vessel, a 44 ton sailing schooner named *Francis*.

The loss of one of the colony's only two sailing vessels must have been a severe blow to the near starving settlement. As the *Francis* was unavailable at the time performing duties at Norfolk Island Governor Hunter dispatched two armed whale boats in pursuit sending one north and one south. Shortland was in charge of the boat sent north.

Shortland had no luck in capturing the escapees and after reaching Port Stephens returned south and in the afternoon of 9 September sighted Nobbys Island. He decided to seek shelter from the southerly gales and passed through the narrow passage between Nobbys and the mainland. On entering the harbour he experienced a strong current indicating that he was in fact at the mouth of a river.

He made some soundings, determined that there was deep water then sailed around to a

sandy bay to search for a supply of fresh water. This he found at the head of the bay flowing from a hillside covered by dense scrub. The fresh water flowed from a creek later to be known as Freshwater Bay. He made camp there and a tent was erected at Signal Hill now known as Fort Scratchley.

While Shortland was exploring the foot of Signal Hill he found an abundance of coal scattered about and he collected samples to take back to Sydney. He then climbed to the top of Signal Hill which he named Braithwaite Head after a naval friend of his father, **Lieutenant Robert Braithwaite**.

From the top of Signal Hill he viewed the surrounding countryside and observed the entrance of the river and called the point of Nobbys Island, Hacking Point after Quarter Master Hacking of the *Sirius*. He called the river Hunter after John Hunter and the harbour Coal River.

Later that day he made a short trip around the harbour up to the mangroves and returned to camp. He named the two points, now the site of the Newcastle Dyke, Point Bass after George Bass and Port Flinders after Matthew Flinders, his two shipmates on *HMS Reliance*.

In his sail around the harbour he landed five times: at Nobbys; on the inside point of Stockton which he called Point Kent after his friend on *HMS Reliance* **Lieutenant William Kent**; on the Stockton fore-shore; at a point north opposite Mangrove Island and at the camp site at what is now the foot of Market Street..

He returned to Sydney on 19 September and his news of the coal and also the vast amounts of valuable timbers, particularly cedar growing along the river banks, was received with considerable enthusiasm by the Governor and traders.

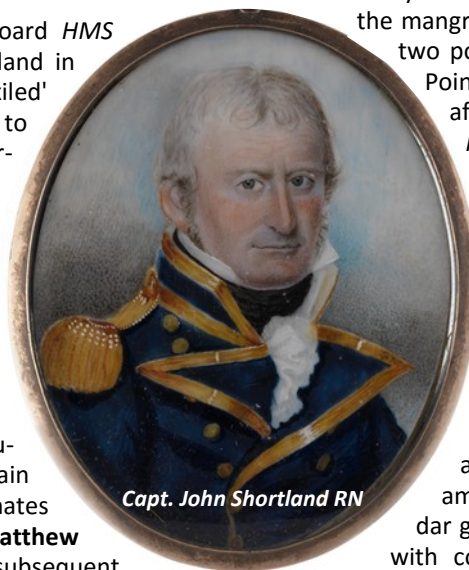
He continued his duties as a member of the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction and was assigned a housekeeper **Catherine Farrell**. His friend William Kent was also assigned a housekeeper, a convicted felon **Elizabeth Powell** who in 1799 purportedly gave birth to a daughter by John Shortland named **Margaret Shortland**.

After John Shortland's departure from Sydney in 1800, Margaret went to Van Diemen's Land in 1818 and married **James Boyce** at Hobart in 1819. There are many descendants of Margaret Shortland now living in Australia.

For their efforts and the extra duties undertaken for the colony, John and his father received government land grants of 25 acres at Liberty Plains and 380 acres at Bankstown. The Shortland land lay unused for nearly 80 years after the death of John Shortland junior, their descendants being unaware of the grants and its value. It was covered in thick scrub, although along one edge Liverpool Road had been built and Prospect Creek had been spanned by the Lansdowne Bridge.

About 1887, four Sydney men discovered the Shortlands' heirs at law and negotiated with them to purchase the land which was later developed and subdivided as Lansdowne Gardens, Bankstown.

John Shortland returned to England in 1800, and received various commands over the next few



Capt. John Shortland RN



Pompey's Pillar



years. His jovial and adventurous character can be seen in well documented stories about him.

In 1803 he was serving on active duty in Egypt as Master and Commander of *HMS Pandour*. While lying off Alexandria he took the opportunity of flying a kite over Pompey's Pillar, hauling a rope over it and climbing 49 metres to the top to drink the king's health. A few days later he repeated the feat, fixed a weather-vane to the top of the obelisk and proceeded to eat a beefsteak there.

He was promoted to Captain of *HMS Squirrel* on 6 August 1805. In 1809 Britain and France were at war and John at the age of 41 was given command of the captured French frigate *Junon*, which he outfitted at his own expense. He was on a cruise with half his crew when intelligence was received from an American schooner that a French ship of 20 guns was bound for Guadeloupe. This information induced him to intercept and capture it.

However when off the coast of Martinique he fell in with four French frigates under the disguise of a Spanish squadron. The story of his December 1809 battle at Guadeloupe against overwhelming odds took first rank in British naval history and was vividly recorded in the *Naval Chronicle* of the day.

He was mortally wounded and died of his injuries six weeks later on 31 January 1810 and buried at Basseterre cemetery, Guadeloupe, receiving a *parole d'honneur* in which his body was interred with full military honours.

John's favourite dog Pandour was on board the *Junon* and by his master's side during the engagement. When John was wounded Pandour licked his master's wounds to comfort him and after his death the dog was taken back to England by John's servant. It was stolen in a London pub but later recognised in Nova Scotia by a past crew member of *Junon* and returned to John's mother **Margaret Shortland** at her College St home in Westminster.

John's character as described in the *Naval Chronicle* was summed up as having undaunted courage, ardent zeal and steady perseverance. He was 'a dutiful son, an affectionate

brother, a good master and a universal friend to mankind'.

There have been several commemorations to Lieutenant John Shortland junior since his discovery of Newcastle.

In 1897, the centenary of Newcastle, the Shortland Memorial Fountain was placed in his honour on the ocean front of Newcastle Beach. This fountain was subjected to the ravages of an unforgiving sea spray and was moved to Christie Park Newcastle adjacent to the City Hall.

In 1926 a memorial stone was placed on the Longworth Building in Scott Street Newcastle in honour of the landing site of Lieutenant John Shortland in 1797.

Also in 1947 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Newcastle, Australia Post issued a special 2 penny stamp. However the stamp issue was in error as it was of Lieutenant John Shortland senior not his son.

On 2 November 1997, during the Newcastle Bicentenary, the Fellowship of First Fleeters placed a plaque on the Shortland Memorial Fountain.

**#6292 John W Shortland**

## FOOTNOTES FROM #6292 JOHN W SHORTLAND

John advises of a couple of corrections for the story of **Lieutenant John Shortland (Senior)** that ap-

peared in Founders 47/3:

1. John's **baptismal** certificate states that he was born in October 1737 and baptised in the parish of St Luke, Old St, London, a few days later. This would make his age at the time of his death as 66.
2. The correct spelling of his wife's name is **Margaret**, and not Margarethe as it appeared on his French death certificate.
3. The **portrait**, at right, of Lt John Shortland Senior should have been included in the story as published.



LIEUT. SHORTLAND.

## VALUED DONATIONS RECEIVED

Your generous donations are used for essential maintenance and improvements at First Fleet House, a building now approaching its centenary. Thank you all.

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son B D, Hughes D, Humble R G, Hunt I G, Jack N A M, Jarvie P J, Jewell C, Jones W M, Kable G P, Kable N, Keough E J, Keough S N, Knight M K, Lapworth K M, Larkins-Fridell E C, Leech R T, Legge R M, Lemcke R K, Leo R E, Lewis H, Little I E, Mahony A R, Manuel J A, Manyweathers R S, Marsden F, Marshall M L, Matthews J T, McBeath J, McBeath T, McCubben J A, McKenzie R, McPherson E A, Mence M E, Menger N R, Menger S, Middleton B, Middleton E, Miles P B, Miles P J W, Morgan R V, Morris C B, Morris M I, Mortimer J I, Nelson M L, Newell J S, O'Neill B, Peck B R, Pelosi J L, Penfold M E, Pieper I J, Potts L M, Punter B H, Quick P A, Ratcliffe B A, Reed D J, Risby W H L, Roberts L M, Robinson N A, Robinson P E, Ross C S, Samuels T J, Searchfield C N, Searchfield M M D, Sloan E S, Small D, Small V M, Smith J G, Smith M A, Smith N E, Stevens A L, Stewart R N, Strudwick W, Symington N D, Taranto Y S, Taylor P E, Theobald M C, Thompson K F, Turner B A, Turner J L, Tweedie M J, Upfold T D, Venables C G, Walker P E, Webb G H, Westbrook G, White R D, Wilkinson C, Withington R W, Woodbury A J, Young R, Zamiatin J D.

## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Editor will be pleased to have your items and stories for Founders 47/5 by **Monday 12 September** preferably as emailed 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.

Do remember also the **First Fleeters story writing challenge** given by Hunter Valley Chapter for 2016

So far this year they have submitted seven stories, Eastern Farms one, and South Coast one.

# NORFOLK ISLAND HISTORY LOVERS HOLIDAY 4 – 11 NOVEMBER 2016

## DISCOVER - EXPLORE - ENJOY - EXPERIENCE

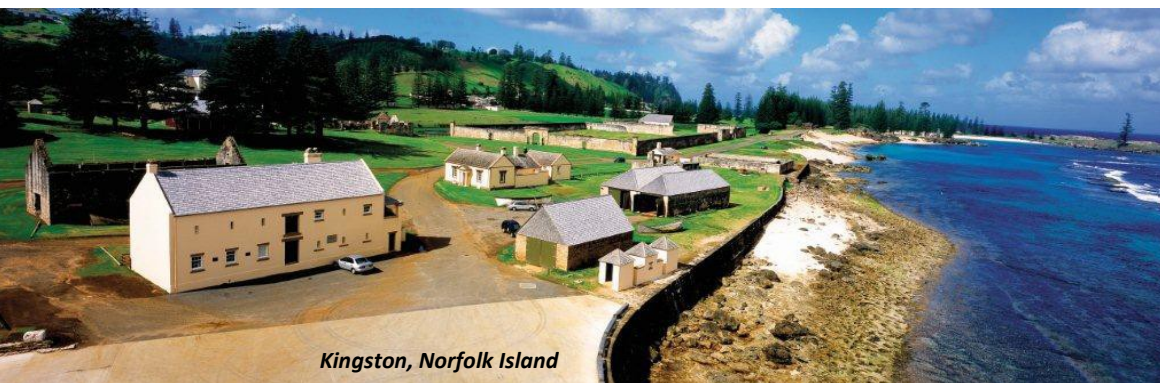
Marvel at the beauty and heritage, and the living history of Norfolk Island - *Norfolk Ailen*.

### HOLIDAY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

☐ Return 'Seat & Bag' airfare to Norfolk Island and all pre-paid Airline taxes; ☐ Airport Transfers; ☐ Seven nights motel accommodation; ☐ Hire car including insurance; ☐ Half day Island tour; ☐ Historic Cemetery visit; ☐ Sunset views Norfolk Island dinner; ☐ Lunch featuring traditional Norfolk Island salads; ☐ Tour of the historic Kingston convict settlement; ☐ First Settlement History research resources; ☐ Twilight tour of world heritage area and the convict areas; ☐ Heritage *Paddock to Plate* dinner including special local heritage guest speaker; ☐ First Settlement Family History workshop

**FLIGHT SCHEDULES: SYDNEY: Friday 4 November 2016 – Air New Zealand flight NZ 762** Departs *Sydney* International Terminal 09:35/ Arrives *Norfolk Island* 12:40 **Friday 11 November 2016 – Air New Zealand flight NZ 763** Departs *Norfolk Island* 13:50/ Arrives *Sydney* International– Terminal 16:10

**BRISBANE: Saturday 5 November 2016 – Air New Zealand flight NZ 764** Departs *Brisbane* International Terminal 10:00 / Arrives *Norfolk Island* 13:50 **Saturday 12 November 2016 – Air New**



Kingston, Norfolk Island

[Please note: This is a project of Australian History Research and Heritage Events Norfolk Island and is not being conducted by the Fellowship of First Fleeters. However members are encouraged to consider joining the holiday to support Norfolk Tourism.]

**Zealand flight NZ 765** Departs *Norfolk Island* 15:00pm / Arrives *Brisbane* International Terminal 16:00

**ACCOMMODATION- *Heritage Hill Hotel*** offers a personal and friendly service that compliments their relaxing atmosphere. Set on ten acres, it is within easy walking distance from Burnt Pine shopping centre and just a few minutes' drive from beautiful Emily Bay and the Kingston historic area. The Garden and Ocean view rooms have their own ensuites and are serviced daily. **PRICES**, which include all airfares, range from \$1459 to \$1936 depending on departure city and room chosen

### OPTIONS:

Breakfast is also available daily: Continental breakfast \$12pp or full breakfast \$20 pp; 10 day option: add \$165.00 per person; Visit all the Norfolk Island Museums option \$25.00

### There is much to see and do on Norfolk Island:

Walk in the footsteps of your ancestors; Swim - snorkel - fish - play golf; See Captain Cook's landing place; Take an eco-tours and bush walk; Take a glass bottom boat coral reef trip; Visit the National Parks; Go on a Heritage Tour; Swim at beautiful Emily Bay; Go on a photography treasure trove of beautiful Norfolk Island

### FURTHER ENQUIRIES AND BOOKING FORMS:

Contact Cathy Dunn (02) 44554780, mobile: 0459 044 780, email: [office@australianhistoryresearch.info](mailto:office@australianhistoryresearch.info)

## PROPOSED KABLE - HOLMES FAMILY REUNION FEBRUARY 10/11 2018

Expressions of interest, are being sought from the descendants of Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes, to attend a reunion to mark the 230<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary (10-2-1788) of Henry and Susannah

TO CONFIRM YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PLEASE REPLY BY EMAIL to the below address/es indicating

Email and or snail mail and phone number

How many potential participants

Preferred attendance Saturday or Sunday or both days

Line of descent pre1900s

Activities and suggestion including "Banquet Dinner," picnic lunch, re-enactment church service, guest speakers; special guests; production of family charts and/or memorabilia

Satisfaction with the proposed event location of the Windsor area NSW (crypt and burial location for Henry and Susannah)

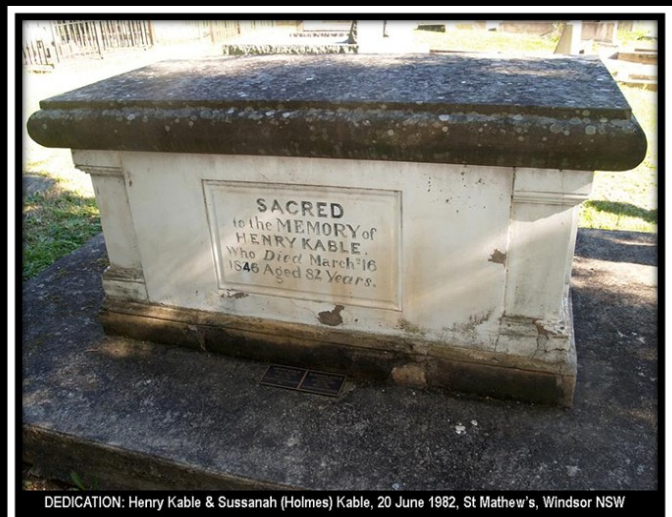
**Contact: JANE VAN WOERKOM**

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**Phone:** 0249676332 0417439444 OR

**SHARON LAMB** - [slamb1950@gmail.com](mailto:slamb1950@gmail.com)

Please share this information with family and friends and for further connections a FACEBOOK GROUP has been established at the following link : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KABLEandHOLMES.1788/>





## 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 Meetings:** 20 August: Anne Simmonds, *Thumbnail Sketch*, Meet My Ancestor. TBA ; 17 September: Rowan Chalmers-Borella, *Thumbnail Sketch*, MMA. TBA; 15 October: TS, TBA, Marcia Birnie, *Meet My Ancestor*. **Next Event:** TBA. **Contact:** Mary Chalmers-Borella 6025 3283

### 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 August: Graham Wilcox, *Federation Story*; 16 September: Dr Raymond Nobbs, *Norfolk Island Settlement*; 21 October: Gretchen Poiner, *Healthy Gardens*. **Next Events:** 11 August: Tour of First Fleet House; 13 October: Tour of Observatory. **Contact:** Jane Ann Tainsh 94885453

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

**Venue:** Various locations in Canberra. **Next Meeting:** **Next Event:** 27 August: Annual Luncheon, 12 midday at Southern Cross Yacht Club. **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 62514095

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

**Venue:** Wyong RSL Club, – meet monthly, second Saturday at 10am for 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 13 August: Geoffrey Smith, *Generations*; 10 September: Pauline Walker, *Flags of Australia*; 8 October: Amanda Ianna, *NSW BMD*.. **Next Event:** TBA. **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43116254

### DERWENT - *Southern Tasmania*

**Venue:** Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meetings:** 6 August: AGM, Members Show and Tell, *Old items and books*; 1 October: Diane Snowden, *Children of Convicts*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Marilla Lowe 0362437726

### 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 Meetings:** 6 August: AGM, Mark Tedeschi: *John Hubert Plunkett*; 3 September: Jean Harmey, *Graphology, analysing handwriting*; 1 October: Dick Whitaker, *Sydney in Focus, Kerry and Kings 19th century photographs*. **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 August: AGM; 10 September: John Boyd, *Brothers in Arms*; 8 October: Ray Keating, *Before They Sailed*. **Next Event:** **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 Meetings:** 15 August: AGM, Ed Tonks, *Beneath Tidal Water (Newcastle's harbour collieries)*; 17 October: Kerry Neinert, *Mary Parker and John Small*. **Next Event:** 12 September: Visit to First Fleet House. **Contact:** Barbara Turner 49439105

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

**Venue:** Usually Kinross-Wolaroi Library, Orange; quarterly. **Next Meeting:** 20 August: AGM. **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:** 27 September: Speaker, TBA. **Next Events:** **Contact:** Bev Williams 65598912

### MORETON – *South East Queensland.*

**Venue:** St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton – bi-monthly meetings, at 10 am on an available 2nd Saturday. **Next Meetings:** 13 August: AGM, Lisa Jones, *Policing Queensland, the early years*; 8 October: Dr John Pearn, TBA. **Next Events:** 16 October: With Northern Rivers Chapter at Tweed Heads Bowling Club. **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, on the 2nd Saturday. **Next Meeting:** 6 August: AGM, Speaker, TBA .**Next Event:** 8 October: Excursion to Walcha, meet regional members. **Contact:** Wal Whalley 67723499

### NORTH COAST – *Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Maclean*

**Venue:** Either at Mylestom Hall or at members' homes, Bi-monthly meetings, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. **Next Meeting:** 7 August: AGM at Robertsons, *Woolgoolga Marine Search & Rescue*; 2 October: at Davises, *Lawrence History*. **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 66533615

### NORTHERN RIVERS – *Lismore and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am; **Next Meeting:** 25 September, at Karin Brown's home, 32 Bottlebrush Cr Evans Head, *Visit Marine Rescue Tower*. **Next Event:** 16 October: With Moreton Chapter at Tweed Heads Bowling Club. **Contact:** Margaret Soward 66863597

### NORTH WEST – *Tamworth and surrounds.*

**Venue:** Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meeting:** at Tamworth Family History Rooms, 6 August: AGM and General meeting. **Next Event:** 1 October: Bus tour to Scone and visit Scone FHS. (details from Pat Worrad, 6767 0274) **Contact:** Diana Harband 67652122

### SOUTH COAST – *Engadine to Burrill Lake.*

**Venue:** Laurel Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto – monthly except. Jan, May and Dec. – first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm. **Next Meetings:** 2 August: Winter Warm Day & 14th Birthday, David Christian, *Papua New Guinea*; 6 September: Ron Dryburgh, *Albion Park Men's Shed*; 4 October: Carol Preston, *Fiction Writing Family History*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Kevin McGregor 42713762

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

**Venue:** Mittagong Community Centre – bi-monthly – second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meetings:** ; 10 August: AGM, Members, *Chapter Chats*; 12 October: Robert Griffin, TBA. **Next Event:** 13 September: Tour of Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. **Contact:** Wendy Selman 48624849

### SWAN RIVER – *Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.*

**Venue:** 256 Stirling St Perth, quarterly, third Saturday, at 2pm. **Next Meeting:** 20 August: AGM; Speaker Marian Roeling. **Next Event:** In September: Car trip to Araluen. **Contact:** Jodi Gratton 0893845944 or Toni Mahony 0892717630

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Closing date for this page  
for the next issue is 19 September 2016

*Karys Fearon*, Chapter Liaison Officer

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS		BIRTHS
<p><i>Ordinary and Pensioner Members</i></p> <p><b>WILLIAM HAMBLEY/MARY SPRINGHAM</b> #8613 Winsome Faith Searle #8614 Peter Geoffrey Searle #8615 Lisa Maree Searle #8616 Karen Lynette Searle <b>JANE LANGLEY/THOMAS CHIPP</b> #8617 Gavin William Plunkett <b>PHILIP GIDLEY KING</b> #8618 Margaret Joan Logan <b>ELIZABETH THOMAS</b> #8619 Alan John Waddington #8620 Barry William Waddington <b>HENRY KABLE/SUSANNAH HOLMES</b> #8621 Caroline Jane Ruppe <b>THOMAS ACRES</b> #8622 Denise Margaret Ward <b>ANN FORBES/OWEN CAVANOUGH/MARGARET DARNELL</b> #8623 John Roland Chapman <b>EDWARD PUGH/HANNAH SMITH</b> #8624 Ronald John Hoy <b>BENJAMIN CUSLEY</b> #8627 Pauline Ruth Hoggett <b>FREDERICK MEREDITH</b> #8628 Betty Margaret Clennett #8638 Noeline Mary Vaughan <b>WILLIAM PARISH/PHOEBE NORTON</b> #8629 Bernice Anita Parish Schouten <b>JAMES BLOODWORTH/SARAH BELLAMY</b> #8630 Simon Alexander Dunstan Ward #8631 Damian Gregory Ward #8632 Brendan Hadley Ward <b>ROBERT WATSON</b> #8633 Lorraine Gay Ryan #8634 Warren Sydney Elliott</p>	<p><i>Ordinary and Pensioner Members continued</i></p> <p><b>ELIZABETH FITZGERALD</b> #8635 Raymond Milbourne <b>JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER</b> #8636 Brooke Allan Smith #8637 Andrew John Smith <b>WILLIAM BAKER /SUSANNAH HUFFNELL</b> #8640 Dr Kirsty Jean Hamlyn Harris <b>OWEN CAVANOUGH/MARGARET DARNELL</b> #8641 Wanda June Deacon <b>JOHN BARRISFORD/HANNAH BARRISFORD</b> #8642 Vicki Marie Watson <b>DANIEL BARNETT</b> #8643 Lyle Thomas Watson <b>EDWARD PUGH/HANNAH SMITH</b> #8644 Helen Hardy <b>WILLIAM ROBERTS</b> #8645 Katherine Sandra Page <b>JOSEPH WRIGHT</b> #8648 Philip Robert Jones <i>Junior Members</i> <b>NATHANIEL LUCAS/OLIVIA GASCOIGNE</b> #8625 Caitlin Jade Arthur #8626 Benjamin Lindsay Arthur <b>JOHN NICHOLS</b> #8639 Addison Therese Coleman <b>WILLIAM ROBERTS</b> #8646 Molly Anne Page #8647 Eleanor Rose Page <i>Associate Members</i> #8469.1 Roderick Jordan #8648.1 Cheryl Gail Venables <i>Friends</i> #Friend165 Margaret Rose Green #Friend166 Kim Dudley #Friend167 Judith Fairbrother #Friend168 John Mortimer #Friend169 Brian Porter</p>	<p><b>SAMUEL PIGOTT</b> Scarlett Ann Bushell, born 02.05.2016. First daughter of Damon Bushell and Tia McCann, and third grandchild of #8461 Kaye Bushell</p>
		DEATHS
		<p><b>JOHN CROSS</b> #6739 Barry Beuzeville of Eleebana New South Wales, died on 19.04.2016. He had been a member for 17 years. #7687 June Paul, of Mayfield New South Wales, died on 27.11.2015. She was a member of Hunter Valley Chapter. <b>ASSOCIATE</b> 7072.1 Elaine J Keough, of Kiama New South Wales died peacefully on 07.07.2016, aged 80. Elaine was a member of South Coast Chapter and wife of their Librarian, Stan. She will be missed by her family, her chapter friends and her many music students. <b>JAMES SHIERS/HUGH HUGHES</b> #2291 John A McKnight, of Berkeley Vale, New South Wales, died on 24.06.2016, aged 66, after a long illness. He was a former director of the Fellowship and in recent years has belonged to Central Coast Chapter. His lifetime of service and social justice included rehabilitating street kids and drug dependants and he will be sadly missed by those who knew him and his care for the needy.</p>
		We Got it Wrong, Sorry.
		<p>In Founders 47/2 we listed <b>FF Mary Phillips</b> amongst those whose burial sites are unknown.</p> <p>We apologise to her descendants who have been in touch and now assure them and our readers that we do know she is buried in the Anglican cemetery at Longford, Tasmania.</p>

## ST JOHN'S CEMETERY PARRAMATTA - UPDATE



In previous editions of *Founders* (43/4 and 46/4) the plight and deplorable condition of St. Johns Cemetery at Parramatta has been brought to the attention of Fellowship members. This cemetery is of special interest to us as it is the final resting place for sixty-two First Fleeters. Unfortunately only seventeen of these graves still have headstones standing.

I am very happy to be able to report that on Saturday 24 June a public meeting was held in Parramatta that was attended by more than fifty concerned individuals and various interest groups. At this forum an organisation was founded called 'The Friends of St Johns Cemetery Parramatta'.

The aims of the group are many but in essence it is to give the cemetery the care and maintenance that it has been lacking for so long. This new group Chairperson is local historian and author **Judith Dunn** and one of the newly elected members of the Management Committee is **Jennifer Follers**, the Secretary of the Eastern Farms Chapter of the Fellowship.

### AT LONG LAST SOMETHING POSITIVE IS GOING TO HAPPEN!

The first activity by the new group was to be an inspection and

walk around the Cemetery on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 10.30. This was to give folk a first-hand look at the tasks that lay ahead and also give members of the new organisation a chance to get to know one another.

Anyone interested in helping 'The Friends of St Johns Cemetery Parramatta' can join the organisation for a very modest five dollars a head. For more information Judith Dunn may be contacted at [judith@pasttimestours.com](mailto:judith@pasttimestours.com)

**Ian Palmer**

