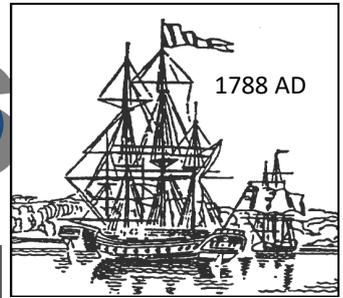


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To live on in the hearts and minds
of descendants is never to die

ELEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE REWARDED

The conferring of **Life Membership** on one of our members for meritorious service to the Fellowship has never been taken lightly and in recent years this honour has been well deserved by those thus honoured.

At this year's Annual General Meeting, held at Gynea in New South Wales on 27 October, the Directors were unanimous in proposing the election of retiring Director #7163 **John Boyd** (FF Edward Whitton) to Life Membership. The meeting heartily approved the appointment and John was called to the front to have his new membership conferred by President **Jon Fearon**.

John had been the longest serving of the outgoing directorship, having joined the Fellowship in October 2005. Within two years he was elected to the Board and has served with distinction in many portfolios during his eleven years in office. In 2007 his task was **Public Relations** and the next year he became the **Events Officer** with the responsibility of organising our Australia Day Luncheons along with a team of able assistants.

After the AGM in 2009 John took on the role which he says has been his greatest love over the past eight years - **Research Officer**. Many would have valued John's knowledge and expertise as he helped them become members.

From 2011 John added **Plaques Officer** to his areas of interest and during the following few years he assisted our director-historian, **Ron Withington**, in the latter's research for the Fellowship's book, *Dispatched Down Under*.

Together, Ron and John worked with John's daughter **Erin Tomkin** to produce the outstanding window display at First Fleet House which is based on the Fellowship's

chart, *Founders of Australia*, their work as well. John says that the updating of the records, based on more recent research, has meant that only three First Fleeters are listed thereon as 'vessel unknown'.

After Ron's retirement John added **Publications Officer** and **Website Co-ordinator** to his portfolio, having maintained the latter role for six years in conjunction with our Webmaster **Bob Rickards**.

In wishing John a happy retirement from Fellowship duty President Jon pointed out that John will continue as a valued volunteer as he assists new directors into his

roles now redistributed. Of course his community and historical interests remain at the forefront as Membership Officer of South Coast Chapter and not forgetting his volunteer work at Hyde Park Barracks and local RSL matters.

The Annual General Meeting was attended by 21 members and friends, representing five different chapters. Included was a number of members from the southern part of Sydney who had stayed on after meeting to plan a new chapter in the area. (See page 2 for an update on this).

The election of three new Directors, **Gillian Doyle, Kerrie Anne Christian and Julie Webb**, took place under the guidance of Vice-

Patron **Commodore Paul Kable** as Returning Officer and he later thanked the Board of Directors for their work over the past year.

Copies of the President's Annual Report and the Treasurer **Kevin Thomas's** Financial Report, both of which were delivered in person at the meeting, are available from First Fleet House or by email for those interested.



Jon Fearon and John Boyd

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Wednesdays and Thursdays.*



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Jon Fearon



Greetings to all our members. The Directors join me in wishing you Christmas blessings and to thank you for all the support and encouragement throughout this our 50th Anniversary year. We are looking forward to catching up with many of you at our Australia Day Luncheon on 19 January at Sydney's Pullman Hotel.

This year too has seen the Armistice Centenary and many of our chapters have been honouring FF descendants for their military service. Two chapters had talks on **Major General Sir William Throsby Bridges KMC CMG**, the founder and leader of the first AIF and also Duntroon Military College. I was surprised to find that such a famous soldier, a descendant of **FF William Broughton**, has never had an entry in our FFF Honour Roll. Perhaps it is time to update the Roll in time for Anzac Day. Find it on *Shop* on our website

NEW CHAPTER TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

A meeting was held at GyMEA on 27 October to consider launching a new Chapter in the southern suburbs of Sydney. Thirteen members from the area were joined by some of the directors to discuss the possibility and make recommendations. There were also apologies from nine others eager to see a chapter formed.

The Chapter Development and Chapter Liaison officers were on hand to guide the meeting and explain some of the sections in the chapter starter pack. It soon became obvious that there was a keenness to get a chapter started and a question from the floor brought up suggestions as to a name for the new chapter. After a brief discussion a vote was held and **BOTANY BAY CHAPTER** was chosen without dissent by all present.

It was pointed out that the enthusiasm had to be matched with at least three members present indicating their willingness to get together and formulate a plan to get the chapter under way. We are pleased to report that the needed volunteers were forthcoming and that after the meeting they arranged to get together, offer themselves as a founding committee, and then consider a possible venue and date to launch the chapter early in 2019.

Indeed all this has happened and the following members have offered to accept nomination at the Official Launch Meeting of Botany Bay Chapter under the required authorisation of the Directors: President, **Kevin Snowball**; Secretary, **Carolyn Macklin**; Treasurer, **Margaret Binder**; Membership Officer, **David Franks**.

Once the new chapter is officially launched it will be up to its members to work with its elected executive and decide where and when to meet and how often. The experience of other chapters will no doubt be helpful in formalising these decisions. Some chapter meet monthly, others bi-monthly and a few quarterly. As to venues, some are fixed while others move between chosen venues to suit the geographical location of their membership.

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BREAKING NEWS ~ LAUNCH DATE ANNOUNCED

INAUGURAL MEETING

BOTANY BAY CHAPTER

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019

at GARDENS ON FOREST FUNCTION CENTRE

764 Forest Rd PEAKHURST at 10:30 am

For Fellowship members, prospective members, friends, history enthusiasts, from southern Sydney or from wherever; all are welcome. Details from Carol Macklin, Secretary -Elect, on 0415 376 434 or at 7 Boomi PI WORONORA

THREE NEW DIRECTORS FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

Kerrie Anne Christian



Currently President of the Fellowship's South Coast Chapter, she also administers the Fellowship's Facebook presence. About 1985, her family discovered they were First Fleeter descendants: **James Bradley** (Scarborough), **John Small** (Charlotte) and **Mary Parker** (Lady Penrhyn). Married to **David Christian**, a

Peter Hibbs (Sirius) descendant – but no connection to **Fletcher**! Parents of a daughter **Katrina**, and between them, they descend from at least 23 convicts.

They enjoy travel, photography, local history, family history, and lecture at Wollongong's University of the Third Age, where David is President. Kerrie Anne is also President of Bulli's Black Diamond Districts Heritage Museum.

She had a long career in heavy industry and was a Materials Investigation Quality Manager – and served for 12 years as an Alderman on Wollongong Council and on Wollongong University's Governing Council. At Wollongong Council she chaired the Heritage and Disabled Access Committees, and was on the Aboriginal Liaison Committee. Past activities included membership of the NSW National Parks Sydney Southern Region Advisory Committee and other community associations.

Other current activities include membership of several Standards Australia & ISO Quality Management groups and the Federal Government's ARPANSA national Nuclear Safety Committee – ARPANSA regulates ANSTO at Lucas Heights.

Gillian Doyle

Gillian has been a member of the Fellowship since 1985 and recently served as President of the Arthur Phillip Chapter for 6 years. She is currently their Committee member responsible for website development and excursions.

She is married to **John** who with their two daughters, a son-in-law and granddaughter are all members of the Fellowship and their local chapter.

Gillian's educational attainments are a Diploma in Busi-



ness Studies and a Certificate IV in Travel and Tourism. So her employment has been in the Business world, having been a PA at two different companies, and working with books at the Macquarie University Library and with McGraw Hill Publishers. For 12 years Gillian was the owner of a small business operating specialist air tours within Australia.

Gillian's interest in Australian and world history, together with family history research has seen her as a co-author of the 1988 self-published book, *Where Honour Guides the Prow*, the story of First Fleeter **William Boggis** and his family. She keeps her mind active with pursuits such as ballet, classical music, general reading, writing, gardening, cards and crossword puzzles.

Julie Anne Webb

Julie is the Managing Director of AustAsia Pacific Health Services. After coordinating the original company more than 23 years ago she ultimately purchased and took over operations, her entrepreneurial flair contributing to innovation and the expansion of the business, especially consolidating its close ties with Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the Pacific.



Her career began at Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney where she spent time in cardiac research and theatre, then followed many years in pathology labs all over NSW. During this time she qualified as a Medical Scientist with majors in Microbiology, Immunology and Transfusion. Her work and expertise provided a pathway to the purchase of her first company Veterinary Lab Services, which was responsible for the blood testing and diagnosis of animal diseases.

It was also at this time Julie moved to northern NSW and purchased a property, raising beef cattle and race horses which allowed her firsthand experience in animal husbandry. She was then given the opportunity to design and setup a new science block at St Hilda's School on the Gold Coast, as Laboratory Manager she was instrumental in developing a new Practical Biology curriculum for Senior School students. Other short term appointments included electroencephalograph research, operations coordinator for the S.E Qld division of Macquarie Pathology and as a consultant and Quality Manager in Aged Care. Julie's greatest strengths are her creativity, drive and leadership. She thrives on challenges, particularly those that expand her company and knowledge. **(to Page 12)**

MARY GROVES of LINCOLNSHIRE

Mary Groves was born about 1757 in Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, England based on convict records, but this may be incorrect as records show she was christened on the 26th November 1763 at St John the Baptist Church of England Colsterworth some 6 years later.

Several of the largest and most elaborate headstones of the Groves' family are located just outside the Church door in the graveyard.

Her father was **John Groves**, a butcher, and her mother **Frances Ayscough**. Mary's family came from Little Ponton and Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, England. Mary's claim to fame is her ancestral connection to **Sir Isaac Newton** also born in Colsterworth. The connection comes through Isaac's mother **Hannah Ayscough**.



St John the Baptist Church, Colsterworth

Mary was charged by the oath of **Edward Cooper** with feloniously stealing one yellow canvas bag, thirteen guineas in gold and eight shillings and sixpence in silver, the property of the said Edward Cooper.

Committed by **Benjamin Bromhead**, Esq. April 14 1785 stating "Then and there being feloniously did wrongfully act against the peace of our Sovereign George Crown and Dignity".

Mary Groves was tried on Tuesday the 9 July 1785 at Lincoln, she was charged with stealing "one yellow canvas bag containing 13 guineas and some silver, the property of Edward Cooper". Mary was found guilty and was sentenced to transportation for seven years. The value of the goods was 237 shillings.

A sentence over 40 shillings carried the death penalty so she was very lucky that her sentence was commuted to transportation. She had no occupation recorded but some may say it was pick-pocketing. Her crime was committed with the accomplice **William Hales**.

At the end of December 1786 over 17 months from her trial, she was still held at Lincoln goal situated within Lincoln Castle. Then with three other women and a child she was ordered to Portsmouth

on 16 March 1787 and delivered on the 25th direct to the ship *Prince of Wales* by the turnkey of Lincoln goal to sail as part of the First Fleet to Sydney Cove.

The *Prince of Wales* sailed from Portsmouth, England, with Mary Groves on board on Sunday 13 May 1787. Mary was somewhere between 25 and 29 years old when she arrived at Sydney Cove on Saturday 26 January 1788.

The ship contained 49 female and 1 male convict on departure but arrived with 3 male, 62 female and 3 convict's children as throughout the journey further convicts were transferred from other ships in the fleet.

Over 480 passengers were made up of crew, marines and their families. Hopefully with this large number it was a good influence on the convicts and enabled them to see opportunities that awaited on completing their sentence.

On Sunday 1st June 1788 Mary Groves and **William Douglas** were married. While their marriage was registered under St Philips Church, Sydney it was most likely that the marriage was held in the open with the first church not built until 1793.

William Douglas was also a convict of the First Fleet travelling on the *Alexander*, born in the same parish in Lincolnshire, England, of the same age and convicted around the same time but that's another story. How well did they know each other before? What is Williams story?

They were married, with the consent of **Arthur Phillip**, Governor, by the colony's Chaplain **Reverend Johnson**, at St Phillip's Church of England, Sydney Cove, Port Jackson - **William Rowe** and **Stephen Barnes** witnessing their marriage.

It is from this point that the records for Mary Groves become vague.

It is highly debatable how many children Mary Groves and William Douglas had; the number is hotly contested. The Hawkesbury Pioneer Register had named seven; they were **George**, **John**, **Elizabeth** b.1796, **James** b.1797, **Thomas** b.1804, **William** b.10 June 1809 and **Sarah** b.1810.



Lincoln Castle

From what is known as *The Douglas Controversy* based on the fact that there were three William Douglas convicts at this time it appears unlikely that James, Thomas, William and Sarah were the offspring of Mary Groves and William Douglas. It appears that by 1801 Mary was no longer around.

It is believed the actual children belonging to Mary and William were **John**, born 9 April 1793, who died in infancy and is buried in the grounds of St Philip's Church of England, Sydney and **Elizabeth** and her twin brother **Joseph** born 8 February 1796. Joseph also died in infancy as there are no further records. Their daughter Elizabeth married Daniel Jurd, founding what is called the 'Jurd Dynasty'.

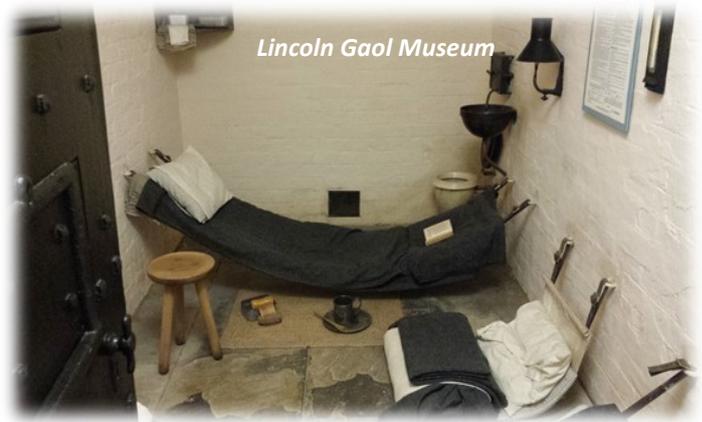
Mary and William Douglas were one of the first twenty-two pioneer farmers of the Hawkesbury Valley in an area known as *The Green Hills* and which became the town of Windsor established by **Governor Lachlan Macquarie** in 1810. A plaque in Governor Phillip Park at Windsor, with the words that were written by **Lieutenant Governor Grose** in April 1794, honours those first settler families.

Mary's time of death and place of burial are unknown, it could be assumed she died between 1797 and 1800.

Mary might have been buried on their farm at the Hawkesbury, or in the original Green Hills Cemetery on the banks of South Creek which has no surviving headstones.

It is also possible, and quite likely, that she was buried in

the cemetery that existed where today Sydney Town Hall stands. Here there were many headstones marking the grave sites of convicts and early settlers, all now lost in the re-use of that early cemetery land. As for her burial site we are still waiting for that one piece of documented evidence. Others say she may have left him.



Mary's disappearance from the records is a mystery and I am sure as more evidence is uncovered the story will grow and is even likely to be re-written, but I can thank Mary and William as their actions started a chain of events that gave me and many other descendants the opportunity to be born and live in this wonderful country of Australia.
#8404 Craig Daniel Jurd

MARY WILLIAMS ~ FIRST FLEET CONVICT

Mary Williams was baptised on the 7 January 1740 at St James Church, Clerkenwell, her parents listed in the register as **Robert** and **Ann Williams**. The young couple had waited until they came of age to marry, the ceremony recorded at Aldersgate parish church on 11 November 1744.

Mary was sentenced to 7 years' transportation at the Old Bailey in London on 22 February 1786 for stealing twenty shillings worth of clothing from a dwelling house. A lodger going upstairs had heard someone in her room and saw Mary standing at the door. She said, 'She had some things in her apron, the ones I had lost, a silk gown and coat, a bombazeen gown and coat, a cloak and a handkerchief.' Mary refused to show what was in her apron, but other lodgers searched her and found the items. Mary's court statement: 'When I went up to this person I trod upon these things. I picked them up and would have come down to have shewn them to this gentlewoman in the parlour, but she would not let me.

Newgate records give Mary's age as 49 when she was ordered to *Lady Penrhyn* and she was delivered on board on 6 January 1787. **Arthur Bowes Smyth** listed her as aged 39 at the time and said she was a needleworker.

After arriving at Sydney Cove Mary worked alongside **William Whiting** in the government stores and through

that closeness they formed a relationship. Even though there was at least twenty years difference in their ages, she and William married on 28 June 1790 at the original St Philips Church, at that stage a small wattle and daub building constructed by the chaplain, Rev Richard Johnson.

It is quite obvious that Mary Williams was not the shy retiring type, as in 1791 she was in trouble with the law. Following a wild drinking spree she was ordered to receive one hundred lashes. These were to be administered over four different occasions and each time was to be at a serving of provisions so all the other convicts could watch.

The marriage, which was childless due to her age, did not last long. By 1795 William was living with another woman, **Mary Smith**, who bore him two daughters, Jane and Sarah Whiting. It is unknown what Mary Whiting (nee Williams) did after the marriage break up but we do know that she died in July 1801, and her burial on 13 July 1801 is listed in St Philips' church registers.

So, after being transported all the way to Australia for stealing clothing she died a lonely woman at Sydney in a strange country with no relatives or family by her side. She is buried at the old Sydney Burial Ground, now the site of Sydney Town Hall.

Edited from an article by #8469.1 Roddy Jordan

TWO OIL PAINTINGS FOR FIRST FLEET HOUSE

Sybil Small with Karys Fearon



Some years ago founding member #218.1 **Sybil Small**, an accomplished artist, donated two oil paintings to her North West Chapter. They have been much admired over the years and found a temporary home at Tamworth Art Gallery and then at the Liverpool Plains Information Centre at Willow Tree. The story of the donation and an image of the larger painting appeared in Founders 46/4

This year Sybil and the chapter have asked that the paintings be passed on to the Fellowship for permanent display at First Fleet House. **Jon and Karys Fearon** were able to attend the recent North West chapter meeting, meet Sybil and the members there, and then collect the paintings from Willow Tree on their way back home to Gosford.

The larger painting, *Coming Ashore, Sydney Cove, 5 pm 6th February 1788*, depicted 100 women and the children from *Lady Penrhyn* in a convoy of longboats landing on a sandy strip along the western side of what we know as Bennelong Point. The weather was hot and humid, 34 degrees at 5 pm with a storm brewing from the south-east and high tide at 5:30 pm.

The condition of the women varies according to which account you read. **Arthur Bowes Smyth** wrote that they looked tidy and reasonably clean. He also referred to licentious behaviour that he could not describe. Of course he couldn't as he didn't leave the ship.

Sybil suggests that women who had been locked up for nine months in the bowels of a slave ship, then waited ten days in that ship anchored in the middle of the harbour

in the middle of a hot Australian summer could well have just paddled in the water, rinsed out clothes or even just sat in the water. Who knows?

The storm broke before the women reached their tents near the hospital tent. Sybil's painting depicts the landing as she thinks it may have happened.

The second painting, pictured below, is titled *Morning After the Storm, 7th February 1788*. Here the women are shown in a more relaxed and settled fashion, the rigours of the voyage beginning to be replaced by a sense of optimism as to what the future might hold.

Sybil's notes referred to the *Lady Penrhyn* having been built for the slave trade by a London alderman **William Curtis**. On her return to England the ship was apparently converted into a troop carrier for the Caribbean campaigns.



FIRST FLEET HOUSE ~ MONEY WELL SPENT ON REPAIRS



For some time your Directors have been concerned about the poor state of some of the internal walls of First Fleet House. Paint was flaking in many sections and half-way up the stairs wall plaster had rotted away leaving a gaping hole.

Every year, too, after leaf-drop, gutter overflow water would cascade down the external walls and through cracks and window ledges to set up a major problem of falling damp in most rooms.

Added to this, rising damp, not uncommon in 100 year-old buildings, needed to be addressed.

It was time too for a complete internal repainting of the whole building, both storeys, in new fresh colours befitting current tastes and allowing light to enhance the furnishings, artwork and historic archives.

Before painting could start, major repairs to the roofing had to be completed so the building would be weather-proofed from without. **Vice President Denis Smith** worked with our long term builder **John Hurley** and his team to form an action plan. This was quickly agreed to by the Directors and over several weeks the work was in full swing.

Two pictures on this page show the extent of the damage and why the entry of water, even after only light rain, was a constant problem.

The annual financial statement as presented by our Treasurer for the 2017-8 year did not include any of the abovementioned repairs and painting as all were undertaken in August-September, our current financial year. In all over \$33 000 has been spent to bring First Fleet House up to standard and our thanks go to Denis for his hard work in getting everything prioritised and to *John Hurley Building and Carpentry Services* for outstanding work on our behalf, so pleasantly undertaken, too.

Invoiced repair jobs included the removal of roof and gutter rubbish and the installation of modern leaf guards on our roof and that of the adjoining laundry building. Much zinc flashing had to be replaced on parapet walls

and roofing edges, rust removed and then clear sealant applied.

The broken chimney pot and its first course of brickwork had to be replaced, a major cause of the falling damp within. Other improvements included a new sliding base for the grille front door and the repainting of the external toilet and all the timber surfaces of the Cathedral Street façade.

Our valiant volunteers worked steadily through the whole process and deserve our thanks for soldiering on and moving everything back into place on completion. We must not forget those members who have given willingly to help defray the major expenses involved. It was indeed money well-spent.

The new members Morning Tea held on 29 September was our first event in our newly-refurbished building. All who attended agreed how good it looked.



EARLY ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND ABORIGINES ~ PART 8

Archival Articles by historian, Ena Harper, continue.

Pemulwy lived with his tribe near the head of Botany Bay. **Governor Phillip** sent out an armed party from the garrison with instructions to destroy or take prisoner six persons from that tribe, avoiding injury to women or children. This was strong action on the part of the Governor who had always tried to avoid bloodshed. After three days the party returned without having wounded a native or taken a prisoner.

We hear of Pemulwy again in December 1795 when **Collins** tells of a negro convict named **Negro** who had fled to the woods to avoid honest labour and lived by robbing settlers. Collins comments:

It was however reported that he had done one meritorious action, killing Pemulwy who had just before wounded Collins (the native) so dangerously that his recovery was a matter of very great doubt ...

A barbed spear had been driven into his loins near the vertebrae of the spine and the surgeons were unable to remove it. Collins left the hospital deciding to trust to nature. For several weeks he was seen walking about with the spear unmoved but at last they heard that his wife or one of his male friends had fixed their teeth in the wood and drawn it out. After that, he recovered.

(Collins had taken the surname of Captain David Collins and the latter says that he was much esteemed by every white man who knew him because of his personal bravery and the gentleness of his manners.)

Pemulwy did not die. He is next heard of in March 1797. The people from the Northern Boundary Farms about one mile north of Parramatta had been repeatedly plundered of their provisions and clothing by a large body of natives. Also a white man and woman had recently been killed. So they armed themselves and, after pursuing the natives all night, came upon them at sunrise. Seeing that the settlers were armed, the natives fled leaving a quantity of Indian corn, some musket balls and other articles. They followed them to the outskirts of Parramatta and entered the town.

Collins tells the story:

.. about an hour after were followed by Pemulwy, a riotous and troublesome savage. These were known by the settlers to be the same who had so frequently annoyed them and they intended, if possible, to seize upon Pemulwy, who in a great rage threatened to spear the first man that dared approach him and actually did throw a spear at one of the soldiers.

Immediately a musket was fired and Pemulwy was wounded. Many spears were thrown but the muskets were more deadly and five natives were killed. Collins says the this was unpleasant to the Governor but no other course could be taken.

... for it was their custom, when they found themselves more numerous and better armed than the white people to demand with insolence whatever they wanted and, if refused, to have recourse to murder.

Pemulwy had received seven buckshot in his head and body and was taken seriously ill to hospital.

In May 1797 Governor Phillip went to Parramatta to see land between Duck River and Georges River. Collins reported as follows:

Having proceeded down the Georges River they stopped at a point near Botany Bay where they met with several parties of natives. Among them was Pemulwy who, having perfectly recovered from his wounds had escaped from the hospital with an iron about his leg. He was and spoke with one of the gentlemen of the party enquiring of him whether the Governor was angry and seemed pleased at being told that he was not. Notwithstanding which, there could be but little doubt that his savage and brutal disposition would manifest itself whenever excited by the appearance of an unarmed man.

A year later, in March 1798, Collins writes again:

A strange idea was found to prevail among the natives respecting the savage Pemulwy which was very likely to prove fatal to him in the end. Both he and they entertained an opinion that, from his having been frequently wounded he could not be killed by our firearms. Through this fancied security, he was said to be at the head of every party that attacked the maize grounds and it certainly became expedient to convince them both that he was not endowed with any such extraordinary exemption.

However, a year later, Pemulwy is still alive and as venomous as ever. In May, Collins reports the death of a marine settler at Georges River speared to death by hostile aborigines. His notes that the natives belonged to the tribe of which Pemulwy was the leader and makes this comment:

It might be supposed that in this exercise (dancing) and the company of their females, their angry and turbulent passions would be at rest and that the idea of murder could not enter their minds, yet they have been known to start away in search of some unsuspecting object of their revenge or hatred who before the morning has received a dozen spears through his body and this man in his uncultivated state!

In the end, Pemulwy was killed or died though I am not sure how or when. *The Sydney Gazette Vol. 1, 2nd October 1803* has these words:

By an unconquerable attachment to these barbarous usages and an utter dislike to civilised customs, this

savage race of men are principally intent on the work of depopulation which has not, since the fate of Pemulwy extended beyond their own wild haunts.

Balloonderry, A Fine Young Man. Somewhat different to the wild, strange story of Pemulwy is the account given by Collins of a happening at Parramatta:

Since the establishment of that familiar intercourse which now subsisted between us and the natives, several of them had found it to their interest to sell or exchange fish among the people at Parramatta, they being contented to receive a small quantity of either bread or salt meat in barter for mullet, bream and other fish. To the officers who resided there this proved a great convenience and they encouraged the natives to visit them as often as they could bring them fish. There were, however, among the convicts some who were so unthinking or so depraved as wantonly to destroy a canoe belonging to a fine young man, a native, who had left it at some little distance from the settlement and as he hopped out of the way of observation, while he went with some fish to the huts. His rage at finding his canoe destroyed was inconceivable and he threatened to take his own revenge and in his own way, upon all white people.

The result was that one of the six convicts was hanged and Balloonderry was told of this. Nevertheless, when he met an unarmed man who had strayed from Parramatta as far as the Flats, he wounded him in two places with a spear. Governor Phillip then strictly forbade Balloonderry to appear again at any of the settlements. Then the other natives, his friends, were alarmed and Parramatta was seldom visited by any of them and all commerce with them ceased.

Here Collins' sympathies are with the natives:

How much greater a claim to the appellation of savages were the wretches who were the cause of this than the native who was the sufferer?

The Sydney Scene. We have been trying to build up a picture of what really happened between Europeans and Aborigines in the early days of the Sydney Settlement.

At this stage a further remark should be made regarding **Boorong**, the aboriginal girl who went to live with **Rev and Mrs Johnson**. A modern commentary suggested that she was made to act as a maid. This may have been true but further reading of the journals has shown nothing to support this view. Captain Watkin Tench says she was received with great kindness by Mrs Johnson and other references mention the fact that she was taken on expeditions to act as an interpreter between the white men and her people. Later she became known as **Abaroo**.

It is very obvious there was a mixed reaction among the aborigines to the settlers. As we have seen, there were some aborigines who actually lived in the homes of newcomers, some who traded with them and others who

would have nothing to do with them except when they stole food or clothing or burnt down crops or dwellings.

In the first place it is interesting to read how aborigines behaved in the company of Europeans, that is, when they were living in a fixed dwelling. In the journals of **Captain Tench** we read of **Imeerawanyee**, a young aborigine.

*This good-tempered lively lad was become a great favourite with us and almost constantly lived at the Governor's house. He had clothes made up for him and to amuse his mind he was taught to wait at table. One day a lady, **Mrs McArthur**, wife of an officer of the garrison, dine there as did Nambaree. This latter, anxious that his countryman should appear to advantage in his new office, gave him many instructions, strictly charging him, among other things, to take away the lady's plate whenever she should cross her knife and fork and to give her a clean one. This Imeerawanyee executed, not only to Mrs McArthur but to several of the other guests. At last Nambaree crossed his knife and fork with great gravity, casting a glance at the other, who looked for a moment with cool indifference at what he had done and then turned his head another way. Stung at this supercilious treatment, he called in rage to know why he was not attended to as well as the rest of the company. But Imeerawanyee only laughed. Nor could all the anger and reproaches of the other prevail upon him to do that for one of his countrymen which he cheerfully continued to perform to every other person.*

This is only one small aspect of the overall scene. In June 1793 Captain David Collins gives a vivid picture of the mixed life that the natives were living.

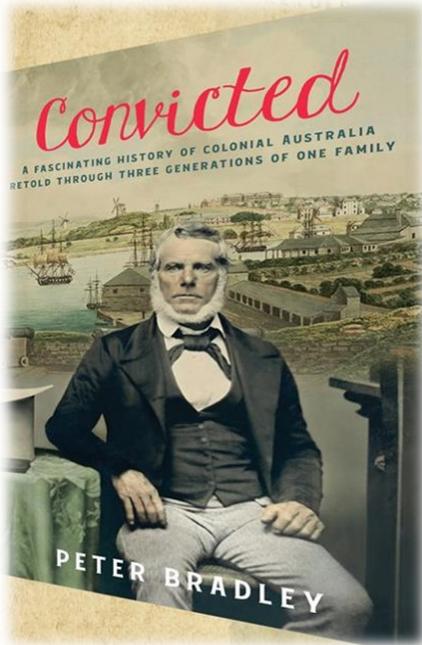
The natives had lately become troublesome, particularly in lurking between the different settlements and forcibly taking provisions and clothing from the convicts who were passing from one to another. One or two of the convicts having been wounded by the natives, some small parties were sent out to drive them away and to throw a few shot among them, but with positive orders to be careful not to take a life. (This would have been in the western suburbs area.)

*Several of these people however, continued to reside in the town and to mix with the residents in the most unreserved manner. It was no uncommon circumstance to see them coming into town with bundles of firewood which they had been lured to procure or bringing water from the tanks; for which services they thought themselves well rewarded with any worn-out jacket or trousers, blankets or a piece of bread. Of this latter article they were all exceedingly fond and their constant prayer was for bread, importuning with as much earnestness and perseverance as if begging for bread had been their profession from their infancy and their attachment to us must be considered as an indication of their not receiving any ill-treatment from us. **(This series will be concluded in the next issue)***

TWO NEW BOOKS BY MEMBERS

CONVICTED ~ A fascinating History of Colonial Australia retold through Three Generations of One Family, by Peter Bradley

As a direct descendant of First Fleeter **James Bradley**, the 'passionate historian' #8879 **Peter Bradley** is well qualified to have selected from his family three members whose adventurous lives deserve careful retelling. Peter's research task has been made somewhat easier because two of those adventurers, the whaler, **Joseph**, and the unionist political advocate, **Roland**, had already written personal accounts of major incidents in their interesting lives.



Using extensive references linked by end notes, the author elicits his main theme, an excellent overview of Australian settlement history from 1788 to 1920. Cleverly interwoven is the focus on one branch of the Bradley line from First Fleeter James and his wife **Sarah**, farmers of Kissing Point at Ryde, through almost to the author himself.

The book of over 300 pages gives equal coverage to the three, the pioneer James, his son Joseph and grandson Roland. As we read we warm to their personalities, are absolutely engrossed by their vivid accounts of their maritime adventures, and long with their families to see them safe on dry land once again.

All three were men of the people, their strong Christian principles crying out for social justice for those in need. In the author's words (p 271): 'Many people were vocal in their dissent against unrestrained capital, including the three Bradleys. . . From James's early activism on corrupt crop prices, to Joseph's public protest regarding the treatment of Pacific Islanders, and Roland's union work on improving the rights and conditions of workers, my three ancestors each played a part'.

The author's own concern for our indigenous peoples and the harsh treatment meted out to them throughout our country's settlement history is also a recurring theme and one close to his heart.

The book is well indexed and includes maps of the relevant sea voyages and a clear family tree extract to back up references to family members in the text.

Once you as the reader get past the early more well documented history and onto the exciting lives and deep concerns of the Bradleys you will find it hard to put it down. You too, as the title suggests, will be 'Convicted'. **WJF**

A LINE OF DESCENT FROM TWO FIRST FLEETERS by Robert Louis Failes

There are many ways to link a well written family history with its beginnings on the First Fleet. This excellent account by #8439 **Robert Louis Failes**, published in 2018 as an ongoing gift to his own family, approaches the task most admirably.

After an initial section covering the background and lives of First Fleeters **Ann Sandlands** and **John Winter** the author takes the reader down one line of each generation until he himself, the three times great grandson, highlights his own life in a little more detail. The title of the book indicates the approach taken. Your reviewer found it most fascinating to enter into the lives of a few of Ann and John's descendants, particularly as in this case they became a family of some note through hard work in all their entrepreneurial endeavours.

The book, of just 100 pages, is handsomely presented in A4 format on glossy paper with excellent photographs and facsimiles of records throughout. Impressive and most helpful are the regular footnotes and the acknowledgement of archival sources and contributed images.

The author does admit his difficulty in adequately presenting relevant sections of his family tree, and even those with excellent vision would find some magnification of these highly desirable.

The text makes for easy reading with relevant and interesting family anecdotes nicely slotted into the whole. This reader would have preferred a more distinct breakdown into headed chapters for the six generations covered.

Overall, Robert Failes is to be congratulated for an outstanding publication, a worthy addition to the Fellowship Library. **WJF**

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Our Seventeen Chapters in Action

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

Venue: usually at Albury Library/Museum, Kiewa St. Albury, monthly meetings, third Saturday at 10:00 for 10.30 am. **Next Event:** 26 January: Australia Day at Noreuil Park from 9.30 am. FFF Table, Come dressed in costume. **Next Meeting** 16 February: Luke Merriman, Researching Family History, please bring laptops. **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:** 21 December: General Meeting & Christmas Party; 15 February: Patrick Dodd, *Matthew Flinders*. **Next Event:** History Cruise of Brisbane Water, Date and Time TBA. **Contact:** Judith O'Shea 9797 0240

BOTANY BAY - Southern Sydney, from Cooks River to Waterfall and west to Liverpool

Venue: For the Inaugural 'Launch' meeting, The Gardens on Forest Function Centre, 764 Forest Road Peakhurst. Tuesday 19 February, 10:30 am. **Contact:** Carol Macklin 0415376434

CANBERRA – ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations in Canberra. **Next Events:** 9 December: Christmas Barbecue, 12 noon at 7 Portus Place, Bruce; 26 January: Australia Day Luncheon, 12 noon at Southern Cross Yacht Club. **Contact:** Geoff Cameron 62514095

CENTRAL COAST – From Lake Macquarie to Broken Bay, highlands to coast.

Venue: Point Clare Community Hall – meet monthly, second Saturday at 10 am for 10.30. **Next Meetings:** 9 February: Gavin Plunkett, *FF Thomas Chipp/Jane Langley*. **Next Event:** Saturday 8th December: 11 am Tour of Alison Homestead/History Museum followed by Christmas Lunch. **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43116254

DERWENT - Southern Tasmania

Venue: Bi-monthly, 11am, first Saturday at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay. **Next Meeting:** 2 February, Speaker TBA. . **Next Event:** 1 December: Christmas barbecue at Nubeena (President Dianne's farm), from 11 am, followed by optional visit to Port Arthur. **Contact:** Paul Dobber 0401566080

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:** 1 December: Meeting, *Christmas Morning Tea*; 2 February: James Warrant, *Grounding of the Endeavour*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Jennifer Follers 97991161

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

Venue: Windsor Library, Penrith Library and in Springwood. -- monthly, second Saturday, 11 am. **Next Meeting:** **Next Events:** 15 December (Windsor): Christmas Social Function. **Contact:** William Hempel 0410950101

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:** 18 February: Judy Aubin, *Three Interim Governors of NSW*. **Next Event:** 10 December: Christmas Lunch 11:30 at *The Gates*, Adamstown. **Contact:** Kerry Neinert 49615083

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

Venue: Presbyterian Church, 76 Albert Street, Taree, Bi-monthly on 4th Tuesday at 2pm.. **Next Event:** 26 January: Gloucester Museum & Golf Club Lunch . **Contact:** Heather Bath 0427018566

MORETON – South East Queensland.

Venue: St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Hamilton – bi-monthly meetings, at 10 am on an available 2nd Saturday. **Next Meeting:** 9 February: Speaker TBA. **Next Events:** 8 December: End of Year and Christmas Lunch, *A Memorable Christmas*; 26 January: Australia Day Lunch at the Cornfords. **Contact:** Julia Cornford 0418747891

NORTH COAST – Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Dorrigo to Maclean

Venue: Either at Mylestom Hall or at members' homes, Bi-monthly, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. **Next Meeting:** 3 February: At Mylestom Hall. **Next Event:** 1 December: Chapter Christmas Party at Golden Dog Hotel, Glenreagh, 11.45 am for 12 noon. **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 66533615

NORTHERN RIVERS – Lismore and surrounds.

Venue: Ballina Cherry Street Sports and Bowling Club - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am followed by lunch; **Next Meeting:** **Contact:** Karla Rojo 66884306

NORTH WEST – Tamworth and surrounds.

Venue: Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meeting:** 2 February, with visit to Tamworth Hospital Museum. **Next Events:** 1 December: Christmas Lunch, and visit to Walcha and Langford House; 26 January: Australia Day celebrations at Tamworth and Wallabadah. **Contact:** Diana Harband 67652122

SOUTH COAST – Engadine to Burrill Lake.

Venue: Scribbly Gum Room, Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto – monthly except Jan, May and Dec. – first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm. **Next Meeting:** 5 February: *Members Show and Tell*. **Next Event:** 1 December: Saturday noon Christmas Lunch, Woonona RSL. **Contact:** Rob Ratcliffe 42321842

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS – Mittagong, Moss Vale and surrounds.

Venue: Mittagong Community Centre – bi-monthly – second Wednesday at 10.30am \$5 Admission. **Next Meetings:** 12 December: (11:45 at Mittagong RSL) *Christmas Lunch and chapter 14th birthday* ; 13 February: Howard Lewis, *An Array of Famous Faces*. **Contact:** Wendy Selman 48624849

SWAN RIVER – Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.

Venue: 16 Inwood Place Murdoch, bi-monthly, usually first Saturday, at 2pm. **Next Meeting:** 2 February: Speaker, TBA; 1 December: Christmas Wind-up with *Show and Tell*, plus Wine and Cheese. **Contact:** Toni Mahony 0892717630

Karys Fearon, Chapter Liaison Officer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Closing date for this page for the next issue is 21 January 2019

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

DEATHS

Ordinary and Pensioner Members

ANN FORBES/OWEN CAVANOUGH
#8898 Anne Velu
JOHN BARRISFORD/HANNAH BARRISFORD
#8899 Kathleen Dean
JOHN SMALL/MARY PARKER/JAMES SQUIRE
#8903 Dr Deborah Jane Macarthur
JAMES BRADLEY
#8904 Patricia Anne Francis
JAMES BRYAN CULLEN
#8905 Heather Anne Stroud
THOMAS SPENCER/MARY PHILLIPS
#8906 Wayne Anthony Hunt
WILLIAM HUBBARD/JOHN NICHOLLS
#8907 Shannon Powell
ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY/JOHN SUMMERS
#8908 Cathryn Louise Culjak
MATTHEW JAMES EVERINGHAM
#8912 Florence Mary McKillop-Davies
JAMES RUSE
#8913 Lisa Veronica Collier
HUGH HUGHES
#8916 Caroline Elizabeth Sommariva
ELEANOR FRASER
#8918 Janice Shirley Ryan
JOHN MARTIN/JOHN RANDALL/RICHARD PARTRIDGE/MARY GREENWOOD
#8919 Valerie Manwaring

Ordinary and Pensioner Members

STEPHEN MARTIN
#8920 Kathleen Ann Rutherford
WILLIAM DOUGLASS
#8921 Helen Joy Lowrey
Junior Members
JOHN PALMER
#8900 Harper Clair Loughrey
#8901 Zahlia Alida Loughrey
#8902 Ryder Patrick Green
ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY/JOHN SUMMERS
#8909 Daniel John Culjak
#8910 Joshua James Culjak
#8911 Jessica Grace Culjak
JAMES RUSE
#8914 Austin Collier Rhodes
HUGH HUGHES
#8915 Felix Alexander Sommariva
ANDREW FISHBURN
#8917 Indiana Lucy Roberts
Associates
#8908.1 Darko Daniel Culjak
#8919.1 Anthony James Sweeney
#8920.1 Ian Walter Hind
#8766.1 Robin Lee McCarthy
Friends
#F192 Beverly Dawn Battersby

ROBERT FORRESTER

#1914 William Evans Richards, of Tea Gardens and lately Hawks Nest, New South Wales, died on 26.03.2018, aged 84. William (Bill) had been a member of the Fellowship for 37 years.

DAVID KILLPACK

#4382 David Dinham Pike, of Mosman, New South Wales, died on 09.11.2018. aged 87. David joined the Fellowship in 1987. For many years David and his late wife Judy prepared the layout for the FFF Newsletter and prepared it for printing. Together they oversaw its renaming and redesign as *Founders* in 1998. At times David acted as its editor.

WILLIAM HAMBLY/MARY SPRINGHAM

#6302 Terence H Childs, of Youngtown, Tasmania, died on 30.10.2018. In reporting his death his son Nick said that Terry, who joined in 1994, 'was very proud of his membership of the Fellowship' and his connection with FF William Hambly in Van Diemen's Land.

Donations received for First Fleet House upkeep:

.Albrecht M, Bracey N L, Houstone M A, Knight M K, Ross C S, Stapleton C, Upfold T D, Watson E R, Williamson H T.

(from page 3) **Julie Webb** holds Bachelor's degrees from Sydney University in Microbiology, Genetics and Transfusion, U.N.E. in Geography, Archaeology and Anthropology, the Diploma of Family History at UTAS. She is currently undertaking a Masters in History. In her free time, Julie likes to travel, write books, research family history, genetics and war history. She is the Vice-President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters Moreton Chapter and a member of the advisory board of the Kokoda Track Foundation as well as an Executive Committee member of the Australia Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands Business Councils. Julie has always been supportive of environmental issues and is involved in many philanthropic ventures, both in the fields of animal welfare, health and education.



Our volunteers need a break too. **First Fleet House will be closed** from Thursday 6th December, reopening on Monday 21st January. Of course emails and Australia Day Luncheon bookings will be dealt with throughout the break.

YOUR STORIES

Founders, we must remind you again, is waiting 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 the 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 11.

Contact the editor for further information.

If your First Fleeters' names are not printed in blue in the ship's list on our web site then we need their story

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