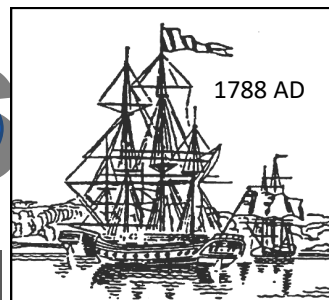


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To live on in the hearts and minds  
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## THREE OUT AND TWO IN ~ CHANGES IN THE BOARD

Pandemic restrictions were back in force for the Fellowship's 2021 **Annual General Meeting** on 28 October with inner Sydney and First Fleet House still off-limits for travellers. So, as for last year, the meeting was held by Zoom and 25 members, representing eleven different chapters and four states were able to take part from afar.

In opening the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country the President referred to the many different First Nations on whose land the attendees represented.

This year all reports and the election of directors for the coming year were available on screen as the meeting proceeded. With our Vice-Patron, Commodore Paul Kable, as Returning Officer **two new Directors**, introduced below, were elected.

**#8636 BROOKE SMITH** was a member of the NSW Police Force for 30 years. On leaving the Force he entered the field of Professional Genealogy, with a specific interest in Forensic Genealogy. While in the Police Force he had completed a Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc) degree, majoring in Criminology and Psychology, at the University of Western Sydney (Bankstown), as well as a Graduate Certificate in Management Psychology (Grad Cert Mgt Psych) through Charles Sturt University (Bathurst).

To assist with his professional genealogy career, he recently completed a Graduate Diploma in Local, Family and Applied History (Grad Dip LFAH) through the University of New England (Armidale), and has just been accepted into the University of New Haven (Connecticut, USA) to undertake their Graduate Certificate in Forensic Genetic Genealogy course which commences January 2022. He is also a member of the 'Association of Professional Genealogists'.



Brooke lives in the south-west Sydney suburb of Wattle Grove, descends from **FF John Small/Mary Parker** and is a founding member of Botany Bay Chapter. In his spare time he enjoys doing his own family history.

**#7526 TONY NEGLINE**, as a member of FFF since 2008, thinks highly of his **First Fleet ancestor, Joseph**

**Wright** ex *Scarborough* 1788 and Second Fleeter Eleanor Wright, nee Gott ex the hell ship *Neptune* 1790. This ancestral connection now has over 13,000 members.



Tony is an associate of the Hunter Valley Chapter where members are emerging from the restrictions of the pandemic still strongly dedicated to the ideals of the Fellowship; absolutely reconnecting their involvement through well organised social functions for the rest of 2021; and looking forward to pursuing a detailed plan of meetings and events for 2022.

Tony has for some time been retired after a career in education, having served as Teacher, Principal and District Inspector. He is looking forward to a helping role on the Board, expressing keen interest in publicity, promotions, newsletters and links between the Fellowship and First Nations associations. He is encouraged by articles on chapter achievements and activities, endeavouring to bring together individual member's interests in their ancestors.

At a personal level, Tony is married to Keri with an adult daughter Jane (a seventh generation descendant). Jane lives in Paddington with her French Bulldog, Mate. Her parents, in retirement, alternate their lives between Sydney and the Lake Macquarie waterfront at Wangi Wangi.

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our team of faithful volunteers who are  
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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

(from Page 1) After welcoming Brooke and Tony, President Jon asked those at the meeting to consider answering the call to fill the other two vacancies still available. There were some offers during a brief discussion but none could be taken up immediately. Our three retiring Directors, John Boyd, Karys Fearon and Kevin Thomas were thanked for their contribution over many years and were given our good wishes as they move on to other endeavours.



The meeting followed the usual agenda, with the Minutes Secretary reading the minutes from last year and these were accepted as a true record. Our Vice-Patron was reappointed and on our expressed appreciation of his many years' service he said he looked forward to next year's meeting which will be hosted by his home Chapter, Canberra.

The President's Report referred to the difficulties faced by the Fellowship in general, and specifically some Chapters, in negotiating their way through Covid-related restrictions. The latter would certainly have had some bearing on a further drop in new memberships during the year, from 113 down to 74 as recorded by 30 June. A continuing influence on future trends may be the gradually younger potential cohort with differing attitudes towards membership of community associations. Political correctness relating to Indigenous issues, Australia Day and even 'cancelling culture' is always simmering in the background and the Fellowship is often called on to 'take a stand' on such issues.

The good news is that, despite the arrival of the Delta strain and more recent lockdowns, the country is bouncing back. So too is the Fellowship with a current surge in membership applications and the promise that in the new year we will be able to enjoy major gatherings and at long last welcome our new Patron. The Fellowship is in a good place financially and the meeting resolved to adopt the statements for the year, agreeing with the Directors' resolution that 'the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.'

The highlight of this year's meeting was undoubtedly the conferring of Life Memberships on three of our long-serving members. The award bestowed on our Webmaster **Bob Rickards** (FF Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes) just before he died was confirmed and two new and very worthy recipients were welcomed onto the Life Membership Honour Roll, #6558 **Wendy Selman** (FF Edward Risby) and #7456 **Kevin Thomas** (FF Edward Miles). The testimonials to both recipients were presented at the meeting and are printed on page 3 of this issue. Members will no doubt concur with the decision after perusing these.

In closing the meeting the President passed on his thanks to all our hard-working volunteers at First Fleet House and nationwide in the chapters. In particular he mentioned our Zoom Host for today, incoming Treasurer, Warren O'Shea. He indicated that he was looking forward to next year's Annual General Meeting which in a return to our tradition will be hosted by Canberra Chapter on Saturday 22 October, 2022.

**Jon**

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## TWO LONG-SERVING MEMBERS HONOURED WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Testimonials from the AGM, 2021

### 1. MRS WENDY SELMAN

It is my very great pleasure to nominate #6558 Mrs Wendy B Selman (FF Edward Risby Convict *Alexander*) of Mittagong, New South Wales to the FFF Board for LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Wendy joined the Fellowship on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1996 and was instrumental in the establishment of the Southern Highlands Chapter on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004. Her colleague, Mrs Pamela Cormick, who was President for the years leading up to the chapter's closure on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 has provided the following testimonial highlighting Wendy's roles in the Chapter and community. She says:

'I would have to say Wendy was devoted to and the mainstay of the Southern Highlands Chapter, going above and beyond in her duties as Secretary. Wendy organised advertising and newspaper journalists when needed, found our guest speakers and also looked after the Chapter newsletter for many years, and more recently, was Acting Treasurer as well.

As you know, Wendy was one of the five founding members of the Chapter and shaped it into a well-run organisation. She accepted the position of Secretary when a Committee was first formed and has been Secretary ever since. As well as being Chapter Secretary, she also took on the job of Secretary at the Senior Citizens' Hall where we



held our meetings, along with John Kirkby, our Treasurer. During this time many improvements were made to the hall which enhanced the use of the hall for us and others. I think awarding Wendy a Life Membership is a wonderful acknowledgement of her service and dedication and I would wholehearted support such a motion'.

**From our Directors:** 'She had done an outstanding, consistent and energetic job for the Fellowship over many years, including keeping the Southern Highlands Chapter going for as long as it was possible'.

'Wendy's dealings with the Board have always been a pleasure. Her warm friendliness and her obvious desire to maintain rich fellowship with everyone highlighted all our

contacts. We do miss her regular encouragements through her willingness to oversee her chapter's well-being, and not forgetting the personal contact we shared at chapter outings and anniversary celebrations.'

'Her sixteen years of dedicated service which included her role in the chapter's Bonnet Project, undoubtedly formed the mainstay of the chapter's success and its significance in raising historical awareness in the highlands community. The bi-monthly chapter newsletter, *The 1788 Chronicle*, which she started, was outstanding both in presentation and content.'

I move that the FFF Board approve the award of LIFE MEMBERSHIP for our esteemed member Wendy B Selman. **WJF**

### 2. KEVIN JAMES THOMAS

It is my very great pleasure to nominate Kevin James Thomas #7456 (FF Edward Miles Convict *Scarborough*) to the FFF Board for LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Kevin joined the Fellowship on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007. He was appointed as a Director of the FFF on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008, firstly as an assistant to Treasurer Roy Morris, then at the AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008 as the FFF Treasurer, following Roy Morris's resignation after 20 years as Treasurer.

Over the following two years Kevin together with the FFF President John Haxton worked tirelessly, as reported to the AGM in 2010, to introduce a fully computerised account system which meant the end to hand recording of receipts and allowed a much speedier processing and retrieval of financial information.

Over the following eleven years Kevin has managed and guided the Fellowships financial records in a very motivated and professional manner. Also in 2018 Kevin took on the role of Company Secretary.

Following some thirteen years of dedicated service as a FFF Board Member, Treasurer and Secretary Kevin is retiring at the 2021 AGM.

On a personal level I have had an amazing journey in personally knowing Kevin and his family for the past 50+ years.....no more need saying.

I move that the FFF Board approve the honour of LIFE MEMBERSHIP for our esteemed member Kevin James Thomas. **John Boyd**





## JOSEPH TUSO FF CONVICT~1769-1825, 'CONSTANTLY IN TROUBLE'

**Joseph Tusso** was just 14 when he was tried for Violent Theft - highway robbery, 7th July 1784.

JOSEPH TUSO (aged FOURTEEN) was indicted for feloniously assaulting John Ansell, on the King's highway, on the 26th of May last, and putting him in fear and danger of his life, and feloniously taking from his person and against his will, one walking cane, value 5 s. three guineas, value 3 l. 3 s. and one half guinea, value 10 s. 6 d. and 3 s. in monies numbered, his property .

The witnesses examined apart at the request of the prisoner.

**JOHN ANSELL** sworn

Do you know the prisoner? - *Yes very well.*

Was you at any time robbed, and when? - *On the 26th of May, in Stepney Churchyard .*

Was it in a high road? - *Yes.*

*St Dunstan's, Stepney, with Churchyard remnants.*



What was you robbed of? - *I was robbed of three guineas and a half, and some silver, and a cane.*

Who robbed you? - *There was a great man, a great thief, came and stood behind the church dead wall, and I thought it had been a post, squatting down in this manner, and it had been raining the whole day, and the place was deeper than common, it took me up to the knees; there was a great thief, and I thought the great thief had been a post, and I looked to the lane end to see if there was any thieves, and I could see nobody but a thing that I thought was a post, and when I came at him he was a great tall man, and he whipped up in this fashion; and this little thief clapped his hand at me, and stopped my mouth, and the other thief, as I compute, knocked me down.*

Court. What hour was this? - *To the best of my knowledge, it wanted about a quarter to eleven at night.*

Then the great thief knocked you down? - *Yes.*

Who took your money? - *The great thief also, I was hardly sensible , for they threw me among the dirt; I was all water and dirt; it was as deep - as deep - I could feel his hand against my thigh, he cut my breeches pocket, and*

*took my money and my cane.*

What way did the prisoner assist? - *Please you, my Lord, this little thief ran away.*

What part did he take in it? - *He clapped his hand to my mouth, and stopped my breath.*

Was that after you was down? - *Before I did fall.*

How did he reach you? - *He did, I was as near him as I am to these gentlemen; I saw his face, and I saw his dress, and I know him properly; I never saw him before.*

Jury. Was you sober? - *O yes, I am never drunk.*

How soon after did you take the prisoner? - *I cried out murder! and fire! and stop thief! and the watch came directly, and I followed him and took him; when they called stop thief, this little thief said, I am after the thief.*

What is the watchman's name? - *I am studying, it is an odd name; but he is somewhere out, if you will please to call him.*

**WILLIAM FORTRY** sworn

*I am a watchman. I had just done crying the hour of ten, it wanted about a quarter of eleven, and I heard somebody cry out murder! murder! for Christ's sake! for the Lord's sake! fire and murder! I ran up to his assistance, the prisoner at the bar was a little distance off, I kept sight of him till I got the gentleman up, then I asked him what was the matter, he said he had just been knocked down, I ran after the prisoner, and I took him.*

Did you keep him in sight all the whole time? - *Yes, we brought him down to the watch-house, and they scrupled to take him in; then I charged **Mr. Orange** with him.*

You was not present at the robbery? - *No, I came immediately as I heard the gentleman cry out.*

What was the prisoner doing then? - *He was running along, crying out stop thief! stop thief! Here are the gentleman's breeches that were cut, and the shirt that he was knocked down in, and the stock where the blood was.*

Court. No part of his property is in that bundle? - *Orange and **Cole** were with me.*

Prisoner. *I have nobody to call but a poor father.*

Jury. Was it moon-light? - *Yes, as broad as the day.*

Court to Prisoner. How old are you? - *Fourteen.*

Court to Jury. Gentlemen, the part the prisoner took in this, if you believe the prosecutor is right, is sufficient to constitute him a party in the robbery, for if he was present when the robbery was committed, and acting with one common intent with the person that knocked him down, it makes him equally guilty.

Jury to Prosecutor. When did you see the prisoner again after you was robbed? - *That very night, as soon as I could walk, but I could not walk without the watchman's help.*

**GUILTY:** Death. Tried by the first Middlesex Jury before **Mr. Justice Ashurst**.

He was sentenced to death, but this was commuted on the 23rd February 1785 to transportation for life. On 19 March 1785 he was reprieved to life transportation to Africa and sent to the *Ceres* hulk on 5 April, aged 17.

He was ordered to Portsmouth by wagon on 24 February 1787 and embarked on 27 February. He left England on 13 May 1787 on the *Scarborough* which sailed with 208 male convicts on board. There were no reported deaths during the voyage, and the ship arrived on 26 January 1788.

At Port Jackson on 9 January 1790 a charge of theft of shoes against Joseph was dismissed. Joseph was sent to Norfolk Island aboard *HMS Sirius* in March 1790, where he was constantly in trouble. On 11th June 1790 he was sentenced to 50 lashes for neglect of duty along with **Charles Repeat** (Convict *Alexander*)

On 7 July 1790 **Ralph Clark** wrote: '*Lieut Johnstone came out to inform us that the two convicts that had absconded the 28 of June from their work were brought in as also Josh Touse who had left his work on Saturday last and that he supposed that the[y] would be tried tomorrow or next day and that we all should be sent for*'. On 9 July 1790 Joseph, who had left his work without permission and two convicts **Benjamin Ingram** (Convict *Scarborough*), **David Lankey** (Convict *Scarborough*) that had absconded on 28 June from their work were tried at a General Court Martial. On the following day all three were sentenced to receive each 300 lashes on their bare backs. The punishment was for stealing a fellow convict's shirt, leaving their work and sheltering in the woods. **John Hunter** described them as '*many of the very worthless characters*'.

On 20 December 1790 Joseph left his work at Charlotte Field and ran into the woods after refusing a work order (punishable by flogging) by the Superintendent **Mr Dodge**. '*I hope he will never return for he is a Great Rascal*' wrote **Ralph Clark** (2nd Lieutenant *Friendship*). Joseph surrendered on 25 December (Christmas Day) 6 days later and was put in irons.

By July 1791, Joseph had cleared 110 rods of a Sydney Town lot, on which he was subsisting with two persons, but he continued to be in trouble. On 27 October 1791 he was ordered 100 lashes for disobedience and neglect of duty, along with **Charles Gray** (Convict *Alexander*). He was just 22 years of age. Again, on 18 April 1792, he received 25 lashes for theft of government corn, and was ordered to work in the gaol gang. Joseph Tuso was returned to Sydney aboard the *Atlantic* in September 1792.

Years passed and once again Joseph found himself on Norfolk Island travelling aboard *HM Brig Supply* on 23 March 1796, this time as a private in the NSW Corps. Joseph became a member of the Boat Crew who helped with the landing of people and provisions from ships at Norfolk Island. As such he is recorded for the *Reliance* mid Novem-

ber to early December 1799. He is noted on Norfolk Island victualling lists as departing on 12 March 1802 to Sydney aboard the *Francis*

Almost certainly he was the Joseph Tuzo who mustered on *Investigator* as an ordinary seaman from London, aged 31 on 16 June 1802 at Port Jackson. **Matthew Flinders** commanded that ship on this voyage circumnavigating and charting the coast of Australia. Joseph was discharged at Port Jackson on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1803 at the end of the voyage.

In the colony, Joseph married **Sarah Ward** (Convict *Indispensible* 1809) on 12 March 1810 at St Phillips Sydney. The witnesses were **William Blake** and **Mary Blake**. He was appointed Constable of Sydney in November 1813. His marriage was evidently pretty short-lived because Joseph and Sarah had separated by late 1814, and soon after, he was living with **Rebecca Goldsmith** (Convict, *Friends* 1811). The couple had three children: **Mary Ann** (c1812), **Pricilla** (c1815) and **Johanna** (c1818); plus **William**, a stepson, (Convict's Child *Friends* 1811) who had come free with his mother and was aged 14 in 1822.

In 1819 Joseph sold a house at Cockle Bay and in 1820 was listed as married and holding land in Kent Street Sydney. In 1821 Joseph received a land grant at Cockle Bay Sydney, after requesting land in July 1820 to help him to provide future support for his family of 4 children (which included his stepson William)

In March 1822 Sarah Ward, was found guilty of stealing wearing apparel, the property of **Mary Starkey** and sentenced to 3 years transportation to Newcastle. She was transported aboard the *Elizabeth Henrietta*

Also, in 1822 at age 53 Joseph received his Absolute Pardon, some 38 years since his conviction aged just 14. Joseph died on 4th October 1825 Sydney age 56, he was buried on 6 October 1825 at the Devonshire Street Cemetery Sydney. The remains were reinterred in 1901 to Botany Cemetery when Devonshire St Cemetery was resumed for Central Station. *The Australian* 6 October 1825 Died '*On Tuesday last, Mr. Joseph Tuzo, an inhabitant of this Colony since its first establishment*'





Joseph left a will that gave his property to Pricilla and Johanna with Rebecca as sole executrix and trustee. She was to get an equal share when the girls turned 21. The estate consisted of three cottages in Prince Street and Fort Street, Sydney. *'Each Cottage contains 6 rooms, with a cellar and out-offices, and the convenience of an entrance in Fort-street, nearly opposite the Signal-post; two of the Cottages are now renting at the low rate of £100 per annum' these were auctioned off in October 1831 as part of the estate of late Joseph Tuzo'*

To his first wife Sarah he left the sum of one shilling. Sarah remarried in 1824 to **George Ison** (Convict *Eliza 1* - 1820) at Parramatta and she was noted as a housekeeper to Vestas Tongue at Patrick's Plains in 1834. She died in 1860 at Singleton NSW. Sarah and George had one daughter Mary (1827-1901)

In 1828 Rebecca was at Kent Street working as a char-woman aged 45 with her two younger daughters and living with **Samuel Power**, age 36 years, (Convict *Neptune* 1818.) Rebecca died in 1831 also at Sydney aged 51.

Pricilla Tuzo married **John Bayliss** in 1832 when she was 17 and they had 11 children-5 boys and 6 girls). Pricilla died in 1901 at Wattle Flat aged 86. Her husband John had been born in 1808 at Windsor and died in 1880 at Kelso NSW aged 72

Johanna Tuzo married **Benjamin Bayliss** in 1837 when she was 19 and he was just 16. They also had 11 children-6

boys and 5 girls. Johanna died 1878 at Bathurst aged 60. Her husband Benjamin had been born in 1818 and died in 1872 at Windsor NSW aged 51. He was buried at St Matthews.

Both Tuzo girls had married into the Bayliss family as their husbands, John and Benjamin, were brothers, the sons of **Joseph Bayless** (Marine Private *Surprize*) and **Ann Taylor**. (Convict *Earl Cornwallis*)

Compiled by John Boyd 2020, from an original article by **Phil Hands, 14.11 2017**

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*Prince St, Millers Point, before demolition for Bridge*



## GOODWIN-MUNRO 2022 MUSTER in HOBART

### 15-22 MAY 2022 AT THE OLD WOOLSTORE HOBART

The next Goodwin-Munro Muster is planned for 15-22 May 2022 at the Old Woolstore in Hobart. Previous Musters have been held in 2017 (Hobart) and 2019 (Norfolk Island).

Both Andrew Goodwin (*Scarborough*) and Lydia Munro (*Prince of Wales*) were first fleeters, who lived in Port Jackson, Norfolk Island and Van Diemen's Land.



The Muster, which is focussing on this occasion on the first generation of their children, will include presenta-

tions by descendants and other experts, and a wide range of organised and self-guided tours.

As was often the case, the family had no great stars, but made amazing new lives from great hardship. One daughter ended back in London, in luxury, just a 15 minute walk from where her parents were both arrested. Another ran several hotels in Hobart, including for quite a few years on her own, and owned many properties.

There will be presentations by descendants and other experts, and a wide range of guided and self-guided tours of particular relevance to the family's history

Organisers have a number of contingencies in place in the event that Covid restrictions have an impact on the Muster.

Interested parties could, if they use Facebook, join the Goodwin-Munro 2022 Muster Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172416810077874>). Alternatively, or as well, they could get their name on the email register for regular updates by sending their email address and name to Michael Monaghan at [mmono-123@gmail.com](mailto:mmono-123@gmail.com). Finally, those wishing a booking sheet can contact Heritage Tourism (Cathy Dunn) at [office@heritagetourism.com.au](mailto:office@heritagetourism.com.au) or phoning 02 44554780

## FF JOHN LONG and FF MARY HARRISON ~ GORGON RETURNEES

**First Fleeters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant JOHN LONG Marine Scarborough and FF MARY HARRISON Convict Lady Penrhyn**

**John Long** had been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant of Royal Marines 55<sup>th</sup> (Portsmouth) Company on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1779 and had done sea service and on *HMS Surprize*.

He came to NSW at a 2nd Lieutenant and Adjutant for the Port Jackson garrison and made the first part of the voyage in 1787 on *HMS Sirius* but transferred on 26 November to *Scarborough*, with the party going ahead hoping to make an advanced survey of the site. In January 1788 he explored Botany Bay with **Governor Phillip, Lieutenant King, Major Ross, Lieutenant Dawes and Lieutenant H.L. Ball**.

At Port Jackson on 15 February 1788 Long was put under arrest by **Captain Campbell** 'in consequence of some words, which passed betwixt them', only one of many instances of prickly relations between the Marine officers in the colony.

He was ordered by Major Ross on 18 March to write to the five officers who had refused to reconsider a court martial verdict regarding **Joseph Hunt** Marine *Charlotte* and to suspend them, placing them under arrest.

His responsibilities, including correspondence, as required by Major Ross, were announcing orders, sitting at court trials, and a variety of administrative duties.

In common with several of the marine officers, Long had his own quarrel, almost leading to a duel, with **Surgeon White**, until White was convinced by others that he was in the wrong.

On 7 December he was with a group searching for Captain Campbell at Rouse Hill, after he went missing overnight in the bush, and in August 1789 he was with the party going by sea to explore and survey Broken Bay.

He was appointed town adjutant on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1790.

In 1790 he was cohabiting with Mary Harrison Convict *Lady Penrhyn* and a daughter **Johanna** was born on 29 October 1790 and baptised the following year on 3 November 1791.

**Mary Harrison**, convicted in Lincoln on 6 March 1784 of theft of bills of exchange from the Gainsborough post office which she attempted to cash at Epworth, and sentenced to seven years transportation. Her age was given as 26 years old.

She remained in Lincoln gaol until ordered to Portsmouth for the *Prince of Wales* on 16 March 1787. At Rio de Janeiro on 31 August she was one of the unnamed women transferred to *Lady Penrhyn*, her name appearing in the list for that ship made by Surgeon Bowes.

Before the liaison with John Long Mary had cohabited with **Samuel Moore** a seaman from the *Prince of Wales*, at Port Jackson, having a daughter baptised **Gracy Moore** born 15 March 1789.

Samuel Moore became master of the vessel on 9 October 1788 when her captain John Mason died just before going to Rio on its return journey to England.

John, Mary and the two girls Gracy and Johanna left the colony on *Gorgon* in December 1791 for England.

John was promoted to Captain 25<sup>th</sup> Company on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1798 and then on 6 November 1823, John is noted as having sold his commission.

There are no further records in England of John Long or his family from that date of 1823.

**Compiled by John Boyd 2020**

### Source:

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**'Blackwall Yard from the Thames', by Francis Holman 1794, on display in the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich**  
**The Third Fleet Ship, HMS Gorgon, was built here in 1785 and returned to England in 1791 with many notables.**





## WAS PETER KENNEY HIBBS REALLY ON THE ENDEAVOUR?~ PART 3

If Peter Hibbs did not go to sea because he was forced into it, then he must have gone more or less out of free will. We can assume he at least tolerated his occupation as he sailed for a living for at least half a century and sailed with his eight year old son George on a navy vessel in colonial waters many years later.

One can imagine that Peter's father might have been a sailor himself, but that thought as good as disappeared after reading in a newspaper that a George Hibbs had put his farmlet on the market in January 1771 in Ramsgate.



To accept Peter's age, as is stated on his tomb's headstone, would make him around 10 at the time of the *Endeavour* sailing. This makes more sense. The voyage was planned to take 2 years so that would have made Peter to stay a minor, and relatively small, until the end of the voyage.

### The Evidence from Muster Books and Diaries

On the crew list it seems that all members had experience at sea, except we have no history of most of the nine servants who were accompanying the individual officers, and the passenger's African servants. In the Muster book we see no 'landsmen' on the crew-list, which were untrained new 'sailors'. So it is most likely that Peter also had experience in the Navy or on a merchant ship, and we don't know if that would have been on merit or through connections. James Cook himself had stated in a letter '*I am very desirous of having no one on board but what is fully able to do their duty in their respective stations*'.

It seems that the *Endeavour's* crew members who had a recorded past, were all Navy, with 38 of them having sailed with Cook before or would sail with him again. Another 6 had been on the *Dolphin*, a previous exploration vessel. So Peter, most likely, also had been in the Navy. To have experience with canons, ship-life, battles and firm discipline would have been an advantage in the unknown and hostile waters they would cross for a long period.

As ship's boys, minors didn't count, literally, and therefore were not mentioned in the Muster Book or by name when they died, so we can't know for sure how many of them were on board the *Endeavour*.

However we know that on the *Endeavour* there were

three watch-teams on board every day, so for each most likely a cabin boy was needed. (There were also three Midshipmen, three Lieutenants, three Boatswains/mates) We know the presence of about three, possibly four boys:

In one diary it was recorded that at the time when dozens died in the Indian Ocean 'a boy' had died. The boy was not found in the Muster Book: no entry, no discharge.

A letter was spotted in the correspondence in the journal of the *Captain Cook Society (CCS)* in which a descendent of an *Endeavour* cabin boy stated that the latter's son had migrated to Australia at some later time. This could also have been the above boy who died later on the Indian Ocean or a fourth boy.

### Peter Kenney Hibbs

'Young Nick,' later given the name Nick Young. Captain Cook wrote about him once as 'young Nick'. Maybe they called the ship's boy's young so and so, using only their first name, such as 'young Pete', 'young Ro', or just their first name, or a nick-name, or by their surname (unlikely).

It has been suggested that Nick was a stowaway, probably from Plymouth, the last stop in England. But the reality of limited space between 94 people on board, half a farm and provisions everywhere, makes that option less likely.

He could have been the third Ship's boy, or a boy in Banks party, but being a minor not entered there either.

Nick surfaced in the books a year later when he was given official employment with Joseph Banks, with whom he sailed again after the voyage, but during the last half year of the voyage he was the surgeon's assistant.

Cook doesn't write Nick's name when recording seeing New Zealand, but Joseph Banks wrote: '*At ½ past one a small boy who was at the mast head called out Land.*'

But why did he not it was HIS boy. As he writes 'a' boy this means that there is more than one, otherwise he would have written 'the' boy. So it is clear that more than one small boy was living on the *Endeavour*.

A few days before arriving back home Banks wrote: 10/7/71 ....*land discovered by young Nick the same boy who first saw New Zealand.* If Nick was the only boy on board it would probably have read like: '*....land discovered by young Nick, the boy who first saw New Zealand*'.

There were more people not written into the Muster Book:

John Charlton, born in 1753 has an entry in the Muster Book as the captain's servant on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1770, 20 months after leaving London.

Most 'ordinary' crew members were NEVER mentioned in the journals. So if you weren't in the Book, you simply, on paper, did not exist. Only the names of important officers, and crew members who died or were punished appeared.



Some confusion and controversy has arisen over Point Hicks, and even its existence, partly because people have misread the not always objective or stay-to-the-facts Hawkesworth's version of the voyage or Cook or both and assumed that Cook gave the name to the land first seen, which of course is not so.

Hicks, no more than Cook, says he saw a cape: '*...at 6 saw the Land, out Reefs, at 8 the Land from NEbN to WbS distant or distance of the nearest shore 6 or 7 Leagues, Ground at 70 fathoms*'. The Southernmost Point of land in sight however, could not have been in the position Cook assigned to it, for that was in the open sea in 50 fathoms of water and over twelve nautical miles from the nearest shore.

Mr Hicks, the second in charge, and as sufferer of consumption would have been most unlikely the first one to see the land of New Holland. He wouldn't have been at 6am on deck, let alone high up in the riggings, except when called out for something important. Due to the earth being round, the people high up in the small 'mast-tops' would have seen land first. There was this time no promise of two gallons of rum for seeing land first, as this was NOT a first sighting of a new continent, it was not as significant then as we think now it was. They knew that this was not a new discovery; this land carried already a European name: 'New Holland', and the globe and maps on board were clear about it.

If it had been 'his' young Nick who saw New Holland first, Banks would have mentioned him again, but if it was another small boy, most likely not, as Banks and Cook hardly ever mentioned sailors in their reports. So it could have been the 'unknown' boy or Peter Hibbs, whose name sounds the same in the wind as 'Hicks' and looks similar written down in long hand.

Banks must have liked young Nick, but we don't know if they had met before. As Banks came on board on the last moment in Plymouth, Nick could have been with him. As Nick became officially a servant of Banks in Tahiti later in the journey, and travelled with Banks on his exploration to Iceland after this voyage, they might have known each other from before the voyage.

We can at least presume that they had an understanding, and highly probably that Nick came from a more privileged background. Joseph Banks seemed to have kept contact only with exceptional people, like John Gore, and with people who were not from the lower class, like James Magra, who was from a prominent family and would become a consul later on. No-one ever heard of Nick 'Young' after the trip to Iceland.

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 1770, Nick became a Navy crew member as the surgeon's assistant, a job which needed the ability to read and write as potions and lotions had to be made. A few dozen crew members were ill or dying and positions had to be filled. Also Banks had taken a new servant in Batavia where they were at the time and he on-

ly had one dog left to look after.

**One can also put forward that maybe there were no ship's boys, on the *Endeavour*.**

But the above suggests that there were. It was not only common practice but also who else would have done the odd menial jobs who were the powder monkeys?

Powder monkeys had to be small boys, normally between 8 and 12 years old. Their chief role was to ferry gunpowder from the powder magazine in the ship's hold to the artillery pieces upstairs, either in bulk or as cartridges, the latter to minimize the risk of fires and explosions. They were selected for the job for their speed and height: they had to be short so could move more easily in the limited space and height of walls between decks and would also could be hidden behind the ship's gunwale, keeping them from being shot by enemy ships' sharp shooters.

We know from family history that Peter was 'stocky', so we can conclude that he was small for his age. His lack of height would have made him very suitable as a powder monkey, especially if he was fast as well.

There were more young people on board, and some belonged to the 9 servants within the crew. But of the ones we can trace, the youngest was 14. These servants were usually 'young gentlemen', each being the personal servant of one officer. They would join a ship at say 12 or 14 years of age, often preparatory to becoming midshipmen, who also were 'young gentlemen' who aimed to become commissioned officers. To become commissioned officers they had to do an exam, so for them to be able to read and write was the basic requirement.

All *Endeavour's* crew would have ultimately been chosen by the captain, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant James Cook (also called captain, here not as a rank, but as being in command of a ship). However the latter needed the permission of the Admiralty to have a crew member from another navy ship transferred to his ship. The admiralty might also have had a say which particular crew member was put to James Cook attention, for personal, practical or promotional reasons.

James Cook was a very diligent and switched-on man, thinking things through to the very last detail, and not leaving anything to chance. There was a lot on the line and at stake with this well publicised voyage, and for his future chances in the Navy and he would organise his affairs for success. Everything and everyone on that ship was important. The journey was made with just one ship, so there was no back-up should things go wrong. Previous exploratory voyages had been undertaken with two or more ships and on his future voyages he would do this too. The key to success and a safe return would be the quality of each crew member, any one of whom could potentially be the source of a disaster. With that knowledge he picked seven crew members who came from his previous ship.

As the Admiralty picked the crew for Cook's first voyage, 6 from the 2 previous expeditions with the *Dolphin* were chosen, and 30 of them would be picked by Cook himself in following voyages. Loyalty, ability and safety were highly regarded by Cook.

With the public being informed about the expedition of the *Endeavour*, many boy's young hearts must have leaped with the thought to be on that ship, and the thoughts of where it would go, and what to find on the other side of the world. There would have been no shortage of volunteers as there were no major wars at sea at the time. Many would have wanted to be a ship's boy on THAT vessel!

#### **Why was it Peter Kenney Hibbs who was given the job on the *Endeavour*?**

Was it for obvious qualities such as obedience, having never been punished before, being able to take orders easily, being good natured, displaying clean habits, trustworthy, with abilities to listen, having stamina, was exceptionally keen, could endure long hours alone in the masts in bad weather without vomiting on everything and everyone, or was useful in other areas such as sewing sails, repairing ropes, able to work alone?

Would it be because he was a country lad, the parents being small-plot farmers with animals such as pigs, sheep, chickens, cows and a goat as was later described in a 1771 advertisement about his step-father's farmlet. There was always some livestock on board, which needed great care on a small, moving and slippery surface, with no fresh grass or water or runway. Peter probably hadn't attended school, as he stayed illiterate his whole life, and instead must have helped with looking after the animals.

Was it because Peter was small, and therefore could crawl, walk and run speedily easily through low walkways and narrow storage areas. In this era in England an average 11 year old boy was around 1.2 metres, and Peter was apparently small for his age. Some spaces, such as the marine's quarters with a height of 1.4 metres, were very uncomfortable to negotiate, especially when carrying items, or in rough weather, or being extra tall as Joseph Banks who was standing 1.93 metres. Banks referred to these boys as 'SMALL boys'.

Through family history we also know that Peter could swim. Sailors were not required to be able to swim, in contrary, the navy did not want sailors to learn how to swim as it would encourage them to jump ship in moments they were needed most. However to have swimmers in the crew was very useful at times, for example when getting fresh water from foreign shores, or when checking the hull from the outside. James Cook himself couldn't swim, nor could his children. Later both Cook's navy-sons drowned, leaving Cook with no living descendants. However sport loving Joseph Banks could.

That's why the claim of Peter Kenney Hibbs's son Peter that Joseph Banks and Peter were the first Europeans to

put foot on New South Wales soil while trying to get fresh water on land makes sense, as they BOTH could swim in this activity which involved swimming with empty and half-filled barrels in surf and bays.

The Royal Navy was not concerned if Peter could have been able to read or write either. In those days it was considered a good thing that sailors were illiterate, so they were dependent on the censored information from the officers. Peter signed a petition later in life with just an 'X', so he probably could not read or check his own navy records either. He wouldn't have been able to read any writing which he saw during his work which would have pleased the officers: the content was confidential. He might have been able to use numbers and the odd words and names.

So again, why was Peter chosen? We don't presume that he was chosen because there was any reason that the Admiralty would have felt sorry for him for, such as hardship at home, looking skin and bone, had been injured on a battleship or elsewhere? Mind you, there would have been plenty of those boys around in that tough era. Also James Cook would have complained if he would have received a less able crew man as he states in a letter to the Admiralty about the one-handed cook which was allocated to him on June 16<sup>th</sup>: *'I am very desirous of having no one on board but what is fully able to do their duty in their respective stations.'*

There is no reason to believe that Peter and James Cook's families knew each other.

Some often asked questions remain: Had Peter sailed with another crew member(s) on a previous ship, or did he now on the *Endeavour*? Did his natural father play a role somewhere in the background? Was he the smallest and the fastest runner on and below deck, especially carrying the cartridges to the guns from the magazines below the water-line? Was he the fastest swimmer and an accomplished diver? Did he rarely get seasick when he was the lookout, high on the mast, where rotational movement of the ship is amplified and could lead to severe seasickness, even in accustomed sailors? Or was Peter such a lovely, little boy, with a cute Kentish accent, who just lightened up every tough sailor, worried officer, and sailor who left their own sons behind, such as father James Cook leaving his James and Nathaniel. Would he, and the other boys, be the sweet aspect on board of an artificial family life?

Whatever it was, Peter Kenney Hibbs was chosen to be on the *Endeavour's* crew under Captain James Cook, and history was made.

Taking the above in consideration, we'll continue in the theory that it is more likely than not that Peter Hibbs did sail with the *Endeavour*, working as an experienced ship's boy despite not being on the muster lists.

**(The fourth (final) part of this article by Hendrika Johnston will appear in the next issue.)**



# OUR 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 Meeting:** 19 February: Speaker *TBA*. **Next Event:** 11 December: Christmas Lunch.

## 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:** 17 December: General meeting followed by *Christmas Party*; 18 February: Ian Burnett, *Life and Works of Joseph Conrad*. **Contact:** Judith O'Shea 9797 0240

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

**Venue:** Our Lady of Fatima Church, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst. Bi-monthly on third Tuesday 10.30am. **Next Meetings:** 15 February: 3rd Anniversary, Gay Hendricksen, *Parramatta Female Factory*. **Next Event:** 14 December: Christmas Morning Tea at the Hall, followed by Lunch at Grandviews Bowling Club; 18 January: 11 am Lunch at Yarra Bay Sailing Club to celebrate 234th Anniversary of arrival of HMS Sirius. **Contact:** Carol Macklin 0415376434

## CANBERRA – ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.

**Venue:** Various locations in Canberra. The Chapter enjoyed an Annual Lunch at the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club on Saturday 30th October 2021, arranged at short notice after the lifting of lockdown restrictions. **Next Meeting:** There will be a Christmas Barbecue at 7 Portus Place, Bruce on Sunday 12th December 2021 at 12pm. Please contact Toni Pike for more details. **Contact:** Toni Pike 041 041 2778

## 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 Meeting:** 12 February: Greg Powell, *Bushrangers of the Hunter and Central Coast*. **Next Event:** 11 December: From 11am Christmas Lunch at Fearons **Contact:** Jon Fearon 43116254

## DERWENT - Southern Tasmania

**Venue:** Bi-monthly, 11am, Various venues in Hobart and surrounds. **Next Meeting:** 5 February: Venue and Speaker *TBA*. **Next Event:** 4 December: Christmas Barbecue Lunch at Binnys. **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 Meetings:** 4 December: Christmas Morning Tea and 'Catch up', No speaker; 5 February: Speaker, *TBA*. **Next Event:** **Contact:** Jennifer Follers 97991161

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

**Venue:** Windsor Library, Penrith Library and Springwood. Presbyterian Church --Bi-monthly, third Saturday, 11 am. **Next Meetings:** 19 February at Windsor: Speaker *TBA* **Next Event:** 18 December *Christmas Function cancelled*. **Contact:** William Hempel 0410950101

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

**Venue:** Teralba Community Hall Supper Room. 15 Anzac Pde Teralba—bi-monthly meetings, usually third Monday from 10am-12.30pm. **Next Meeting:** 21 February: Teresa Parnell, *The Snake Lady*. **Next Event:** Monday 6 December: 11.30 am Christmas Lunch at Blackbutt Hotel, New Lambton. **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 Meeting:** 22 March, delayed AGM to formalise chapter committee and ongoing programme. **Next Event:** 26 January: Australia Day gathering, details *TBA*. **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 Meetings:** 12 February, Dr Hilda McLean, *First Fleet Funerals*. **Next Event:** 11 December: Christmas Lunch at Alderley Arms Hotel. **Contact:** Jan Grant 0754911891

## NORTH COAST – Nambucca Heads, Dorrigo, Boambee, Coffs Harbour to McLean.

**Venue:** Either Mylestom Hall or Coramba Hall, or at members' homes, Bi-monthly, usually first Sunday at 10.30am. **Next Meeting:** 6 February: at Mylestom Hall, Speaker *TBA*. **Next Event:** 18 December: Christmas Lunch at Golden Dog Hotel, Glenreagh, and Afternoon Tea at Besses, Nana Glen. **Contact:** Robyn Condliffe 66533615

## NORTH WEST – Tamworth and surrounds.

**Venue:** Various locations – bi-monthly meetings, usually first Saturday at 1.30pm **Next Meetings:** 5 February at Calala Cottage: Warren White, NZ Guard Family. **Next Event:** 4 December, Bus trip to Nundle and Christmas Lunch; 26 January: Australia Day, Activity *TBA*. **Contact:** Janet McLean 0438465529

## NORTHERN RIVERS – Ballina and surrounding districts

**Venue:** Ballina Cherry Street Sports and Bowling Club - bi-monthly meetings, fourth Sunday at 11.30am followed by lunch; **Next Meeting:** 26 January, Australia Day. **Contact:** Roddy Jordan 6687 5339

## PORT PHILLIP—Melbourne and Regional Victoria.

**Venue:** Various; quarterly meetings, probably third Saturday, times vary. The long COVID lockdown in Melbourne made it very difficult to have any events for Members during 2021. The committee of has met on a bi-monthly basis to get the new Chapter on a sound footing for 2022 with several meetings already planned. **Next Meeting:** February: Date *TBA*: Lunch, Speaker *TBA*, *Tracing your Family History*. **Contact:** Geoff Rundell 0429528502

## SOUTH COAST – Engadine to Burrill Lake.

**Venue:** Café Function Room at St Luke's Anglican Church, Moomba St, Dapto – monthly except. Jan, May and Dec. – first Tuesday at 10am - 1pm. **Next Meetings:** 1 February: Members Show and Tell. **Next Event:** 7 December: Noon Christmas Lunch at St Lukes, *The Café*. **Contact:** Rob Ratcliffe 42321842

## SWAN RIVER – Perth, Fremantle and surrounds.

**Venue:** 16 Inwood Place Murdoch, bi-monthly, usually first Saturday, at 2pm. **Next Meetings:** 4 December: *Show and Tell*, followed by Wine and Cheese; 5 February: Speaker *TBA*. **Next Event:** 26 January: 9 am Australia Day Breakfast beside the Swan. **Contact:** Toni Mahony 0892717630

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the time of going to press we hope that none of the events on this page would need to be deferred or cancelled. However, just in case, please check with your listed contact.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Closing date for this page for the next issue is 24 January 2022

*Paul Gooding* Chapter Liaison Officer

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

## DEATHS

### Ordinary and Pensioner Members

**ANTHONY ROPE/ELIZABETH PULLEY**

#9125 Kevin Leslie Silvy

**JAMES PEAULET**

#9126 Suzanne Scott

**THOMAS HILTON TENNANT aka PHILIP**

**DEVINE**

#9127 Catherine Anne Argat

**WILLIAM BROUGHTON**

#9128 Krystyna Ellen Keating-Jones

**THOMAS ARNDELL/WILLIAM TUNKS/JAMES**

**OGDEN/ELIZABETH DALTON/BURLEY/**

**BURLEIGH**

#9130 Ruth Leslie Peoples

#9131 Matthew Robert Peoples

#9132 Kathryn Michelle Grant

#9135 Peter Morewood Thomson

**ANN FORBES/MARGARET DARNELL/OWEN**

**CAVENAUGH**

#9137 Hayley Maxfield

#9141 Jacob Roland Chapman

#9145 Samuel John Chapman

#9148 Amber Raue

**JOHN PALMER**

#9151 Nathan John Norman Lee

**JOHN MUNDAY**

#9153 Brian Roy Munday

#9154 Gavin Joseph Munday

#9155 Jacob Gavin Munday

### Ordinary and Pensioner Members

**JOHN BARRISFORD/HANNAH BARRISFORD**

#9156 Dean Gordon Robinson

### Associate Members

#9127.1 Christopher Kevin Argat

### Junior Members

**WILLIAM BROUGHTON**

#9129 Gabriella Rae Keating-Jones

**THOMAS ARNDELL/WILLIAM TUNKS/JAMES**

**OGDEN/ELIZABETH DALTON/BURLEY/**

**BURLEIGH**

#9133 Emilia Addison Grant

#9134 Jasmine Ayla Grant

**JOHN PALMER**

#9136 Blake Louise Green

#9152 Finn James Lee

**ANN FORBES/MARGARET DARNELL/OWEN**

**CAVENAUGH**

#9138 Audrey Maxfield

#9139 Harper Edward Maxfield

#9140 Finn Nickolas Maxfield

#9142 Abby Lee Chapman

#9143 Lily Kate Chapman

#9144 Eva Rose Chapman

#9146 Oscar John Chapman

#9147 Owen Neilson Chapman

#9149 Max Hendrik Raue

#9150 Isabelle Raue

**JOSEPH WRIGHT**

**#8130 John Stephen Green**, of Kurri Kurri, New South Wales, died on 14.08.2020, aged 73. John joined the Fellowship in 2012 and was a member of Hunter Valley Chapter.

**ANONYMOUS**

**#880 Thelma D Upfold**, of Mermaid Beach, Queensland, died on 21.09.2021, aged 97. Thelma has been a keen member of the Fellowship for over 50 years.

**PHILIP SCRIVEN/JANE LANGLEY/HENRIETTA LANGLEY**

**#1355 Lois Edna Cook**, of Ermington New South Wales, died on 30.10.2021, aged 84. Having joined the Fellowship in 1978, Lois was a keen and much-loved founding member of Eastern Farms Chapter. At the Australia Day Luncheon on 21.01.2012 Lois was awarded a Life Membership for her many years of faithful service as a valued member of the Membership Team.

**ASSOCIATE**

**#8536.1 Michael Jeremy Baker**, of Bateau Bay, New South Wales, died in October 2021, aged . Michael joined the Fellowship in 2019 and will be much missed by his wife **#8536 Brenda** (FF Peter Hibbs) and his friends at Central Coast Chapter and of the many community organisations he served.

**JAMES SQUIRE**

**#2208 Ronald Barry Webster**, of Binda, via Crookwell, New South Wales, died on 10.11.2021, aged 84. Ronald had been a keen member of the Fellowship for nearly 40 years.

**THOMAS ACRES**

**#2526 John Thomas Kemsley**, of Oatlands, New South Wales, died on 04.10.21, aged 83. A keen member of Eastern Farms Chapter, John joined the Fellowship in 1983.



Founders has been pleased to receive three updated FF Shortland stories from **#6292 John Shortland**. Two are destined for the website as replacements and the **John Shortland Jr (Sirius)** story will be added to the site after appearing in Founders 53.1



The story of **Gorgon Returnees**, FF John Long and FF Mary Harrison, on page 7 in this issue raises a couple of possible research possibilities for the Fellowship in the future. The first could be a focus on the **Gorgon** itself, an important vessel in the early years at Sydney Cove, and one that was so significant in returning many of our First Fleeter marines to England after the completion of their terms of service. The second is really a worthy extension of the focus to highlight all those who left our shores for their homelands or elsewhere with descendants entitled to membership of the Fellowship. Several of these have discovered their FF connections.



The news is promising for a **new Chapter on the Gold Coast**. Seven of our members, resident there, have arranged to get together in January with a view to calling an inaugural meeting in February with a proposal that a local chapter be formed on the Coast. Watch this space.



With the prospect of an end to Covid-19 restrictions nationwide in 2022 it is time to gather again as a whole Fellowship for a major event. Keep the date Friday 13.05.2022 for a **Captain Cook Cruise** on Sydney Harbour with High Tea to celebrate the Sailing of the Fleet from Portsmouth in 1787. Details in new year.

FF House will close for the **Holiday break** on Wednesday 8 December and reopen on Monday 24 January.

## CHAPTER SECRETARIES

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