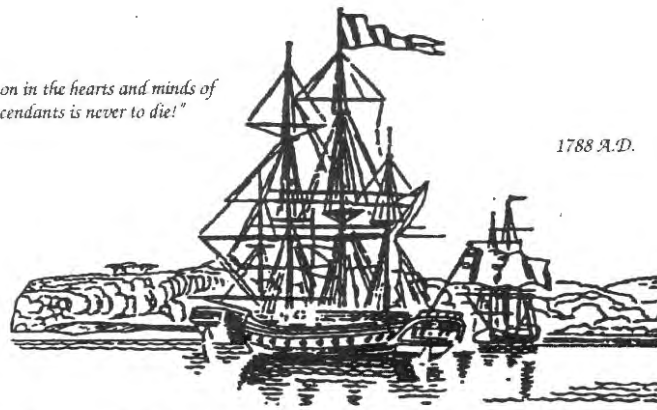


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our Guest of Honour at our annual Australia Day luncheon will be our Patron, His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels, AC, Governor of New South Wales, who will be accompanied by Mrs Samuels. Details of our celebration are in this Newsletter. Please contact the office to make your reservation.

The AGM of the Fellowship was held on 2 November last in Newcastle. Some 40 members were present, received the reports, endorsed the Executive's recommendations, and elected those who stood for office. We were sorry to lose Beverley Naughton who through a host of other commitments did not seek re-election. We are grateful for the input that Beverley has given to the Fellowship over the past years.

As Australia Day next year falls on Monday, 26 January, the annual Church service recognising the efforts of our pioneering First Fleeters will be held at the Garrison Church, Argyle Street, The Rocks, on Sunday 25 January next.

First Fleet Family members and banners are made very welcome. It is a pity that so few First Fleet Families do not take part in this remembrance of our pioneers.

Congratulations to Jenifer Thomas whose ticket won our recent raffle. First prize was 'The Sirius Letters' written by First Fleeter Newton Fowell 1786-1790. We are indebted to Alice Clarke for donating the raffle prize.

At the AGM, member Kath Lenthall, in her 102nd year, was awarded Life

Membership. Kath is a very proud descendant of Ellen Redchester and has written a magnificent saga of descendants entitled 'Our Begattings.' I look forward to giving Kath, a former teacher of my old school, her Life Membership badge!

As you are probably aware, we have a number of Chapters distributed through Australia. Rod Best, a Vice-President and a former President, has, in his legal capacity, written to our Chapters, assuring them that they, as a committee, are encompassed within our incorporation and insurances payments. I might add that we are incorporated in all States and Territories of the Commonwealth and have taken out a patent on the name of 'Fellowship of First Fleeters.'

For some years now I have corresponded to member Bert Collingwood, F.F. Robert Forrester. Bert lived at Medlow Bath and it was always over past years that I hoped to call in on Bert and enjoy some form of fellowship. That was never to happen as Bert died earlier this year. In his will he left the Fellowship of First Fleeters some \$8,000 - with possibly more to come. I feel remiss that I had never met Bert, I should have realised that he was, in addition to being a proud First Fleeter, he was lonely person. In my last letter to him I distinctly remember saying, 'I would like to meet you sometime.' His answer was 'Peter, when you are up this way please call in.'

On Sunday, 2 November last, the day of our AGM, we unveiled a plaque in memory of John Shortland R.N., First

Fleeter, who discovered the Hunter River in 1797. It was a memorable occasion in the annals of Fellowship history. Our congratulations go to Doug Oakes, Vice-President, for the organisation of the day. This was our contribution to the bicentennial of Newcastle.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Brenda Burke. Brenda, a descendant of First Fleeter Samuel Piggott, Charlotte, was a keen member of the Fellowship. I have written an obituary notice for her in this issue.

Last but not least, last Sunday, 25 November, we unveiled a plaque in memory of John Redman, First Fleeter. Doug Oakes organised a suitable remembrance at Rookwood Cemetery, the last resting place of the Redman Family.

The year 1997 has come to a close. I would on behalf of the Executive wish to you and yours a happy and holy Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

In Fellowship
PETER



BIRTHS

A warm welcome for the following New First Fleeters:

FREDERICA FORTESCUE JAMISON GIBBES (F.F. Dr Thomas Jamison), 14 October 1997. First child of Stephen John Jamison Gibbes (#4025) and Elizabeth Anne Fortescue.

SAM ALEXANDER McCOSKER (F.F. Benjamin Cusley) 26 August 1997 at Randwick Women's Hospital, Sydney. Second son to Michael (#5414) and Penny McCosker, brother to Luke McCosker (#6432), second nephew to Deslee McCosker (#5415) and second grandson to Paul (#5114) and Margaret McCosker, all of Sutherland Shire. Eighth generation.

SAMANTHA JANE QUICK (F.F. Jane Langley - Philip Shewing) 31 October 1997. To Stephen (#1357) and Leanne Quick. First grandchild for Pam (#1356) and Barry Quick. First great-grandchild for Edna Lawson (#1354).

DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is offered to the families of the following:

LESTER FREDERICK ALDERSON (#3206) passed away 13 September 1997 at Blacktown Hospital, beloved husband of Bargara Alderson. Descendant of First Fleeters Edward Miles, Robert Forrester and Ann Forbes.

GLADYS EMMA ASHWORTH (#5216), passed away 5 October 1997, late of Miranda. Loved wife of James (deceased), loving mother of Louis, Ronald, Elaine (deceased), and Peter, loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Fond aunt of Bonnie and Barbara. Descendant of First Fleeters John Herbert and Deborah Ellam.

HERBERT FRANK COLLINGWOOD (#2143), passed away 7 July 1997 at Katoomba Hospital, late of Medlow Bath. Descendant of Matthew Everingham.

ROBERT R. ROSE (#4602), died 12 August 1997. Loved husband of Jean Rose. Descendant of Matthew Everingham.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For period 26 June to 23 July 1997

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period - ten adults, one junior, two spouse associates.

MATTHEW EVERINGHAM + WILLIAM TUNKS: Miss Stephanie Maree Phillips (jun.).

THOMAS JAMISON - ELIZABETH COLLEY: Mr Gregory Donald Jameson.

NATHANIEL LUCAS - OLIVIA GASCOIGNE: Mrs Margaret Vera Parker; Mrs Suzanne Helen Haigh (sp. Mr John Frederick James Haigh).

ANN MARTIN: Mrs Beryl Jean North; Mr Clifford Harry McNeill.

SAMUEL PIGGOTT: Mr Donald Barry Cameron (sp. Mrs Valerie Cameron).

WILLIAM ROBERTS: Mrs Margaret Jean Binder; Miss Katrina Jane Binder.

ANTHONY ROPE - ELIZABETH PULLEY: Mr Kerry Anthony Clarke.

JOSEPH WRIGHT: (Sr) Patricia Constance Mary Ryan.

Spouse Associate of earlier member: Mr Warwick Howard Grace, husband of Mrs Pamela Grace #6496.

Associate Relative: Mr Stuart Andrew Binder (adopted) son of Mrs Margaret Jean Binder #6607.

For period 25 September to 26 November 1997

During this period - 17 adults, one junior, three spouse associates.

ROSANNA ABRAHAMAS: Mrs Norma Ellen Kunach.

JACOB BELLETT: Mrs Nancy Head.

BENJAMIN CUSLEY: Mr Sam Alexander McCosker (jun.)

ANDREW FISHBURN: Mr Keith Vincent Finlay.

ANN FORBES - THOMAS HUXLEY: Mrs Gail Henry.

OLIVIA GASCOIGNE - NATHANIEL LUCAS: Mr Colin Graeme Allen.

MARY GREENWOOD - RICHARD PARTRIDGE: Mrs Emmie Grace Rogers.

WILLIAM HAMBLY - MARY SPRINGHAM: Mrs Jean Mary Taylor.

ALICE HARMSWORTH - DANIEL STANFIELD: Mr Jonathan Bruce McLoughlin.

FREDERICK MEREDITH: Mrs Leola Anne Scrimshaw.

EDWARD PUGH - HANNAH SMITH: Mr Geoffrey David Bailey; Mrs Jean Florence Innes; Mrs Gwen Frances Innes; Mr James Arthur Bailey.

JOHN RANDALL: Mr Francis Edward Owen Scully.

JOHN SHORTLAND: Mr Robert Alan Boyce (sp. Mrs Jeanette Heather Boyce); Mr Alan Robert Boyce.

JOHN SMALL - MARY PARKER + JOHN ROWE: Mrs Gloria Beverley Small.

Spouse Associates of earlier members: Mr Stephen Moss husband of Mrs Julie Moss; Mrs Maureen Cecilia Prince wife of Mr Maxwell Charles Prince.

BRENDA BURKE 1944-1997

Brenda, member #5841, was a proud descendant of Samuel Piggott. For a number of years she was a member of the Executive and with member Laurel McMiles wrote a column in our Newsletter 'Brenda and Laurel'. She was also President of the Liverpool Family Historical Society

Ron and Zona Maguire represented the Fellowship at a Requiem Mass on 25 November last at Liverpool.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to her husband Ken and family.

May she rest in Peace.

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

PETER

PLEASE NOTE!

The Office of the Fellowship of First Fleeters will close on Friday, 19 December, and reopen on Monday, 5 January.



LUNCHEON

Saturday, 24 January 1998

**THE HOLME BUILDING
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY**

Our special guest for 'The Day We Celebrate' will be
His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels AC
Governor of New South Wales.

There will be pre-lunch drinks and nibbles after which
a two-course lunch will be served.
(Drinks with lunch are not included in the cost.)

This is a time for families to gather and celebrate the day
our forebears came to Australia.

Show our guests the strength of our association.

Dress is lounge suit for gentlemen and short frocks or suits for ladies.

All bookings must be paid for by Tuesday, 13 January 1998
(money or cheques will not be collected at the function)

DATE: Saturday, 24 January 1998

TIME: 12 noon Drinks and Nibbles; 12.45pm for Lunch

COST: \$45 per person by Tuesday, 13 January 1998

VENUE: The Holme Building, University of Sydney

Parking is available in the grounds. There is a cost.

Bookings may be made by ringing the office on 9360 3788.

Annual Holiday

FOR FIRST FLEETERS and FRIENDS

Wednesday, 20 May, to Tuesday, 26 May

Accommodation will be at the Wentworth Central Motor Inn
on the Darling River.

Cost will be about \$400-\$420 depending on number of persons
travelling and includes all dinners and breakfasts.

We will tour Broken Hill, Silverton, Mungo National Park, wineries,
cruise on the Darling-Murray rivers, An overnight stop at Wagga Wagga
on forward journey and Albury on the return trip.

MORE DETAILS IN LATER NEWSLETTERS

REUNION NOTICES

Monday, 26 January 1998

The descendants of

**WILLIAM TYRRELL (CONVICT,
ALEXANDER)**

and

JAMES WILLIAMS

(marine pte, Sirius)

are invited to a reunion
organised to be held at the
Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney.

Area 44, near Twin Ponds.

Bring a Picnic Lunch (no
barbecues allowed).

9.00am - 5.00pm

Inquiries: June Burnett 02 4455
4884; Les Baxter 02 9520 5414

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PIONEER OF WOLLONGONG

CHARLES THROSBY SMITH

1798-1876

The descendants of Charles
Throsby Smith are invited to
inquire about the Reunion
which will be early 1998, his
two-hundredth birthday.

An interesting program is being
arranged for the Reunion,
special medallions, a new book,
and a commemorative plaque.

Some of the descendants of
Charles Throsby Smith and his
first wife Sarah Broughton, and
his second wife Isabella Stewart,
are: Cole, Elderton, Minter,
Hewlitt, Monaghan, Keyse,
Turner, Beale, Rutherford,
Cockerill, Osborne, Jamieson,
Towns, Pratt, Jeffries, Burbury,
Minslow, Maidment, Barnes,
Monks, Hughes, Peardon, Skipp,
Simpson, Cooper, Hennessey,
Hutchinson, McAlister.

For information please contact
C. T. SMITH REUNION
COMMITTEE,

c/- 44 Nelson Road,
Nelson NSW 2765.

Phone inquiries: John Higman
02 9679 1471

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would particularly like to see and the groups were taken to their venue of choice. Some went to the War Memorial, some went to the Art Gallery while others went to old Parliament House which is now operated as a museum. All selections were deemed to be of essential viewing. Lunch was available at each of the sights.

After all were reassembled, we were taken to view the 'Floriade,' a most spectacular exhibition of tulips garnered

A very enjoyable journey to Canberra was made by members and friends of the Fellowship on a bus tour organised by the Daytime Auxiliary.

The coach left Eddy Avenue, Sydney Central Station, on Sunday 19 October, a bright sunny morning, and joined the M5 motorway at Bexley for a

comfortable cruise to Mittagong where morning tea was supped on Mount Gibraltar at the Gib Lookout. The 'cuppa' consumed we were on the way to the Federal Highway which led us past Lake George, of some fame, to arrive at our capital city.

It being impossible to cover all the points of interest in the time available, the travellers nominated the places they

by other flowers and blended with natives. We were very fortunate to have seen such a beautiful display as it was the exhibition's last day, the displays to be stripped down in the evening. It was then on to the motel to book in and refresh before dinner which was at Yamba Sport Club. First-class smorgasbord.



After dinner we boarded bus and went to Black Mountain from which the views of a lit-up Canberra amply compensated for the bitterly cold wind that greeted us on the viewing deck. That completed Day One.



Monday started with a visit to the Free Serbian Orthodox Church, well-worth inspecting. A tour was then made of Canberra's embassy area, where many 'ohs' and 'ahs' were heard on seeing the grand buildings usually of an architectural style identified with the country of the embassy. It was then on to Parliament House.

After a conducted tour of the Houses of Parliament, recommended to all, we were met by Stephen Mutch MP, Member for Cook, who is a descendant of First Fleeter Edward Whitton and a member of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. Stephen took us through members' private garden to his offices where we spent an entertaining time asking questions on life in the parliament.

Acton Park on the banks of Lake Burley Griffith was where we settled to have a barbecue lunch, a culinary delight created by John Dunn master of many

skills – bus driver, coach captain, tourist director, raconteur and good company. It was a contented group that settled down for the trip home, the only regret being we did not have a couple of more days available as there is much more to see in Canberra.

A 'thank you' is made to Joy Pankhurst and her helpers for the organisation necessary for such a successful journey.

DOUGLAS OAKES
Convenor Daytime Auxiliary



Anniversary Weekend – January 1998

The Fellowship of First Fleeters is again making plans for celebrating the Australia Day weekend, Saturday, 24 January 1998, Sunday, 25 and Monday, 26.

Our Australia Day luncheon will again be held in the Holme Building, University of Sydney, on Saturday, 24 January 1998, and will again be graced by our Patron His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels AC, Governor of New South Wales.

There will be pre-luncheon drinks at noon and luncheon served at 12.45pm. These are the same venue and times as the 1997 Australia Day luncheon.

Holy Trinity Church at the Rocks, Sydney, will be having its Pioneer Service on Sunday, 25 January, commencing at 10.30am

Any members who wish to make bookings for the luncheon early please ring First Fleet House on (02) 9360 3788 or (02) 9360 3988. Tell us your requirements and First Fleeter so you and your friends can be seated with fellow family members or with friends you may know through the Fellowship. Please do not be deterred by being solo, there will be plenty of ready friends to greet you.

We are particularly inviting Family Associations to form parties for the Luncheon on Saturday, 24 January, and to join with us at the Garrison Church on Sunday, 25 January.

The Fellowship has been represented at the Pioneer Service at the Garrison Church for a number of years. We have always gathered with Family Association members with banners during the procession down the aisle of the church and then on to the Links Memorial in Circular Quay. Please help us to keep this tradition.

The Fellowship has for some years now held its Australia Day luncheon on the holiday weekend Saturday. This was done that members who belong to Family Associations can celebrate reunions on 26 January as well as attend the Fellowship luncheon on the 24th.

Any Family Association or historical association wishing to notify of its family reunions can send the details to the Editor of the Newsletter. Full details, venue, persons and phone numbers, etc, and space permitting they will be printed in the next Newsletter.

Douglas Oakes
Convenor Daytime Auxiliary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1997

The 1997 Annual General Meeting was held in the TPI Hall, Auckland Street, Newcastle, on Sunday, 2 November, members arriving by train and car from around the State.

The Fellowship extends its thanks to the Hunter Valley Chapter for being the host on this occasion.

After the President had given a Welcome to all in attendance and received apologies, the Minutes of the ninth Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The President's Report and Committee Reports as well as the Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts of the Fellowship for the year ended 30 June 1997 together with the Directors and Auditors' Reports thereon were presented and received

A motion of the Executive Committee to elect to the class of Life Member Kathleen Lenthall was put to the meeting and was carried unanimously. Kath is a descendant of Matthew Everingham and recently celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Mr Bill Cross was appointed Returning Officer and declared all offices vacant. The following election resulted in the following Executive Committee – President: Peter Christian; Vice-Presidents: Rod Best, Doug Oakes; Treasurer: Roy Morris; Committee members: Alice Clarke, Robert Ellis, Dorothy Jupp, Ron Maguire, Rose Millwood, Joy Pankhurst, Cec Thompson.

It was resolved by the Annual General Meeting that as and from 1 July 1998 the entrance fee shall be \$40.00 and the annual subscription for each class of membership shall be as follows:

Ordinary member	\$25.00
Ordinary member (Pensioner)	\$15.00

Life member (other than an Honorary Life Member appointed prior to January 1988)	\$25.00
Life member (Pensioner) (other than an Honorary Life Member appointed prior to January 1988)	\$15.00
Junior Member	\$15.00
Associate Relative	\$15.00
Associate Spouse	\$15.00

Members also considered and passed the following amendment to the Articles of Association of the Fellowship:

Delete the present clause 3.7 and substitute the following clause:

'The entrance fee and annual subscription payable by members of the company shall be such as the Committee shall from time to time prescribe, provided that until the Committee shall so prescribe, the entrance fee and the annual subscription shall be in the amounts as last prescribed by the company in general meeting.'

During general business questions were asked as to the eligibility of non-descendants of First Fleeters being either members of Chapters or holding office. Members were informed that as all the Chapters are identified as sub-committees of the Fellowship and Chapter members could hold any office except 'Convenor and/or President.' They also come under the umbrella of the Constitution of the Fellowship for Public Liability Insurance. All Chapters are being written to on this matter.

Chapters are also being asked to supply details of coming events and subsequent reports on events for inclusion in the Newsletter.



Thanks were expressed to retiring Executive member Beverley Naughton for her contribution to the Fellowship.

The President also reported on the wonderful donation of over \$8000.00 from the estate of former member Herbert Collingwood to be used to help reduce the mortgage on First Fleet House.

The meeting closed at 1.00pm and in conclusion the President thanked the members of the Hunter Valley Chapter for their hospitality on the day.

DEDICATION SERVICE FOR PLAQUE ON SHORTLAND CENTENARY FOUNTAIN

Christie Place, Newcastle, Sunday 2 November, 1997.

The 1997 Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship of First Fleeters was held in Newcastle on Newcastle's 200th anniversary so that we could attend the unveiling of a memorial plaque on the Shortland Centenary Fountain for First Fleeter Lieutenant John Shortland RN.

The fountain was initially erected in 1897 on the shoreline of the Hunter River in memory of Lieutenant Shortland who

discovered coal in the area whilst searching for an escaped convict in 1797. This led to the establishment of Newcastle and the coalmining industry in the Hunter Valley.

The service was attended by the Lord Mayor of the City of Newcastle, Councillor Greg Heys and the Lady Mayoress Mrs Wendy Heys, as well as the President of the Newcastle and District Historical Society, Mrs M. Cramp.

The dedication commenced with a parade by members of the

LIEUTENANT JOHN SHORTLAND R.N.
ARRIVED FIRST FLEET 26-01-1788
DIED 21-01-1810
FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS
1997 R. GATES



Australian Colonial Marine Enactment dressed in early 1797 uniforms and who formed a guard of honour around the fountain.

Mr Peter Christian, President of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, in welcoming everybody announced that this was



the 97th plaque that had been installed on a monument to a First Fleeter.

Mr John Shortland spoke on his famous namesake and the Shortland family.

Mrs Cramp spoke of the history and expansion of the coal-mining industry in the area since 1797.

Lord Mayor Mr Greg Heys spoke of the future plans for the City of Newcastle in not only coalmining but other industrial areas.

Both the Lord Mayor and Mrs Cramp congratulated the Fellowship of First Fleeters for its part in this project.

The dedication service was concluded with a three-round salute by the guard of honour with muskets from the early colonial era.

Mr Peter Christian presented the Lord Mayor and Mrs Cramp with a chart of the Founders of a Nation in appreciation of their attendance on the day. Mrs Cramp was also given a copy of our book *Where First Fleeters Lie* for the society's library.

Representatives of the press and local television were present and were seen interviewing members after the dedication service.

Douglas Oakes
Convenor Plaques Committee.



FIRST FLEETER JOHN HERBERT 1760-1832

Our thanks go to a descendant of John and Deborah Herbert who discovered that the memorial plaque placed on John Herbert's headstone in 1978 at St John's Cemetery, Parramatta, had been removed and was lying at the base of the headstone. The plaque was brought into First Fleet House, and it has now been replaced on to the plinth at the base of the tombstone.

HMS SIRIUS – NUMBER SEVEN NAMEPLATE HAND-OVER

I represented the Fellowship at the hand-over ceremony of the nameplate from the seventh British warship bearing the name HMS Sirius at the Sirius monument in Bicentennial Park, West Pymble, on Friday 3 October, 1997.

The presentation was made by Brian Hall from the British Australia Society, Portsmouth, to representatives of the training ship Sirius to ensure that the name of the flagship that led the First Fleet from Portsmouth to Sydney Cove in 1788 continues in service in Australia.

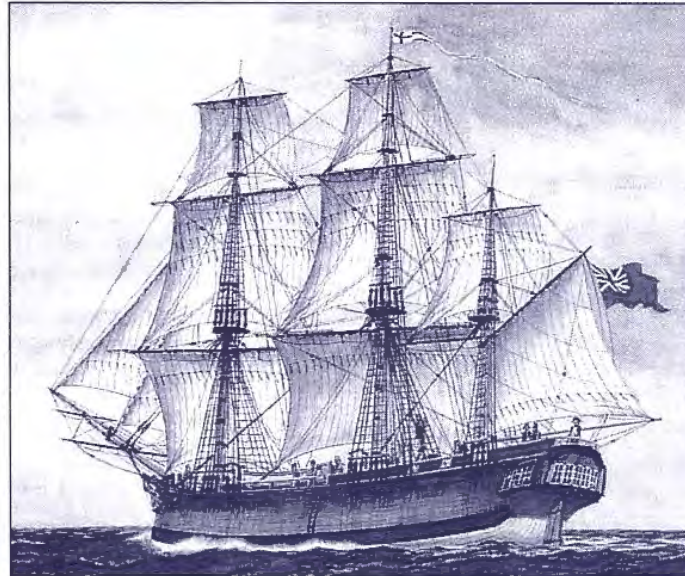
The ceremony was conducted by the Mayor of Kuring-gai, Richard Geddes.

A painting of HMS Sirius was presented to the two captains, a boy and a girl, of Gordon West Primary School by Brian Hall. The

school is establishing a miniature HMS Sirius museum and will form an internet link with a Portsmouth school.

During luncheon held in the mayoral rooms, Brian Hall stated that his society was investigating the possibility of

erecting a plaque near The Links at Portsmouth with the names of those who travelled on the First Fleet, leaving Portsmouth in May 1787 for Botany Bay. I presented Brian Hall with the Fellowship's chart of the 'Founders of the Nation' which contains the names that could be put on the plaque.



HMS Sirius was wrecked on 20 March, 1790, at Norfolk Island. However, Royal Navy ships continued to bear the name until 1996. HMS Sirius number seven visited Sydney in 1988 for the First Fleet Re-enactment, it was at this time Kuring-gai Council commissioned the sculpture that features a

Doug Oakes
Vice President.

ALL DESCENDANTS OF

THOMAS CHIPP (Marine Private) and JANE LANGLEY (Convict)

are invited to a reunion at

BALLARAT, VICTORIA.

Friday, 10 April 1998 to Monday, 13 April 1998

(Easter Weekend)

The reunion will be of particular interest to the descendants of Thomas Thompson (grandson of Jane and Thomas Chipp) who was the only known descendant to travel to Victoria c1853 and settle in the Beaufort district.

Thomas married Mary Ann Tuckett 1849 at Cooma NSW and their children were Harriett, Alice m. Day, Mary Ann, Eliza m. McCracken, Thomas m. Hancock, George m. Stevens, William, James, Emma, and Richard Henry.

Contact is sought with any descendants of the above children.

A history has been collated and produced in book form and will be available at the reunion. An interesting program is being arranged for the reunion.

For information please contact;

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Elaine Lazarus (03) 5333 5214