



# Founders

NEWSLETTER OF FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

*'To live on in the hearts and minds of Descendants is never to die!'*

**PATRON:** His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels, AC, Governor of New South Wales

## President's report

Please keep your Annual membership renewals coming in. Whilst annual fees have risen minimally, our overall annual expenses will increase due to the GST. It is hoped that again, in this financial year, we can keep our heads above water with the help of members and our Daytime Auxiliary.

In the previous edition of Founders it was pleasing to see articles on First Fleeters by two members. I feel sure that there are many more stories of interest that members could have published in our Newsletter. I am also sure that the Editor would welcome any article be it on a First Fleeter or descendant thereof.

For some years I have agonised over the fact that the many thousands of BDM Certificates that we hold in our archives are not computerised. These records have been amassed since 1968. It would be beyond our capacity to ensure that these vital records would be preserved for future generations on CD Rom. The Executive, at its last meeting, resolved that we seek the help on the Mormon Church in preserving these, on the understanding that we retain copies and that they retain copies for their extensive records at Salt Lake City. Some 20 years ago I was researching my 'Christian' Family and, not making much headway, I was advised to seek help at the Mormon Library at Lane Cove. On doing so, a Pandora's Box was opened and I was not only able to learn of the ship in which my great-great-great-grandfather and his family arrived on in 1840, but also how to seek out long lost cousins in the United States. I must say that at no time during my search was I asked for any donation, nor subject to any pressure re doctrine of the Mormon Church. I believe it will take some time to transfer all of the information held by us, but I will keep you informed.

New member Venita Mayne is certainly a keen 'genie' and a very proud descendant of James Squire F.F. She has recently donated her

publication *From Convict to Politician* to our library. Her research gives a thumbnail sketch of her successful convict ancestor and his grandson James Squire Farnell who became Premier of New South Wales in 1877. Of James F.F. she writes... 'Some self-made men are unable to handle life at the top. By contrast, Squire had no such problems in his dealing with natives, neighbours, customers and staff. Indeed the well known and admired Aboriginal, Bennelong, is buried on Squire's property at Kissing Point. They were great friends. Well done, Venita!!

I might also add that Venita has offered to help our hard-working Treasurer, Roy Morris, and his assistant, Cec Thompson, in the important endeavours at First Fleet House.

Whist on this subject of help, may I make an urgent plea for volunteers at H.Q. Also we desperately need new blood on the Executive. Any offers? My phone number is 9868-3063 or email pgjn@one.net.

I believe the Soup and Damper Day at First Fleet House was a success. Due to a prior engagement I was not able to be present but congratulations to Doug, Phyllis and Bonny for their combined efforts.

In June I spoke to Sydney Probus, Canterbury Probus and Pennant Hills Probus. July found me at an evening meeting of the North Sydney Historical Society and this month I have had the privilege of spreading the message to the Hills Probus, Earlwood Probus and Gynea Probus. From September to November next there are nine engagements in my diary including National Seniors Clubs at Guildford, Gosford and Wyong.

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WELCOME TO NEW (AND 'OLD') MEMBERS  
SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2.00PM  
AT FIRST FLEET HOUSE.  
RSVP TO FIRST FLEET HOUSE BY 16 OCTOBER

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# News of Members

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR PERIOD 25 MAY TO  
26 JULY 2000

We extend a warm welcome to new members joined during this period – 10 adults, one junior and three spouse associates.

**MATTHEW EVERINGHAM:** Mr Ronald Russell Wotherspoon.

**JOHN HARRIS – MARY GREEN:** Mr David James Ritchie.

**ANN FORBES:** Mrs Margaret Ann Elliott, Rev Beth O'Neill.

**ANN MARTIN:** Dr Stephen Dinham.

**FREDERICK MEREDITH:** Mrs Marilyn Joyce Ayres (sp. Mr Rodney John Ayres).

**JOHN NICHOLS:** Mr Robert Clifford Holdom.

**WILLIAM ROBERTS:** Mr John Edward Coote.

**THOMAS SPENCER – MARY PHILLIPS:** Mr Raymond Morris Hadley.

**JAMES WILSON:** Miss Robin Winsome Thomsen.

**JOSEPH WRIGHT:** Mr Thomas John McGlenn (Jnr).

Spouse associates of earlier members:  
Mr Ian Finlayson Arch (sp. Ms Peggy Starks).

Mrs Karyl McGlenn (sp. Mr Christopher McGlenn).

**EMILY LOUISE FRIEND** (FF Rope/Pully) 12 June 2000. Another great-grandchild to Barbara Bushell (#1433).

**CASSANDRA EVE KNIGHT** (FF Thomas Chipp – Jane Langley) 24 March 2000 at Campbelltown Hospital to Karen and Stuart Knight a daughter and a sister to Jessica Alissa and Michael.

**EIRIN SAMANTHA McLEOD** (FF William Roberts – Kezia Brown) 25 February 2000, in Townsville, daughter of Scott and Sandra McLeod and great-granddaughter of Dorothy Matthews (#1755). Tenth generation.

**SAMUEL JOHN BENNETT** (FF William Roberts – Kezia Brown) 28 March 2000, in Toowoomba, son of Gregory and Sophie Bennett and great-grandson of Dorothy Matthews (#1755). Tenth generation.

**KIERAN WILLIAM STANFIELD** (FF Daniel Stanfield – Alice Harmsworth) 29 June 2000, to John Coulton Stanfield and his partner Melissa Anne Parsons a son.

## BIRTHS

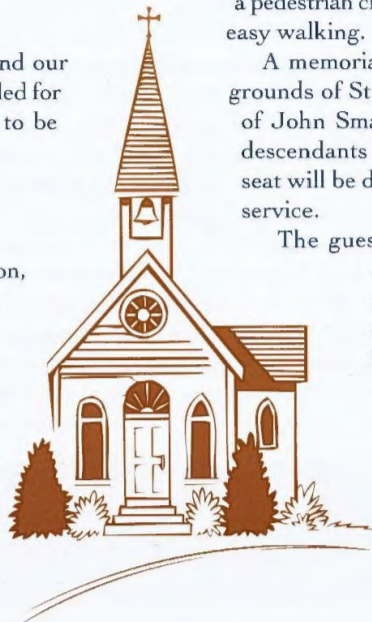
Welcome to additional First Fleeters:

**HARRISON LAURENCE BRADLEY** (FF Charles Peat – Ann Mullens) 9 June 2000. Third child for Mark and Lynne, third grandchild for John and Jeanette (#4406). Eighth generation.

## JOHN AND MARY SMALL DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION

Due to circumstances beyond our control the family picnic scheduled for Saturday, 19 August, has had to be cancelled. This year's family reunion is on and will be held on Sunday, 8 October.

Since the first family reunion, held in 1971, the gathering has always been in St Anne's Memorial Hall, Ryde, in the morning and the thanksgiving service in the historic St Anne's Church in the afternoon. This year the family reunion will be held in the auditorium of the Ryde Ex-Servicemen's and Community Club,



724-730 Victoria Road, Ryde, with the thanksgiving service still to be held in St Anne's Church in the afternoon.

The Club is directly opposite the church with a pedestrian crossing between the buildings for easy walking.

A memorial seat is being installed in the grounds of St Anne's churchyard in memory of John Small and Mary Parker and their descendants buried in the churchyard. The seat will be dedicated after the thanksgiving service.

The guest speaker for the day will be Shirley Fitzgerald. For further details please contact the secretary, Douglas Oakes, on 9428 2806.

**Closing date for  
copy and pictures  
Sept/October issue  
August 25 2000**

**OFFICE HOURS  
10.00am to 3.00pm  
Monday to Friday**



# what's *on*

## DAYTIME AUXILIARY

### Newcastle Bus Tour

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

A Day's Outing. Catch 8.15am train from Central for Newcastle.

A bus meets train at Newcastle Station for tour around Newcastle historic sites, etc.

Pay-as-you-go.

### Minnamurra Falls – Kiama

#### Day Tour

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

Departing Sydney approximately 8.30am we have a pleasant drive past Botany Bay and through southern Sydney before stopping at Sublime Point for morning tea.

We then continue down the Illawarra coast to the beautiful Jamberoo Valley and Minnamurra National Park. The Minnamurra is a unique area of rainforest because of the diversity of species in such a small area and is also a refuge for many birds. The park has an elevated boardwalk which provides safe and easy access and has many signs explaining the special features of the rainforest.

Our afternoon begins with a short drive to Kiama, a delightful little town on a spectacular piece of coastline. Here we have lunch at Blowhole Point and time to stroll around The Terraces, a National Trust classified group of historic terrace houses containing specialty shops that are guaranteed to have something to interest everybody.

Returning to Sydney 5.30-6.00pm. Cost per person for a very full and enjoyable day is \$38 – which includes morning tea, park entry fees and lunch.

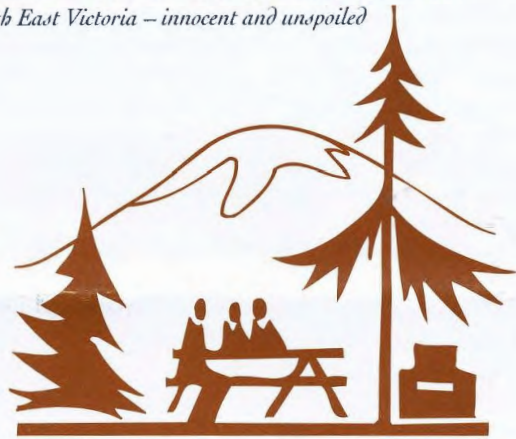
### Annual Holiday for 2001 – An Escape to Dartmouth Alpine Retreat

SUNDAY 6 MAY TO FRIDAY 11 MAY

Travel by Coach from Sydney.

Cost \$457 Singles \$28 per night extra (numbers to be confirmed by September 2000).

RAINBOW LODGE MOTEL DARTMOUTH  
*North East Victoria – innocent and unspoiled*



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## TUZO – DREDGE – McDONALD REUNION

### Joseph Tuzo William Dredge Edward McDonald

(First Fleeter) m. Jane Dew 1845 m. Gwen Dredge 1928 m. Rebecca Golsby

#### TO BE HELD IN CANBERRA SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2000

The Tuzo-Dredge-McDonald reunion has been arranged for Saturday 25 November 2000 at the Hall Showground Pavilion and timed to commence from 12.00 midday.

The pretty rural village of Hall is located close to Canberra off the Barton Highway, approximately 10kms from the Federal Highway (Sydney Road) turnoff. The village is situated in a very pleasant country environment.

Lunch will be a BYO picnic affair; although if you prefer, food outlets are available in the village. BBQ facilities are also available at the showground. The day part of the reunion is expected to last until 4.30-5.00 pm.

Dinner has been arranged to take place at the George Harcourt Inn which is located at Federation Square, only 2.5kms south of Hall. The George Harcourt Inn is a fully licensed English style country pub and arrangements are to assemble at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm dinner (or later). The dinner

will be a 'choose your own' menu at reasonable prices and children are welcome.

Excellent accommodation is available at the Gold Creek Resort, a recently opened large 4 star motel located at Federation Square. The motel is only 200 metres from The George Harcourt Inn. All accommodation at the resort includes breakfast. Alternative accommodation is also available at the nearby suburb of Lyneham. Several motels are located in Lyneham.

We are hoping you can make it and we are looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP by 30 September 2000 with one of the following contacts.

Jan & Colin Berryman 6258 2463  
Garnet & Marie Dredge 9602 7552  
Robin & Norma Hunt 4658 1410  
Trev & Marge McDonald 69442065

*Additional Reunions appear on page 5*



# HENRIETTA who?

PHILIP SHERRING/SKIRVING/SKIRWIN/SCRIVEN/SCREVEN/SHEWING

**O**n a recent visit to England I found a few days to do some family research at the Public Records Office, Kew, although I did not have nearly as much time as I would have liked. I accessed the log books of the Lady Penrhyn and Charlotte – exciting reading. However, it brought into question the paternity of Henrietta Fletcher.

As a descendant of Henrietta, I question the comments made by Mollie Gillen in her book *The Founders of Australia* viz.

'The entry in the ship's log was written as 'Jane Langley delivered of a girl namely TG-' giving rise to the possibility that the actual father was Thomas Gilbert, Master of the Charlotte, and that perhaps he had taken Jane on his ship for female company as Lieutenant Henry Lidgbird Ball certainly did with Sarah Partridge (Roberts). The possibility is at least worth

consideration: it would account for the absence of Jane's name in the Lady Penrhyn list kept by Surgeon Bowes and the odd way of making the entry in the ship's log for the child's birth. Surgeon White had moved from Charlotte to shore

quarters at the Cape of Good Hope and Jane may have been sent to Lady Penrhyn for the delivery.'

This supposition that Thomas Gilbert is Henrietta's father has not been accepted by myself, or many other direct descendants, for the following reasons.

Captain Phillip broke his ten ship fleet into two divisions – a southern division and a Thames division. The southern division to collect convicts from Portsmouth and Plymouth and the Thames division to collect convicts from Woolwich. Charlotte was part of the southern division, while Lady Penrhyn was Thames division.

Charlotte sailed from Deptford on 20 December 1786, loaded convicts on 11 March 1787 at Plymouth and left on 13 March 1787 for Portsmouth. Meanwhile, Alexander and Lady Penrhyn were waiting at Woolwich to collect convicts.

In January 1787 the eleventh vessel Prince of Wales was hired.

On 3 January 1787 some females were taken on board Alexander and Lady Penrhyn from the hulks, 'however they

were unable to load many because most were too weak and diseased.' (The First Fleeters by Jonathon King.)

William Sever Captain's Log Lady Penrhyn records:

'January 1787

Tuesday 6th Rec'd from Newgate 56 women convicts for Botany Bay

Thursday 9th At 9am rec'd from Newgate 6 women and 3 children

Friday 26th Rec'd 16 women convicts and 1 child

Wednesday 31st Half past four rec'd 22 women convicts'

Jane Langley was marked out of Newgate for transportation on 1 January 1787 and sent on 5 January 1787 to Lady Penrhyn. She was with the first group of 56 women sent on board from Newgate.



Henrietta's birth took place on 22 October 1787 – putting time of conception to approximately late January. At this time Charlotte and Captain Gilbert were in Plymouth.

Lady Penrhyn reached Portsmouth on 22 February 1787. Charlotte reached

Portsmouth on 16 March 1787. The First Fleet sailed on 14 May 1787.

Henrietta's birth is not recorded in Surgeon Bowes Smyth's Journal. However, listed is a child Philip Langley among the convict children on board Lady Penrhyn. This is I believe an error – Philip referring to Philip Scriven/Langley to Jane Langley and in fact it is Henrietta the child.

A record of Baptism records:

Baptism Certificate (Application 73545/83 LC – on board the different Transports bound from England to NSW – particulars recorded in a register of Baptisms, St Philip Sydney – No. 14 Vol. 4)

Name: Henrietta Sherring

Parents: Father – Phillip Skirving

Mother – Jane Langley

When born: 22.10.1787

Date of Ceremony: 4.11.1787

Where Ceremony Performed: Lady Penrhyn Cape of Good Hope



On Henrietta's Marriage Certificate (Application 69518/81 MN No.746 Vol.3)

Groom: Edward Fletcher

Bride: Henrietta Skirwin

Date: 23.3.1807

Place: St John's Parramatta

There is no good reason that Henrietta or Jane would not have used Gilbert's name as father – after all, both he and Philip Scriven had sailed away. Why continue to use a name that did not have any connection.

As I read further through Lady Penrhyn's Log I found entries:

'Monday 22 Ship Lady Penrhyn Moor'd in Table Bay Caulking employed as above. Sail Makers on ??? seamen cleaning the afterhold. AM Do ??? Deck & clean below. Jane Langley delivered of a Girl namely T- G-'

As I read further through I then noticed entries:

'at 2 sat T- G- sails outward', 'employed striking T- G- Masts and Fore Topmasts', 'at lam got a T- of G- Mast up'. All T- G- recorded in the same way as that next to Jane's entry.

Upon coming home I rang the Maritime Museum and was informed that T- G- recorded in a log referred to Top Gallant Mast or Top Gallant Sail. I then referred to Encyclopedia Britannica and *The First Fleeters* by Jonathon

King to look at diagrams of rigged ships. I found there is a Fore topgallant sail, Main topgallant sail, Main topgallant staysail, Mizzen topgallant sail.

As Philip Scriven was recorded in *The Journal of Arthur Bowes Smyth, Surgeon Lady Penrhyn 1787-1789* – page 76 (Printed Griffen Press, Publisher Australian Documents Library) as – 'Feby 29th. This day Philip Screven one of our foremastmen was missing'. I am putting forward the theory that he was Fore topgallant sailor and that T- G- recorded against Henrietta's birth refers to him in his role as foremastman of Top Gallant Mast or Top Gallant Sail.

In my view it is obvious that Jane could not have boarded the Charlotte at Plymouth on 11 March 1787 or earlier in December at Deptford as only Naval Officers were living on board, seamen were being recruited and marines were beginning to join the ship.

Therefore I believe that the factual situation is as I have suggested because of the more logical and sound reasons set out.

Note various spelling of Philip Sherring/Skirving/Skirwin/Scriven/Screven/Shewing

ELAINE BENNETT (NEE FLETCHER)

## REUNION OF DESCENDANTS OF FIRST FLEET SAILOR PETER HIBBS

who arrived on Sirius, and Mary Pardoe, Lady Juliana in 1790

The venue is Spencer Community Hall on

**SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER**

from 9.00am

Associated families include:

BYRNES, COX, WEBBER, KELLY, NORMAN

Details Roy Cox 02 4377 1128; Betty Warn 02 4294 2735; Elaine Young 9874 6272

## NASH FAMILY REUNION

**SATURDAY, 7 OCTOBER**

at noon

WREN GROUND

at

NURRAGINGY RESERVE

Knox Road, Doonside

## THE THOMAS ARNDELL FAMILY REUNION

Descendants and their families of Thomas Arndell, who arrived in Sydney Cove with the First Fleet on the FRIENDSHIP, are invited to attend a family reunion to be held on

**SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER**

A Church Service will be held in the EBENEZER CHURCH at 10.30am

There will be a picnic lunch at the Arndell home, CADDIE, at Cattai at 12.30pm

The home will be open for inspection during the afternoon.

For further information please ring Marge Raven (9587 0528) or write to her at  
7 Griffin Avenue, Bexley 2207



It was quite a coincidence that there were two Elizabeth Coles transported to Australia in the First Fleet and it was difficult to find which one was our ancestor but we have finally sorted things out.

From County Records, Elizabeth Cole was baptised on 25 May, 1762, in the village of Lamerton in Devon. The parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Cole. Nothing more is known at this point of time.

Elizabeth next came to notice when she was committed for trial on 15 September, 1785, for 'feloniously breaking and entering the dwelling house of William Cox between ten and eleven in the forenoon no person being therein and stealing thereout one woman's stiff gown value seven

Again from *Sydney Cove* – on 10 August, 1789, we read of the christening of Thomas Cole, the son of Elizabeth and marine private William Ellis. He grew up to be a good and stable citizen.

Elizabeth and young son Thomas were among those transferred to Norfolk Island on *Sirius* and *Supply* in 1790. Food was in very short supply on the Island and the shipwrecking of *Sirius* after bringing extra mouths to feed only aggravated the situation and all were put on rations.

Some time after her arrival on Norfolk Island, Elizabeth formed an alliance with James Tucker, no marriage has been traced but she referred to herself in later times as Elizabeth Tucker, widow, so she must have considered herself married.

# Elizabeth Cole

shillings and other goods value five pounds nine shillings, the property of Jane Cox Spinster.'

She was tried at the Devon Lent Assizes held at Exeter on 20 March, 1786, before Sir James Eyre and Sir Beaumont Hotham. She was found guilty of housebreaking to the value of four shillings and sentenced 'to be transported beyond the seas for seven years.' (These points taken from *Punishment Short of Death*.)

In the *Historical Records of N.S.W* Volume 1, Part 2, details of letters written by Captain Arthur Phillip to Whitehall to a Mr Shelton, the Under Secretary, frequently complained of conditions aboard the Fleet waiting in the River. Letter of 18 March complained that the 16lb bread each for 42 days was not sufficient and that the female prisoners had come aboard practically naked.

Elizabeth Cole together with eighty-eight male and nineteen other female convicts sailed on the *Charlotte*, a barque of 335 tons, 105 feet long and 28 feet wide – destination Sydney Cove.

Elizabeth Cole must have continued to be unruly for on 11 August in Rio De Janeiro she and five others from the *Charlotte* were exchanged for six quieter women from the *Friendship* (from *The First Fleet*).

Aboard the *Friendship* was the marine William Ellis who we believe, also came from the same district in Devon as did Elizabeth – perhaps they were known to one another.

Our next glimpse of Elizabeth is from John Copley's *Sydney Cove*. Elizabeth and a female convict decided to bathe after finishing work, they were followed by two male convicts, one of whom tried to rape her companion. For this he was to receive 100 lashes.

Also on Norfolk Island was the convict Richard Cornelius Burrows of the Second Fleet arriving on the *Scarborough*. He and Elizabeth Cole Tucker commenced cohabitation that was to last until his death, but they were eventually to marry before this untimely event.

Richard and Elizabeth were to have three children, Richard born 13 June, 1798, Anne born 8 May 1800 and John 7 March 1803 (N.S.W. Archives). These three children and Maria Tucker were all baptised on 10 April entered in the St Phillip's register Norfolk Island (COD412) and signed by Henry Fulton.

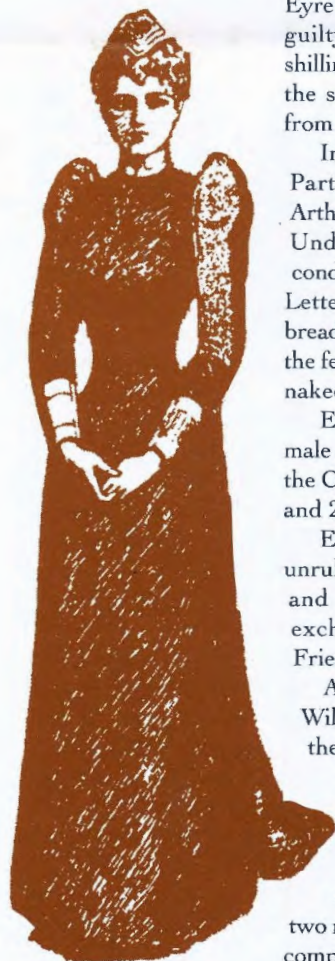
Elizabeth and Richard worked hard and served out their time, Richard obviously had been granted some land as Index Land Grants 1792 – 1809 (A115) states that 48 acres 3 R., 22 P of land had been sold by Burrows to Robert Lancaster. I could find no trace of the full acreage grant. Also, COD413 Richard Burrows 'settler' in 1805 sold grain to Government Stores – 'X' was his signature.

When General Orders came out in March, 1805, about the possibility of resettlement for the folk on Norfolk Island in Van Diemen's Land, the Burrows-Cole family was affected. The family set forth aboard *Porpoise* and arrived in Hobart Town on 2 October, 1808.

A clipping from the *Derwent Star & Van Diemen's Land Intelligence* of 6 March reads:

'Notice of Marriage 26th Inst. between R.C. Burrows and Elizabeth Tucker both late of Norfolk Island. They were married on 25th February 1810 by banns Hobart Town by Robert Knopwood. They both made their mark with an X'.

The *Derwent Star* finished the notice 'they had





cohabited together for fourteen years verifying at last the old adage 'better late than never'.

Elizabeth and Richard settled in New Norfolk and again took up farming and by 1817 were again selling grain to the Government Stores.

Richard also invested in a ferry boat for travel on the Derwent River and it was this venture which brought about his death. From the *Hobart Town Gazette* 28 February, 1818:

'Burrows was taking the ferry with twelve passengers from town to home when the boat upset near Austins Ferry. All except one passenger drowned. Burrows's body was found on 10 March floating within yards of his home at Black Snake. He was buried the same day

followed to his grave by his widow and four children and a number of Norfolk Island settlers.'

There is a gap in the story here. Elizabeth died in Hobart in 1821 at the age of 59.

We would like to think it was the end of a very brave and gallant human being who rose above the poverty, conviction, transportation and the terrible degradation suffered by the First Fleeters. Elizabeth and Richard battled and conquered tremendous odds to create the beginnings of a family that has multiplied and progressed, many of them 'living by the soil' as their forebears did. We salute their bravery.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

of the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the  
FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS INC  
to take place on Sunday 5 November 2000 at 2.00 pm  
to be held in  
First Fleet House, 105 Cathedral Street Woolloomooloo

## NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE 2000-2001

OF THE  
FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS  
Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:  
PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENTS (2)  
TREASURER  
and  
10 COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
on the Committee

Forms of Nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member nominated and his/her proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the Secretary, First Fleet House, 105 Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011, at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.



### FORM OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE ON THE COMMITTEE OF FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

We, \_\_\_\_\_ (No \_\_\_\_\_) and \_\_\_\_\_  
(No \_\_\_\_\_), being financial members of the Fellowship, hereby nominate  
\_\_\_\_\_ (No \_\_\_\_\_) for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (No \_\_\_\_\_), agree to accept nomination for the  
office of \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



(President's Report continued from page 1)

Appreciation to Alice Clarke, an Executive member and former Vice-President who has spoken to pupils at Glenmore Road Public School, Arden Anglican School at Beecroft and to a Seniors group at Menai.

You will notice in the Membership Report in this issue that we welcome Ray Hadley, F.F. Thomas Spencer and Mary Phillips. Ray is a well-known Sports Broadcaster for Radio Station 2UE and at times takes over the John Laws

program on that station.

For your interest, this issue includes the Newsletter of the 'Friends of the National Museum of Australia'. As I reported in the last issue of *Founders*, the museum will be officially opened in March 2001 in Canberra. It will be a repository of the history of Australia befitting our national heritage.

In Fellowship  
**PETER**

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## DAYTIME AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Nearly 50 people came to the Auxiliary Committee's ever popular soup and damper day at First Fleet House on Wednesday, 12 July.

It was also the day of the Annual Meeting and started with a report on last year's activities; details of the places visited during the year culminating in the holiday to Lorne, Victoria, and the drive along the Ocean Road viewing the Twelve Apostles. Treasurer Bonney Savill presented her Financial Report for the year highlighting the donations of items for First Fleet House to the value of \$383.15.

Joy Pankhurst spoke of the next function to take place on Sunday, 8 October, to Minnamurra Falls. Convenor of the Newcastle Chapter, Mr Ray Meredith suggested the possibility of a day-outing to Newcastle. Phyllis Selby gave details of next year's holiday to Dartmouth.

During the meeting members expressed satisfaction of the improvements made to First Fleet House both in looks and amenities.

The speaker after lunch was Mr Wayne Johnson, an archaeologist from the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority. Wayne spoke on the history of The Rocks, an area dear to our hearts as First Fleeters. It appears that the area around the Circular Quay roadway was leased to developers to create an income to be spent on preservation and restoration of The Rocks and the development of Darling Harbour.

Mr Johnson offered to organise a trip in November 2000 for us to visit The Rocks area and see the old forts and areas preserved for posterity.

Mr Cec Thompson on behalf the committee thanked Mr Johnson on his well-received discourse and presented him with a copy of *Where First Fleeters Lie*.

A 'thank you' was expressed to the ladies who administered the festive board.

**DOUGLAS OAKES**  
Convenor



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## HOLY TRINITY (GARRISON) CHURCH, MILLERS POINT

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2000

20 August	10.30am Pacific Islands Regiment	5 November	10.30am 7 Machine Gun Bn (To be confirmed)
27 August	10.30am Legacy	12 November	10.30am 7 Bns AIF & RAR and other Services
27 August	12 Noon Milne Bay, New Guinea	19 November	10.30am Mechanised Armour, Cambrai 1917
3 September	10.30am 2/31 Battalion (Kennedy Plaque unveiling)	26 November	10.30am 53 Anti Aircraft (To be confirmed)
10 September	10.30am Battle of Britain	26 November	12 Noon Sunderland Squadrons
17 September	10.30am 9 Division AIF	3 December	10.30am R.A. Artillery Assoc.
24 September	10.30am Korea & S.E. Asia	5 December	11.00am 1 Mountain Battery AIF
1 October	10.30am 2/33 Infantry Bn. AIF	17 December	7pm (Carols by Candlelight)
8 October	10.30am RAAF 4 & 5 Squadrons	28 January 2001	10.30am Pioneers
15 October	10.3am Coast Artillery		
22 October	10.30am Trafalgar 1805		
29 October	2.00pm 2/33 Machine Gun Bn AIF		

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