



Fellowship of First Fleeters Hunter Valley Chapter

"To live on in the hearts and minds of Descendants is never to die."

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President Barbara conducted our General meeting which was followed by the 2012 AGM. Reports from our Office Bearers were read and George Pinkerton took the Chair as returning officer. All positions were declared vacant – nominations were accepted and congratulations go to the following office bearers for 2012/13:

President:	Barbara Turner
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Minute Secretaries:	Lorraine Valent Wendy Swinkle
Assistant Treasurer:	Wilga Ramsay

Welcome to new members:

8110 James Kable
FF Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes

8112 Todd Hamilton
FF Jane Langley - Henrietta & Henry Scriven

8113 Norman Hannah
FF Owen Cavanough/Margaret Darnell

8122 Trevor Jones
FF Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley

8128 Valerie Davies
FF James McManus/Jane Poole

8130 John Green
FF Joseph Wright

Also welcome to Athol and Betty Searston who attended our meeting today.



Your Committee for the coming year

After our Meeting we viewed the story of the *Rum Rebellion*, the only Military Coup in Australia's history. The portrayal of John Macarthur is certainly different to what many of us remember from our school days! This was followed by fellowship over our Soup and Damper luncheon.

FOR YOUR DIARY:



Our next outing is on Friday 21st September

We will visit both the

Newcastle Museum and the Maritime Museum

10.30am - Newcastle Museum to see the Newcastle Story and Supernova only.

11.00am - BHP Sound and Light show (5 minutes) after which we will be treated to a walk through the BHP display with John Risby. Entry fee by donation.

Lunch at own expense either at the Museum or at the nearby Wharf

1.15pm - Tour through the Maritime Museum. Entry fee \$6 pp

(Please note the change to a Friday outing due to opening hours of the Museum)

As parking is expensive for such a long period there are a few options to consider. The Museums are very close to Civic Station for those who wish to catch the train or there is the possibility to car pool - please ring Yvonne to organize this.

Preliminary Notice

Good news on the placing of a First Fleet grave plaque for Joseph Trimby – the first such plaque in the Hunter!

This plaque has been a long time in the pipe line and many thanks go to all those patient people who have been working behind the scenes for so long to see this happy conclusion.

You are invited to join with the members and friends of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, local dignitaries, officials, historians and especially the Trimby descendants at the old Glebe Cemetery, East Maitland, for the official placing of the plaque ceremony.

The laying of the plaque is proposed for October or November 2012.

After the ceremony you are invited to an 'all you can eat buffet lunch' at the East Maitland Bowling Club.
\$15 pp

Christmas Luncheon

17th December 2012



Central Charlestown Leagues Club

\$31.50 pp

Includes 2 course Christmas Dinner plus 2 drinks per person

There will also be a Tombola



The Club has asked we pay when we book so it would be appreciated if you could, if possible, put your money in an envelope with your name/s on the outside and bring it along to the next meeting in October.

It's hard to believe we are thinking of Christmas already!!

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR 2013



FIRST IN THE NEW YEAR WILL BE OUR AUSTRALIA DAY
INFORMATION STALL AT THE NEWCASTLE FORESHORE

Details in a later Newsletter !!

Foundation day on Norfolk Island is held on the 6th March each year.
In 2013 they are combining this with a week of special events celebrating the

225TH FIRST FLEET ANNIVERSARY



Some of our members are planning to travel to Norfolk Island to join in the week-long celebrations between the 1st and 8th March. Early bird bookings are to be made before 30th September but bookings can be made after this date. Holiday packages include return airfares and taxes, 7 nights accommodation, 7 days car hire, local transfers, discount shopping card, and much more.

There is a wide variety of accommodations recommended so cost depends on which type you prefer – but an average amount for all the above would be around \$1000 pp.

There are also optional extra *Foundation Packages* available which include a Welcome Dinner, Special talks from a local Historian, Lunch at the home of a First Fleet Descendant as well as a Foundation Day Picnic Lunch and Re-enactment.

Details available at the meeting or contact The Travel Centre on Norfolk –
email: travel@travelcentre.nf – or web address: www.travelcentre.nf.

In the planning is an outing for March 2013 - a visit to the heritage listed
Cockatoo Island, the largest island in Sydney Harbour.



There are weekday tours available but we plan to join the “*Convicts of Cockatoo*” Tour
which is run only on Sundays. Again details at a later date.

Looking even further ahead maybe a guided walking tour of *The Rocks*
with Liz Parkinson - September 2013

Your Invitation to our next General Meeting

WHERE: Senior Citizens Hall
Brunker Rd, Adamstown

WHEN: 15th October 2012

TIME: 10am for 10.30am

Coffee/Tea on arrival

GUEST SPEAKER: Phil Aubin

Phil will give a power point presentation on the early life and extraordinary Naval career of Arthur Phillip.



There will also be an up-date on the First Fleet display at St. Nicholas Church, Bathampton UK.

COST: \$5 pp It would be appreciated if you could bring a small plate of food to share for lunch.



Robert Carter – 5th August
Valerie Davies – 11th August
Carolyn Crossley – 16th August
Wayne Crossley – 24th August
Lee De Bono – 26th August
Andrew Pacey – 3rd September
Malcolm Burns – 7th September
Nancy Carter – 11th September
Daphne Hughes – 12th September
Jan Davis – 11th September
Joy Pinkerton – 15th September
Norman Hannah – 18th September
Judy Aubin – 20th September
Gary Ballhouse – 30th September

Around the tables at our Soup & Damper Luncheon



Your Editor: Judy Aubin