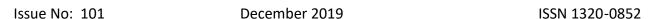


Newsletter of the Swan River Pioneers 1829–1838 Inc. An Affiliated Member of the Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.





Well the Silly Season is upon us once again.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your family and friends.

Many of us are looking forward to a better year in 2020.

Spare a thought for the drought stricken Eastern States and those dreadful fires which have destroyed homes and property and left many families in devasting conditions.

Life in the bush is not easy at the best of times and you can imagine the hardships the first settlers must have faced after their arrival in the Swan River Colony.

Their first Christmas's here would have been so different to their life in England.

The weather would have been a huge shock for a start. Not the traditional type of Christmas with their close families.

Those of us with children living overseas and who have to miss Christmas with their children know how sad we feel when we are so far apart and yet we can email, skype, talk on the telephone and those early settlers did not have that luxury. It must have been heartbreaking for many leaving behind their families whom many did not ever see again.

CHRISTMAS DAY 1826 - ARRIVAL OF THE BRIG ÁMITY' AT KING GEORGE' S SOUND

The Brig "Amity" sailed into King George's Sound on Christmas Day, 1826, carrying men to establish the first British settlement in Western Australia – a settlement which became the town of Albany.

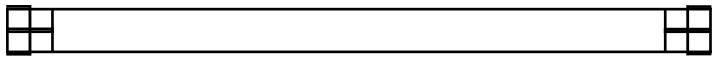
The replica of the "Amity", is a full scale and authentic reproduction of the original vessel, which was built and berthed within a few metres of where those first pioneers stepped ashore.

Few towns can boast such a fitting memorial.

In charge to set up a military garrison was Major Edmund Lockyer with twenty troops and 23 convicts.

This was the beginning of the first European settlement in Western Australia.

Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.



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The Parmelia—Painting by Ross Shardlow

G'Day Swannies

Well glad this year is nearly over and looking forward to a better year next year (Touch Wood as they say).

This is not a year I want to repeat in a hurry. But we all seem to have a year or two like that in our lives and I am no exception. Well it is time to have a break for awhile—gather the wits together and enjoy the holidays with friends and family.

Give a thought to the farmers and those facing dreadful conditions in the Eastern States of Australia with drought and fires. Heartbreaking for those families who have lost their homes, livestock and some even their lives with fires so bad that even Sydney was affected by the smoke making conditions and air quality extremely hazardous.

Australia needs rain and when it does come - it will probably bucket down and floods will follow.

Dorothy Mackellar who wrote the poem in 1908 'My Country' had it right— 111 years later we are still facing droughts, fires, floods.

A lot of us used to recite this in school and it still is relevant.

Let's hope Western Australia can escape most of those awful fires this year but as I write this there is a raging fire in Bullsbrook threatening homes and Yanchep and Two Rocks are under serious threat so the fires have started here too. Now Collie & Williams fires have broken out.... Mandurah residents have been suffering from smoke from the Collie fires.

We celebrated our Annual Christmas Function at the Baywater Seniors Social Space with 52 persons attending. Our spit roast lunch was enjoyed by all and thanks to those who supported the event. Members and friends helped clear up and put away the chairs and tables for which we give our thanks. Thanks members! Many hands make light work.

Sorry members we forgot the grange juice and soft drink this year. It has been noted for next year. Our sincere applicates.

We are still looking at the reunion for the descendants of settlers who arrived on the Rockingham, Gilmore and Hooghly.

A decision will be made soon whether we are able to organise. Depends on whether we get an affordable and suitable venue.

Unfortunately most places want big amounts for venue hire and bond. We have left it too late for February but perhaps we can do something later in 2020. Foundation Day Function may be the occasion...Sorry to disappoint but health problems not good this year— bring on 2020 and some more volunteers to assist.

Next year we will be looking for volunteers to take on Committee roles. Nomination forms will go out early in the New Year. We hope to get some new blood to stimulate the Group. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

A 'Ploughman's Lunch' is planned as our next function. If you want to partake in the wine tasting it will cost you an extra \$5.00 But cost of lunch, tea and coffee is \$30 or \$35 with the wine tasting. Hope some of you can attend. It will be at the Jane Brook Estate which is named after Jane Currie who was the wife of Capt. Mark Currie, Fremantle's first Harbourmaster.

Jane is renowned for her early paintings of the Swan River Colony and her diary which is now kept in the Battye Library.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. With best wishes from Lyn and the Committee....

'My Country'

A Poem by Dorothy Mackellar written in 1908

The love of field and coppice,
Of green and shaded lanes.
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins,
Strong love of grey-blue distance
Brown streams and soft dim skies
I know but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror The wide brown land for me!

A stark white ring-barked forest All tragic to the moon, The sapphire-misted mountains, The hot gold hush of noon. Green tangle of the brushes, Where lithe lianas coil, And orchids deck the tree-tops And ferns the warm dark soil.

Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When sick at heart, around us,
We see the cattle die But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady, soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country! Land of the Rainbow Gold, For flood and fire and famine, She pays us back threefold -Over the thirsty paddocks, Watch, after many days, The filmy veil of greenness That thickens as we gaze.

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand Though earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.









ARRIVAL OF THE BRIG AMITY—25th DECEMBER 1826

Lockyer, Edmund (1784–1860)

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Edmund Lockyer (1784-1860), soldier and landowner, was born on 21 January 1784 in St Andrew's Parish, Plymouth, Devon, England, the son of Thomas Lockyer, sailmaker, and his wife Ann, née Grose. He entered the army as an ensign in the 19th Regiment in June 1803, was promoted lieutenant early in 1805 and acquired a captaincy in August. At Galle, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), on 12 August 1806 he married a widow Dorothea Agatha Young, née de Ly. She died in Ceylon on 13 September 1816; on 6 October Lockyer married Sarah Morris. He was promoted major in August 1819 and in August 1824 transferred to the 57th Regiment. His service had been in England, Ireland, India and Ceylon. He arrived in Sydney in the *Royal Charlotte* in April 1825 with a detachment of the 57th; with him were his wife and ten children.

In August 1825 Governor Sir Thomas Brisbane instructed him to proceed to Moreton Bay in the cutter *Mermaid*, 84 tons, and explore the Brisbane River as far as he could go 'with prudence', and report on the animals, birds, minerals and the 'nature, disposition, complexion etc. of the natives'. Lockyer set out on 1 September and, with John Finnegan, a former castaway who had guided John Oxley in this district in 1823-24, explored the river in a small boat for 150 miles (241 km), about twice as far as Oxley had reached. He discovered the stream that bears his name and the Stanley River, and found coal near the present-day lpswich. Since there was ample water over the bar the *Mermaid* was brought to Brisbane, the first sea-going vessel to enter the river. With a cargo of timber Lockyer returned to Sydney on 16 October 1825.

In March 1826 the British government, fearing that the French were planning to establish a colony on the west coast of Australia, instructed Governor (Sir) Ralph Darling among other measures to have King George Sound examined as the possible site of a settlement. Lockyer was appointed by Darling to establish a settlement there and, should the French have already arrived, to land his troops and to inform the French that the whole of New Holland was subject to the British government.

Lockyer sailed on 9 November 1826 in the *Amity*, with Lieutenant Festing, twenty-three convicts and a detachment of twenty of the 39th Regiment under Captain Wakefield, who was to take over the settlement when it had been established. The expedition reached the sound on Christmas Day and next day Lockyer and Festing landed. In a preliminary examination of the area one man was speared by Aboriginals but survived.

By 10 January buildings had been erected, a garden dug and 'a quantity of amazing fine fish' caught. That day a boat-load of sealers arrived. Lockyer arrested two of these, having evidence that they had committed outrages against Aboriginals, and sent them to Sydney in the *Amity* when she departed on 24 January. From the sealers Lockyer learnt that Dumont D'Urville had surveyed King George Sound in November. On 12 February Lockyer with five others set out to walk to Swan River, but it rained heavily, a soldier fell ill and the schooner *Isabella* arrived on her way to Melville Island bringing instructions to Lockyer to return to Sydney and news that Captain (Sir) James Stirling in H.M.S. *Success* had already reconnoitred Swan River. Lockyer sailed for Sydney in the *Success* on 3 April, leaving Wakefield in charge.

In 1827 Lockyer sold his commission, having decided to settle in the colony. He was granted 2560 acres (1036 ha), which he named Lockyersleigh, in the Marulan district, and built a house, Ermington, on an estate near Ryde. By 1837 he had added 3635 acres (1471 ha) to Lockyersleigh by purchase, and by 1853 the estate totalled 11,810 acres (4779 ha). In 1838 he leased and stocked Cavan, a run on the Murrumbidgee and Goodradigbee Rivers. Iron was found on Lockyersleigh and a beginning was made with mining, but the work was abandoned for lack of labour in the gold rush. However, the spade which was used to cut the first turf for the Sydney Railway Co. in July 1850 was made from Lockyer's iron. /.

ARRIVAL OF THE BRIG AMITY—25th DECEMBER 1826

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Although a proficient artist and a devoted parent, Lockyer was easily imposed upon and dabbled in too many things to be a good farmer. In 1830 Lockyersleigh was said to be in great need of improvement and stocked with 'very miserable, coarse sheep' bred from 'old culls'.

However, Lockyer was assisted by the occupancy of a variety of public appointments. When he retired from the army be had been appointed police magistrate at Parramatta. In 1828 Darling appointed him principal surveyor of roads and bridges at a salary of £600; but the secretary of state in May ordered that this office be abolished and the duties performed by assistants of the surveyor-general. Thereupon in December 1829 Lockyer became police magistrate at Parramatta again and from February to December 1830 superintendent of police there.

In 1842 he was a member of the association formed to gain permission to import coolies from India.

In 1852 he was appointed serjeant-at-arms to the Legislative Council and in 1856 usher of the black rod.

He died at his home, York House, Woolloomooloo on 10 June 1860 and was buried in the Camperdown cemetery. Sarah had died on 11 July 1853, aged 68. On 18 November 1854 he married Eliza Colston (Coulson). He was survived by his widow, a son of his first marriage, nine children of his second and three of his third. His son, Nicholas (1855-1933), became a leading New South Wales and Commonwealth public servant.



The replica of the brig Ámity' in Albany, Western Australia Sailed into Princess Royal Harbour, King George's Sound 25th December 1826

ANOTHER ÁMITY'ARRIVAL:

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William			1848				wan - died :	1848		
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Fanny			1854			Middle Sv				
Elizabeth			1856			Middle Sv				
William D	avid		1858			Died 1858				
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ANOTHER ÁMITY'ARRIVAL:

FIRST FAMILIES OF THE SWAN RIVER COLONY 1829-1838

Husband Wife

NEWELL, Hannah
Name: NEWELL, James Thomas (nee Hall)

Birthdate: c1790 c1789

Birthplace: England Devon, England

Occupation: Emancipated Convict

Departed:Van Dieman's LandVan Dieman's LandArrived:King George's SoundSwan River Colony

Arrival Date: 25/12/1826

Ship Name: Amity Unknown



Name:	Birthdate:	Birthplace:
Dorothy	1813	Devon, England
James	1817	Devon, England
Charles	1819	Devon, England
Caroline	1821	Devon, England
William	1827	Devon, England

Family History:

Emancipated Convict. Allowed to stay when Major Lockyer departed. Wife and children arrived later. Had titles to four acres of land in 1834 at Albany (A22). Son James arrived on the ship 'James Pattison'. Mentioned in the 1836 Census at Plantagenet as a labourer. Son Charles was speared and killed by natives in 1841. Family made a living by lime burning and labouring. Hannah died Albany 10 April 1839 and James died 10 June 1855 also at Albany.

Whilst looking at the Newell family history seems that Dorothy Newell was involved with 'Black Jack Anderson' Australia's first pirate.

A very interesting account is found on this website: https://esperancetide.com/five-minute-history-black-jack-anderson.html

Also a book has been written about Dorothy Newell and the sealers around Albany in the early 1800's called 'Skins' by Sarah Hay.

It won the Australian/Vogel 2001 Literature Award.

Apparently it is a 'dark story' as Black Jack Anderson was a violent man but tells the story of the hardship of Dorothy Newell and her association with Black Jack.



Black Jack Anderson - Australia's First Pirate

(Lots of references to him on the Internet and many books written down about this notorious pirate)



Black Jack Anderson was notorious for terrorising shipping off the Great Southern coastline during the 1830's. His extraordinary story has captivated historians and authors - for over ten years he and his crew escaped capture and made a fortune off stolen seal skins.

Black Jack Anderson arrived from Massachusetts at the King George Sound (now Albany) in 1826 off the crippled whaler the Vigilant.

King George Sound was then only a trading post - with a general store that acted as purveyor, liquor outlet and community centre.

While drinking with his whaling crewmates at the general store one night, a fight between the seamen broke out resulting in the death of a man. It was Black Jack who was held accountable for his death, although there was no evidence to prove him guilty.

With the crime of murder held above his head, Black Jack and a few crewmates fled the scene, stole a small chaser vessel and took off towards the Recherche Archipelago. At the time, the Recherche Archipelago was a dangerous place to sail, with the many reefs and small islands uncharted.

The motley crew drifted around before finally settling on Middle Island - the largest island in the Archipelago.

From their base, the crew plundered the passing supply ships on their way to Sydney or Hobart, for over ten years. They amassed guite a fortune - at the time, one seal skin sold for six shillings.

His autocratic ways and greed for wealth led to his eventual downfall - he was murdered by his own crew.



Middle Island, Albany—the place were Black Jack Anderson was based in the 1820's & 1830's

Early History of Albany

* Prior to European settlement the area around Albany was inhabited by members of the Noongar people of the larger Minang Aboriginal language group.

* The first European into the area was Pieter Nuyts who, in 1627, sailed around the southern coast of Western Australia and across the Great Australian Bight in the ship Gulden Zeepaardt. Nuyts report was less



than enthusiastic and consequently the Dutch in Batavia showed no interest in settling the barren coastline. Amusingly it was as a result of maps drawn by Nuyts that when the satirist Jonathan Swift wrote Gullivers Travels he located the land Gulliver visited after he spent time with the Houyhnhnms at almost exactly where Albany stands today. Swift wrote of the area (which he had never seen) "I saw no inhabitants in the place where I landed, and being unarmed, I was afraid of venturing far into the country. I found some shellfish on the shore, and ate them raw, not daring to kindle a fire, for fear of being discovered by the natives. I continued three days feeding on oysters and limpets, to save my own provisions; and I fortunately found a brook of excellent water, which gave me great relief."

- * It is pure serendipity and coincidence that when George Vancouver entered King George Sound in 1791 he named the bay Oyster Harbour because he found oysters in the vicinity. Truth echoing artistic satire.
- * Vancouver spent two weeks in the area and went on a naming spree. In two weeks he named Bald Head, Breaksea Island, Michaelmas Island, Oyster Harbour, Seal Island, took possession of the area at Point Possession and declared "This port, the first which we had discovered, I honoured with the name of King George the Third's Sound, and this day being the anniversary of Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte Augusta Matilda's birth, the harbour behind Point Possession I called Princess Royal Harbour." In spite of all the naming Vancouver was not impressed. He observed that the local soil was poor and claimed that the local Aborigines were extremely primitive although he did not record meeting any of them.
- * In July, 1801 Matthew Flinders on his circumnavigation of the continent reached King George Sound.
- * The French explorer, Nicolas Baudin, stayed in King George Sound from 11 February to 1 March, 1803. He reported on the poorness of the soils but wrote extensively about the wildflowers.
- * During the 1820s the British became increasingly paranoid about the possibility of French settlement. This was common around the coasts of Australia at the time.
- * On Christmas Day, 1826 the brig Amity entered King George Sound. It brought the first European settlers: Major Edmund Lockyer accompanied by troops and convicts. Lockyer chose the site for the settlement beside a small stream which ran into Princess Royal Harbour near where the replica of the Amity now stands.
- * The settlement was officially proclaimed on 21 January 1827 and named Fredericks Town after Frederick Augustus, Duke of York and Albany, the second son of King George III. Frederick has enduring fame as "The Grand Old Duke of York" in the children's ditty. Lockyer was enthusiastic about the settlement arguing that it was the only deep water harbour on the continent's south western coast. He did point out that the voyage from Sydney was extremely difficult.
- * In 1829 Swan River (modern day Perth and Fremantle) was established as a colony. Albany was never going to compete.
- On 7 March, 1831 Albany was proclaimed as part of the Swan River Colony. That same year the town was surveyed and blocks of land were sold to free settlers. Convicts were returned to New South Wales if they had not completed their sentences.
- * In 1832 the name of the settlement was changed from Frederick Town to Albany.

Certificate Recipients—Congratulations!

		PIONEER				CERTIFI-
SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	PIONEER GIVEN NAME	SHIP	ARRIVAL DATE	CATE
HANNAH	JOHN JAMES	BARRON	EDWARD & JANE	HMS SULPHUR	08/06/1829	4289
HANNAH	JOHN JAMES	BARRON	JOHN JOSEPH	BORN SRV	31/08/1833	4289A
HANNAH	JAMES WILLIAM	BARRON	EDWARD & JANE	HMS SULPHUR	08/06/1829	4290
HANNAH	JAMES WILLIAM	BARRON	JOHN JOSEPH	BORN SRV	31/08/1833	4290A
HANNAH	LAUREN MARIAN	BARRON	EDWARD & JANE	HMS SULPHUR	08/06/1829	4291
HANNAH	LAUREN MARIAN	BARRON	JOHN JOSEPH	BORN SRV	31/08/1833	4291A
SMITH	KEVIN JOHN	DAWSON	ELIJAH & ANNE	WARRIOR	12/03/1830	4292
LEAVESLEY	KERRIN MICHELLE	DAWSON	ELIJAH & ANNE	WARRIOR	12/03/1830	4293
LEAVESLEY	ADAM JOHN	DAWSON	ELIJAH & ANNE	WARRIOR	12/03/1830	4294
BRANDIS	RUSSELL MARK	SMITH	JOHN & ELIZABETH	JANE	09/091833	4295
BRANDIS	RUSSELL MARK	SMITH	BERNARD	JANE	09/09/1833	4295A



Thanks for your applications....

If you would like a Certificate for a Grandchild you just need to fill out an application and send with copy of their birth certificate.

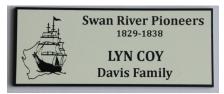
Applications can be obtained from Email: swanriverpioneers@gmail.com or are on our website.

Swan River Pioneers - Name Badges

We are offering name badges for you to wear at our meetings and functions.

Cost is \$7.00 (which includes postage) for the normal size badge 75mm x 30mm. If you have multiple family names then the cost is \$10.00 and of course the badge is a bit bigger to fit in all your family names.

The badge is good quality (we have numerous club badges produced from this supplier). If you are interested you can email or call me to order.





Please make cheques payable to Swan River Pioneers. Or you can order at a meeting or function from Lyn

Coy - Telephone: 9296 9520 or email: swanriverpioneers@gmail.com

Mark & Jane Currie - Mark was Fremantle's First Harbour Master His wife Jane, painted pictures of the early Swan River Colony And was a diarist whose diary is in the Battye Library

-Male			-Female	
Surname:	CURRIE		Surname:	CURRIE
			Maiden Name:	F
Given Name:	Mark J, Captain RN		Given Name:	Jane Eliza
Occupation:	Harbourmaster, Fremantle		Occupation:	F
Birth Date:	c1796		Birth Date:	c1798
Birth Place:	Surrey, England		Birth Place:	Middlesex, England
Ship Name:	Parmelia		Ship Name:	Parmelia
Departed:	London, England		Departed:	London, England
Arrived:	Swan River Colony		Arrived:	Swan River Colony
Date of Arrival:	1/06/1829		Date of Arrival:	1/06/1829
Children				
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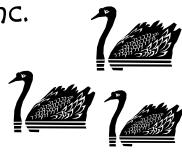
Painting by Jane Eliza Currie 1831 - Panorama of the Swan River Settlement For almost three years Currie worked on a 26×304.8 cm watercolour panorama of the Swan River settlement, the largest work of this kind known in colonial Western Australia. It was completed about the time she and her husband left for England in the *Sulphur*, on 12 August 1832

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Coming Up in 2020 - Save the date... book now!



Ploughman's Lunch and Wine Tasting Includes Gateaux Dessert, Tea & Coffee

Non Alcoholic Drinks available



Venue: Jane Brook Estate Winery

229 Toodyay Road, Middle Swan



Sunday, 23rd February 2020 Time: 12 Noon

Sookings essential-friends welcome

Cost: \$35.00 per person Extra \$5.00 per person for a wine tasting

Jane Brook was named after Jane Currie, wife of Captain Mark Currie RN,
First Harbour Master of Fremantle
The couple arrived in the barque 'Parmelia' 1st June 1829

Jane Brook, a suburb of the town of Swan takes its name from the brook, a tributary of the Swan River. Stirling named this *Jane Brook*, in Jane Currie's honour.

Jane Currie was a diarist and painter in the early days of the Swan River Colony.



Jane Currie 1863



Chance to win a bottle of 'Jane Brook Gold'
NV Sparkling Chenin infused with genuine 23 carat gold flakes

RSVP & PAYMENT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO 10 FEBRUARY 2020

You can pay by cheque, credit card or direct deposit. Bank details: Swan River Pioneers—Reference Your Name & JB (Jane Brook)

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