



COWPER 200 NEWSLETTER

1809 - 2009 - *The Cowper Family in Australia*

December 2009



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18 August 2009 – St Philip's during the Civic Service commemorating William's arrival in New South Wales on that day in 1809.

Two hundred years later...

A family celebrates

It was a month that all those who attended will commit to memory for the rest of our lives. We had wonderful weather, sparkling company, and real reason to celebrate.

August 2009 will long live with us all as a month that we all remembered how it all started. From that very first morning at Buchanan in the Hunter Valley until the moments the last strains of sunlight left the gardens at Wivenhoe three weeks later the family was at one – united in the memory of William, Hannah, Ann, and Harriette and the little family that stepped ashore on 18 August 1809.

**In August 2009 we walked in the footsteps of William Cowper...
and we are all the richer for it.**

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About this issue

In this issue of the Cowper200 Newsletter we look back on the events of August 200, and reproduce a few pictures from each event – just to remind us all of the time we had together. Now that memories are fading a little we remind our readers that there is are links to a comprehensive range of photos on our website www.cowper200.com.au

Now too that the work of Cowper200 Committee has largely finished we also introduce its successor – **Cowper 200** + - see age 10!

The Hunter Connection

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1. Daphne Dobbyn, President of the Friends of St John the Evangelist welcomes the family to Stroud



2. Bill Brooks (Charles branch) and Rod Hirst (Mary Stephena branch) enjoy the afternoon sun at *Tahlee*



3. Janet Hay (Charles branch) and Jill Auld (William Macquarie branch) enjoy the view at *Tahlee*



4. Rod Hirst (Mary Stephena branch) reads the First Lesson at Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle on 2/8/09



5. Sunset at *Tahlee*

Photos:

1, 4, & 5 Corinne Cowper
2 & 3 John Cowper

Family Service and Luncheon

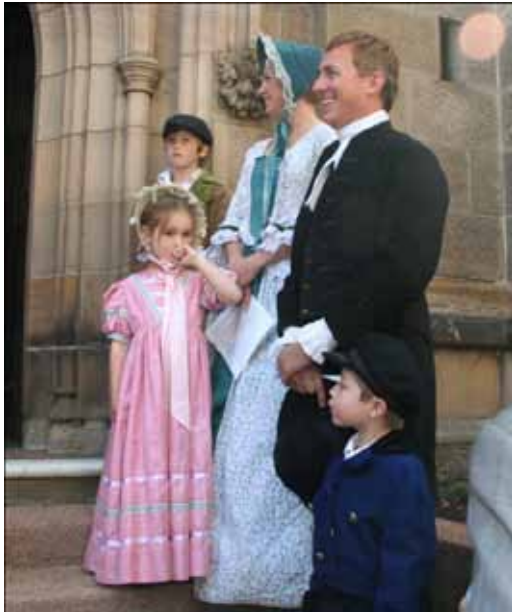


Photo: Corinne Cowper

Tim Hall made a fine William Cowper



Photo: Tony Cowper

John welcomes the family and our guests to the luncheon at No 1 York Street



Photo: Michelle Pain

"Oh, When the saints..." St Andrew's Cathedral Choir



Photo: Corinne Cowper

Bill Cowper cuts the cake



Photo: Michelle Pain

The crowd

Book Launch



Photo: Corinne Cowper

Her Excellency launches William's biography



Photo: Corinne Cowper

Stuart Cowper and Her Excellency, his father Tony (Charles Branch) looks on

Author, Peter Bolt responds

Photo: Corinne Cowper



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John, David, Louise, Her Excellency, Chris (partly obscured) and Charles Cowper at the book launch



Photo: Corinne Cowper

Michael Pain (William Macquarie branch) Georgiana Cowper (Charles branch) and Rod Hirst (Mary Stephe branch) and some of the of the crowd at the book launch

18 August 2009 – William's Children



Michael Pain - Henry



Peter Bolt - Thomas



Bill Brooks - Charles



Rod Hirst – Mary



Peter Macqueen – William



John Cowper – Elizabeth, Sedgwick and Isabella



Her Excellency responds



Presentations – Her Excellency, Jill and John

18 August 2009 - Civic Service



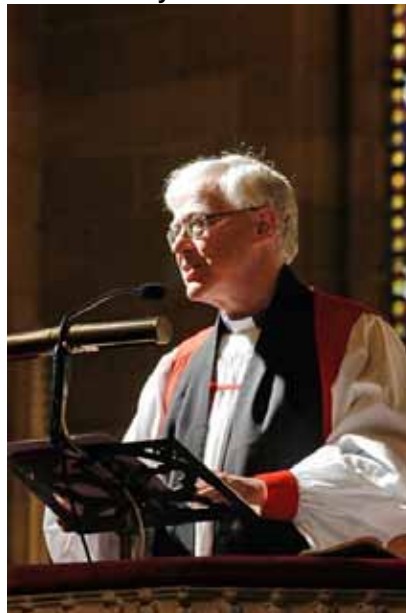
Pastor Minniecom welcomes us to country



Her Excellency reads the first lesson



The Revd Justin Moffatt, Rector of St Philip's welcomed the worshippers



Most Rev Dr Peter Jensen, Archbishop of Sydney preached the sermon

Left:

David Baldwyn presents *'My dear Mac'*

Right:

Bishop Robert Forsyth welcomes Her Excellency, the Governor



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18 August 2009 – Parliamentary Reception and Exhibition



Photo: (c) Worldwide Photos

Hon Richard Torbay, Speaker of the
NSW Parliament



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John, the Speaker and Michael Baird MP, Member for Manly



Photo: Michelle Pain

Afternoon Tea in the Speaker's Garden



Photo: Michelle Pain

Candelabrum – part of Charles' Estate



Photo: Michelle Pain

Sydney Railway Company Tray – part of Charles' Estate

Cowper Places



Photo: Corinne Cowper

The Thursday tour poses at St Paul's College



Photo: Michelle Pain

William's grave, St Jude's Randwick



"All Aboard"

(Photo: John Cowper)

Left: Gabrielle takes a fancy to the Dean's Chair at St Philip's
(Photo: Michelle Pain)

Family Service and Picnic



And so we came back to Wivenhoe!

Sunday 23 August saw the extended family descend upon the family home once more and probably for the first time since Wivenhoe passed out of the family's hands we had all surviving descendant families represented for a family picnic and reunion.

But first seventy of us squeezed into the tiny church of St Paul at Cobbitty where so much of our family history has been written. Here Henry was married in the Heber Chapel alongside, here Charles was a church warden and trustee for thirty years, here so many of our family, (Cowpers, Pains, Robisons) lie buried and here other, younger, family members have married and here we met to give thanks on Sunday morning last.

Then onto Wivenhoe where about 150 family and friends met, chatted and caught up with each other. They talked about family and the celebrations and enjoyed each other's company yet again.

Sister Mary once more entertained and inspired us with the spirit of the place and Wivenhoe's more recent history.

Small presentations were given to those who had spoken at the 'William's Children' lectures on the previous Tuesday.

Public recognition was given by the assembled family to the Cowper200 Committee that had done so much to make the month of August 2009 a month that will be remembered for many, many, years to come.

And a tree was planted by the children of those present ... something for them to remember, and visit perhaps with *their* families in the years and decades ahead.

Family photographs were taken, collectively, and by descendant branch

And then, sadly it was all over!

Long farewells, hugs, kisses and a few tears.

Until next time we all come back to Wivenhoe.



Introducing Cowper 200 Ê

Readers will be excited to hear that the "final" meeting of the Cowper200 Committee meeting on 28 November last it was unanimously agreed that the work started by the Committee should continue - albeit on a lower key.

It was agreed that **Cowper200 + should continue the work begun by Cowper200!**

The committee also decided that the following should continue in the roles specified.

Chairman – John Cowper

Secretary - Liz Pawsey

Treasurer - Mick Cowper

Accordingly a 'watching brief' will be maintained with the following terms of reference:

- Stimulate and encourage further research into the life and legacy of William Cowper
- Stimulate and encourage further research into the lives and legacies of his children and descendants
- Encouragement of fellow family members in their quest for scholarship and knowledge about the family
- Encouragement of the perpetuation of the family ethos and values system
- Act as 'central' clearing point for commemorations, celebrations, where a central unifying role is required
- Maintenance of family database
- Maintenance of family website
- Maintenance of the family tree
- Development and maintenance of a register of family memorabilia
- Publication of an 'occasional' family newsletter

Additionally some ideas for future functions were floated - nothing formal yet, but food for thought as we keep the Cowper spirit alive!

So watch this space!

Order Memorabilia here!

Relive Cowper 200!

The committee is making available several items of memorabilia which we hope will keep our memories alive as August 2009 sinks into the background.



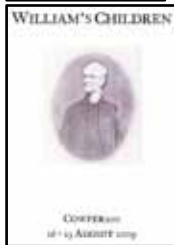
Cowper200 – the CD - \$10.00 (Inc postage)

The C D will contain photographs of all the events, a copy of the family tree and other images collected during the celebrations



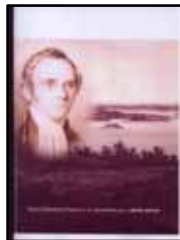
Cowper Places Tour Guide - \$6.00 (Inc postage)

We have a limited number of guides left and these are offered on a first come, first serves basis. Read about the places the where the family worked and loved their lives – two hundred years ago! 24 page booklet



William's Children - \$12.50 (Inc postage)

Re-read the speeches, as given at the Scots Church when we learnt about the lives of William's eight children.
36 page spiral bound booklet



Descendants of William Cowper – \$20.00 (Inc postage)

Family tree compiled by Angela Lind especially for Cowper200
60 pages printed and bound

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