**A Celebration of BONNIE WILLIAM AND MARGARET'S ESTABLISHMENT YEAR IN AUSTRALIA**, **featuring:-**

**# their safe arrival after the 5 month voyage on board the barque Skelton on November 27th, 1820, and their welcoming by Lieutenant Governor William Sorell**

**# their settling in to the first of their Australian abodes - firstly (all too close to) the Campbell Street Gaol, but thereafter by mid-1821 out to Pittwater District - later to become Sorell**

**# William's 1821 appointments as Superintendent of Stonemasons and first Colonial Architect of Van Diemen's Land**

**# receipt of their first land grant of 300 acres on the Sorell Rivulet, followed by construction of their first homestead on the grant.**

**# commencement of an 'Aussie' family and the first of their now near 4000 descendants - son William Sorell Wilson's birth at Sorell on September 17th, 1821**

**November 27th 2020 Recognition**

**The very special November 27th arrival day will not pass by without due recognition either. To mark the occasion several activities were initiated:-**

**# Early production and distribution of our 108 page full colour book ‘Origins – Our 250 Year Story’, and issue of the Skelton Arrival Medallions Set**

**# Commencement of a ‘First Australians of William & Margaret’s Family’ commemorative programme focussed to the 2nd and 3rd Generations who were born in Australia – this involves ensuring as far as possible that their resting places have been identified and marked or restored as needed. This is a progressive programme which will ensue over the next several years.**

**# Commemorative gatherings and/or selected placements of plaques at three cemeteries – Hestercombe in Tasmania, Mornington and Campbells Creek (Castlemaine) in Victoria. A small gathering took place at Mornington on November 11th with marking of the grave plot of Eliza Wilson, wife of William Sorell Wilson; a similar gathering and marking is to take place at Campbells Creek on Friday November 27th (11am) at the burial plot of baby Agnes Eliza Wilson; and there will be a gathering of our Tasmanian cousins at Hestercombe Cemetery at 3pm November 27th.**