

Whilst on a trip to Sydney a couple of years ago I commented to an Aussie friend that I had a day to spare in my itinerary and could he recommend a Company which would organise a specialised trip to the most interesting parts of the environs of Sydney to see any evidence of my parents stay in the late 1920's and to get some feeling for the earliest settlers.

He recommended me to contact Janet Kayes and a better suggestion he could not have made.

During our initial phone call, Janet asked a number of very pertinent questions as to my memory of where my parents had lived along with any recall I might have of place names. Many of those I recalled were well away from Sydney but I did remember that whilst they were there my Granny went out and lived for some time in Woy Woy. That was a start. During our discussions Janet recognised my interest in beer and old pubs and it started to be pulled together.

Janet picked me up in her very comfortable car after breakfast and dropped me back in the early evening. I cannot speak sufficiently of her lovely nature and her efforts to make the day one to remember. We visited Woy Woy and the surrounding coast, which my Granny would have known, and made an effort to find her cottage from a photo I have. To no avail however as the area was very quiet then but is really built up now.

After that we motored to a most wonderful pub in the bush. It stands on a road which Janet explained was used to transport the convicts into deeper NSW. We enjoyed a really good lunch there and the very friendly locals made the time well worthwhile. It is very useful whilst travelling to have such a personable, vivacious and knowledgeable companion.

During the afternoon we visited sites which are germane to the very early days of the Colony including a graveyard where many of those who went over in the first fleet are buried. Very moving but equally fascinating. A day to remember and a great thank you to Janet

As an aside, Janet is one of the most competent drivers with whom it has been my pleasure to travel.

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