

# The Original Six ~ Rheingau to Camden Park ~ 1838-2008

Celebrating 170 years since 6 German Vinedressers with their families arrived on the *Kinnear*.

## Reunion in Camden, NSW on 26-27 April, 2008

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In October 1837 Edward Macarthur recruited six vinedressers from the villages of Mittelheim, Hattenheim and Erbach in the Duchy of Nassau. Casper FLICK, Georg GERHARD, Johann JUSTUS, Friederich SECKOLD, Johann STEIN and Johann WENZ and their families left Germany for London on 19 November accompanied by Edward Macarthur. On 10 December 1837 they left The Downs arriving in Sydney on the *Kinnear* on 23 April 1838. Edward, James and William Macarthur Esquires received a total Bounty of 145 pounds for the six families.



The restored function room, the Granary, overlooks the Camden Park Estate and a token crop of 500 grapevines planted to commemorate the first commercial vineyard and winery in Australia, which was established at Belgenny Farm in the early 19th century.

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