

*Lachlan Macquarie*  
*Governor*



## *Governor Lachlan Macquarie*

- 5th Governor NSW from 1810 - 1821
- Encouraged exploration, building, commerce, education, welfare and convict emancipation
- John Thomas Bigge, Reverend Samuel Marsden and John Macarthur criticised his leadership style
- Married Elizabeth Campbell in 1807 and they had one son, Lachlan Jr.
- Many believe he was the greatest Governor of NSW in the 19th Century

### ***Conversation starter***

*“In order for Sydney to be great, we must spend money and build a great city. We must also use the talents of the emancipists to do this. We must give all free citizens, including Aborigines, equal opportunity. There is no other way!”*

*Francis Greenway*



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- Trained architect who was sentenced to 14 years for forgery
- Given a 'ticket of leave' in 1815 and became Macquarie's chief architect
- Not afraid of expressing his opinion about architecture, even if it meant going against the Governor himself

***Conversation starter***

*"If we are going to design and build new buildings for Sydney, they need to be beautiful and original. I believe my designs will help Sydney become more than a convict settlement and make Sydney a better place to live and work"*



*Rev Samuel Marsden*



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- Chaplain and magistrate of Parramatta and outspoken critic of Macquarie
- Refused to work with convicts, Aboriginals or emancipists in any way as he believed it would be degrading to his superior status
- Macquarie believed Marsden did not respect his position as Governor and that he acted disrespectfully towards him

***Conversation starter***

*“To allow ‘ex-convicts’ to work alongside distinguished gentlemen like myself is an insult to me. Ex-convicts should not be allowed to mingle with gentlemen. This is an outrage!” (loud booming voice)*



*John Thomas Bigge*



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- John Thomas Bigge was sent from England to inquire into Macquarie's running of the colony
- He was particularly critical of Macquarie's extensive building projects and his leadership
- Interfered with many of Greenway's architectural projects and ended good relations between Greenway and Macquarie.

***Conversation starter***

*"We shouldn't be spending large amounts of money on expensive buildings. Sydney is just a convict settlement. We shouldn't waste money trying to make it beautiful!"*



*Elizabeth Macquarie*



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- Wife of Lachlan Macquarie and an enthusiastic supporter of his management of the Colony
- Patron of many charities, she displayed genuine concern for the underprivileged
- Influenced many other building designs and also landscaped the Domain and Government House grounds
- Often accompanied her husband on his expeditions of the colony
- Considered to be close-fisted and remote by some colonists

**Conversation starter**

*“We must focus on helping those in need, educating our young citizens and building schools.”*

*Simeon Lord*



*Simeon Lord*

- Sentenced to 7 years for theft and was one of the first of Macquarie's emancipists
- Highly respected by Macquarie as an excellent businessman and later was made a magistrate
- Frequent guest of Macquarie at Government House
- Became one of the most wealthy men in the colony

***Conversation starter***

*"I am very grateful for the opportunity Governor Macquarie has given me despite my past mistakes and I think he is doing a wonderful job."*

Bungaree



*Bungaree*

- Settled in Sydney in the 1790's, Bungaree sailed with Matthew Flinders during his circumnavigation of Australia from 1801-1803
- Flinders liked Bungaree for his *good disposition and manly conduct*
- Macquarie gave him the title: 'King of the Aborigines of New South Wales' in an attempt to give him the power to negotiate with the local Aboriginals

***Conversation starter***

*"We are the original owners of this land. Despite not sharing your culture, we deserve to be treated with as much respect and have the same rights as anyone else in the colony."*

*John Macarthur*



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- Began his career in the NSW Corps and was involved in the overthrow of the previous Governor, William Bligh
- Granted land and became a very wealthy farmer
- Argumentative and ruthless businessman who had little respect for authority and disagreed with allowing ex-convicts a 'fair-go'
- Believed the colony should be controlled by wealthy landowners with access to convict labour

***Conversation starter***

*“The upper class, such as myself, should be clearly separated from the lower classes. To give ex-convicts equal rights is unacceptable. They are clearly not of the same class as us. These people should be used by the rich for our own benefit.”*





*Mary Reibey*



## *Mary Reibey*

- At the age of 13, the orphan Mary Reibey was sentenced to seven years for horse stealing
- She was widowed, with 7 children, at the age of 32 yet despite these hardships, she later became one of the most successful businesswomen of her time
- Many say her story represents the beginnings of the 'Australian Spirit'
- Her portrait is on the \$20 note!

### ***Conversation starter***

*"It doesn't matter where you come from, whether you are wealthy or poor, you must always stay positive and believe in yourself. Never give up on your dreams!"*

*Gregory Blaxland*



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- In 1813, Gregory Blaxland, accompanied by Wentworth and Lawson, pioneered a route over the Blue Mountains
- In 1814, Blaxland wanted to increase the size of his farm into this newly developed area but Macquarie refused his request
- Blaxland later joined Bigge and Marsden in opposing Governor Macquarie



### ***Conversation Starter***

*It is an outrage that Macquarie won't allow me land to expand my farm. I do not believe Macquarie is the right man to lead us. John*

### **Debate Starters**

**Lachlan Macquarie:** Thankyou for coming to dinner tonight gentlemen. I wish to discuss with you what I intend to do as Governor. I believe we need to build a fantastic city, using the talents of our ex-convicts, and make it more than a convict settlement. We must give all free citizens a chance to succeed. This is the only way forward!

**John Macarthur:** Emancipists shouldn't be allowed to mingle with gentlemen! They should be used for the benefit of the upper class. To give all men equal opportunity is ridiculous!

**John Thomas Bigge:** To waste money and convict labour on public works is a complete waste of money. Sydney is, and always will be, a convict settlement!

**Reverend Samuel Marsden:** I refuse to sit with this man (looking at either of the emancipists or Bungaree) as he is not of the same breeding or class as me. To do so would be to insult me and my fellow gentlemen!

**Simeon Lord:** Without the opportunities given to me by Governor Macquarie, I would not have achieved the success that I have. I have paid the price for my mistakes and was grateful for a second chance at living a good life. Thankyou Governor Macquarie!