



The Butler Society
Southern Cross Region

SOUTHERN CROSS BUTLER GATHERING ***Friday 17th October to Monday 20th October 2025***

based at

Holiday Inn Hotel Warwick Farm, 355 Hume Highway Warwick Farm, NSW 2170

If requiring accommodation, email reservations@holidayinnwarwickfarm.com.au or telephone 02 9726 1222. Quote "the Butler Conference" to get a discount on accommodation

FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER: OPENING RECEPTION 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Location: The Estate Conference Room, Holiday Inn Hotel

This will be a great opportunity to compare family histories with other attendees and perhaps find a common link, while viewing the display of items from the Butler Society Archive. There will be several interesting talks on history and genealogy related subjects. Finger food will be served and a bar will be open for the purchase of drinks. **\$50 per person**

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER: BUTLERS IN COLONIAL SYDNEY 9:00am – 5:00pm

Location: The Estate Conference Room, Holiday Inn Hotel

The morning will open with a talk on **William Butler**, a convict on the First Fleet, who was the first person to bring the Butler surname to Australia. We shall also hear about **Lawrence Butler** a talented cabinet maker, **James Butler** who was John and Elizabeth Macarthur's butler, and **Charles Ormond Butler** who smuggled opium into Sydney.

Including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea the cost is \$90 per person

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER: EVENING DINNER 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Location: The Octagonal Room, Holiday Inn Hotel

We shall enjoy a delicious 3-course meal with lots of good conversation and laughter. A bar will be open for the purchase of drinks. **Three courses for \$100 per person**

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER: OTHER BUTLERS IN THE NETWORK 9:00am – 5:00pm

Location: The Estate Conference Room, Holiday Inn Hotel

The focus this day will be on hearing about Butlers from other parts of our Southern Cross network, including **New Zealand** and **Argentina**. And there will be a presentation on the life and activities of the first **Chief Butler of Ireland**, whose descendants became the Earls and Dukes of Ormond, and who were based at Kilkenny Castle in Ireland from 1391 to 1967. This fascinating information has been discovered by a member researching numerous original medieval records and the story is not available in the public domain.

Including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea the cost is \$90 per person

MONDAY 20th OCTOBER: VISITS TO HISTORIC SITES 9:00am – 5:30pm

Coach departs from the front entrance of the Holiday Inn Hotel

We first visit the **Old Government House** in Parramatta, to learn about the history of this building and view items of furniture made by Lawrence Butler. We shall then travel to the **Lancers Memorial Museum**, mainland Australia's oldest military barracks. Lunch will be served in the Church Hall at **St Patrick's Cathedral** and we shall hear about more Butlers who lived in the area in Colonial times. We then travel to **Elizabeth Farm**, the original home of Elizabeth & John Macarthur, and where their butler, James Butler worked.

Including coach hire, lunch and entry fees to all venues the cost is \$90 per person

Total Cost for all events \$420 Australian per person.