

F.F.F. FLEET COMMITTEE

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings All Members and Associates

In our last Newsletter for the year may I take the opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous and peaceful New Year from your Executive, the Committee, the Fleet Committee. The Fellowship has achieved much during 1970 and everyone is keen to start 1971 with the prospect of greater effort and greater results by and for all members and the Fellowship itself. Unfortunately, time does not allow us to arrange a Christmas Party this year - everyone seems so busy - and somehow as the years pass this becomes worse instead of better. When will the rat race end? Perhaps next year we shall hold a Christmas Party in a place of our own !!

It has been a busy year for Wilberforce too. Unfortunately our Newsletter is too late to catch St John's invitation to all members to attend their Centenary service which was held on Sunday, 6th December. Messrs. Parker and Everingham attended on our behalf and reported it to be a most interesting and enlightening service.

Sorry about the Christmas cards, those people who wanted them. We had cards without envelopes and the latter proved very hard to get. Too late now of course for this year - but you can be early for next year! Please let us know if you still want them, \$1 per dozen.

The committee working on the Land Acquisition Project is pleased to report that substantial progress is being made. One Sunday in November those members who had expressed interest in the project gathered together at Wiseman's Ferry and proceeded to the site of the proposed project. There were thirty-seven, including Members, Associates and children and despite heavy rain in the morning and intermittent showers during the day Mr Vincent Parker, son Brett and the President worked manfully at the oars and ferried about thirty across the river from Loetsvale to the site. Besides being tremendous fun this saved a great deal of time as we didn't have to go the full journey by car. However, the time was put to very good use - everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch and there was prolonged discussion concerning the project and the extraordinary beauty of the surroundings and the wide range of usages to which the area lends itself.

The site is unique - historical (the first Clydesdale horses brought into Australia worked this land when it was part of "Australia Farm" pioneered by the Chaseling family). The visitor may travel by boat from Windsor to Pittwater. There is fishing and prawning at the door. A leisurely journey via the Singleton Road may be made to the Vineyards on the Hunter and the Blue Mountains via the Bell Line of Road through Richmond and Kurrajong. The site is only ninety minutes by car to Hornsby or Pennant Hills and will be much less in a few months' time (the grapevine tells us there is a new road being built close by). It is the most delightfully unspoilt spot - yet, there is almost unlimited potential for facilities for caravan or camping holidays and, even in its natural state, a host of quiet pleasures and pursuits. The active can enjoy water skiing. With a little imagination you can see what we can do with this land.

To enable the feasibility committee and the first Management Committee of the project to undertake any meaningful planning in the near and distant future, Members are asked to complete the attached questionnaire

The next meeting of the Executive will be held on Tuesday, 5th January at Dartford Road. Among other things the Anniversary Dinner will be discussed and plans finalised.

Don't forget the Interdenominational Service at St. Phillip's Church, York Street, Sydney, at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 7th February, 1971.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Member's name:.....

Full Address:.....

.....post code.....Telephone.....

Children: Male - No.....Female - No.....

Ages.....Ages.....

Interests (everyone): The following list is only basic. Cross out those in which you will never be interested. In the space provided add those you would or could be interested in at a later date if not immediately. Bush walking, rock climbing, fishing, boating, water skiing, tennis, photography, historical research, picnics (family day picnics &c), pottery, painting, sculpting, botany, music, (&c, &c,.....)

Members with special skills and interests applicable to the project are invited to offer these to the project - carpentry, brick laying, architecture, landscape gardening, tree planting, cement work, stone masonry, interior decorating, and from these members may rightfully conclude that labourers are also required!! The opportunity for healthy out of doors exercise for city dwellers - at no cost - is rare these days !!!.....

The terms of purchase require settlement within six months and those applying for shares are requested where possible to remit the full amount with the application. However, the Rules will provide for regular calls to be made, and these will be 20 cents on application, 25 cents on allotment and then two calls of 25 cents each and a final call of 5 cents all at intervals of not less than one month from date of allotment.

The committee are of the opinion that the widest possible spread of shares amongst the Members is desirable, and the minimum allotment will therefore be 100 shares at One Dollar each. It is particularly hoped that the Junior Members will take up an allotment as, essentially, this is an investment for future holidays. Please indicate hereunder if you wish to have share reserved for you:No. Please note this is not an application form but simply an indication of willingness to participate in the project. An official application for shares will follow when the Rules have been approved by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, and the appropriate form will be sent to all members who have reserved or expressed interest in the project.

While it is unlikely that the area will ever be overcrowded by the F.F.F. thus requiring a ballot system for holiday accommodation it must be clearly understood that shareholders have ABSOLUTE priority in accommodation and the facilities available.

The development of the site is a matter purely of the share purchases and the revenue available. The development is a matter for the Members of the F.F.F. and those who take up shares.