

# F.F.F. FLEET COMMITTEE

# NEWSLETTER

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Hallo Everyone:

Greetings - this is our first Newsletter for 1971 and such a lot there is to tell. Our Anniversary Dinner was a great success. A few ladies of the Fleet Committee had organised decorations, table placement &c, the pianist was good, the dinner pretty good, everyone seemed to be making an effort to enjoy himself or herself; our guests joined in the fun and, all in all, it was a night to remember. Guests numbered nearly 100, and the organisers hope that many more will be there next year.

Our next function was the picnic beside the Hawkesbury when the Co-operative Society was formed and arrangements made to purchase the land. See a separate report attached. Again, this was well attended by 83 members and, despite threatening weather in Sydney, the weather there was fine and warm. Cupid was out in all his glory shooting arrows everywhere, both at the picnic and the Dinner. I hope he'll keep up his activities!! Such a boost to our Younger Set, which we want to form. All those interested in being part of a Younger Set, please contact Secretary.

Following the picnic was the Memorial Church Service at St Phillips Church Hill. 29 members of all denominations attended - it was a shockingly hot day - we do thank them sincerely. Graham Hardy was well worth hearing and turned on a bit of his fire and brimstone. The bells returned by the Historical Society are very handsome and St Phillips had brought out their magnificent silver plate and these marvellous antiques were on display. It was such a friendly affair. I must say a word about the choir and the trumpeters - magnificent!!

Then there was a Stanhome Party at the home of Misses Jean and Berra Cowell at Lakemba. This was a great success, both socially and financially, and we'd like to thank Jean and Berra very much for their efforts.

You may remember last year we had a Ladies' Cardigan and 3 prs of men's socks given to us to raffle. It was drawn on New Year's Eve and would you believe the winner was Nancy Kable, wife of our worthy Fleet Committee Chairman, Edgar. Nancy wanted to give it back to us but we wouldn't hear of it. Must say, the cardigan looks good on her. Haven't asked Edgar to show his socks yet!!

News from the Obstetric Yard!! Frank Everingham's cat has had kittens again. Anyone wanting a darling kitten please let me know! If you miss out this time, don't worry, there'll be more!!

Did you know that the local Council has taken over the Liverpool Cemetery and have made it into a memorial park. As you may know, Liverpool contains the graves of at least two First Fleeters and possibly more. The headstones are being preserved. We feel we had a hand in this as last year the rector sought our help in having the cemetery preserved. He, at that time, believed that it was to be sold to developers.

Some of our gentlemen members worked hard last Saturday building the background for a permanent float to be used on all and sundry occasions (when floats are used). They have built removable panels which will hang around the truck. This, I might say, is a huge diesel affair 17' long owned by Mr George Montgomery, one of our Associates. Mr Montgomery has very generously offered to drive the float whenever we need it. Now, all you girls get your machines out and make those period costumes. We need you to decorate the float!!!

FUNCTIONS:

Sunday, March 7, 10am; Pool Barbecue at the home of Mrs. J (Val) Ross, 69 Telegraph Road, Pymble, Tel 445941. Bring your own food and drink. Mrs Ross informs me there is ample space, seating and cover in case of rain. Entrance fee is \$1.00 per family, 40¢ per adult, 20¢ per child.

Sunday, 18/4/71, 10.30 a.m.: Our next picnic on the Hawkesbury. If it is dry we'll drive round 'over the hill' via Lower Portland. If wet, we'll meet at the Wiseman's Ferry Hotel, and go over by boat. I understand next time it will be a thirty footer!! After some of our rather funny experiences that will be pure luxury!! More details later.

Thursday, 6/5/71, from 7p.m.: Music Hall Theatre Restaurant, Neutral Bay, \$5.50 each which entitles one to entertainment and a 3-course meal. Would those interested please make up tables of 8 and forward details to Secretary. A la carte menu is available to individual tables on the night at extra cost. Closing date 25/4/71.

Saturday 22/5/71, 5.30 p.m.: Barbecue and dancing (two dance floors-one for mod and one for old time) at the home of Mr and Mrs George Montgomery, 162 Napoleon St., Sans Souci. Enquiries to Mr Bob Montgomery 5296431. This is an evening particularly for those members between the ages of 16 and 25. Bring your favourite records but PLEASE REMEMBER write your name on a little sticker and place it in the middle of your record. Entrance fee 40¢ each and you bring your own food and drink.

Monday, 14/6/71: Queen's Birthday Weekend Picnic. You remember how successful this was last year. We had such fun and games that we decided to hold it again at the same place, Chinaman's Beach. More details later.

July: A dinner is to be arranged at the Mandarin Club at \$5 per head. This will be limited to 20. Interested members please phone Mr Eric Blair, 295827.

Friday 13/8/71: Annual Dinner Dance at the Anzac Memorial Club, Cammeray. More details later.

FORWARD BOOKINGS

Please return the following to the Secretary, completed where necessary.

Thursday, 6/5/71: Music Hall Theatre Restaurant

I shall be coming and bringing.....friends

Cheque.....@ \$5.50 each enclosed \$.....

Saturday 22/5/71: Barbecue Sans Souci

I shall be coming and bringing.....friends.

Cheque for.....@ 40¢ each \$...../,..... is enclosed.

Friday 13/8/71 Annual Dinner Dance:

I am / am not interested