

# F.F.F.

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President

I would like to congratulate all Fleeters who were concerned with the organisation of the Australia Day Anniversary Dinner on 26th January.

The teamwork displayed encourages me to believe that, in the spirit of the F.F.F., we will be able to carry out in the future all our aims and objectives.

The co-ordination of all the details at the Anniversary Dinner was extremely well arranged, and I also wish to convey my thanks to all those who attended the function.

We were particularly delighted to have the presence of the Hon. John Fuller, M.L.C., Minister for Decentralisation and Development, and Mrs Fuller, representing the Premier, the Hon. Sir Robert Askin, and Lady Askin.

## Anniversary Dinner

The fourth Anniversary Dinner was attended by 160 people, our largest gathering so far. It was held in the Bellevue Room at the North Sydney Anzac Memorial Club.

The main speaker at the Dinner was the Hon. John Fuller, M.L.C., Minister for Decentralisation and Development, who responded to the toast "The Government of New South Wales," proposed by Mr Edgar Kable. One of the most interesting points made by Mr Fuller was that our Dinner would be one of the few gatherings celebrating Australia Day.

Other toasts were the Loyal Toast and "The Day We Celebrate," both proposed by the President, and "The Visitors," proposed by Mrs Mary Thompson. Response to Mrs Thompson's toast was by Mr A. Rose-Bray, President 1788-1820 Association, who said that he felt that both associations could benefit from closer contacts, and by Mr J. Dind, President of the North Sydney Anzac Memorial Club, to whom we are indebted for making the Bellevue Room available.

Music and entertainment was provided by the Bush Music Club, while the Lucky Door Prize of a bottle of champagne was won by Miss Peggy Palmer.

Mr Doug Oakes again did a capable job as Toast Master, while Grace was said by Mr Dudley Oakes.

## Coming Events

### Rocks Celebrations

The Festival of the Rocks, as you probably know, will be held on Saturday 7th April. Do come, preferably wearing colonial costume, and join the colourful procession and celebrations in this fascinating part of old Sydney. At our stall near the steps in Argyle Place, we will welcome anything saleable. Please bring along whatever goods you can -- anything from a jar of jam to an elephant! Some members for quite a while now have been busy making jams, pickles, etc.

From the city proceed along Circular Quay West or George Street North, and turn east into Argyle Street -- you can't miss it.

You certainly have a date at The Rocks that day. The costumes of an earlier day will be just right for the occasion.

### Addington

The bazaar at Addington, Ryde, is an all-day affair on Saturday 17th March. The John Small descendants have already collected much junk. We hope to see many Fellowship members both to assist at the bazaar and to visit Addington on the day. Miss Betty Willis is the organiser, and would like to hear from possible helpers (address, 2 Adolphus Street, Naremburn; telephone 43 2601). It was suggested that, if there was anything left over, it could be sent down to the Rocks Celebrations. Addington is in Victoria Road, Ryde.

The last resident owner of Addington was Miss Lillian May Benson, daughter of Sydney Albert Benson and Emmeline Martha Benson (nec Wicks). Born 6th May, 1889, Miss Benson was admitted to hospital in 1960 and died in the Anna Maria Convalescent Home on 23rd December, 1972. Burial service was held at St Anne's, Ryde, on 28th December, 1972.

It was through Miss Benson's desire to have Addington preserved for the community, and her patience, that the Addington Trustees were given time to raise sufficient funds to purchase her home . . . in time to be preserved and restored for future generations as a Historic Homesite and Museum.

It is proposed to unveil a plaque in her memory at an official ceremony at Addington on 17th March.

### Secretary's Report

We are indebted to Mrs Joan Ross, who has agreed to become Hon. Editor of the Newsletter, and has now prepared her third edition. Deadline for contributions is the third Tuesday of each month. Contributions should be sent to: The Hon. Secretary, 14 Chisholm Street, Turramurra 2074. (The box at Pennant Hills Post Office, which fell due on 1st January this year, was not renewed).

The other addresses and telephone-numbers of the Executive are as follows:--

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## Secretary's Report (Continued)

Vice-Presidents, Mr Edgar Kable, 52 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville 2145. (Telephone 635 0427). Mrs Mary Thompson, 1/11 Esther Road, Balmoral Beach 2088. (Telephone 969 2084).

### Membership Committee --

Hon. Treasurer, Mrs Joy Wallman, 23 Shell Cove Road, Neutral Bay 2089. (Telephone 90 5370).

Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mrs Colleen Bernerth, 24 Richard Johnson Crescent, Ryde 2112. (Telephone 80 2483).

Newsletter Editor, Mrs Joan Ross, 5 Clarke Street, West Ryde 2114. (Telephone 80 2953).

Nothing is achieved of a worthwhile nature without a great deal of effort, and much honorary work goes into the running of any organisation such as our Fellowship. Thus this Newsletter only reaches you after a small but efficient group of members has teamed together to send it on its way. We have to thank Miss Rosalie Harrison (paper), Mr Douglas Oakes (printing), and Mrs Margaret Maxwell, Mrs Mary Bailey and Mrs Joan Ross (typing, addressing, folding and posting).

Incidentally, members can be of great assistance if they would notify me of any change of address. It is difficult to trace addresses of letters returned "Address unknown."

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### Membership Committee

(From Mary Thompson)

The following new members are welcomed to the Fellowship:-

Mrs Winifred McDougall, Warwick, Queensland (John Small and Mary Parker).

Mrs Maud Wearne, Blacktown, New South Wales (John Small and Mary Parker).

Miss Susan Small, Kiama, New South Wales (John Small and Mary Parker).

Mrs Margaret Meyer, Carlingford, New South Wales (Charles Peat and Ann Mullan).

Charles Peat arrived in the Scarborough and married Ann Mullan (Lady Penrhyn) on 22nd February, 1788. Charles Peat, who had been a Principal of the Night Watch, was granted 90 acres at the Eastern Farms on 5th September, 1795.

Members may be interested to know something of the Night Watch.

Because of numerous thefts committed on vegetable gardens, also thefts of livestock, Governor Phillip found it necessary to establish this Night Watch, which consisted of 12 convicts. The regulations setting out their duties were dated 7th August, 1789. The men were divided into four parties to patrol the following divisions:--

1) Convict huts and public farm on east side of cove.

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- 2) The Brick Kilns and the detached parties at different farms in that district.
- 3) Those on the western side as far as the line that separates the women from the men.
- 4) The huts from the above line to the hospital and on to the observatory.

The members of the Night Watch are to make themselves familiar with everyone in their division and to report on any loitering. This applied to the soldiers and seamen as well as the convicts, and any thefts or misdemeanours were to be reported to Herbert Keeling, who was in charge of the Watch.

After the formation of the Night Watch the number of thefts diminished dramatically, but Major Ross was unhappy that convicts were given the right to detain a soldier, and so the regulations were altered on 9th November, 1789, so that a member was not allowed to detain a soldier unless he was found rioting or committing an unlawful act, in which case he was to be taken to the nearest guard. (Reference: H.R.A. Series 1 Volume 1).

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Personal Jottings

Roger Haig (James Sheers and Mary Smith) was sworn in to the Police Force on Australia Day 1973 -- 26th January, 1973 . . . Elaine and Doug Haig (James Sheers and Mary Smith) became grandparents for the first time on 5th November, 1972. A son born to Peter and Karolyn Haig . . . Doug Oakes missed his plane for his Norfolk Island holiday, and had to wait until the next day to take off. Just as well he was more punctual and on the ball at the Anniversary Day Dinner!!!

Fleet Meeting

Date of next Fleet meeting, Tuesday 20th February, 8 P.M. at Northbridge R.S.L. All meetings to be third Tuesday in each month at Northbridge R.S.L. Fleet Committee meetings are open to all members, and we would like to see as many as possible there.

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"Graythwaite" Historic House

The North Shore Historical Society's 1973 restoration project at "Graythwaite," North Sydney, is under way. On Saturday 24th March the historic house is open for inspection from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and leaflet of history, 30c; children 10c. There will be free admission to the grounds from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., refreshments will be available, also stalls, puppet show, etc.

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Obituary

It is very sad to have to report that Mr and Mrs Denning lost their fine son Warren before Christmas when he was killed in a road accident. His wife, Wendy, is bravely carrying on the business while caring for their three children. To all the family we have already sent deepest sympathy from the Fellowship.

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