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Death of Mr Frederick Daniell

Our esteemed late President, Mr Frederick Daniell, died suddenly on 17th February at the Rachel Forster Hospital. He was aged 72.

Mr Daniell was a Foundation member of the Fellowship, and was Vice-President from its inception, being elected President at the annual general meeting in September last year. He was descended from William Tunks.

Mr Daniell had a remarkable career, and had held important offices in widely diversified fields. Here are some of the outstanding features of his career:

In 1933 he was personal assistant to the Chairman (Sir Hugh Denison) and Deputy Chairman (Sir John Butters) of Sun Newspapers Ltd, then a leading Sydney metropolitan newspaper and publishing organisation.

In 1934 he was co-founder and assisted in developing two film-production studios for Denison interests. In 1935, as general manager of National Productions Ltd, he produced several feature films. In 1937 he was a co-founder of the Macquarie Broadcasting Network, and was the first Executive Director of Macquarie Broadcasting Services Ltd. He represented Denison interests on the boards of 2GB and 12 other radio-stations until 1952, when Denison control was sold to overseas interests. He was also Foundation Director of Artransa Pty Ltd and other broadcasting and record companies.

During World War II he served in Naval Intelligence in 1941, and was a war correspondent 1942-45 attached to General MacArthur's Headquarters. During these years he produced a series of film documentaries, including 160 one-reel documentaries in five languages.

In post-war years his widely-varied duties included appointment in 1948, at D. H. V. Swatt's request, on the New South Wales UNAC Appeal (United Nations Appeal for Children, as the UNICEF Appeal was then known), and in 1968 was appointed Executive Officer of the N.S.W. State Committee for UNICEF. He also had various other United Nations appointments.

From 1952 to 1963 he was Secretary of the New South

Wales Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society and was editor of "Commonwealth Outlook," a monthly magazine, and other Commonwealth publications. In 1962 he became Federal Secretary of the Royal Commonwealth Society in Australia.

He was an associate member of the Institute of Radio and Electrical Engineers, a member of the Public Relations Institute of Australia, an Honorary Life Member of the United Services Institution of N.S.W. and of the Naval Association of Australia, and was Hon. Secretary of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club.

His funeral was attended by many members of the Fellowship, including all executive members. Mr Edgar Kable delivered the funeral oration.

The executive officers and members of the Fellowship extend their sincere condolences to Mrs Daniell and family.

New President

Mr Edgar Kable has been elected President of the Fellowship in succession to the late Mr Daniell.

In a brief message Mr Kable stresses the fact that the Fellowship belongs to all its members, and it will be as strong and purposeful as its members make it. He hopes to have the co-operation and assistance of members during his term of office.

Rocks Celebrations

This is another reminder of the Fellowship's participation in the Festival of the Rocks on Saturday 7th April. We ask that as many members as possible take part in the Fellowship's activities during the Festival. Make it an all-day affair, and there is something in it for all age-groups.

The unique Period Costume Parade, led by the Lord and Lady Mayress of Sydney, starts at 12.30 p.m. Later Ox-roasting and Colonial Balls will be served.

Participate in a wonderful day by parading in the Fellowship's group and helping with the First Fleeters Stall.

Old Sydney Town

Old Sydney Town at Somersby, near Gosford, is an fascinating scene which architect Mr Frank Fox and his son Stephen are gradually making into a reality. Old Sydney Town is to be a life-like reconstruction of the Sydney of 1810. Mr Frank Fox insists that no one should be more interested in this project than First Fleeters.

Mr R. C. Iving, of the Faculty of Architecture at the University of New South Wales, is willing to give a lecture, with slides, entitled "The Progress of Sydney Cove Development at Somersby." The Mary Reiby Parlour in the Argyle Centre, No. 18 Argyle Street, has been engaged on 17th April for the lecture, a viewing of the model of the development, followed by the usual general meeting and supper. The evening begins at 7.30 p.m.

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Secretary's Report on the Bathampton Appeal

Started in 1968 as The Governor Phillip Australia Chapel Appeal when Mr John Lavett was President of the Fellowship, approximately \$1500 was collected. Later a sum was sent to Bathampton for architects' fees, which left a balance of \$1210-81.

This remained in the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, until we received a letter from Mr John Vivian, architect in an honorary capacity for a revised scheme. Mr Vivian sent a plan of this revised scheme, to cost about half of the original scheme, whereby the porch will not be moved at all but a memorial to Governor Phillip will be built above the tomb in the floor which will prevent people walking across it.

The hon. treasurer and myself then sent the money to the Rev. G.C.C. Spencer, Rector of Bathampton, through sterling £719 and 81 new pence, which included three extra donations -- \$50 from the Fellowship, \$4 from the President, \$5 from myself.

Mr John Vivian suggested that this amount should go specifically to the Governor Phillip Memorial above the tomb. I wrote to him agreeing to this proposal and asking that the Fellowship of First Fleeters be given credit for starting the appeal (I know Mr Daniell would have wished this).

The new plan has been approved by Sir John Pagan, the retiring Agent-General for New South Wales, and a considerable amount of money is being raised in England for the project.

Membership Committee

(From Mary Thompson)

Mrs Mary Bailey has kindly offered to help on the Membership Committee, and her assistance will be very, very welcome.

In the near future we hope to have an Archivist for the first time since our formation. This will mean that the information given to us by members will be filed separately for easy reference. This should prove helpful to would-be members as well as building-up a more complete picture of our ancestors. So please start putting together any information which would be relevant.

The Mitchell Library has a hoard of wonderful information about the convicts before 1828, but after that the records tell us less and less, and this is where we, as family units, can fill-in the gaps. The marines are not as well documented in the early years, and so anything members can add here will be very welcome. But, please, we would always like to know the source of information.

The following people have recently been welcomed into the Fellowship:

Mr Kenneth Ross, 110 Bannockburn Road, Pymble (Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes).

Mrs. Iris O'Donnell, 14 Francis Street, Dee Why (Mathew Everingham).

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(List of new members, continued)

Mrs Eileen Cichero, Flat 4, Tarban Court, 6 Joubert Street, Hunters Hill (Mathew Everingham).

Mr Keith Jennings, 65/28 Sutherland Street, Paddington (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Florence Duck, 2 Conboyne Street, Kendall (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Pamela Sullivan, 47 Bernice Crescent, Waratah West (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Violet Duck, Macleay Street, Frederickton (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Dorothy McLaren, 29 Granite Street, Port Macquarie (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Nada Trotter, P.O. Box 115, Wauchope (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Rhona Leary, 57 Christie Road, Tarro (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Bonnie Winter, Lot 44, Palmdale Road, Ourimbah (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Violet Moore, Dumaresq Island, via Cundletown (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Margaret Novak, 81 Butler Street, Armidale (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Esme Meehan, 54 High Street, Largs, via Maitland (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Robyn Edwards, 17 Christie Road, Tarro (Mathew Everingham).

Mr Kenneth Leary, 61 Christie Road, Tarro (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Ma Clark, R.M.B. 42 Batar Road, Kendall (Mathew Everingham).

Mr Geoffrey Clark, R.M.B. 42 Batar Road, Kendall (Mathew Everingham).

Miss Eleanor Everingham, 67 Craighend Street, Laura (Mathew Everingham).

Mrs Winifred Anderson, 69 Adderton Road, Telopea (Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascogne, James Squire).

"One Day of the Year"

Members may have noticed this letter which appeared in "Onlooker's" column in the "Sun-Herald" of 11th February, 1973:

"Dear Onlooker, Regrettably I must agree with your comment that 'Australia Day just hasn't clicked,' although I am hopeful that this state of affairs will change in the years to come. Thank you anyway for at least making reference to Australia Day. The Fellowship of First Fleetors (founded 1968) is one organisation doing its best to try to arouse an interest in Australia Day, and to give Australians a pride in their history and heritage. -- (Mrs) Joan Ross, hon. editor, FFF Newsletter."

At the end of the item "Onlooker" commented, "I wish them luck."

Engagement

The engagement was announced on 24th March of Miss Jane Bailey, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.M. Bailey, of Wollstonecraft, to Mr David Lindeman, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.G. Lindeman, of "Brooklyn," Walcha. Mr F.M. Bailey, an Associate Member of the Fellowship, was formerly Commissioner for Forests in New South Wales.

Obituary

Mrs Noelle Kable, of South Broken Hill, has written sadly of the death of her husband. The mothers of Mrs Dot Smith, Mrs Naida Jackson and Miss Hazel Leibau, and of Mrs Blanche Dean and Mrs Trixie Wildman, have passed away.

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