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Important!

Members' annual subscriptions fall due on 1 July 1974. At the back of this Newsletter is a subscription notice which we shall be pleased if you would fill-in and return with your remittance.

Notices and remittances should be forwarded to Mrs Joy Wallman, Hon. Treasurer, Fellowship of First Plasters, 23 Shell Cove Road, Neutral Bay 2089.

The Treasurer wishes to point out that, because of the work involved and the high cost of postage, she will not be sending out receipts this year. If members wish to have a receipt forwarded, would they please forward a stamped addressed envelope with their subscription?

(Those who have already sent in their subscription would also need to forward a stamped addressed envelope if they wish to have a receipt).

From the President

All I wish to bring to the notice of members in this month's report is the important matter of the change of location of the Fellowship's room in the city.

We have had to move out of the Marble Building, and are now settled in at Room 312 on the 3rd floor of the Assembly Building in Margaret Street.

As this is the same building as our meetings are held, this is a very convenient arrangement. The room is a very satisfactory one from several points of view.

Mrs Beryl Lewis did some very good bargaining to acquire a dozen stack-away chairs, while Mrs Mary Bailey donated several items for the comfort of the room. Other members have helped in making the room a satisfactory and comfortable place, and I thank them all.

I would also like to draw the attention of members to the notice below, listing the date of the annual meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

No 1 Board Room

Assembly Building, Margaret Street, Sydney

(entrance Jamison Street)

Monday 22nd September 1974

Graves Report

(From Mrs M. Bailey, in Mrs Thompson's absence)

Mrs Thompson wishes to thank those members who have offered to act as custodians of First Fleet graves. However, she was disappointed to find that we have no one to report on so many other First Fleeters. Among those with no custodian are Lieut. George Johnston and his wife Esther, John Palmer, Dr Arndell and Elizabeth, Owen Cavanaugh, James Tuse and many others.

The following graves already have custodians: Frederick Meredith, William Broughton, Edward Lyles, Matthew Everingham, Henry and Susannah Kable and their son Henry jnr, Joseph Hatton, John Small and Mary Parker, Nathaniel Lucas, Ellen Frazer and Elizabeth Rope, wife of Anthony.

Mrs Thompson further wishes to thank Mr John Batty of Mollongong who has offered to investigate the claim that John Gowen is buried at Kiama. Mrs Thompson also believes that James Sheers, the father-in-law of John Piper, is buried at Helso, Bathurst, and would be interested to hear if any member could tell us if it is still in existence.

Recently Mrs Joan Ross located Joseph Hatton's grave at St Anne's, Ryde, but in the time that elapsed while contacting a monumental mason to have it repaired, the stone disappeared. This draws our attention to the fact that we must act now to have some distinguishing mark on these graves in order to prevent similar occurrences.

The preservation of First Fleet graves is an urgent matter!

A last-minute report has come in from Mr Bill Fishburn's teenage son Ross, who has located a badly defaced gravestone at St John's, Ashfield, with a plaque showing the name of Lineburner -- a First Fleeter. This is the kind of enthusiasm we like to hear about.

Nyall Creek Massacre

Members will be interested and pleased to hear that Mr Dudley Cakes will be speaking to us on the occasion of the next Lecture Night, 13 August, on the Nyall Creek Massacre.

This was probably the most dramatic and historically important incident in the relations between white and Aboriginal peoples in the last century.

Thanks to Dudley for being one of the first to come forward to speak on a topic connected with the early days, and we are looking forward to 13 August.

It will be, of course, at our usual meeting-place on the fourth floor of the Assembly Building in York Street, City. Enter by the Jamison Street entrance, and take lift to our seminar room. Time, 8 p.m.

Statue of Governor Macquarie

A bronze statue of Governor Lachlan Macquarie, Governor of the Colony of New South Wales 1810-21, was recently unveiled in the ground-level forecourt of the new RAI Building in Macquarie Street, Sydney. The work of Adelaide sculptor John Dowie, it is the only statue of Macquarie in Australia.

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New Members

The following are new members recently admitted to the Fellowship:--

William Broughton

Dr Robin Arnheim and Mrs Joan Arnheim, of "Linden," Parkes.

Ellen Mainwright

Mr Charles Cameron, Tallow Street, Moulamein.

Andrew Fishburn

Mr John Rowe, 11 Bridgeview Crescent, Thornleigh.

Matthew Everingham

Mr Abel Everingham, 73 Cambridge Street, Stannore.

Mr Percy Everingham (Snr), Walker Street, Clunes.

Mr Percy Everingham (Jnr), "Everdowns," Cedar Point, via Kyogle.

Mr Russell Woodward, 19720 Auburn Drive, Cupertino, California, U.S.A.

Mr Warren Woodward, 2461 Banyan Drive, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Mr John Musgrave, 19 Bannockburn Road, Fyvie.

Mrs Lorraine Heyman, 1 Jimada Avenue, French's Forest.

AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON

Please take note of this information concerning next year's Australia Day luncheon!

As Australia Day 1975 falls on a Sunday, it has been decided to hold a spongersbord luncheon at the cinkeller in Pitt Street. Many problems arise as a result of the day being a Sunday, not the least of which is cost. Tickets will be \$9 each . . . but, in view of current inflation, Sunday rates, special licences required and the fact that this price includes pre-luncheon drinks, wine and fruit-cup, it is very good value indeed.

Numbers are strictly limited to 200, so make your booking early. Our Australia Day luncheons are too good to miss!

Further information is available from Mrs Beryl Lewis (telephone 709 8974).

Personal Settings

Pleasy to report that Mrs Mary Thompson, hard-working member of the Fellowship Committee, is very ill in the Intensive Care Ward of the Royal North Shore Hospital.

The youngest original member of the Fellowship, Shane Guy, now aged 6, recently had an appendix operation. Shane is the grandson of Des and Thelma Guy (Henry Kable).

Mrs Margaret Merkwoll is to visit very shortly First Fleeter Mrs Elaine Haig at Surfers Paradise. Sisters Naida Jackson and Hazel Lisbau recently returned from their overseas trip. They had a wonderful time, and would like to go again.

As far as is known, only two families braved the weather conditions to attend this year's annual picnic at Chinaman's Beach -- the Edgar Kables and Ken and Barbara Townsend. The pioneering spirit of the Kables and the Kings lives on in their descendants!

Australia Day Exhibition

Before the regular July meeting another meeting of members was held on Tuesday 9 July, to discuss the Fellowship's exhibition on Australia Day 27 January 1975. About 20 members attended, and there was considerable discussion on such matters as costumes, publicity, preparation of leaflets, and a surgeon's medical chest proposed for the exhibition. A further meeting is to be held at 6 p.m. on 13 August, before the next lecture night, and anyone interested in this project is very welcome to come along. This meeting will be held in the Fellowship's room, Room 312, on the 3rd Floor of the Assembly Building.

1974-75 SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Name		\$
Name		\$
<u>Junior Member</u> (up to age 18) (\$1-50) (Date of birth)		
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