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From the President

I would like members to take notice of the time and place of the Annual General Meeting, and ask them to consider carefully the agenda and business paper for the meeting (enclosed with this Newsletter).

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the No. 1 Board Room in the Assembly Building in Margaret Street (Jamison Street entrance) on Thursday 26th September, commencing at 8 p.m.

I would like to point out again that only matters on the agenda can be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

The Executive is more than pleased with our room (Room 312) on the 3rd floor of the Assembly Building.

I hope to see as many as possible at the Annual General Meeting.

Edgar Kable.

Room 312

The Fellowship's office in Room 312 is now open three days a week, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome to call in to buy Journals or discuss Fellowship matters.

Incidentally, having a room in the same building as our lecture room provides a convenient spot for a cup of tea and a chat after our lectures.

Australia Day Luncheon

Tickets for next year's Australia Day Luncheon are now available from Mrs Seryl Lewis (phone 709 8974). Tickets (\$9 each, wines included) will be mailed on receipt of money and a stamped addressed envelope. The Australia Day Luncheon 1975 takes the form of a smorgasbord luncheon at the Weinkeller in Pitt Street.

Important to note: Numbers are strictly limited to 200!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

No. 1 Board Room
Assembly Building, Margaret Street, Sydney
(entrance Jamison Street)

Thursday 26th September 1974
at 8 p.m.

Membership Committee

Mrs Mary Bailey and Mrs Maida Jackson, of the Membership Committee, are happy to report that Mrs Mary Thorpson, Research Officer of the Membership Committee, is improving gradually in Rosman Hospital.

This month five new members have joined the Fellowship of First Fleeters. They are:--

Miss Betty Taber, 19 Joanne Street, Coonona Heights (Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoyne).
Mrs Edna Meredith, 371 Hume Highway, Bankstown (James Shears -- Shiers -- and Mary Smith)
Mrs Vera Millcocks, 16 Wangalla Road, Lane Cove. (Frederick Meredith).
Mrs Annie McLachlan, "Willandra," Boorina Place, Cronulla. (Frederick Meredith and Sarah Mason).
Mr Allan Robinson, P.O. Box 271, Bathurst (John Small and Mary Parker).

The names of two other members were accidentally omitted from listing in the Newsletter when they joined a little while ago. They are:--

Mrs Hazel Lunnon, 1 Fox Crescent, Padstow, and Mr Frederick Lunnon, of the same address (James Squire -- John Small and Mary Parker)

Our thanks are due to Mrs Norma Dawson for a report on, and photograph of, Henry Kable Junior's grave near Camden; to Mrs Constance Auld, for information about the Nathaniel Lucas headstone at Liverpool; and to Mr Bill Fishburn and son Ross for details of the plaque on John Lindsay's grave at Ashfield.

Members are reminded of the Fellowship's exhibition for The Rocks Development Australia Day Festival. Dress for the day should be as nearly as possible to clothes looking similar to those worn in the colony in its first few years. Copies of costume pictures may be seen or collected from Room 312, on the 3rd Floor of the Assembly Building in Margaret Street, or information on the subject may be obtained from either Mrs Mary Bailey (phone 43 4075) or Mrs Margaret Markwell (phone 95 5571).

Lecture Night, 10th September

Something quite different again this time!

Mr Victor Parkinson, President of the National Trust, has accepted an invitation to come and speak on the Trust, its aims and activities.

The Fellowship of First Fleeters has much in common with this older body, whose great study is the preservation of the past and our heritage. So we look forward to a good roll-up on that evening, as we cannot fail to gain from this talk.

The venue is the same, the Board Room on the 4th Floor of the Assembly Building (use the Jarison Street entrance). Time as usual, 8 p.m.

Friends and relatives are always welcome to attend.

Obituary

Mr Carl Aiken, of St Ives. Mr Aiken had been very interested in Fellowship activities, and had taken an active part in the Fellowship's efforts to obtain a city office.

Miss Perry, of Excelsior Street, Concord. Miss Perry had been a member of the Fellowship only since April this year.

Mr Leslie Melville Bayliss, passed away 21st June, aged 78. (Advice received from his daughter, Mrs D. H. Houghton, of Boroko, New Guinea).

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Phillip Memorial and Australia Chapel

(St Nicholas Church, Bathampton, Bath, England)

Arthur Phillip, R.N., first Governor of New South Wales and founder of Australia, retired to Bath in 1806, where he died at his home, 19 Bennett Street, in 1814.

His burial took place at Bathampton Church on 7th September, 1814, and Phillip's second wife, Isabella, was buried in the same grave in 1823 in the south aisle of the church, near the south door.

The original gravestone was renewed in recent years, but, being covered by a carpet, Phillip's burial place has been for too long hidden and unhonoured, but present proposals will ensure that the surroundings of his grave are more worthy of his importance in British and Australian history.

The whole of the south aisle will become the Australia Chapel, the main features of which will be:--

The Phillip Memorial, a low screen made of Australian blackbean, placed between the two nave piers adjacent to Phillip's grave and on which will be recorded Phillip's connection with Australia.

An altar at the east end of the Chapel, with wall panelling behind it, also in blackbean hardwood, with cross and candlesticks given by the Australian Government.

A communion rail and 20 chairs, all in blackbean. Several of these chairs are being given by societies or institutions in Australia, and by the Royal Commonwealth Society, Bath.

The entire floor of the Chapel will be in Australian Korbeyan marble, the gift of a large Australian firm.

The existing windows will be altered so that the coats of arms of Australia and of the six States are incorporated, in full colour.

A memorial tablet to her husband placed in the church by Isabella Phillip but later removed to the west tower has been re-sited in the new Australia Chapel.

In addition to these works, which are now in hand, the Parochial Church Council has had general improvements carried out in the church, in the renewal of the entire church lighting and in decorating rubble stone walls with black mortar, to a new light stone colour.

The cost of the Australia Chapel work is being paid for by three large firms in Australia, the marble flooring is the gift of another firm, and the Phillip Memorial is the gift of the Fellowship of First Fleeters as the result of the appeal in 1969-70. Individuals and some societies and institutions are giving chairs or other items towards the Chapel scheme.

It is hoped that the work now in hand will be completed in time for the Phillip of Australia Day celebration on 11th October, the annual event which is attended by the Australian High Commissioner and the Agents-General of the six States. Dedication will probably take place on Australia Day next year.

(Information, dated April 1974, supplied by John Vivian, FRIBA, architect, Bath, England)

Personal Jetting

Mrs Karen Lovett (Joseph Matton) Has gained her Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Education, from Macquarie University.

Museum Opened

A museum has been opened in the well-known Mini Land tourist complex near Geonabarabran, in the North West of the State. The museum houses items collected by the Narrumbungle Historical Society.

Wedding Anniversary

Descendants of John Small and Mary Parker are invited to the 186th Wedding Anniversary of First Electors John Small and Mary Parker.

Place: Historic St Anne's Church, Ryde. Date: Saturday 12th October, 1974. Time of Service: 2.30 p.m.

The Rev. David Livingstone will welcome members of the family to the special service. The offertory will be for Church maintenance.

This year descendants of Mary Small, who married Mathew Hughes, and Sarah Small, who married George Patfield, are to take part in the service.

Members of the Committee hope to meet many of the descendants of John Small and Mary Parker, from all lines of descent, at "the gathering" afterwards in the Church Hall. Families are asked to bring a plate; tea will be provided. The hall will be open before the service.

Further information from the Hon. Secretary of the Committee, Mrs J. Hecke, 14 Chisholm Street, Turrarurra 2074 (telephone 44 6675).

Nyall Creek Massacre

A very interesting address was given on 13th August last by Mr Dulley Oakes on the Nyall Creek Massacre. This address was given as the main feature of our last Lecture Night.

In brief outline the story is as follows: In the years 1837-38 several shepherds and hut-keepers had been murdered in the Inverell-Bingara area, where the Nyall Creek station was sited. On the 9th June, 1838, during the absence of William Hobbs (superintendent of Henry Dangar's Nyall Creek station), some 12 stationhands, mostly assigned servants, seized an opportunity to murder an Aboriginal tribe, men, women and children, camped on the station, though there was nothing to connect the tribe with the killings of the hut-keepers.

On his return Hobbs counted 28 heads and bodies, and reported the affair to the authorities. Governor Gipps, who wished to give Aboriginal tribes greater protection, dispatched a magistrate to investigate, and 11 of the stationhands were arrested.

The trial of the 11 men on a charge of the murder of one of the slain Aborigines began in Sydney on 15th November, 1838, before Chief Justice Dowling.

All were acquitted, but seven were almost immediately re-arrested and re-tried before Sir William Burton for the murder of an Aboriginal of unknown name. All seven (Charles Milnoister, James Oates, Edward Foley, James Parry, John Russell, William Hawkins and John Johnstone) were found guilty and, despite many public protests, were hanged in December, 1838.

In refusing to commute the death penalty, Governor Gipps said there were no mitigating circumstances. The protests arose because a section of the public "had become so accustomed to the common practice of shooting down the blacks in remote regions that they received a shock when that practice was treated as murder."

However, the consequences of the hanging of the white men were not all that Governor Gipps hoped for, Mr Oakes pointed out. The Aborigines became aggressive, and a virtual frontier war developed. Relations between whites and blacks did not improve.

At the above Lecture Night, Vice-President Mrs Beryl Lewis was in the chair in the absence, through illness, of the President. After his address a presentation to Mr Oakes was made by Mrs Mary Bailey and a vote of thanks moved from the chair by Mrs Lewis.

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

PATRON: HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES -
SIR RODEN CUTLER. V.C., K.C.H.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.

KINDLY NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS WILL BE HELD IN No.1 BOARD ROOM OF THE ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING, JAMISON STREET ENTRANCE, SYDNEY. (Please take lift to 4th Floor) ON - THURSDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1974 - COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Business Arising out of Minutes.
3. President's Report.
4. Hon. Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheet.
5. Election of Officers: Vice Patrons.
President.
Two (2) Vice Presidents.
Hon. Secretary.
Hon. Treasurer.
Executive Committee.
Hon. Solicitor.
Hon. Auditor.
6. Constitutional Amendments -
Moved by Mr. A. Meredith & Sec. by Mr. J.A. Kable -
(a) That Rule 27 be amended by deleting the words 'the last week in'
(b) " Rule 42 be amended by deleting the words 'First approved by the executive Committee and are then'

Moved by Mr. J.A. Blair & Sec. by Mr. A. Meredith -
(c) That Rule 32 be altered to read 'at least one (1) month before the meeting'.

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FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS - AGENDA - Continued.

6. Constitution Amendments -

(d) Moved - Mr. H.R. Meredith. Sec. Mr. J.A. Kable - that Rule 36 be amended by substituting the word 'Fourteen' for 'Twenty-eight' in the first line.

(e) Moved - Mr. H.R. Meredith. Sec. Mr. J.A. Kable - that Rule 18 be amended to read 'Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever and at such time and place as the Executive Committee may determine.
A special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened on the written request of not less than five members of the Committee. Not less than seven days' written notice convening the Special Meeting and stating the business to be considered shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee.
The President or failing him/her a Vice-President shall be Chairman of all meetings of the Executive Committee.
The quorum for an Executive Committee Meeting shall be five.

Should the above Resolution be decided in the negative Mr. Meredith moved that - Rule 18 be amended to provide for a quorum of five (5) instead of seven. Sec. Mr. J.A. Kable.

7. Notice of Motions

- (a) Fleet Committee Bank Account.
- (b) Mr. Meredith proposed - That the Executive Committee be authorised to consider and if thought necessary increase members subscriptions for the year commencing 1st July, 1975.
- (c) Mr. Meredith proposed - That the Executive Committee for 1974-75 make every effort to increase the membership of the Fellowship.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During this year we have been honoured in obtaining the patronage of His Excellency The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler. V.C., K.C.H.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.

Also at the beginning of the year we acquired the facilities of Box Number 4441, at the G.P.O., Sydney.

We have been fortunate enough in locating new premises for the office of The Fellowship of First Fleeters, at the Assembly Hall, Room 312, 3rd Floor. This means that now we are able to keep all our affairs under the one roof, making things in general much more convenient.

Australia Day Dinner was held on January 26th, at the Hotel Menzies, and indeed was a great success. The Premier of N.S.W., was represented by Hon. Eric Willis, M.L.A., and The Lord Mayor of Sydney was represented by Ald. John Harris, F.C.A., who both later complimented the Fellowship on the success and high standard of their function.

A donation of \$50.00 was made towards the prize money to sponsor a Marathon Boat Race from Fairy Bower to Harbord Beach, which was organised by Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club. The donation was made to commemorate the fact that the First Fleet sailed from Botany Bay to Sydney Cove.

Argyle Celebration Day was a most successful day. The ladies of the Fellowship, namely Margaret Markwell, Mary Bailey and other willing helpers, made quite a profitable day in conducting a stall on the Fellowship's behalf. The general public showed great interest in our publications and Journals. We also entered a float in the parade for which many of our Members dressed up for the occasion and enjoyed the fun day. Our thanks go to our Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bernath who organised the float with the courtesy of Berger Paints who lent us their truck for this occasion.

Lecture Nights were commenced early in the year and have proven very interesting and successful, and our Members look forward to these nights continuing. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Val Ross who does the behind scenes work in organising our very capable Speakers.

During the year I have had occasion to deliver speeches to various schools on the subject of The First Fleet, which has been well received by Staff and Pupils alike, and has created much interest in The First Fleet and our Organisation.

Recently we enlisted the aid of The Lord Mayor of Sydney in delivering a letter of greeting to The Mayor of Portsmouth, England, from whence the First Fleet sailed. We received a very warm reply from Councillor A. Dann, Mayor of Portsmouth.

Our Membership Committee have done quite a lot of research work and many other important works and have accepted 63 new members during the year. Our thanks go to Mary Thompson and Mary Bailey who have given much of their valuable time on this work.

Sales of Journals and publications are proceeding and are still available at any of the Monthly Lecture Evenings, or at this particular meeting, or if anyone is in town they could check at the office on the 3rd Floor of this building and our ladies will be able to help you in choosing a publication.