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G.P.O. Box 4441, Sydney 2001.

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From the President

Whilst I have only been back in Australia a few days I can truthfully
say it is good to be back. There is no place like one's own country.

It was the most wonderful experience to represent the Fellowship at
such an historic event as the unveiling of the Australian Settlers
Memorial by Her Majesty the Queen at Portsmouth on Friday 11th July 1980.

The three Official Australian Guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress of Sydney and the President of the Fellowship of First
Fleeters. We travelled to London on the same plane and had a few
days to recover from the trip -- the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress
in London and I with Mrs Margaret Green, at Portchester, near Portsmouth.

I was assured it would rain, as Her Majesty had never visited Portsmouth
on a fine day! But the day dawned bright and clear, the weather
couldn't have been kinder.

A Formal Luncheon was held at the Guildhall, and I was honoured with a
place on the Official Table, together with the Australian High
Commissioner, Sir James Plimsoll, the New South Wales Agent-General,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to circumstances beyond the Fellowship's
control, the Annual General Meeting has been postponed
one week, to Wednesday 24th September 1980, at 7.30
pm sharp.

Venue will be the same -- Board Room, 4th Floor,
Assembly Building, 2 York Street, Sydney. (Enter by
Jamison Street door)

Mr J. B. Renshaw, and Mrs Renshaw, the Chief Justice of Australia,
Sir Garfield Barwick, and Lady Barwick, the Right Honourable the
Viscount Slim (Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society) and Lady
Slim, our Lord Mayor, Ald. Nelson Mears, and the Lady Mayoress, Mr
and Mrs Austin Spraggs (he is Chairman of the Australian Settlers
Commemoration Committee), the Right Hon. the Earl of Inchcape and
the Countess Malmesbury.

In such illustrious company one can scarcely do anything but thoroughly
enjoy it. The Loyal Toast was proposed by the Lord Mayor of
Portsmouth. The toast to Australia and Britain was proposed by Mr
Spraggs and responded to by Sir James Plimsoll and Lord Slim. At the
conclusion of the meal all 120 guests were transported by bus to the
site of the Memorial at Sally Port. I was one of twenty to be
presented to the Queen. Literally thousands of people lined the

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streets, and Her Majesty chose to walk, much to the delight of the crowd. The scene was very colourful, with an Army Band in red dress jackets and the walls, so many hundreds of years old, topped by a detachment in uniforms of 1788 vintage. There was an air of great excitement as we waited for Her Majesty to complete the long walk, but as the cheering grew louder, so we knew she was coming closer. A petite figure in cornflower blue, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh in full Naval uniform, she was greeted by a fanfare of trumpets.

When I was presented she showed great interest in the Fellowship and expressed her pleasure that I was able to attend. Then, as the Queen approached the dais, guns thundered in salute in Portsmouth Harbour and jet fighters swooped in overhead. As Her Majesty released the Union Jack and the Australian Flag covering the sculpture there was long and loud applause followed by the playing of "Advance Australia Fair". The ceremonial marching was something that must be seen to be believed! I really feel no one can do that type of thing like the British.

Sitting at this spot in Portsmouth I had a very strange emotional feeling, as I looked at the gate through which, 193 years ago, my ancestors walked in chains, to face an unknown future. Yet here was I, five generations later, an honoured guest of the City in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen. I certainly felt very proud.

Afternoon tea was served at the Guildhall, and as this was less formal it was an opportunity to mix and speak with interesting people from all walks of life.

At night a formal Dinner was held, with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sydney and myself as Guests of Honour. This was held in the Lord Mayor's Private Parlour at the Guildhall and was an absolutely magnificent spectacle. I was transported to and from this function in the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth's Rolls Royce.

It was a very long but exciting day, and I can assure all Members that the Fellowship of First Fleeters is held in very high esteem in Portsmouth.

Would all Members please take note of the date change for the Annual General Meeting? This has been brought about by the fact that the First Fleet Memorial in Sydney Cove is to be unveiled by His Excellency the Governor-General on 17th September, 1980. At this stage the time has not been fixed, but your Executive Committee felt it better to postpone, for one week, the Annual General Meeting, to leave everyone free to attend. Years of work and effort have gone into this Memorial, and it is good to see it a reality. Whilst on this subject, may I correct a statement in last month's Newsletter -- the granite base for the sculpture was given by Portsmouth City Council, not the Historical Society.

I look forward to seeing many Members at both the unveiling ceremony on 17th September and the Annual General Meeting on 24th September 1980.

Beryl Lewis.

Membership Report

We welcome the following new Members into the Fellowship:

Mr Derek J. Wood, Southport, Q. (Frederick Meredith)
Mrs Diana M. Hudson, Miss Karen A. Hudson (jnr), Miss Susan M.
Hudson (jnr) and Master Stephen J. Hudson,
Palmwoods, Q. (Frederick Meredith)
Mrs Kathleen A. Anderson and Miss Wendy E. Anderson, Whale Beach.
(Frederick Meredith)
Mr Francis G. Packer, Five Dock. (William Roberts)
Mr Allan R. Waters, Emu Heights. (Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne)
Mrs Mary M. Waters, Penrith. (Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne)
Mr Noel D. Garth, Karrinyup, W.A. (Edward Garth - Susannah Garth)

Membership Report (Continued)

Mr Geoffrey M. Butler, Burnie, Tas. (Edward Garth - Susannah Garth;
Jacob Billett)
Mr Edmund Gordon Miller, Connells Point. (Peter Hibbs)
Mrs Iris Miller, Connells Point. (Peter Hibbs)
Mr Walter Hibbs, Brooklyn. (Peter Hibbs)
Mr John D. McGrath, Master Paul A. McGrath, Miss Angela G. McGrath
(jnr) and Miss Susanne C. McGrath (jnr), Nambour, Q.
(Peter Hibbs)
Mrs Fay Rosema Smith, Miss Lynn Maree Smith (jnr), Master Jeffrey
Ross Smith and Miss Diane Lee Smith, North Rocks.
(Matthew Everingham)
Mrs Ann S. Davison, Mosman. (William Broughton)
Miss Sally L. Leigo, Bourke. (Ann Forbes)
Mrs Elaine M. Sheehan, New Lambton. (Richard Partridge - Mary
Greenwood)
Mr John N. Hookley, Parramatta. (Richard Partridge - Mary Greenwood)
Miss Aileen Patricia Astley, Kingsgrove. (Henry Kable - Susannah
Holmes)
Mrs Margaret J. Casey, Master Glen A. Casey, Master Mark L. Casey and
Miss Vicki L. Casey (jnr), Sans Souci. (Thomas
Arndell; Ann Forbes)
Mrs Judith A. Barras, Master Peter J. Barras and Miss Katherine J.
Barras, Kareeba. (Thomas Arndell; Ann Forbes)
Mrs Constance C. Crane, Yowie Bay. (John Small - Mary Parker)
Mr David J. Anderson, Cowra. (Joseph Hatton)
Mrs Carol Martin, Coonabarabran. (William Tunks)
Miss Yvette Denise Martin (jnr) and Mr Martin Ashley Martin,
Coonabarabran. (William Tunks)

Membership Committee.

Our Box No. -- Triple Four One

Would Members please note that the Fellowship's Box No.
is triple four one -- 4441. Not double four one (441).
Many Members are addressing mail to the Fellowship to
G.P.O. Box 441, and the holder of that box-number is
understandably complaining. So please note --
G.P.O. Box 4441.

Lecture Reports

(June Lecture)

Our June Lecture Night welcomed again Mr Robert Irving. His subject
this time was "The Lost Windmills of Old Sydney".

Mr Irving, Senior Lecturer for the School of Architecture, University
of New South Wales, certainly knows and loves this fascinating subject.
The slides he brought were beautiful, and there is a certain atmosphere
to a picture of an old windmill, and artists featured them in the early
sketches and paintings of Sydney. They are beautiful structures, and
intriguing ones.

Mr Irving kindly gave each of us printed copies with the chronology of
the early Sydney grain mills. The chronology was compiled by Robert
Irving in 1979. He has spent years in researching these early mills.

The first Sydney mill was erected in 1793 on the parade ground. It was
a capstan type, a nine-man mill. The owner/builder was John Baughan.

There was another early mill on Observatory Hill, The Rocks, and it was
a stone tower. The scale model and machinery was brought from England
in 1795, but the mill closed by 1806. Nathaniel Lucas had a mill at

Lecture Reports (Continued)

Millers Point built in 1812, and also one on Flagstaff Hill built in 1805. This latter mill survived till the 1820s. It is sad to think that these buildings have gone, with only the artist's pictures to remind us of their existence.

The lecture was extremely interesting, and Mr Irving is a talented speaker.

(July Lecture)

The July Lecture was to have been given by Mr John M. Bennett, Legal Historian and author, but unfortunately he was unable to attend. The change of speakers for the evening could not be mentioned in the Newsletter, as the lecture was cancelled only five days before the Lecture Evening and the Newsletter had already been printed and posted to Members. Mr Bennett kindly asked Mr David Earle to take his place. Mr Earle is an architect working for the Sydney City Council on the restoration of the Queen Victoria Building. This lecture was a great success, and Mr Earle a most interesting guest speaker who obviously loves the beautiful old building.

The Queen Victoria Building was built during the depression of the 1890s in the short space of five years and cost £261,102/10/9. Designed by City Architect George McRae, it was intended to replace the old Queen Victoria Markets. Meant to resemble a Byzantine palace, the building contained a two-level arcade of shops for its full length, with covered markets below. The building had four hydraulic lifts which took carts and lorries with their horses from York Street to the lower level.

The building is constructed of Waverley sandstone external walls, with the ground floor columns of finely dressed Bowral trachyte. Floors were tiled in coloured geometric patterns, some of which still remain. Two of the original six elegant stairways are still in existence. All joinery was in Australian cedar, and considerable use was made of stained-glass windows. The roof, vaults and domes are steel-framed. The main dome is clad with copper sheets, and the lesser domes with Muntz metal. The building has housed the City Library since 1899.

Mr Earle showed us many outstanding slides of the Queen Victoria Building, and said that people either love or hate the old building; though it's hard to believe anyone could hate it after such a memorable lecture. We hope David Earle will return as our guest in 1981.

Mr John Bennett will be coming to speak on "The Early Magistrates of Sydney" some time early next year, and we look forward to meeting him.

(Coming Lectures)

The Lecturer for this month's Lecture, on 20th August, has been changed. The Lecture will be given by Mr Nigel Ashton, who will speak about Elizabeth Farm. Mr Ashton is a member of the Royal Australian Historical Society, and has recently written about Elizabeth Farm in the R.A.H.S. Journal.

After the Annual General Meeting on 24th September Mr Geoff Squires will speak to the Fellowship about Norfolk Island. His address will be given in two sections (the second section if time permits). The first section will be titled "Norfolk Island as the First Fleeters Would Have Seen It" and the second section "The Tour of 1980". Mr Squires, a Member of the Fellowship, is a very interesting speaker, and we look forward to the evening closing with an entertaining talk.

There will be no lecture as such in October (15th October). The President, Mrs Lewis, will speak about her recent visit to Portsmouth, and this will be followed by the opportunity for Members to raise Fellowship matters of interest or concern which will be answered by the President or some other member of the Executive.

Sally Kalina.

Wreath-laying Ceremony at Governor Phillip's Monument

Governor Phillip's birthday, Saturday 11th October, will be celebrated with a wreath-laying ceremony at Phillip's monument, in the Royal Botanic Gardens, followed by a luncheon in the Botanic Gardens Restaurant.

The guest speaker will be Mr Max Goeswinkle, an artist who paints early Australian pictures and is an authority on Phillip.

Help to make this a memorable occasion memorable occasion. Time of the wreath-laying ceremony, 11 am.

Acceptances to Mrs Barbara Townsend (telephone 631 5339).

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr and Mrs W. J. Boyd, of Fawcett Street, Ryde, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 30th July this year. They were married at All Saints Church, Canowindra, on 30th July, 1930.

Mrs Elvie Boyd (nee Russell) is a Member of the Fellowship (Anthony Rope, Elizabeth Pulley, John Summers). Her daughters Mrs Margaret Barnes, of Lgham, Queensland, and Mrs Beryl Ferris, of Killarney Heights, are both Members of the Fellowship, as are Mrs Barnes' daughters Jayne and Leisa.

The anniversary was celebrated with a family dinner party. Telegrams of congratulation were received from the Queen, the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, the Premier, Mr Wran, and the Police Commissioner, Mr Lees (Mr Boyd was a former Inspector of Police).

Flower Festival at St Thomas', North Sydney

The annual Flower Festival organised by Friends of St Thomas' to aid restoration of the church will be held on the weekend of October 11/12.

Flowers will be on show from 10 am to 5 pm on the Saturday, and from 11 am to 5 pm on the Sunday. Historian Mr Philip Geeves will officially open the Festival at 3 pm on the Saturday.

Two historic old buildings in the neighbourhood will also be open for public inspection on the same weekend.

De Bank, 19th-century farm house in Napier Street, North Sydney, will be open for inspection from 10 am to 5 pm on both days.

Graythwaite, the home of the Dibbs family, which has been a nursing home since Sir Thomas Dibbs gave it to the State in 1915, will be open on the Saturday only, between 10 am and 4 pm.

Maps of North Sydney will be available for purchase at the church during the Festival.

Addendum: Graythwaite was presented to the State by Sir Thomas Dibbs and Lady Dibbs.

Annual General Meeting

One brief reminder that the Annual General Meeting will now be held on Wednesday 24th September at 7.30 pm sharp in the Board Room, 4th Floor, Assembly Building, 2 York Street, Sydney.

Coming Events

- Aug. 20: Lecture by Mr Nigel Ashton, on Elizabeth Farm. (Held in the Board Room, 4th Floor, Assembly Building, at 7.45 pm)
- Sept. 17: Unveiling of the First Fleet Memorial, Sydney Cove. (Exact time not known)
- Sept. 24: Annual General Meeting. Talk on Norfolk Island by Mr Geoff Squires after meeting.
- Oct. 11: Wreath-laying Ceremony, Governor Phillip's monument. (11 am)
- Oct. 11/12: Flower Festival, St Thomas' Church, North Sydney.
- Oct. 15: Talk by the President on her Portsmouth trip.

F.F.F. NEWSLETTER

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

Patron: His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W.
Sir Roden Cutler V.C., K.V.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.

Kindly note that the 12th Annual Genral Meeting of members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters will be held in No.1 Board Room of the Assembly Building, Jamieson Street, Entrance, Sydney. (Please take lift to the 4th Floor) on Wednesday 24th September, 1980 commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Business arising from Minutes
4. President's Report (attached)
5. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet (attached)
6. Constitutional Amendments (refer below)
7. Election of Officers (refer below)
8. General Business
9. Report of Norfolk Island Ceremony and Tour.

6. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

In due accord with the provisions of Rule 35 the following notice of motion have been received:-

Moved Mr. Roderick Best

"that rule 2 be amended to read:-

- 2A (a) the name of the Association shall be "Fellowship of First Fleeters" (here-inafter called "the Fellowship".
- (b) the President and two Vice-Presidents shall on behalf of each and every the members of the Fellowship do all such things and execute all such forms deeds and documents as are necessarily done by an applicant so as to effect and maintain the registration of the name the "Fellowship of First Fleeters" under the Business Names Act, 1962 (NSW) or such other Act Statute Regulation or Law as may specify the manner and/or form of the registration of a Business Name and the President and two Vice-Presidents shall execute an acknowledg-ment that each of them holds the name "Fellowship of First Fleeters" in trust for each and every the members for the time being of the Fellowship".
- 2B The Fellowship shall consist of :-
- (a) A Patron
 - (b) No more than 10 Vice-Patrons
 - (c) A President
 - (d) Two Vice-Presidents
 - (e) A Secretary
 - (f) A Treasurer
 - (g) An executive Committee
 - (h) An Auditor
 - (i) An unlimited number of members.

Moved by Mr. A.R.Meredith

"that Rule 7 be amended to read:-

The Executive Committee shall each year, no later than the March meeting of the Committee, decide the Entrance Fee and the annual subscription to be paid by each type of member for the ensuing year.

Any variation in the rate or rates of subscription to that applying at the time the Committee considers the matter shall only be adopted on an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of the Committee present.

Annual subscription shall be due and payable on the First day of July of each year".

Moved by Mr. A.R.Meredith in the event that the immediately prior resolution is not carried.

"that rule 7 be amended to read:-

Members subscriptions shall be due on the first day of July of each year and shall be:-

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| 1. | Members unless otherwise specified in this Rule | 10.00 | per annum |
| 2. | A Member holding a pensioner entitlement card | 3.00 | " " |
| 3. | Junior member | 2.00 | " " |
| 4. | Associate (Friend) | 10.00 | " " |
| 5. | Associate (Spouse) | 3.00 | " " |

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers retire but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly:-

Vice Patrons:- Mr. J. H. Luscombe
Mr. Arthur Ingham Myers

President. Mrs Beryl Lewis

Vice President Mr. Roy Kable
Mr. Roderick Best

Hon.Treasurer Mr. Ray Meredith

Secretary Mrs Colleen Bernath

Executive Committee.

Mrs.Colleen Bernath	Mrs.Naida Jackson
Mr. Roderick Best	Mr. Roy Kable
Mr. Len Chalmers	Mrs Beryl Lewis
Miss Alice Clarke	Mr. Ray Meredith
Mrs. Thelma Guy	Mrs.Enid Reynolds
	Mrs.Barbara Townsend

New nominations from the following have been received ;:-

Miss Ula Clarke
Mr. Lancelot Devine
Mr. Kenneth Meredith

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

(On behalf of the Executive Committee 1979-80)

I have much pleasure in presenting this 12th Annual Report on a year of increasing membership and significant achievements. Executive Committee. Since taking office 10 Executive Committee meetings have been held, with the following attendance:-

<u>Name.</u>		<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Leave of absence</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Lewis	B.	-	3	7
Bailey	M.	2	1	7
Bernath	C.	5	-	4
Best	R.	1	-	9
Chalmers	L.			3
(appointed June 1980)				
Clarke	A.			10
Guy	T.			10
Hope-Caten	M.	3	1	6
Jackson	N.	3		7
Kable	R.			10
Kalina	S.	5		5
Markwell	M.	(deceased.)		
Meredith	R.			10
Ross	J.	(resigned.)		
Townsend	B.	3		7

It was with regret we accepted the resignation from the Committee, of Mrs. Joan Ross. Mrs. Ross is undertaking higher education and her time is at a premium with her studies. Mr. E. Linn was replaced as Vice President and Committeeman according to Rule 23.

The Committee suffered a great loss with the death of Mrs. Margaret Markwell in March 1980. The Fellowship benefitted so much from her membership and is certainly the poorer for her passing.

Membership. It has been a most successful year with 208 new members admitted and 5 new First Fleeter Ancestors, as follows :- Peter Hibbs, Joseph Wright, John Winter and Ann Sandlin, and Daniel Stanfield. Each and every member owes a great deal to our very dedicated Membership Committee, Mrs Mary Bailey, Mrs. Naida Jackson, and Mrs Mary Hope-Caten and all their helpers. They work extremely long hours, not only in the Office on a Tuesday, but also researching in the Mitchell Library and State Archives Office. This is very exacting and tiring work and sincere thanks are extended to them.

Representations. I was honoured to attend and represent the Fellowship at the following functions:-

1. Two Vice Regal Receptions at Government House- 1 Patron and Presidents night, and 1 to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.
2. Two State Receptions - 1. To meet Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh at the Wentworth Hotel.
2. To meet Sir John Mason, newly appointed High Commr. for Britain.

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F.F.F. NEWSLETTER

Lectures. have been exceptionally well attended and Mrs Sally Kalina must be congratulated on the excellent speakers she has arranged for our enjoyment and education. The suppers afterwards have proved most popular, allowing members the opportunity to get to know each other.

Conclusion. I very sincerely thank:- All my fellow Officers for their support, loyalty and ready co-operation, the Membership Committee, who have worked so hard, with such wonderful results, Mrs Joyce Cowell for her continueing work with our Archives, those associated with the Newsletter, the members who clean and man the office, each week and those who provide and organise raffles and supper on Lecture Nights. I also thank my husband for his ready co-operation and steadfast support throughout the year. Finally I THANK all Members and Associates for their continuing support and look forward to a further happy, successful and co-operative year. May the next year bring us many new members, recognition and much achievement.

Beryl Lewis.

President.

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1980.

<u>INCOME.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Subscriptions.	3185-10	Office Rent.	780-04
Entrance fees	825-00	Stationery.	1423-82
Annual Dinner.	1975-00	Annual Dinner.	1975-00
Donations.Grave Plaques	66-00	Postages.	712-10
Bank Interest.	209-24	Petition to Governor.	150-00
Sale Badges,Souvenirs	884-80	Badges,Souvenirs Etc.	1639-78
Donations.Playfair ^{etc} Sq.	107-50	Grave Plaque.	32-90
Aust.Day Exhibition.	195-20	Aust.Day Exhibition.	195-20
Christmas Dinner.	264-00	Christmas Dinner.	264-00
Norfolk Isl. Tour.	20542-00	Norfolk Is. Tour.	20542-00
Coach Tour.	129-00	Coach Tour.	187-00
Donations.	1-00	Electricity.	71-45
	<u>28383-84</u>	Travelling Expenses.	270-10
Balance 30-6-79	1810-01	Subscriptions.	66-50
		Floral Tribute-	
		Funeral Notice	86-95
		Telephone.	26-80
		Insurance.	115-55
		Donations.	75-00
		Bank Fees.	4-00
		Delegates Fees.	46-00
		P.C. Box Rent.	77-00
		Library Books.	159-95
		Office Equipment.	68-69
			<u>28970-23</u>
		Balance 30-6-80	1223-62
			<u>\$30193-85</u>

FIRST SETTLEMENT COMMEMORATION FUND.

Balance 30th June, 1979	2312-63
Receipts.	618-93
	<u>2931-56</u>
Payment Sydney City Council	<u>2500-00</u>
Balance 30th June, 1980	<u>\$ 431-56</u>

On the information supplied, the books of the Fellowship of First Fleeters appear to reflect income and expenditure as transacted for the period 1st July, 1979 to 30th June 1980.

Hon. Auditor.

Signed Patricia D. Kable