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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As noted elsewhere, steps are continuing for the unveiling of plaques on First Fleeter graves in the Campbelltown-Camden area. We are also looking towards finalising the affixing of plaques at St. John's, Parramatta, and are pleased to hear that it looks as though the grave of Samuel Piggott has been located at Pitt Town. Two reports (as to graves at Bunnerong, Sydney and St David's Park, Hobart) did cause concern for each mentioned damage or removal of headstones. These matters are being pursued.

Of vital concern are the plans to erect a multi-storey office block on the site of the First Government House in Sydney. Every member is requested to write to their State and Federal members of Parliament protesting at the desecration of this, a 'sacred site'. The Fellowship has officially sent letters of protest to the appropriate Parliamentarians, to each of the Sydney metropolitan newspapers and leading interstate ones, the Sydney metropolitan radio stations and each of the national television stations. Leading magazines and journals also received a letter. To date it has been reported as appearing in The Bulletin of August 9, pages 8-9. A meeting has been held with representatives of the developers.

The lease on our office space has now expired and a new lease is being negotiated. It would appear that the rental will increase from some \$5 per sq.ft. to \$9 per sq.ft. Other available space in the building is also being examined.

The Fellowship has joined a Liaison Committee with each of the other Sydney based historical societies, with the purpose of, amongst other things, organising joint social events and making a combined effort in approaching governments and the like in respect of the Bicentenary.

As was decided at the last Annual General Meeting, our project for 1988 is a tapestry. A design has now been presented by the Victorian Tapestry Workshop and discussions have been held with the State Library and the Government Architect regarding it being placed within the environs of the State Library, which is the principal repository of information on the First Fleet in the world.

The design will be available for inspection by members at the lecture night in August and at the Annual General Meeting in September. The Workshop would like to commence weaving in 1984 and estimate that it would take 3 weavers six months to complete the 10ft x 6ft project. The cost of the design presented will be \$38,000. As you will be aware, this is considerably more than the Executive had earlier considered would be the price of the tapestry. Firstly, it has asked the Workshop if it could submit an alternative design which could be costed within the original price-range of \$20,000-\$25,000. Secondly, every avenue is being explored (whether it be by guarantee, sponsorship or levy) to see if the Fellowship could raise \$38,000. Comments and suggestions from members in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is notice of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship to which all are encouraged to come. At that meeting the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 11th July, 1983 shall be presented, at which it was carried by 38 votes (with 7 dissenting) "that the members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters hereby express their confidence in the Executive Committee following the resignations of Mrs. Beryl Lewis and Mr. Roy Kable."

Roderick Best

THIRD GENERATION MEMBERS

We would like to hear from any members who belong to the third generation of the descendants of the First Fleet. Please contact the Membership Committee at the FFF Office.

BADGES

In case any confusion exists about the difference between the Member's Badge and the Associate's Badge, it is clearly defined in Rules 6 and 6a of the Memorandum & Articles of Association.

The member's badge, illustrated on the first page of the Articles of Association, is issued to all members; the Associate's badge is issued to spouses of members, or children who join as Associates. It is a round badge with a design of the First Fleet ships on a dark blue background.

REMINDER

LECTURE NIGHTS - third Wednesday in each month at 7.30pm sharp. Please note the earlier meeting time — this is to enable a short resume of business conducted at the previous Executive Meeting to be given. The Lecture then begins at 7.45pm.

After drinks in the rooms on the second floor, guests enjoyed an excellent dinner in the dining room, and were then addressed by the Acting President of the Australasian Pioneers' Club, John Howard, who introduced the well-known historian, Philip Geeves.

Mr. Jeeves gave a short and interesting talk and stressed that we should use all the strength in our respective organisations to press for major representation in the Bicentenary celebrations. He said we should all be aware that some members of government and local government are going to attempt to use the occasion for political advantage.

Plunkett Public School is organising a Community Day for Saturday 29th October. Usual stalls, food fairs, parades, bush dances, singalongs, colonial dresses.

Ring Doune McNaught on 371-7868 for further details.

Mr. John Vader, P.O. Box 221, Mullumbimby, 2482, is doing research into the early cedar getting in New South Wales, and information would be gratefully received. Cedar was felled on the Nepean and Hawkesbury in 1789 and shipped "home" in 1795. He is most interested in personal accounts of people associated with the cutting of cedar, and how the timber was used locally, in house building and furniture making.

Mrs. Mary Hope-Caton has consented to be in charge of an appointments system for the Microfiche Reader, and will generally supervise members and others in its use. Her telephone number is 407-1042.

PRESERVATION OF THE SITE OF FIRST GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The Bloodworth Association was formed by the descendants of James Bloodworth, including kith and kin (William Lee and Thomas Bray). James Bloodworth has been credited with building Australia's first Government House, the first permanent house in the Colony.

We are sure you share our concern that the New South Wales Government has offered an extended lease to Northpoint Holdings, a Hong Kong company, in conjunction with the State Superannuation Board for the purpose of erecting a 38 storey commercial block on this site.

The original building was erected for Governor Phillip by convicts under the supervision of James Bloodworth, himself a convict and master bricklayer. It served as our seat of government from 1789 to 1845, for nine governors. The building itself was unique, apart from being the first Government House it was the first brick two storey building in the colony. It was the focal point of our country in its infancy.

Recent archaeological excavations on the site by the Heritage Conservation Branch of the Environment and Planning Department and funded by the State Government have revealed that considerably more remains of the old buildings than was first realised. Much of the foundations are still intact and many artifacts relating to that period have been uncovered. The diggings are still in progress.

As descendants of James Bloodworth, we are most concerned that this part of our heritage is in danger of being lost forever under a city building or irreparably damaged during its construction. Even the Acting Premier, Mr. Ferguson, has been quoted as saying, "The importance of these discoveries to the history of Australia is outstanding". On Australia Day 1983, the Premier, Mr. Wran, emphasised that Australians have sacred sites too.

We urge you, while there is still a chance, to voice your protest against the violation of probably the most significant historical site in Australia. We urge you to press for the conservation of the whole site and for all the existing foundations untouched in situ. We urge you to press for the completion of the archeological dig before any decisions are made. Kindly contact local M.P.'s and the Media — television, radio and newspapers. We strongly feel that if sufficient public pressure is brought to bear, the Government may still act responsibly in this matter.

Nell Sansom.

BICENTENARY FUND

With grateful thanks we acknowledge donations to the Bicentenary Fund from the following members:

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D. E. Lumley,
A. J. Batty,
T. E. Silk,
M. E. Boyd,
K. Hughesden.

We extend a warm welcome to the following 52 new members and 8 associate spouses (in brackets). First Fleet ancestors' names are shown in **heavy type**.

Thomas Acres:

— Mr. Graham Michael HUGGINS; Mrs. Mary Magdalen LONGHURST; Thomas James LONGHURST; Bradley James LONGHURST (Jnr); Cristy Marie LONGHURST (Jnr); Christene STAAS; Brett STAAS.

Thomas Arndell:

— Miss Suzanne L. Arndell WHITEHEAD;
Mrs. Patricia Arndell SAUNDERS

T Arndell + Ann Forbes + Wm. Dring:

— Mrs. Kim Suzanne MILLS (sp. Peter James McKenzie MILLS)

Thomas Broughton:

— Miss Elizabeth Jane LEWIS; Miss Bronwyn Susan LEWIS

O. Cavanough/M. Darnell + M. Everingham

— Mrs. Hazel June TRESIDDER; Miss Kaye Lorraine TRESIDDER.

John Cross:

— Mr. Leonard Douglas MURRAY

Benjamin Cusley:

— Mrs. Ailsa Nancye MOEN; John James MOEN;
Christopher Kevin MOEN.

William Douglas/Mary Groves:

— Miss June Clarice ROWATT; Mr. John Edward ROWATT

William Eggleton/Mary Dickenson:

— Mrs. Isobel Margaret MACADAM

Matthew Everingham:

— Mr. Ronald Francis PIDDICK

Robert Forrester:

— Mr. Gary Michael FAHY

Edward Garth/Susannah Garth:

— Mr. William Harold HACKENDORFF

Thomas Jamison:

— Mrs. Ethnie Blanche ROGERS

Catherine Johnson:

— Mr. George Michael WESTGARTH; Mrs. Evelyn Grace ROLFE

Henry Kable/Susannah Holmes:

— Mr. Frederick William McKINNON; Mrs. Juanita Anne McDONALD; Mrs. Isabel THOST; Mr. Harold William PITT (sp. Mrs. Elsie PITT)

Nathaniel Lucas/Olivia Gascoigne:

— Mrs. Elizabeth Bernice HOCKER;
Mr. John Frederick C. WILKINSON

Frederick Meredith:

— Mrs. Florence Mary Miles SCOTT

John Palmer:

— Mr. William Edw. Robert CARTER

J. McManus/Jane Poole + J. Bradley:

(sp. Mrs. Colleen Violet CARTER)

— Elizabeth Margaret FORTE (Jnr); Helen Grace FORTE (Jnr); Gerard Thomas FORTE (Jnr).

Edward Risby + James Morrisby:

— Mrs. Thelma Mary CARDIFF (sp. Mr. Frank CARDIFF)

William Roberts + Catherine Johnson:

— Mrs. Rosemary MADDOCK

Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley:

— Mrs. Frances Eileen ROBARDS (sp. Vere Edward ROBARDS); Mrs. Jennifer LOW; Rosemary Kim LOW (Jnr);
Mrs. Miriam Dorothea GODFREY.

Joseph Trimby (al. Elliott):

— Mrs. Judith WILKINS (sp. Mr. Peter WILKINS); Timothy Jude WILKINS (Jnr).

William Tunks:

— Mrs. Lilian Gladys CURTIS; Mrs. Barbara Lorraine RUTLAND; Mrs. Elizabeth Fidele KING;

Joseph Wright:

Mrs. Janet Marjorie BRYSON.

— Mr. Philip John GIBBS; Mrs. Joyce Lillian PRIGGE.

Mr. Alexander RIDDLER and Mrs. Norine Constance BAYLIS are new Associate (Spouse) Members whose spouses (Mrs. Laurel J. RIDDLER and Mr. Alan Ian BAYLIS) appeared in an earlier list.

Edward RISBY, convict, "Alexander" is a new First Fleeter ancestor.

Additional First Fleet Ancestors:

Miss Ula Clarke (No. 159) and Miss Alice Clarke (No. 651) have added JAMES LEE as a second ancestor to JAMES BLOODWORTH.

Mrs. Audrey Huxley (No. 2187) has added WILLIAM DRING & ANN FORBES to THOMAS ARNDELL as FF ancestors.

Mrs. Susan Broadfoot (No. 2111) has added THOMAS ARNDELL to her other FF ancestors, JAMES SHEERS & MARY SMITH.

FIRST FLEETER THOMAS LUCAS

First-Fleeter Thomas Lucas was a marine in Capt. Shea's company on the 'Scarborough'. History credits him with being the first man of the First Fleet ashore, as he had to jump out of the long boat and pull it in to the shore for the landing.

Thomas became a free settler on Norfolk Island after leaving the Military, and obtained a land grant there. When the Military again took over Norfolk Island as a penal station, the free settlers were taken to Van Dieman's Land in 1808. Some were given grants in the area now known as New Norfolk, but Thomas chose the area then known as Brown's River. This locality became Kingston — probably because Thomas originally came from Kingston-on-Thames in England, and his home at Norfolk Island was also known as Kingston.

In this area of Tasmania, Thomas had a grant of 530 acres; the district is now a growing town with an excellent agricultural background and is a tourist attraction.

The stone cottage built by Thomas still stands on the hill overlooking the growing town. His descendants have established honourable names in Tasmania's history, and are known in other states of Australia. The Golf House at Kingston (known as the Red House) was built by his son Nathaniel.

The Kingborough Council (Tasmania) recently honoured pioneer Thomas Lucas with the unveiling of a memorial plaque in the Kingston Council Chambers. At the ceremony, the Warden of Kingborough, Mr. E. S. Tabor, spoke of the arrival in the district of Thomas and his wife, Ann, and their four sons, Thomas, Richard, John and Nathaniel.

A number of Thomas' descendants were present at the ceremony. The presentation was made by Mr. W. Whitton, acting Manager of the ANZ Banking Group, which had played a large part in pioneering banking in the Channel and Huon areas, and in the researching of the opening up of the Kingston and Margate areas where Thomas Lucas settled and developed the area.

N. R. Hohnstrom (nee Lucas)

1. **First Fleeter Thomas Acres Society** (est. 1982).
 Contact: Miss Agnes Akers, tel. (02) 98 7474
 Postal: 916 Pittwater Road, Dee Why 2099
 Meetings: The next to be held 2nd October, 1983, from 10am to 3pm at Lachlan Reserve, Centennial Park (bring a picnic lunch and, if required, a folding chair).
2. **The Bloodworth Association** (est. 1983)
 Contact: (secretary) Mr. David McCrory
 (members) Miss Ula J. Clark, tel. (02) 428 4530
 Postal: P.O. Box 328, Lane Cove, 2066
 Meetings: The first meeting was held at Garling Street, Lane Cove on 11th June, 1983. Meetings are planned for October (with Lees Descendants) and on 21st March 1984, the 180th Anniversary of James Bloodworth's death.
3. **Owen Cavanough Fellowship** (est. 1974).
 Contact: (secretary) Miss Judy Cavanough, tel. (02) 95 1009
 Postal: 14 Robert St., Willoughby 2069
 Meetings: Annual reunion 9th October 1983, Ebenezer Uniting Church, Coromandel Road, Ebenezer/Church service commencing 11.30 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch and annual general meeting.
4. **Devine Family** (est. 1983).
 Contact: Mrs. Betty Duns
 Postal: Private Bag 7, Port Lincoln, S.A. 5607
 Meetings: The first meeting was held over the Australia Day weekend 1983. Details shall be advised as they come to hand of future gatherings.
5. **Forrester Family** (est. 1982).
 Contact: Rev. Barry G. Marsh, tel. (046) 51 2226
 Postal: The Rectory, Cobbity Rd., Cobbity 2570
 Meetings: Preliminary meetings were held January and August 1982.
 No date has yet been set for a third.
6. **Everingham Family** (est. 1983).
 Contact: Mrs. Val Frost, tel. (02) 524 2797
 Postal: 104 Arcadia Ave., Gympie Bay 2227
 Meetings: The first meeting was held 22 May 1983 at McQuade St., Windsor.
 No date has yet been set for a second.
7. **Kable Descendants Association & Friends**
 Contact: (Secretary) Mrs. Zillah Kable-Thomas, tel. (02) 533 2231
 Postal: 20 Cliff Ave., Peakhurst 2210
 Meetings: On an irregular basis; please contact the secretary for further details.
8. **Lucas-Gascoigne Reunion and Book Committee** (est. 1979)
 Contact: (Secretary) Miss Rhonda Kroehnert, tel. (02) 602 4657
 Postal: 14 Fitzpatrick Cres., Casula 2170
 Meetings: On an irregular basis. Annual reunion held each year in October on Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Please contact the Secretary for further details.
9. **The Buddong Society** (est. 1983).
 (Edward Miles Descendants)
 Contact: (Secretary) Margaret Frances, tel. (046) 25 6751
 Postal: 36 Grandview Drive, Campbelltown 2560
 Meetings: Please contact the Secretary for further details.
10. **Nash Family** (est. 1971).
 Contact: Mrs. Joan Rowe, tel. (02) 46 5423
 Postal: 84 Highfield Road, Lindfield 2070
 Meetings: The next meeting to be held 2nd October 1983 at 11am at the front of Old Government House, Parramatta.
11. **Nicholls Family Reunion** (est. 1982).
 Contact: Mrs. K. Purnell, tel. (02) 570 6015
 Postal: 6 Carysfort St., Hurstville 2220
 Meetings: Meeting was held Sunday 21st August Boothtown Reserve, Gipps St., Greystanes.
 Please contact secretary for details of next meeting.
12. **Rope-Pulley Descendants** (est. 1982).
 Contact: Mrs. Barbara Brady, tel. (047) 21 8544
 Postal: 86 Lethbridge St., Penrith 2750
 Meetings: No arrangements are yet in hand for a second meeting.
13. **John and Mary Small Descendants Association** (est. 1970).
 Contact: (Secretary) Mrs. B. I. N. Hooke, tel. (02) 44 6675
 Postal: 14 Chisholm St., Turrumurra 2074
 Meetings: 13th Annual Gathering on Sunday, 9th October, 1983.
 The Thanksgiving Service will be in the Memorial Hall at St. Anne's Church, Ryde, with the 'Gathering' afterwards in the lower hall. Historic "Willandra" on the corner of Victoria Rd., and Devlin St., Ryde can be inspected from 11am and descendants and friends may picnic by providing their own packed lunch. Further information from the Secretary.
14. **Tunks Descendants Association** (est. 1982).
 Contact: Mr. Peter Christian, tel (02) 868 3063
 Postal: 162 Beecroft Rd., Cheltenham 2119
 Meetings: The next reunion will be held on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in November — full details in the next Newsletter.

15. Gosper Family Reunion

Contacts: Mrs. E. Eberly, tel. (02) 528 5713
Mrs. E. Fraser, tel. (049) 54 5863
The reunion will be held on the weekend 15-16 October, 1983, at Hawkesbury Racecourse, Clarendon. Please contact the above for further information.

MACDUFF CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

A world wide MacDuff Clan Society is being brought together for the first time after 200 years in limbo. The Hon. Patron and President is Col. T. Robin Gordon-Duff of Drummair Castle, Fanffshire, Scotland and the Society's Headquarters are based in Ontario, Canada. The aims of the Society are social and cultural, promoting friendship among persons who enjoy a common heritage and distant kinship, encouraging the perpetuation of the history, music and folklore of their forebears. The Clan is composed of the following surnames or their descendants. Abernethy Duff Fernie Fife Fyfe Fyffe Hume Kilgour MacDuff Scrymgeour Spence Spense Spens Syras Ceres Wemyss. Please contact Valerie Sansom, 5 Mons Road, Balgowlah North 2093 if you are interested.

PARRAMATTA TOURS

The following information has been sent in by member Victor Walters, and should be of interest to many members. For further information, contact the Parramatta Information Bureau, tel: 630 3703.

THE PARRAMATTA EXPLORER

The Parramatta Tourist Information Centre and the Merrylands Bus Company are running bus tours around the major historic sites in Parramatta on the last Thursday of each month. It is run on the same lines as The Sydney Explorer, whereby passengers may alight and visit the historic houses and rejoin the bus on its return journey.

A pleasant day can be spent retracing the footsteps of the early settlers, visiting the first land grant in Australia, the oldest house, the oldest government building, the oldest existing military establishment in Australia and much more. These are not recreated; these are the original buildings, lovingly restored to their former glory. Visitors come from all over the world to see our early heritage. Why not follow their example without the expense of travelling thousands of miles?

Spend the whole day in Parramatta soaking up the history, have a break for lunch either at one of the many good restaurants or bring a picnic lunch and sit in the Park, then continue on your historic exploration. Once your ticket has been bought it is valid for the whole day. If time does not permit, the whole tour can be made in an hour by staying on the bus and only viewing the exteriors of the houses.

LECTURE EVENINGS

In June, members were treated to a most interesting talk from Mr. Brendan Lennard of the **National Trust**, the subject of which was the history of that body, its aims and aspirations, benefits of membership, and a most interesting variety of slides, some 30 in all ranging from the beautifully restored St. James Church, King Street, to the restored National Trust property of Old Government House, Parramatta. Other slides included views of Carcoar, a village which has been classified in toto, some Federation homes of Haberfield, for which that suburb is famous, the C.M.L. building in Martin Place which has been restored, refurbished and to some degree modernised without losing its Victorian facade completely.

We are indeed grateful to Mr. Lennard and the Council of the National Trust for a most interesting evening.

The Castle Hill Rebellion was the subject of the talk given at the July meeting by Mr. James Symes. Mr. Symes, a member of the Royal Australian Historical Society and Vice-President of The Hills Historical Society, as well as being Historian of that body, gave a most interesting account of this saga in Australian history. Most of those prisoners who worked on the Government Farm at Castle Hill were Irish prisoners, convicted because of complicity, real or imagined, in the insurrection in Ireland of 1798.

The revolt was put down at Vinegar Hill on the Windsor Road, so named after Vinegar Hill just outside the town of Enniscorthy, Ireland, Co. Wexford. The ringleaders were hanged and for five days the eight districts in the colony were under martial law.

FUTURE LECTURES:

October: Associate Professor K.J. Cable — "Religion in the Early Colony".

November: Historical Pot-Pourri Night.

P. Christian
Convenor

OBITUARY

The death occurred recently of Mr. William Fishburn (Bill), a member of the Fellowship of First Fleeters since 1973. As family Archivist for the Fishburn descendants, he was responsible for a number of members joining the Fellowship. Bill was a constant visitor and very good friend to the Membership Committee.

Member No. 1926, Mr. Robert Lachlan Colhoun died 25/3/83.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Mrs. Alma Amy Reynolds (nee Bridges), of Wahroonga (Member No. 1143), on 10th August 1983, in her 88th year. Mrs. Reynolds was a descendant of Anthony Rope/Elizabeth Pulley, and the mother of member Mrs. Adeline Jollie. Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mrs. Jollie and family.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM THE F.F.F. OFFICE

WINDCHEATERS — navy, white (please give second choice)	\$15.00
T. SHIRTS (navy, white (please give second choice)	\$6.50 each
(Windcheaters & T-shirts: packaged & posted \$2 extra)	
Tea Towels — linen 4 designs - old NSW, modern Sydney, Australian Settlers, Australian birds, Australian wildflowers, Historic Sydney	\$2.50 each
TIES	\$10.00 each
NOTELETS with matching envelopes, packet of 10 - Postage 50¢ extra	\$2.00 each
SOUVENIR TEASPOONS Sugar Spoons, Fluted Spoons, and Cake Forks, Tea Caddy Spoons, Key Rings	\$2.50 each
PAPER KNIVES	\$2.85 each
CAR STICKERS	\$0.50 each
(Package and Post 30¢ to \$1.00 depending on weight)	

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Journals (4 editions) 50¢ each plus postage — set of 4 in N.S.W. 80¢, interstate 90¢.
First Fleet Book \$4.50 — (50¢ pack and post). — presently out of print.
Compiling your Family History — \$3.00 (50¢ pack and post).
First Fleet Lists — \$2.00 (50¢ pack and post).
They Came by Road — By Viv Kable (special interest to Kable family) — \$5.00 (50¢ pack and post).
Arthur Phillip — by Thea Stanley Hughes \$4.50 (50¢ pack and post)

NAME BARS

Name bars are available from the F.F.F. Office.

Member's NAME AND	ONE First Fleeter's Name	\$3.50
	TWO " " "	\$4.00
	THREE " " "	\$4.50
	FOUR " " "	\$5.00
Spouse's Name Bar (single name only)		\$3.00
PLEASE ADD 50¢ for additional names & 50¢ for postage.		
State choice of blue or black background.		

KINDLY NOTE that the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of Members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters will be held in Scots Church Hall, Lower Ground Floor, Assembly Building (Jamison Street Entrance) Sydney on Wednesday, 21st September, 1983 commencing 7.30pm sharp.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held 15th September, 1982 (to be distributed at Meeting)
3. Business arising from such Minutes
4. Minutes of Special General Meeting held 11th July 1983 (to be distributed at Meeting)
5. Business arising from such Minutes
6. Executive Committee Report (herewith)
7. Financial Statement (herewith)
8. Honorary Life Membership
9. Constitutional Amendments (herewith)
10. Notices of Motion (herewith)
11. Election of Officers and the Executive Committee (nominations herewith)
12. Appointment of an Auditor (no nominations received)

NOMINATIONS: (as received by 21st August 1983)

Vice Patron — Mrs. B. Lewis

President — Mr. R. Best*

Vice-Presidents — Mr. P. Christian * Mr. D. Oakes *

Treasurer — Mr. J. L. Chalmers

Secretary — Mrs. A. Campbell *

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mr. R. Best *
Mrs. A. Campbell *
Mr. P. Christian *
Miss A. Clarke *
Mrs. N. Jackson *
Mr. K. Lehane *

Ms. D. MacNaught *
Mr. D. Oakes *
Mrs. E. Reynolds *
Mr. G. Squires *
Mr. R. L. Chipps
Mrs. J. C. Cowell

Mrs. A. S. Davison
Mrs. M. Hope-Caten
Mr. J. King
Mr. H. G. Morgan
Mr. S. Weaver

* Retiring officers who are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.

Honorary Life Membership

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it is moved that Mrs. Enid Mary Lola Wilkinson (membership no. 376) be made a Life Member of the Fellowship in appreciation of her extensive and continued involvement in and labour for the fellowship.

Constitutional Amendments

1. That Rule 3 of the Constitution be amended by adding after sub-rule (a) as follows:

- " (b) A member who has been elected to the position of an Executive Officer for three (3) consecutive years shall not be permitted to stand for the same position as an Executive Officer at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting.
- (c) A member who is not permitted to stand for election to an office pursuant to sub-clause (b) hereof shall not be so permitted to stand for the duration of two years commencing from the date of the first Annual General Meeting at which they are not so permitted to stand.
- (d) In the event of a retiring President being elected to the Executive Committee at an Annual General Meeting where such member is not pursuant to sub-rule (b) hereof permitted to stand for the office of President the such member shall be appointed ex-officio Vice-President of the Fellowship".

and that Rule 3 be further amended by deleting the reference to "(b)" where appearing at the conclusion of sub-rule (a) and substitute in lieu thereof "(e)".

Proposed: Dorothy Williams • Seconded: Joyce Rixon

2. That Rule 31 be deleted and the following be substituted in lieu thereof:

"Subject to Rule 3 herein all Officers and the Auditor shall retire at each Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship but shall be eligible for re-election".

Proposed: Dorothy Williams • Seconded: Joyce Rixon.

3. "Postal and/or proxy votes to be instituted immediately".

Proposed: F. J. Everingham.

4. "That Rule 15 be amended as follows:

Add "All members shall have the right of a postal vote." Closing dates to be adjusted accordingly.

Rule 28 — **Delete** clause (c) and insert "Declaration of Poll re Election of Officers and Executive Committee".

Rule 29 — "All members shall have the right to a postal vote for Election of Officers and Executive Committee".

Rule 36 — **Adjust Accordingly.**

Proposed: Mrs. Beryl Lewis

5. "That the Constitution be changed so that any letter from a Member unable to attend the Meeting opposing or agreeing with any Motion be accepted read and counted at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed: Anne Campbell.

6. "By-Laws 41.1 to 41.5 inclusive be suspended for a period of twelve months".

Proposed: F. J. Everingham

7. "That Rule 6A be amended as follows:

1. General

Delete (b) Associate (Friend)

2. Definition

Delete (b) in its entirety and adjust the wording of Rule 6A accordingly".

Proposed: Mrs. Beryl Lewis

8. "That Rule 11 be amended as follows"

Delete the first sentence of the second paragraph and substitute the following in its place:—

"The applicant shall supply all necessary evidence of eligibility. It shall be mandatory for ALL applicants to provide Registrar General's (sic) Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates for each claimed generation; except in the case of a parent enrolling a junior child at the time of their own application when a Birth Certificate of the said child shall suffice".

— The remaining sentence of the paragraph shall remain unchanged.

Proposed: Mrs. Beryl Lewis

1. **Definition:** An Associate Member (Spouse) being husband/wife of a member
2. **Conditions:** Associate Members (Spouse) enjoy the same right to participate in all activities of the Fellowship except they shall have no vote nor are they eligible to hold office or accept position on the Executive Committee.
3. **Fees:** Associate Members (Spouse) and other existing Associate Members shall pay the prescribed fee set out under Rule 7.

Rule 7 — Members Subscription

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

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| 1. Full Members unless specified in this Rule otherwise | \$10.00 p.a. |
| 2. Member holding pensioner entitlement card | \$5.00 p.a. |
| 3. Associate | \$3.00 p.a. |
| 4. Junior Member | \$2.00 p.a. |

Mover: Roy H. Kable

Seconded: Mrs. A. Peacock

Notices of Motion

1. "That all previous motions concerning the Australian Constitution be rescinded"
Proposed: Stephen William Weaver
2. "That the Fellowship of First Fleeters recognises the right of members to hold whatever political opinions they see fit".
Proposed: Stephen William Weaver
3. "That the Fellowship of First Fleeters recognises the right of members to hold whatever opinion they see fit in relation to the Australian Constitution."
Proposed: Stephen William Weaver
4. "The Fellowship of First Fleeters objects to the proposed Office Block to be erected on the site of the first Government House."
Proposed: F. J. Everingham
5. "That the President be requested to write to the appropriate Minister recording our objections"
Proposed: F. J. Everingham
6. "That the President be requested to write to Sydney Metropolitan newspapers recording our objections and inviting affiliation with all bodies and private citizens who object to this proposed desecration."
Proposed: F. J. Everingham
7. "That the Fellowship considers that this site be preserved as a project for the Bi-Centenary Committee."
Proposed: F. J. Everingham
8. "The Fellowship of First Fleeters revert to its former policy of the publishing of a monthly Newsletter."
Proposed: Mrs. Beryl Lewis.
9. Consideration be given to the substitution for the annual Australia Day Dinner/Dance of a less formal function (such as a picnic) giving a wider spectrum of members, their spouses and children the opportunity of foregathering with fellow members during daylight in a truly family atmosphere, and less expensively.
Proposed: Jack Leonard Chalmers
10. That a strong campaign be undertaken immediately to induce as many as possible of those who have "dropped out" to "rejoin".
Proposed: Jack Leonard Chalmers

1982 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the request of certain members we repeat here the motions carried at the 1982 Annual General Meeting:

1. "The Fellowship of First Fleeters opposes any change to the Australian Flag".
2. "The Fellowship of First Fleeters opposes any change to the Australian Constitution which specifically seeks to establish a Republican form of Government to replace the present Constitution".
3. "That Clause 8 of the Constitution and Rules be amended be deleting the word "six" in the first line and inserting "three" in place thereof".
4. This General Meeting of Members:—
 - (a) approves the decision of the Executive Committee to commission a tapestry wall hanging to be placed in the State Library as the gift of the members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters to the people of Australia on the occasion of the 1988 Bicentenary.
 - (b) urges all members to give to the best of their ability this financial year to help finance the Bicentenary project.
 - (c) instructs the Executive Committee to consider and if found necessary apply a levy not exceeding ten dollars in any one year to all full members and half the amount of any such levy to members holding a Pensioner Entitlement card. The levy to be made during one or more of the financial years 1983/84, 1984/85, 1985/86, 1986/87, 1987/88 for the purpose of financing the 1988 Bicentary project.
 - (d) authorises the Executive Committee to exempt from payment of the levy any Member making a substantial voluntary donation.
5. That it be recommended to the Executive Committee that a discussion night be arranged, that it be left to the Executive Committee to decide if the support such a meeting receives warrants further meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Attendances at meetings of the Executive Committee have been as follows (total number meetings to 30th August 1983 is 10).

Name	Apologies	Leave of Absence	Attendance
Lewis, Beryl (to 1st June)	1	—	7
Kable, Roy (to 1st June)	3	—	5
Best, Roderick	—	—	10
Oakes, Douglas	2	—	8
Christian, Peter	1	—	9
Meredith, Ray	1	—	9
Campbell, Anne	—	1	9
Clarke, Alice	—	1	9
Guy, Thelma	2	1	7
Jackson, Naida	1	—	9
Lehane, Keith	4	—	6
Macnaught, Doune (to 1st May)	—	—	4

The Office of the Fellowship has been open each weekday (except Monday and over the Christmas period) during the last year. The Fellowship gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the following volunteers who attended the office during this period:

Anderson, W., Bailey, M., Campbell, A., Chalmers, L., Clarke, A., Clarke, U., Cowell, Jean, Cowell, Joyce, Cox, J., Cross, W.J., Dawson, N., Hope-Caten, M., Jackson, N., Lewis, B., Liebau, H., O'Reilly, O., Raven, M., Rixon, J., Snowball, E., Stear, J., Townsend, B., Wilkinson, L., Williams, D.

The assistance of all other members in the manning of stalls, attendances in costume, preparation of suppers, newsletter items and representation of the Fellowship is also gratefully acknowledged.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has enjoyed another busy year having passed 315 new members (245 adult members, 70 junior members and 46 associates (spouse) members).

We are always pleased to be able to add a new family name to our list and this year we have been able to add six new First Fleet names. As well as a record number of new members we had a substantial number of all members who have found an additional First Fleeter to add to their ancestry.

There has been a growing interest among the members concerning their history, noticeable by the increased use of the Library and the new Microfiche — a much appreciated donation.

There has been an increasing number of enquiries from people who are uncertain of their eligibility to become a member of the Fellowship and it is hoped we will be able to help some of these find the necessary information.

Many thanks to all those who help in this way.

N. JACKSON (Convenor)

Treasurer's Report

The Income and Expenditure for the year are detailed in separate statements which should be read as part of this report.

The Bicentenary Commemoration Fund with a balance of \$8,172.00 after paying a deposit of \$2,000.00 on the Tapestry Project is looking reasonable, with three years left to attain our objective. The continued interest of members and their voluntary donations will, of course, be needed. When the design of the tapestry is accepted and approved in the very near future interest in the project should increase.

The General Fund is in a much healthier state than forecasted twelve months ago, mainly due to an influx of new members and a reduction in the increase in costs following the drop in inflation over the last few months. Subscription rates have been maintained at the level of 1980/81.

However, costs are expected to rise again this year, with postal, telephone and electricity increases already announced. The lease of the office is due for renewal and an additional cost can be expected. The cost of producing our Newsletter, our most expensive item, will probably also show an increase with inflation once again on the upward trend.

At the end of June 1983 the total funds were held by Westpac Bank (\$454), the State Building Society (\$4,330) and The Trustees Executors and Agency Co. Ltd., (\$16,294). Receivers and Managers were appointed on 13th May 1983 to the Trustee Company. However, the Solicitors who negotiated the deposit on behalf of the Fellowship have intimated they will guarantee repayment of the deposit in full. Since the end of June (and to 3rd August) a sum of \$10,000 has been repaid and the remaining \$6,294 is expected to be paid about October this year.

A. R. MEREDITH (Treasurer)

Lecture Convenor's Report

The monthly lectures of the Fellowship continue to stimulate interest within the Fellowship and since our last Annual Meeting the standard has been maintained.

We have been very pleased to welcome Mr. Clive Lucas, who spoke about the restoration of old buildings, and Mr. Norman Bent, whose subject "The History of the Royal NSW Lancers" was indeed fascinating. Dame Monica Gallagher was our guest in February and her subject of the history of St. Mary's Cathedral was most interesting. March and April saw two of our members treat us to different aspects of Family History. Our then Vice-President Roderick Best told us about compiling Family History, whilst Thea Rowe unfolded, in her inimitable style, the story of David Batty, Third Fleeter. Mr. John Mortimer spoke of the history of Centennial Park in May, whilst in June a speaker from the National Trust, Mr. Brendan Lennard, treated members to an interesting lecture which included many slides of the Trust properties. Mr. James Symes in July spoke about the "Castle Hill Rebellion".

We are indeed grateful to those who have given their time and energy for our benefit and look forward to seeing a continued interest on the part of members of the Fellowship in the future.

P. CHRISTIAN (Convenor)

Newsletter

The past year was the first full year for the typesetting and printing of the Newsletter. There has been a continuing experimentation with layout in order to produce the finest result. A number of articles from members have been published, although perhaps not as many as would be liked. The first stage of the changeover to the new format was ably handled by Barbara Townsend, before the appointment of Anne Davison as Editor. Barbara has continued to assist by leading that hard working band who collate, sort and post the newsletter.

RODERICK BEST (President)

Graves Committee Report

We are pleased to report that plaques were placed on three more First Fleeters' tombstones this year.

Sunday, 29 January 1983. A plaque was placed on the tombstone of PHILIP DEVINE at St. John's Wilberforce. The day was chosen as on this day Mrs. Betty Duns, from South Australia, had organised a Philip Devine family gathering of over 200 Philip Devine descendants at the church. These descendants came from all over Australia and New Zealand.

Sunday, 1 May, 1983. We again returned to St. John's Wilberforce to place plaques on the tombstones of MATTHEW EVERINGHAM and CATHERINE MOORE (nee JOHNSON). On this day we were joined by the President of Hawkesbury Historic Society, Doug Bowd. Mr. Bowd is a descendant of Catherine Johnson.

On both of these days the Rev. K. R. Johnson, Rector of St. John's, conducted a service on our behalf at the grave sites.

We are at present making plans to have plaques placed on the tombstones of First Fleeters buried at St. Peters and St. Johns (both at Campbelltown) during the Fisher's Ghost festivities in November, 1983. Investigation has revealed that Henrietta Fletcher, who was born to Jane Langley on the First Fleet, Thomas Osborne and Thomas Aker are buried at St. Peters and James Ruse is buried at St. Johns.

Permission has also been given for us to place plaques on the tombstones of James Wright, Hugh Hughes and Isaac Knight at St. Johns Cemetery, Parramatta.

DOUGLAS OAKES, Convenor

Archivist

The information stored in the Archives is increasing in a very satisfactory manner. The files we had set up at the end of last year (160) have been augmented by the information supplied by new family members who have joined the Fellowship. In addition we have set up files on six new First Fleeter families, namely:—

1. Edward Risby, a convict from Gloucester, who arrived on the "Alexander"
2. John Ryan, a convict found guilty of stealing at the Old Bailey, who arrived on the "Friendship".
3. Joshua Peck, a convict found guilty of stealing at the Devon Assizes (held at Exeter), who arrived on the "Scarborough".
4. Rachel Early, a convict of St. Giles, London, found guilty of stealing, who arrived on the "Friendship".
5. William Hambley was a ship's carpenter on the "Sirius" who remained in the Colony and set up a family.
6. Mary Springham, a convict who arrived on the "Lady Penrhyn". She was the mother of two of William Hambley's children.

On behalf of those who work on the Archives and others who continue to research their families, I would like to acknowledge our appreciation of the microfiche and the reader which are proving so useful to us in checking family names, solving problems and finding new information for our records.

MRS. JOYCE C. COWELL (Archivist)

Secretary

It has been another busy year for your Secretary. Lots of interesting letters and reports of members' activities and family gatherings. I hope you all saw the television coverage of the Bloodworth's "sacred site" Old Government House. Please keep all your letters coming in, with new ideas, requirements, comments. All most welcome.

ANNE CAMPBELL (Secretary)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

The Fellowship's most prestigious social function was the Anniversary Dinner, held on 26th January at the Boulevard Hotel, when our Patron, the Governor, Sir James Rowland and Lady Rowland were Guests of Honour. After a good dinner, and in the manner of a levee, guests enjoyed light-hearted dancing.

The Christmas party last December proved a happy occasion. Two coach tours — the first to the Hunter Valley Wineries and the second to Yestergrange and the Zig Zag Railway (including a ride in that fascinating and historic train) were both interesting and most enjoyable.

Our hard-working committee members assembled and worked on the F.F.F. Stall at the Quay as part of the Australia Day Fair. It was a great success financially as well as publicity-wise.

Many thanks to all who have supported and all who have helped at our social functions. We hope that even more support will be offered and more members will become involved in actively working for your Fellowship in the coming year.

ALICE CLARKE

President's Summary

It was a year of loss for the Fellowship. In Newsletter Vol. 14 No. 2 the death of Vice-Patron Arthur Ingham Myers was recorded. A wise counsel and a stalwart member of the Fellowship his strength of intellect, good nature and hard work make his passing a sad loss.

On 18th April Mary Thompson died (see Newsletter Vol. 14 No. 3). It was Mary, more than any other person in the Fellowship, who established the high standard of research now ably continued by those attending the Fellowship office.

Both Arthur Ingham Myers and Mary Thompson were Foundation Members of the Fellowship. At this Annual General Meeting, Thelma Guy will not be standing for re-election. Thelma too, was a Foundation Member. She has been a member of every Executive since the first Executive Meeting on 24th April, 1968. On 2nd June 1970 she indicated to the Executive that she was prepared to look after the badges and name bars. She has continued to execute this duty to the present — a duty which made her known to most members. Besides this invaluable service Thelma was ever ready to assist, with the Fellowship always uppermost in her thoughts and actions. She was made a Life Member at the Tenth Annual General Meeting in 1978 for her unstinting labours.

At this meeting our Treasurer Ray Meredith is also not standing for re-election. First appointed Treasurer in 1974, he has served conscientiously and well ever since. The well-managed accounts of the Fellowship serve as a lasting memorial and record of his endeavours.

Thirdly, our auditor of seven years, Pat Kable has said that she too will not stand again. An auditor is the unseen worker of any organization. Her work is one of consideration and care upon which we all rely.

Our thanks are given for all that these have contributed.

Early in the year resignations as a consequence of personal reasons and other commitments were received from Joan Cox and the seat of Ken Meredith was declared vacant through non-attendance.

During the year resignations were received from Roy Kable and Beryl Lewis. Roy had been a member of the Executive since 1974 and Vice-President since 1977. While involved in all avenues of the Fellowship he was particularly concerned with the Fellowship's plaque — fixing project which gained a new momentum while he was Convenor of the Graves Committee. Ever pleasant to work with, he was always on hand when a job needed to be done whether it be in pitching a tent or performing the duty of Master of Ceremonies at our Australia Day Dinners.

Beryl Lewis had been on the Executive since 1972. From 1973 to 1975 Beryl was a Vice-President and in that latter year became President. She has been our longest serving President. It is of interest that amongst the first motions moved by Beryl after she joined the Executive were as to the purchase of an urn for the office, support for the preservation of Gore Hill Cemetery and to protest at the leaving out of religious affiliation from future death certificates. These early motions indicate the scope of her concern. Always wanting to give every assistance to the "workers" in the office, ready to join a fray if it meant the preservation of our heritage and keeping abreast of recent changes which could affect the future. It was during Beryl's Presidency and largely as a consequence of her vision that the Fellowship ennobled Sydney by its participation in the erection of sculptures in The Rocks and at Circular Quay. She worked long and hard for the ideal of fellowship and history — of descendants of the past forging a finer tomorrow. This is not a concluded resume of what Beryl has done for the Fellowship, not only because of restrictions as to space, but also because it is hoped that Beryl will continue to work for the good of the Fellowship.

The loss of each of these members from the Executive placed considerable strain and tension on those remaining, who continued to perform their duties in a commendable manner.

Nor has the year just been a loss in workers. The Executive has been vigorously campaigning against the desecration of the site of the First Government House and at the time of writing the fight is continuing. It is hoped that so will the site.

It was not all gloom, however. For the first time joint activities have been organised by the Sydney based historical societies in anticipation of 1988. With the approach of the Bi-centenary our own numbers are growing and enthusiasm is keen. A larger and more dispersed Fellowship does however, call for different approaches in the handling of members and the services to be provided for them. Whether or not these new approaches are located and adopted will depend upon the support given to the Executive which you are about to elect. The Executives of the last twelve months, and all who served upon it, would I am sure join with me in thanking all members for their support to date.

RODRICK BEST (President)

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1983

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	10,414	Rent	1,849
Entrance Fees	2,300	Newsletter	2,744
Donations	592	Postage	354
		Stationery	795
		Microfiche Reader	294
		Index to Births, Deaths, etc.	150
		Electricity	164
		Telephone	117
		Grave Plaques	160
		Insurance	140
		Donation	50
		Floral Tributes	96
		Subscriptions	53
		P.O. Box Rent	59
		Travel Expenses	44
		Printing	38
		Taxes	7
	<u>13,306</u>		<u>7,114</u>
Balance 1.7.82	6,714	Balance 30.6.83	12,906
	<u>\$20,020</u>		<u>\$20,020</u>

BICENTENARY COMMEMORATION FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Sale of Souvenirs	4,360	Souvenirs	5,394
Social Functions	3,961	Social Functions	3,832
Interest	2,443	Deposit on Tapestry	2,000
Australia Day Stall	1,005	Australia Day Stall Rent	102
Tours	786	Tours	620
Raffles	1,102		
Donations	1,357		
	<u>15,014</u>		<u>11,948</u>
Balance 1.7.82	5,106	Balance 30.6.83	8,172
	<u>\$20,120</u>		<u>\$20,120</u>