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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Fellowship has now concluded and details of the new office-bearers and of the motions as carried are provided elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Two offices were not filled at the Annual General Meeting. No election was conducted in respect of the office of Vice-Patron due to the meeting not having before it the advice and recommendation of the Executive committee as required by Rule 3(b) of the Constitution. No such advice or recommendation was available due to the Executive Committee not having been approached in this respect by the time that notice of the meeting was to be given. Subsequently, the incoming Executive determined not to recommend any appointment for the position of Vice-Patron at the 1984 Annual General Meeting. No nomination was received for the office of auditor and it was moved from the floor of the meeting, and carried, that the incoming Executive Committee appoint an auditor.

A number of other matters were also referred to the incoming Executive.

Firstly from one of the amendments to the Constitution which was carried and from the general tenor of the meeting it was clear that the members desired to restrict membership of the Fellowship to descendants of those who arrived aboard the First Fleet and members of their immediate families. The category formerly known as Associate (Friend) was abolished. At the time of the Annual General Meeting there was only a small number of financial Associates (Friend) and it was determined in the light of the constitutional amendment and the views expressed by members at the meeting to refund the current membership fees of these financial Associates (Friend) and advise that their membership would not be invited in future.

This action was not directed against any one Associate (Friend) but rather was taken as a stance of principle that members of the Fellowship must prove their descent and that Associates (Spouse) or Associates (Relative) must prove his or her family connection. Some of those who had previously been Associates (Friend) could continue membership as Associates (Spouse) or Associates (Relative), but others will be lost to the Fellowship. That is a situation of considerable regret to the Executive. Some worked long and hard for the Fellowship — both in the office and on stalls and other activities. Some were instrumental in raising considerable funds. The companionship, ideas and fellowship of each of them has played a valuable part in the life of the Fellowship. Accordingly this did not make the decision to refund their membership dues an easy one.

With the same motives in mind the Executive also determined that where research has shown flaws in the genealogy of a members descent from a "First Fleeter" that those members be advised that unless they can establish to the contrary their membership dues will also be refunded and their future membership not invited. This question has been shown to have arisen principally in regard to the Bayliss and Roberts families.

Once again the primacy of proven descent as a criteria for membership was re-affirmed by the Executive.

Secondly the Executive considered the question of the number of issues of the Newsletter each year. It is realised that for most members the Newsletter is the only contact which they have with others in the Fellowship. Two matters were considered in relationship to the Newsletter — being cost and content. The actual physical task of collating and posting the Newsletter was felt to rule out the possibility of 12 issues per year. The lack of items which you are contributing was also felt to rule out a monthly publication. However the possibility of increasing the number of issues from six per year is being given greater consideration.

The Executive welcomes the decision of Northpoint Holdings and of the State Superannuation Board not to proceed with the development of the site of the Government House on the corner of Phillip and Bridge Streets, Sydney. It awaits with interest the proposals of the Government in respect of the site. It trusts that such proposals will only be advanced after comprehensive consultation with historical bodies and the giving of due consideration to their views. Until this is achieved the Executive still urges members to fully support the endeavours of the Friends of the First Government House Site.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter are details of the Fellowship events during January. The Executive looks forward to meeting members at these times. In particular we would like to see as many family groups booking tables at our Australia Day Dinner on 26th January, 1984 as possible.

Roderick Best

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The President and Executive Committee of the Fellowship wish all members and their families a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Patron:	His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.		
President:	Roderick Best		
Vice-Presidents:	Douglas Oakes	Peter Christian	
Secretary:	Anne Campbell		
Treasurer:	Len Chalmers		
Executive Committee:	Ron Chipps	Naida Jackson	Hugh Morgan
	Alice Clarke	Jonathon King	Enid Reynolds
	Joyce Cowell	Keith Lehane	Geoffrey Squires
	Anne Davison	Doune MacNaught	Stephen Weaver
	Mary Hope-Caten		

The incoming Executive has appointed the following officers and committees:

Archivist:	Joyce Cowell
Assistant Archivist:	Hazel Liebau
Lecture Convenor:	Peter Christian
Minute Secretary:	Enid Reynolds
Newsletter Editor:	Anne Davison
Membership Committee:	Naida Jackson (convenor), Mary Bailey, Mary Hope-Caten, Len Chalmers
Graves Committee:	Douglas Oakes (convenor), Hugh Morgan, Geoffrey Squires, Peter Christian, Keith Lehane
Tasmanian Graves:	Geoffrey Squires
Social Committee:	Anne Campbell (convenor), Alice Clarke, Enid Reynolds, Doune MacNaught, Keith Lehane
Supper and Raffle Convenor:	Mary Bailey
Souvenirs and Badges:	Alice Clarke
Publicity Committee:	Ron Chipps (convenor), Hugh Morgan, Stephen Weaver, Jonathon King
Honorary Solicitors:	Conway, Maccallum & Co.

The following **Constitutional Amendments** were carried at the Annual General Meeting:

- That Rule 15 be amended by adding "All members shall have the right of a postal vote" closing dates to be adjusted accordingly.
Rule 28 be amended by deleting clause (c) and inserting "Declaration of Poll re Election of Officers and Executive Committee". Rule 29 be amended by adding at its conclusion "All members shall have the right to a postal vote for Election of Officers and Executive Committee".
Rule 36 be amended in accordance with the provision for postal voting and by including a provision for a curriculum vitae of not more than 75 words.
- That Rule 6A be amended as follows:
In sub-Rule 6A(1) delete the reference to Associate (Friend) and replace with Associate (Relative).
In sub-Rule 6A(2)(b) delete the present definition of an Associate (Friend) and replace with:
"An Associate (Relative) being a person closely related to a member in any of the following categories:
(i) adopted child and issue
(ii) widow or widower of a deceased member who either is not an Associate (Spouse) or else has relinquished such membership
(iii) parent or grandparent of a Member not otherwise being eligible for membership of the Fellowship
(iv) other such close relative of a Member as may from time to time be unanimously voted for by the Executive Committee
and who has been duly nominated and seconded by financial members and except in category (iv) above subject to simple majority endorsement by the Executive Committee."
In sub-Rule 6A(3) replace "Friend" with "Relative".
In sub-Rule 6A(4) replace "Friend" with "Relative" and add at the conclusion "An adult Associate (Relative) shall pay the same fees as an adult Member and a junior Associate (Relative) being under the age of 18 years shall pay the same fees as a Junior Member.

The following **Motions** were carried at the Annual General Meeting:

- That all previous motions concerning the Australian Constitution be rescinded.
- The Fellowship of First Fleeters objects to the proposed Office Block to be erected on the site of the first Government House.
- That the Fellowship approve the action taken by the Executive in writing to the appropriate Ministers and the Sydney newspapers in relation to the site of the first Government House.
- That the Fellowship considers that this site be preserved as a project for the Bi-Centenary Committee.
- That the Executive be asked to consider the feasibility of issuing a monthly Newsletter.
- That the Executive be asked to consider the feasibility of holding an Annual Picnic as well as the Annual Dinner.

AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER DANCE

The Australia Day Dinner Dance will be held at the Boulevard Hotel, William Street, Sydney on Thursday, 26 January, 1984, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Ray Andrews of the Australian Bicentenary Authority, who will tell us about the plans the Authority has for 1988.

Tickets are \$25 per head, and this includes pre-dinner drinks and an excellent 3-course dinner with table wines. There will be music for dancing until 12 p.m. Ample street parking is available, or guests may park in the carpark under the hotel for \$4.

Miss Alice Clarke (Tel. 428 4530) is in charge of the tickets. Please send **stamped addressed envelope** with your remittance to P.O. Box 328, Lane Cove 2066.

This will be an exciting evening, our highlight of the year, and we hope for a very good attendance again. There will be a lucky door prize!

LIAISON COMMITTEE DINNER

The Dinner, on Monday, 14th November last, at the "Governor's Pleasure" the Rocks, was the second organised by the Liaison Committee formed earlier in 1983. The purpose is for Six Societies to attend each others' social events needing larger numbers throughout the year so that more support will give greater impact to such events, particularly in the Bicentennial year! Sixteen representatives of the FFF attended.

The Six Society Presidents or their representatives took part in the formalities, and eighty-two people enjoyed a most impressive smorgasbord dinner.

The guest speaker was Mr. Ray Andrews, Director of Planning and Liaison for the Australian Bicentennial Authority, National Office. He stated that as long as the Six Societies liaised and co-operated and could boast a membership combined of 14,000 members, at least, the Authority was prepared to recognise the group as a "Bicentennial Special Interest Committee". This would mean the Liaison would be registered and would benefit from concessions made by the Authority. The matter has now gone before individual Committees and Councils of Societies before the agreement is signed.

The Six Societies representing the Liaison are:

- Australasian Pioneers' Club
- Fellowship of First Fleeters
- Royal Australian Historical Society
- 1788-1820 Association
- Society of Australian Genealogists
- Women's Pioneer Society of Australasia

In the New Year, all members will be given the opportunity to attend the first large gathering for a combined event. This is forward co-operative thinking for 1988.

Zillah Kable Thomas
Chairman To The Liaison Committee

REPORT FROM CONVENOR OF LECTURE EVENINGS

At our October lecture evening, we were indeed fortunate to hear Professor Ken Cable speak on "Early Anglican Clergy". Ken, who is Associate Professor of History at Sydney University, a former President of the Royal Australian Historical Society, and a leading layman within the Anglican Church in Australia, treated those present to a most informative and interesting evening and indeed no precis of his subject could do justice to the talk as a whole.

However, in essence, the lecture traced the story of the first chaplain to the colony, Richard Johnson, who received his commission in 1786 as Chaplain to the newly envisaged convict establishment — Samuel Marsden, a successful sheep farmer — had difficulties in his relationships with others more especially if they were Catholic and/or Irish — was a well-known missionary to the Maoris in New Zealand — Marsden, however, was not typical of his genre, and where Johnson failed, Marsden succeeded only too well!!

The third chaplain, one Rev. James Bain, had only a relatively short term in the colony. He was a military chaplain, an elderly gentleman of good manners and bereft of any evangelical zeal. He returned to England in 1794 having made little or no impression in the colony.

The fourth chaplain was an Irish convict, and indeed made a lasting impression on those with whom and to whom he ministered. The Rev. Henry Fulton was a graduate of the University of Dublin and was convicted on questionable grounds of having rebel sympathies in Ireland. Having been given a full pardon in 1805 and ministering to the populace in Sydney and Parramatta, he found himself the only clergyman in the colony in 1807, when Marsden returned to England to recruit some missionary support. Henry Fulton was suspended from his duties by the rebel Governor after Bligh was deposed, which left the infant colony with a licensed clergyman. Civil marriages were conducted at St. Phillip's by a Mr. William Crook.

The arrival of Governor Macquarie changed this — Marsden returned with promise of help and Rev. Wm. Cowper arrived in 1809 and Rev. Robert Cartwright in 1810. Henry Fulton resumed his ministry but by 1818 there were still only 4 clergy in NSW. After 1818 there were a number of clergy who came to the colony — 4 in all.

Rev. John Youill, 1818, sent to Tasmania; Rev. Richard Hill, 1818, first placed at St. Phillip's then became minister in 1824 in the relatively new church of St. James.

Rev. John Cross, 1818, first sent to Windsor thence to Port Macquarie and the well-known minister of Campbelltown, Rev. Thomas Redall, who arrived in 1820 — a priest-schoolmaster who supervised the erection of St. Peter's, Campbelltown, and is buried in its historic churchyard.

At the end of Macquarie's term in 1824, there were still only 8 clergymen, not only solely to minister to the convicts, but also to a growing number of free settlers. In 1825 the British Government decided to dispense with convict chaplains and Thomas Hobbs Scott was appointed Archdeacon — Glebe lands were given to the clergy and handsome parsonages built (viz. Windsor). By 1833 there were 15 clergy in the colony and Bishop Broughton was consecrated Bishop of Australia and enthroned in St. James', King St., Sydney.

The first Catholic priest, Fr. Therry, was licensed in 1823 and it is of interest to note that the first Presbyterian minister, the Rev. John Dunmore Lang, arrived in 1834. Presbyterians were usually free and wealthy and there did not appear to be any Presbyterian convicts!!

By the 1830's, transportation of convicts was gradually diminishing, and there was an influx of free, but in the main, poor settlers for the clergy to minister to.

In 1836, the system was changed and state support was given to all denominations, not just the Church of England which, by 1853, had a bishop and 53 clergy.

Judging by the number of questions to Professor Cable, this lecture engendered much interest, and we are indebted to our guest speaker for giving of his time and energy.

P.G. Christian
Convenor

LECTURE EVENINGS FOR 1984

On Wednesday 15 February, we have Mr. Ken Reid to speak on the "Holtermann Collection". Mr. Reid, a member of the Fellowship, has been involved in the collation of this collection of historic photographs within the Mitchell Library and we look forward to an interesting evening complete with slides.

Wednesday, March 21st has been set down as a night for a general business evening. On behalf of the Executive, the President will give a report to members.

A programme for the remainder of 1984 will be advised in the next Newsletter.

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14 Fernglen Road
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Bondi 2026

Field Squadron
R.A.E.
Gallipoli Lines
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Wollongong 2500
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Punchbowl 2196

BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES INDEXES 1781-1900

Members wishing to do further research on branches of the families may now visit our new office and use the indexes on the Microfiche Reader. Assistance is available if needed.

For further information and appointments, please ring Mary Hope-Caten 407 1042.

GRAVES COMMITTEE:

Sunday, 13th November, 1983 was the day that plaques on the tombstones of Henrietta Fletcher and James Ruse were dedicated and unveiled at Campbelltown.

The day started with an outdoor pioneer service in the morning at St. Peters Anglican Church, after which morning tea was served.

The company then proceeded to the cemetery for the dedication and unveiling of Henrietta Fletcher's plaque.

Prior to the day the Church Council with the help of the Local Council had mowed the lawns and generally tidied the area up. The descendants of Henrietta Fletcher had had the tombstone revamped, repaired the gravesite and painted the railings and on the day placed flowers on the grave.

The service was commenced by our President Roderick Best who gave a short praise of our project and then invited Mrs. Pamela Quick, a descendant of Henrietta Fletcher, to give us details of the life and history of her ancestor. Mrs. Quick's talk appears elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Rev. J. Darlington, Rector of St. Peters Anglican Church, dedicated the plaque.

Mr. James Carter dressed as Governor Macquarie then unveiled the plaque.

After the completion of this service the company then moved to the fence along Moore St. where our President with other dignitaries and church representatives planted memorial trees.

Members of the Fellowship were then guests of St. Peters Anglican Church to a delightful lunch.

In the afternoon we went to St. Johns Catholic Church Cemetery for the unveiling and dedication of a plaque on James Ruse's tombstone.

We were delighted to see that the Catholic Church Historical Group had prepared the area for our service.

Roderick Best commenced the service and then invited Mrs. Janice Israel, a descendant of James Ruse, to give a short history of her ancestor.

James Ruse came out in the First Fleet as a convict and died 5th September, 1837.

The tombstone having been carved by James Ruse himself with dates and age completed by his family.

The plaque was dedicated by Father Bernard Dowdell and unveiled by Mr. Greg. Dillon, President of the Catholic Church Historical Group.

The day was voted a wonderful success by all who attended with the warm sun adding to the bright day.

Thanks are expressed to all who contributed to the day's success especially to Ron Kable who made two trips on the previous Saturday to instal the plaques.

Doug. Oakes
Convenor, Graves Committee

ST. JOHNS PARRAMATTA

In 1978 we visited St. Johns Cemetery Parramatta and placed plaques on the tombstones of the following First Fleeters.

Henry Edward Dodd	Died	29th January, 1791
David Kilpack	Died	30th November, 1797
John Herbert	Died	21st April, 1832
Deborah Herbert	Died	3rd June, 1818
John Palmer	Died	1st October, 1832
Thomas Eccles	Died	1st April, 1814
August Alt	Died	9th January, 1815
William Edward Elliott	Died	19th April, 1822

Since then we have been advised that the following First Fleeters are buried at St. Johns.

Hugh Hughes	Died	4th March, 1830
James Wright	Died	15th March, 1825
Israel Knight	Died	11th April, 1842
Jane McManus (nee Poole)	Died	26th November, 1826

A visit to the cemetery has revealed that all these graves have tombstones in good order and permission has been given for us to place plaques on these tombstones.

Would any member knowing of any other First Fleeter be they an ancestor or not that may be buried at St. Johns please advise us on 29 8007 from Tuesday to Friday of the details so that the information may be investigated.

We intend visiting St. Johns in the new year to have plaques placed on the known First Fleeters tombstones. Therefore your co-operation in supplying further details would be appreciated.

Doug. Oakes
Graves Convenor

HENRIETTA FLETCHER

The following is the text of a talk prepared by descendants of Henrietta Fletcher and read by Mrs. Pamela Quick (a member and a descendant) on the occasion of the fixing of the Fellowship's plaque on the headstone of Henrietta Fletcher in the churchyard of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Campbelltown, on Sunday 13 November 1983.

"As a descendant of Henrietta Fletcher I am honoured to give you a brief summary of her life in the colony of New South Wales.

Henrietta was born on the 22nd October 1787 on board the transport ship 'Lady Penrhyn' off the Cape of Good Hope, as the First Fleet sailed towards Botany Bay. Her mother was Jane Langley, who was charged at the Old Bailey in 1785 for stealing, and sentenced to 7 years transportation. Henrietta's father was Phillip Scriven, a foremastman on the 'Lady Penrhyn'.

In 1790, when the colony was on the verge of starvation, Governor Phillip sent two hundred convicts to Norfolk Island, including Henrietta and her mother. They stayed there until 1794, and on return to Sydney her mother

married Thomas Chipp, a marine, and Henrietta lived with them on a grant of land in the Bankstown area.

In 1807, at the age of 19, Henrietta and convict Edward Fletcher were married at St. John's Church, Parramatta. Henrietta was granted 30 acres of land to the north of the present town of Liverpool in 1809 — a grant which was cancelled and re-issued by Governor Macquarie. She was also granted land on the banks of the Nepean River in 1815, near the present day Springs Road at Narellan. Edward Fletcher was by now the District Constable at Campbelltown, and was granted land off the Camden Road near the junction of today's South Western Freeway.

They had two sons, Edward and John, and four daughters, Eliza, Susannah, Emma and Blanche. The youngest daughter, Blanche, was baptised by Thomas Reddall in St. Peter's, Campbelltown in 1825, shortly after the church was consecrated. Their eldest son, Edward, was married in St. Peter's in 1827, and their daughter Susannah is buried in this cemetery in the Chapman family vault. Descendants of Henrietta's children, Edward and Eliza, are here today.

A letter in the State Archives, written by Under Secretary T. C. Harrington, concerning land grants, states that 'Edward Fletcher is a tenant of mine residing on a grant which Governor Macquarie gave to this wife. Mrs. Fletcher was a cripple and nearly blind before her death and was an exceedingly reputable woman and bestowed great pains in the bringing up of her children'.

This is a fine tribute to one of our early pioneer women who knew of no other life but the hardships of the infant colony of New South Wales. Henrietta Fletcher was 40 years of age when she died.

On behalf of the descendants of Henrietta gathered here today, I would like to thank the Fellowship of First Fleeters, the Rector and Historian of St. Peter's Church, and the Airds Historical Society for allowing this plaque to be placed on Henrietta's grave and their assistance in our research."

NORFOLK ISLAND

The following interesting note was received from Mrs. Beryl Lewis after her recent visit to Norfolk Island:

"The plaque placed on the headstone of the grave of Thomas Headington, during a visit by members in 1980, is in perfect condition. It is withstanding the ravages of Norfolk Island sea air and weathering perfectly."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1983

We extend a warm welcome to the following 27 adult and 12 junior members and to 13 associate (spouse) members (in brackets):

First Fleet ancestors' names are shown in **heavy type**.

Thomas Arndell:	— Mrs Margaret Anne NEWTON
Thomas Arndell + Ann Forbes:	— Mrs Laraine JOY MOREL (Mr John Edward MOREL)
Thomas Arndell + Ann Forbes-Wm Dring:	— Mr Kevin Shane THOMPSON
James Bradley:	— Mr Kenneth Graham COLLINS (Mrs Lydia Ella COLLINS)
William Broughton:	— Mr David Murray GARLAND (Mrs Marguerite GARLAND)
Owen Cavanough—Margaret Darnell:	— Mrs Betty Mary CARR
John Cross:	— Mrs Joan P Vickers
Matthew Everingham:	— Mr Patrick John WOODS
Andrew Fishburn:	— Mrs Mona HARRISON
Robert Forrester:	— Mrs June Patricia LEROY
Philip Gidley King:	— Mr Pieter Alan REUS (Mrs Lorelle Denise REUS); Natasha Suzanne REUS (Jnr); Tanya Raelene REUS (Jnr)
Frederick Meredith:	— Mr John Albert RIEDY (Mrs Marilyn Therese RIEDY); Christopher John RIEDY (Jnr); David Paul RIEDY (Jnr); Alison Janine RIEDY (Jnr)
John Nicholls:	— Mr Allan James HIGHLAND (Mrs Fay Agnes HIGHLAND); Mrs Kerry Lesley EVANS (Mr Wayne Cyril EVANS); Katrina Kerry EVANS (Jnr); Shane Wayne EVANS (Jnr)
Anthony Rope—Elizabeth Pulley:	— Mrs Yvonne Catherine HELMRICH
Charles Peat—Hannah Mullens:	— Mr Desmond Thomas HAMMOND; Miss Karen Frances HAMMOND; Mark Thomas HAMMOND (Jnr); David Anthony HAMMOND (Jnr); Phillip Andrew HAMMOND (Jnr)
Richard Partridge—Mary Greenwood:	— Mrs Margaret Jean ARMSTRONG; John Robert ARMSTRONG (Jnr)
Ann Sandlin—John Winter:	— Mrs Joan Winifred JESSOP
James Sheers—Mary Smith:	— Mr Norman Bernard KINGHAM
John Small—Mary Parker:	— Mr Neville BLACKWELL (Mrs Pamela Mary BLACKWELL); Kieren Lyle BLACKWELL (Jnr)
Thomas Spencer—Mary Phillips + William Tunks:	— Mrs Annie Louise BARKER
Daniel Stanfield—Alice Harmsworth:	— Mr Brian Raymond WHITE
Mary Turner (Wilks):	— Mrs Rowena Louise WHITE
Ellen Wainwright:	— Mr Lowen Alexander HARDY
William Whiting:	— Mr Leslie Raymond EASTCOTT (Mrs Marion Lorraine EASTCOTT);
convict, "Alexander" (New F.F. ancestor)	Susan Michelle EASTCOTT (Jnr)

Also, the following spouses of earlier members:

Mrs Beryl WILLIAMS, wife of No. 827, Mr Raymond James WILLIAMS
 Mr Garry MAHER, husband of No. 2140, Mrs Jennifer F MAHER
 Mr Keith THOMPSON, husband of No. 2313, Mrs Patricia J THOMPSON
 Mrs Gaye L GIBBS, wife of No. 2432, Mr Philip GIBBS

Additional First Fleet Ancestors:

Frank Alfred Devine (No. 1720) has added Robert Forrester to his other FF ancestors.
 Philip Devine . . William Egglestone . . Mary Dickenson

MANLY COLONIAL DAY — Saturday, 28th January, 1984

The Manly Colonial Day Committee has issued an invitation for all to join in the celebrations of this Family Day, which is held in the grounds of St. Patrick's College at Manly.

Group Concession Tickets are available in groups of 20, for \$1.50 each. +1 bonus ticket for every 20 purchased. Single tickets are \$2.00, children 50c, and family tickets (covering 2 adults and 4 children) are \$5.00.

AUSTRALIA DAY FUN DAY — Sunday, 29th January, 1984.

All members of the FFF would be most welcome to come and join the fun on our No. 1 day of the year! This is the time for all Fleeters to show their numbers, by entering in the enthusiasm of the day. The place is Quay West Park at Circular Quay, where the re-enactment of the First Fleet landing and the proclamation are part of the features of the program. Also some of our members re-enact the first wedding ceremony. There's music, colonial dancers, raising of many flags with commentary on the history of the Australian flag, costume competitions, to name a few highlights. Last year TV reported on the day. The big Australia Day Birthday Cake is cut and a toast to the nation made. There are also dozens of stalls, and enough other happenings to keep you intrigued all day. Do come and make yourself known — remember the Bicentenary and support our interest.

The Fellowship will be holding a stall at these Australia Day celebrations at Circular Quay on Sunday, 29th January, 1984.

Donations of saleable items (e.g. jams, cakes, handiwork, etc.) are needed and should be left at the Fellowship Office during the previous week.

Offers of help with running the stall will be gladly accepted. Please contact Mrs. Naida Jackson at the Fellowship Office.

'WE ARE AUSTRALIA'

by Shirley Harwood

For I am Australia and today is my day,
And I came alive out of Botany Bay;
I arrived as a 'dwarf', just a small motley crew,
But a 'giant' I became as I flourished and grew.
Delivered in pain, I was wracked with despair,
With no thought to my growth I was left lying there;
The 26th day, the first month of that year
Was marked with a toast fraught with anguish and fear,
I was born out of need, with corruptness I came,
And my birth held no joy, only sorrow and shame;
But I suffered and grew as I staggered along,
No help from my 'Mother' and yet I grew strong.

I threw off my shackles that by then held me bound,
And lo! and behold! a great Nation was found;
A Nation that's worthy of your special pride,
For since I was born you have been by my side.
For you are my people, you are, one and all,
And you must unite or divided you'll fall;
Forget all the hatred, my birth and its shame,
Let's go forth together, One nation — One Name.
For you all are Australia and you all have that right,
Be you here by adoption, be you black, brown or white;
So here's to the Nation from Botany Bay,
For 'We are Australia' and today is our day!

(reprinted by kind permission of the Queensland Bicentennial Council).

The author is a Councillor of the Mulgrave Shire Council representing the area of Babinda, south of Cairns and also a member of the Mulgrave Bicentennial Community Committee. Shirley Harwood believes that people should not define themselves or in turn, be defined as anything other than 'Australian', not Greeks, not Italians, not Chinese, not Aborigines etc. but they should all be Australians. If you adopt a child then that child receives the same love as does a child which is your own natural born. The adopted child also receives your name. Therefore, history now decrees that all people, be they adopted or natural born, should be and are recognised as Australians.

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

WINDCHEATERS — navy or white (please give second choice)	\$15.00
T. SHIRTS navy, white or gold (please give second choice)	\$6.50 each
(Windcheaters & T-shirts: packaged & posted \$2 extra)	
Tea Towels — linen 4 designs - Waltzing Matilda, Historical NSW, Early Sydney. (4 colours), Old & New 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¢.

Compiling your Family History — \$3.00 (50¢ pack and post).

First Fleet Lists — \$2.00 (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.

NASH FAMILY (Est. 1981):

CONTACT: Mrs. Joan Rowe, Tel. (02) 46 5423

POSTAL: 84 Highfield Rd., Lindfield. 2070

Please contact secretary in January re proposed family reunion on 12th February, 1983.

JOHN RICHARD MEREDITH DESCENDANTS

Mrs. Mary McMillan, of "Ivanern", Tullamore NSW 2874, would like descendants of JOHN RICHARD MEREDITH (grandson of Frederick Meredith (FF)), who married Ellen Pettit, to contact her with the intention of exchanging information about the family.

"THE LUCAS REPORT"

Mr. Russell Lucas (Membership No. 1948) of Camperdown, Vic. has advised the FFF office that he has recently published a book which deals with the majority of the lines of his own ancestry but is also of interest to descendants of