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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Bowral on September 21st last was an unqualified success. 129 Members and Associates signed in.

At this Meeting, your Executive for the coming year was elected and we welcome the following new members to that body :

Mr Lloyd Allchin
Mrs Vicki Lamb

Mrs Shirley Beale
Mr Jim McLean

Mrs Pat Gilmour
Mrs Pam Quick

Former President, Mr Frank Everingham, steps into the position of Vice-President. Shirley Beale has taken on the task as Treasurer and we look forward to the contribution that she and the new members will make to the furthering of the ideals of the Fellowship.

Mr Eric Blair, who has been our Auditor for a number of years, has intimated that he will continue as Hon. Auditor until the date of Incorporation, which should be January 1st, 1987. Eric's association with the Fellowship goes back many years and we are indebted to him for his endeavours on our behalf.

On Wednesday, 10 September, at History House, the watercolour which was the gift to the Fellowship from the Artist, Tom Silk, was unveiled at an evening Ceremony. It is now proudly hanging in the F F F Rooms.

The Executive, at its August Meeting, decided to allow enquiries and information to be transmitted within First Fleet Families upon the receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope. In this regard, it would be appropriate if Family Societies would advise the Editor of a contact name or of possible restrictions in making this information available.

The Newsletter is to be presented in a new format which, the Committee is confident, will be well received. There will be new columns introduced gradually, the first of which will be LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (please keep them short) and SEARCH & RESEARCH. One will allow members to air their views, the other, it is hoped, will engender among members a greater interest in genealogy, family history, local history and Australian history.

Peter Christian

STOP PRESS

Owing to the delay in launching date of Iris Nesdale's latest historical work, "The Fettered & The Free", pre-publication offer enclosed has been extended to 20 December 1986. Don't miss out on a copy - make a promise for Christmas!!! Should be on the shelves in January '87.

MORE ABOUT BOOKS

"ASSISTANT SURGEON THOMAS ARNDELL - THE MAN HE WAS NOT". (Marjorie Raven). Having carried out careful and extensive research, Marjorie Raven has completed her first book on Asst. Surgeon Thomas Arndell claiming absolute proof that he was not of the Arundell of Wardour family in England before he arrived on the First Fleet. Interesting reading and available from Mrs Raven, 7 Griffin Avenue, Bexley, 2207 for \$12, including packing and postage.

Readers of "The Australians" series will be saddened to learn that the author, Vivienne Stuart (as William Stuart Long) died in August in England. A great loss to her many fans.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Our Honorary Librarian, Janette Beard (John Nichols), would like to thank the John Nichols Family Society for donating to the Fellowship library, a set of biographical notes for each of the family's nine branches, produced for their recent reunion at Cronulla.

Some other newsletters currently being received by the FFF Library are Tunks Talk, Fishburn Family Newsletter, Small Family Bulletin, The William Roberts & Kezia Brown Family Newsletter as well as the John Nichols Family Society Newsletter.

Janette would be pleased to receive copies of similar published notes and newsletters from other FFF families.

Please let us know if you hear of any new publications which may interest members.

Our families are hungry for news - all snippets are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1986 AT 7.00PM

President's Reception for new members -- in the Club Rooms, 3rd Floor, The Assembly Building, 44 Margaret Street, City. Everyone is most welcome to come to meet the President and other members of the Fellowship and enjoy refreshments, at the same time getting to know one another.

No Charge

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER 86, 7. for 7.30 PM

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER

to be held at the NEW SOUTH WALES LEAGUES CLUB, Phillip Street, Sydney. The function will be held on the mezzanin level, therefore it is more convenient to enter from Elizabeth Street.

Numbers are virtually unlimited -- make up parties of family and friends.

\$17 per head

RSVP to Miss Alice Clarke, Tel 428 4530
or to FFF Office, 29 8007

MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 1987, 7.30 PM

Come and celebrate the 199th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet at our

F F F AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER

on Monday, 26 January 1987

at The Menzies Hotel, Carrington Street, Sydney (in the heart of Sydney) at 7.30 pm.

Public Transport close by
Car Parking available

Make up a table of family and friends or come individually and meet other F F F members. New friendships are always made.

Tickets : \$35 single
\$70 double

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Living in the country, I make only short visits to Sydney to visit my family. As a direct descendant, on the maternal side, of William Broughton, I should take a greater interest in his life and accomplishments.

With this in mind, I believe that each Newsletter should carry an article on the life of one or more First Fleeters so that a history could be built up. I could produce a good story on Broughton, mostly fact, some could be fiction handed down through generations and altered or embellished to suit the story teller.

Facts could be checked and, no doubt, much useful information recorded and many historical facts may come to light and some good stories told.

I am no great authority on F F F being a newer member and living in the country. My idea may have been used before and rejected.

(sgd) David M Garland (2491)

ED: Thank you Mr Garland. Your suggestion is what we are looking for. Every family has something to tell!

On 22 June 1986, the Fredk. Meredith Descendents Group held a gathering to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Frederick Meredith.

As a major part of the day it had been decided to place a plaque recording the occasion on the headstone in the Liverpool Pioneer's Park in a style to complement that already attached by the FFF. I asked Doug Oakes' advice and, from the first phone call Doug volunteered his expertise. That the day was such a success is, in no small way, as a result of Doug's assistance. The purpose of this letter is to thank Doug from the Frederick Meredith Committee and to bring to the notice of the F F F the true Fellowship shown by their executive.

(sgd) Ken Meredith

ED: Thank you Mr Meredith for a bouquet. We don't get many and so it is doubly nice to hear from you. Yes, Doug and the other committees do a grand job.

I enjoy reading the Newsletter and would like to make a suggestion. The features about the First Fleeters are always interesting. I think it would be wonderful if a book could be printed, if possible, covering all the people on the First Fleet, containing these short, interesting stories. Would also love a pen and ink sketch of our emblem to frame, or a black and white copy. If others are interested, perhaps the Fellowship could consider selling these too.

(sgd) Mrs Shohan Baxter

ED: Again, two very good suggestions. Perhaps there is an artist who might submit the sketch??? We do sell a book, "The First Fleeters", which has a good many articles in it.

ANOTHER DATE TO REMEMBER

The Wednesday Afternoon Auxiliary is arranging a Christmas function for 3/12/86 and would like suggestions. Please address to Mary Hope Caten at the Office 29 8007.

There is an incredible amount of information and articles of interest, obituaries, jottings, the new committee, SEARCH & RESEARCH that we simply have no space to print in this Newsletter. There will be lots of Christmas reading in the December one.