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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

One of the questions often asked at Executive Committee meetings, "Do our members read the Newsletter?", had an unexpected answer in the replies we received from our questionnaire on the naming of the proposed new university in the western part of Sydney after Governor Phillip. We can now confidently state that at least one in nine members read the Newsletter and are sufficiently motivated to complete and return a questionnaire. The response was a great surprise and, had there not been four dissenters, there would have been a unanimous vote for Arthur Phillip's name to be given to the University. The Committee has now written to the Australian and NSW ministers for Education and advised them of your support for this proposal. Thank you for your enthusiastic response.

At the May meeting of the Executive Committee Mr. R. Best tabled the new draft constitution, which has now been thoroughly examined and agreed to by the Committee. The Committee is conscious of a very great debt to Mr. R. Best for his contribution in preparing the draft, not only for his legal experience in preparing a legalistic document, but also for his experience as a Past President, former Vice-President, member of the Executive Committee for many years and currently Treasurer of the Fellowship, and applying the knowledge so gained about the Fellowship to the preparation of this very important document. This is the eighteenth year of the Fellowship's existence and it seems appropriate that, in a modern sense, the Fellowship is now "coming of age" by the adoption of this new constitution which will confer a new status on it and its members. A formal notice elsewhere in this issue gives details of the Special General Meeting to be held.

Long-standing members will recall that the addresses of new members used to be published in the Newsletter. Following complaints from some members that they were receiving unwelcome enquiries from persons who had access to the Newsletter in public libraries, to which the Fellowship is required by law to supply copies, the Executive Committee decided to cease publishing the private addresses. Arrangements were made for the Fellowship's office to forward any mail when one member wanted to contact another member. This procedure has worked generally well. Recently some country members have requested that the addresses of other country members be published periodically in the Newsletter with a view to promoting better fellowship among those who are cut off from the facilities offered to Sydney metropolitan members. The Committee recognises the merits in both arguments and is interested to know what your views are, so please write indicating your approval/disapproval of either policy or make constructive suggestions for a different solution.

A facility offered by the Fellowship to all its members, but not generally appreciated, is its extensive library about the First Fleet now under the care of librarian Janette Beard. The Fellowship is affiliated with many other historical and genealogical societies and family history groups and receives from them copies of their journals and newsletters, which often contain interesting articles about the people of the First Fleet. Recently the Fellowship added to its microfilm collection a set of the Convict Indents obtained from the NSW Archives Office. These acquisitions can make a visit to the Fellowship's office not only an agreeable social occasion but an informative one too.

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**MEMBERS' NEWS**

Member Margaret Russell (William Tunks) has told us of her approaching marriage to Dr. Douglas Wilson of the CSR Buildings Materials Research Division. Margaret is Deputy Principal of Belmore North Public School, and the couple is honeymooning in the UK, where Margaret hopes to do some family research. On their return they will be living at Forestville. Our best wishes and congratulations to Margaret and Doug.

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**First Fleet Dancers:** Two of our younger members, Margo and Jennifer Collins, descendants of James Bradley, have gone overseas to further their careers as dancers. Margo left two years ago to dance with the Bluebells at the Lido in Paris, and now works with a British touring company in Switzerland, and Jenny has recently left Australia to join the same company. After Switzerland, they will go to London and follow with performances in Spain and Italy. So these two are seeing the world in their dancing shoes!

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Member Joan Bull is interested in hearing from any members in the Deniliquin area — please contact her at Lauriston, Deniliquin 2710 or tel (058) 84 6686.

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Committee member Suzanne Stanton marries Roy Williams in September. Roy is also descended from First Fleeters (William Nash/Maria Haynes) so they will become a DOUBLE TRIPLE F couple! Suzanne and Roy are looking for a flat in the lower north shore area — any members knowing of such a flat please contact Suzanne on 771 1490 (evenings).

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Joan Cox is happy to announce the arrival of another lovely grand-daughter, Phoebe Isabel, born on 14 May, 1986. Phoebe is daughter of Enid and Gary Peters of Engadine and a seventh generation descendant of Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes.

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Condolences are extended to the family of the late Mrs. Ina Inch who had reached the age of 90 when she died in March. Mrs. Inch was the grandmother of Mrs. Leigh Wallbank, who has just given birth to a daughter, Lucinda May, born 22nd April, eighth generation descendant of David Kilpack.

**VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Please contact the Secretary, Betty Loneragan, if you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee. We are particularly interested in hearing from young people.

**WEDNESDAY AUXILIARY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5th**

We have arranged an outing to Fort Denison. We will meet at 1.45 p.m. at No. 6 Jetty, Circular Quay, for 2 p.m. departure. Bookings are limited to 25 persons, so hurry and make your bookings now with Mary Hope-Caten at the FFF office. The cost will be (adults) \$4.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR MAY/ JUNE 1986

We extend a warm welcome to the following 29 new members, 7 junior members and 9 spouse associate members.

**Jacob Bellett:** Mr. John William PAYNE; (sp. Mrs. Desley PAYNE).

**Owen Cavanaugh — Margaret Darnell + Ann Forbes:** Mrs. Lee Dorothy JENNINGS.

**David Collins — Ann Yeates:** Mrs. Dorothy Mavis Collins McIVOR; (sp. Mr. Francis John McIVOR).

**John Cross:** Mr. Marshall William Alfred ADAMS; Mr. Trevor Garth MARTIN.

**Thomas Eddington:** Mrs. Gwen Amy WARD.

**William Eggleton — Mary Dickenson:** Mr. John Edwards SALOMON; (sp. Mrs. Jennifer Margaret SALOMON); Mrs. Ellen Josephine MOSS.

**Andrew Fishburn:** Mrs. Phyllis Annette LOCKARD; Mr. Stuart Frank LOCKARD; Miss Rhonda LOCKARD.

**Ann Forbes:** Mrs. Elsie Emily WINGROVE; Mrs. Olive Mary FORSTER; Mr. Ian Ronald FORSTER; Mr. Charles Andrew ROBERTS.

**Robert Forrester:** Mrs. Yvonne Elsie BULLOCK.

**Peter Hibbs:** Mr. Phillip William JOHNSON; (sp. Mrs. Hendrika Maria JOHNSON); Rohan Phillip JOHNSON (Jnr.); Yuri Charles JOHNSON (Jnr.).

**Henry Kable — Susannah Holmes:** Matthew Alexander WILLIAMS (Jnr.); Mrs. Beryl June SHELDRICK; Mrs. Mona Lurline LAMONT; (sp. Mr. Alexander W. Mc. LAMONT); Phoebe Isabel PETERS (Jnr.); Mr. Frederick Evelyn Lloyd ALLCHIN.

**Nathaniel Lucas — Olivia Gascoigne:** Mrs. Gloria Lyle BELCHER; (sp. Mr. Harold Gordon BELCHER).

**Frederick Meredith:** Mr. Raymond MEREDITH.

**William Nash:** Mrs. Louisa Elizabeth THOMAS.

**John Randall + John Martin:** Mrs. June Patricia GILMOUR; (sp. Mr. Colin D. GILMOUR).

**Daniel Stanfield — Alice Harmsworth:** Mrs. Joan Anges HATHAWAY; (sp. Mr. George HATHAWAY).

**William Tunks:** Drew Stuart Murray (Jnr.); Brent Stuart MURRAY (Jnr.); David Benjamin JACKSON (Jnr.); Lee Jonathon JACKSON (Jnr.).

**William Tyrrill:** Mrs. Florence Rose MALMBERG; (sp. Mr. Svante Birger MALMBERG); Mr. Carl Anders MALMBERG; Miss Karin Andrea MALMBERG.

### NEW FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:

John Martin, convict "Alexander"; Martha Kennedy, convict "Prince of Wales".

### ADDITIONAL FIRST FLEET ANCESTORS:

Miss Agnes Akers adds Martha Kennedy convict, "Prince of Wales" to Thomas Acres convict, "Charlotte"; the following family members; Mrs. Hazel Iona Riedy; Mrs. Jacqueline Anne Russell; Michael David Russell (Jnr.); Steven Paul Russell (Jnr.); Mr. John Albert Riedy; Christopher John Riedy (Jnr.); David Paul Riedy (Jnr.); and Alison Janine Riedy (Jnr.); add John Herbert convict, "Charlotte" and Deborah Ellam convict, "Prince of Wales" to Frederick Meredith seaman, "Sirius"; Mrs. Violet Moore adds William Roberts convict, "Scarborough" to Matthew Everingham convict, "Scarborough".

## BRITISH REGIMENTS IN EARLY AUSTRALIA

A special service will be held at the Garrison Church, Argyle Place, Sydney on Sunday, 3rd August at 10.30 a.m. to commemorate the contribution of members of the British regiments in the early days of the colony.

All those interested are invited to attend. Further details can be obtained from Rev. B. Seers on (02) 27 2664.

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 26 of the constitution, a Special General Meeting of the Fellowship has been called by the Executive Committee, to take place at the NSW Leagues' Club, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th July, 1986 for the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. To consider and approve a new draft constitution prepared by the Executive Committee.
2. To authorise the incorporation of the Fellowship as a limited liability company.

Copies of the draft constitution will be available at the meeting and may be obtained upon application at the Fellowship's office during normal office hours. Copies will be sent to members by post upon request.

## GRAVES REPORT

A record crowd was present on Sunday, 20th April, 1986 at the Christ Church, Kiama for the dedication of a plaque attached to the tombstone of Marine John Gowen, who had sailed aboard the HMS Sirius with the First Fleet.

Descendants came from Bateman's Bay, Canberra, Goulburn, Gateshead and Sydney to pay their respects. The church was packed with standing room only.

Vice President Douglas Oakes was master of ceremonies due to the President being overseas. Michelle Hapgood, a sixth generation descendant of John Gowen, read the history of her ancestor. (This will be printed in a future issue of the Newsletter.)

John Gowen was born around 1763, enlisted in the Marines in 1778 and arrived here as a corporal of the Marine. He first married Ordery Appleyard in 1805 and they had four daughters and one son. He married for the second time, as a widower, Mary Wood in 1821. John Gowen passed away 28th April, 1837 whilst visiting his married daughter Frances in Kiama.

The Mayor of Kiama, Alderman Arthur Campbell, lifted the Queen Anne flag which draped over the tombstone, thereby dedicating the attached plaque, and in his speech congratulated the Fellowship in honouring Kiama with this service. The tombstone will now be featured in Council literature as an important historical site for visitors to see.

The Rector of Christ Church, Kiama, Rev. Stephen Gabbot, ended the service with a short dedication prayer.

The descendants of John Gowen then gathered around the tombstone for the many photos that were taken to commemorate this historical gathering.

Thanks are extended to Geoff Squires for organising the day and attaching the plaque to the tombstone.

Douglas Oakes

## HELPERS WANTED!

The FF Office urgently requires more helpers during the day. This is your chance to get to know other members better and find out more about the workings of the Fellowship. Please contact 29 8007.

Members — please always use our post office box no. (N283, Grosvenor Street PO) when writing, and quote membership no. at all times!

It will help efficiency in the FF office greatly if we are advised promptly of any changes of address and telephone numbers.

**SPEECH AT F.F.F. GRAVE  
 COMMEMORATION  
 ST. PETERS, RICHMOND ON SUNDAY  
 20th OCTOBER, 1985**

Mr Christian, Mr Pilcher, Councillor Stubbs, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We are meeting here today to pay our respects by the dedication of a plaque to First Fleeter, Thomas Spencer, who died on "his farm" near Richmond Hill on 3rd February, 1821.

At the age of 27, Thomas Spencer came to Australia with the First Fleet on the transport ship "Scarborough" being at this time a Private of The Marines. The Society of Australian Genealogists advises that there are no records which give background, birthplace or previous military service of the Marines who served on the First Fleet. The Norfolk Island Victualling Book indicates that he reached the island on 4th November 1791 as a Marine Settler "from the detachment" (having been in Captain Shea's Company). On the 24th November he leased 60 acres of land that should rightly have been issued as a "grant forever." Lands Grants Records of 1795 state — "Thomas Spencer leased 60 acres at a rent of 3 pounds per year for 14 years commencing from 24th November 1791". Then a memo states "The original possessor of annexed farm had by some mistake received it only upon lease of 14 years, when as a settler from the Marine Corps he was entitled to have had it, as others in similar situations and circumstances had, a grant forever — it is now to be considered as a grant in the usual way to the present possessor, Mr Zachariah Clark. 4th September 1799. Signed — John Hunter."

"Historical Records of Australia in a 1792 list of Land Grants on Norfolk Island, shows "Thomas Spencer — private, Marines, Unmarried, 60 acres."

However, on 27th November 1791, a Mary Phillips, a First Fleeter 18 year old lass who had been convicted for stealing and been transported for 7 years and who had arrived on Norfolk Island on the Sirius which was shipwrecked on arrival at the island, gave birth to a daughter Sarah — of whom Thomas Spencer was the father. This is confirmed in a family prayer book handed down by Susan Smith (later to become Thomas Spencer's wife) to Charles Hadley who married his daughter Sarah.

In 1794, the Officer-in-Charge on Norfolk Island Lieut. Governor King, described Thomas Spencer in the official records as being "... a settler of unexceptional character". I would like to point out that the word "unexceptional" worried me ... until I went to my dictionary. The old time meaning is (and I quote) — "not open to criticism, beyond reproach; satisfactory, excellent". We can take it that Thomas Spencer was a man "not open to criticism, beyond reproach; satisfactory, excellent character". This eulogy resulted from information offered by Spencer, other settlers and convict to an official enquiry re a possible mutiny by the convicts, because of the unnecessarily harsh treatment by the military. King subsequently took steps to disarm the military.

Thomas Spencer departed Norfolk Island on 8th August 1795 "on leave to Port Jackson" but returned to the Island on the "Supply" in October the same year. Then again, in April 1796, he returned to Sydney and again by "Supply". In 1802 his next land grant is shown as 100 acres in the district of Mulgrave Place. Little is known from this date until the 1814 Windsor Muster which shows that he had settled on a farm together with a wife Susan Smith a woman who had come to Australia on the "Indispensable". Unfortunately little appears to be known, at Present, of this branch of Thomas Spencer's family.

Thomas Spencer continued farming in this district until his death over 164 years ago — on 3rd February, 1821. He leaves hundreds — if not thousands of descendants —

both here in Australia and in lands overseas — even to the ninth and tenth generations. His own daughter, Susan — born on Norfolk Island and later to marry Charles Hadley of Castlereagh, has a direct descendant, Jackie Flowers, still in residence at the original Hadley Park built in 1821. For those of you going on to the old Castlereagh Cemetery this afternoon — you'll find Hadley Park (the original) in Castlereagh Road almost opposite the turn off at Church Lane.

On behalf of this "unexceptional man" ... may I, with gratitude and respect, ask Councillor Stubbs to dedicate this plaque on First Fleeter, Thomas Spencer's grave.

Keith Webb

**FAMILY NOTICES**

All descendants of **Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes** will be interested in the Bicentennial Plate project. The 255mm (11") Westminster china plate commemorates the 200th anniversary of the couple's arrival in the colony, marriage etc. The plates may be obtained at the cost of \$25.00 each and shall be numbered and produced in a limited edition for the Bicentennial Year. All cheques/ money orders are to made out to "Kable Descendants", together with subscription of \$2.00 per person, \$5.00 per family, for the 1986 Kable Descendants'Newsletter, and sent to the Sydney Committee convenor, Mrs. Zillah Campbell, 5 Towri Place, Marsfield 2122. (Phone 86 1088 for further information.)

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**Herbert/Ellam:** would any descendants of these First Fleeters who are interested in the restoration of their grave headstones, please contact Bill Reidy, 31 Ellison Road, Springwood 2777 (telephone: (047) 51 3986)).

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**William Douglass — Mary Groves:** would descendants of the above please contact Val Douglass, 59 Wilfred Street, Lidcombe 2144, who is trying to compile a family tree.

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The **John Nichols** Family Society will hold their second reunion on Sunday, 17th August, 1986 at the Cronulla RSL Youth Club Building, Gunnamatta Park, Nichol-son Parade, Cronulla, from 10 a.m. All descendants of John Nicols and his wife Ann Pugh are welcome. Descendants include members of the Moss, Kellick, Finlay, Philp, Markey, Hughes, Kinsela, Williams and Johns families. More information from Barbara Coleman, 23 Maxwell Street, Turramurra 2074 — phone (02) 449 2429.

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Miss Alison Walters, R.D.2, Albany, Auckland 10, N.Z. is searching for descendants of John Nichols who was a convict arriving in the First Fleet, on the Scarborough. She writes that the descendants lived at Jamberoo and in particular seeks information on the children of John Pugh Nichols who died there on 23/1/1861; his wife was Rebecca Moss and they had 13 children.

## ELIZABETH ROPE

The following address was read by Mary Hope Caten at the plaque dedication ceremony at Castlereagh Cemetery on 20th October, 1985.

"We are gathered here today to honour our forebear Elizabeth Rope.

Born Elizabeth Pulley, possibly in 1761, she lived in the small town of Hethersett in the County of Norfolk, and was first convicted in 1779 for stealing food and clothing. On the night of December 24th, 1782 Elizabeth broke into the shop of Mrs. Elizabeth Minns, a widow, of Hethersett, and stole 2 cheeses, 4 pieces of bacon, several ½ pints of butter, ¼ stone of raisins, ½ stone of flour and 2 rolls of worsted. She was tried at Thetford on the 14th March 1783 and received the sentence of death, but later was reprieved and imprisoned in Norwich Castle until November 1786. A paragraph in the "Norwich Mercury" of 1st November, 1786 reads:

"A few days since, a letter was received by Mr. Gynne, keeper of the Castle, signifying His Majesty's pleasure that Elizabeth Pulley, Susannah Holmes and Ann Turner (three convicts under sentence of transportation) should be conveyed to Plymouth in the course of the first week in November, and there put on Board H.M. Ship "Dunkirk" bound for the new settlement at Botany Bay. They were accordingly last Monday taken from the said gaol and seemed not in the least dismayed at the length of their voyage or of their future fate." (The Dunkirk was a hulk.)

In May, 1787 Elizabeth, now aged 26, joined the transport "Friendship" and sailed with the First Fleet bound for NSW. When the fleet arrived at the Cape in October several of the women convicts were transferred to the "Prince of Wales". Elizabeth was among them, and their places were taken by sheep bought for the colony.

On arrival in Sydney Cove, Elizabeth Pulley married Anthony Rope, late of the parish of Rochford Essex, another convict, who arrived in the "Alexander" with a 7 year sentence for stealing. The marriage took place on the 19th May, 1788, with Elizabeth mason and John Summers as witnesses.

On Sunday the 25th May a supper party was in held in the Rope's tent to celebrate their wedding. The guests dined on sea pie which contained fresh meat. Capt. Collins examined Joseph Hatton, a wedding guest, concerning the disappearance of the goat, the property of Lt. George Johnston. Anthony and Elizabeth Rope, James Price and Samuel Day were committed for trial. Evidence was given the goat was found dead as though killed by an animal and Anthony Rope and John Price had taken the liberty of cutting some flesh to make a pie for the wedding dinner. All were acquitted.

Elizabeth was not before the courts again in the colony. On Sunday, 2nd November, 1788 the first son of Anthony and Elizabeth was christened Robert. He is claimed to be the first white male child conceived and born in Australia. Robert married Esther Mary Gambol in 1812.

The Rope's first daughter was christened in 1791, and named Mary. She had two children to Lt. Thomas Hobby, and married John Michael Ryan in 1816.

A grant of land comprising of 70 acres was given to Anthony Rope in 1792. This grant was at the Ponds, a settlement two miles N.E. of Parramatta (now Kissing Point Road, Dundas). Another daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1794, possibly died in infancy. John, born in 1795, who married Maria Field in 1817, and Sarah, born in 1798, who married Thomas Frost in 1815, were all registered at St. Johns, Parramatta.

By the early 1800's the family was residing on 40 acres of land rented from James Badgery on the Nepean. Susannah was born, possibly in 1801, and she married John Bradley in 1818. William born in 1805 remained unmarried. Their last child Elizabeth Ann was born in

1808. She had a son James to William Jones and married Thomas Player in 1826.

By 1828 Anthony and Elizabeth had 11 acres of land, all cleared and cultivated, and 5 horned cattle. They were together 49 years, most of the time spent in the district of Evan with their children, grand-children and great-grandchildren living close by the area known as the suburb of Rope's Creek.

Elizabeth died in 1837 and is buried next to her son William and grand-daughter Eliza Frost, and possibly Anthony is buried here but no headstone remains. She saw the beginnings of the colony and lived through the hardships of famine and floods. We are proud to be descended from Elizabeth Rope, truly one of Australia's founding mothers."

## THE SELECT FEW

It has always been believed by the majority that those convicts to be sent to the new colony of New South Wales were only persons possible to have been selected for the journey.

What is little known is that the chosen few were in many cases envied by a number of free persons who made attempts to gain passage to travel to the new land.

Upon reading an article entitled "A London Newspaper on the Founding of Botany Bay, August 1786 — May 1787" by Ged Martin (RAHS Journal Vol. 61, p.2) I was most interested to find reference to such cases. I felt it would be valuable to relate some examples from the article.

"The Home Office received almost daily application through the autumn of 1786 from skilled tradesmen who could not find work in England. According to the newspaper 'The Register', it did not know "whether they would be accepted" but a limited number of several different professions we suppose, will of necessity have leave to go. Some evidently thought of New South Wales as another Bengal, where there was easy loot to be had. Public belief in the riches of the colony was shown by the vast number of persons daily applying for leave to go out to share the fortune of the new colonists".

One wife and mother of the felons wanted passage. A group of women called at the Treasury begging to be allowed to accompany the expedition. The Treasury dismissed the idea as absurd. The Under Secretary, Evan Nepean, promised their case would be considered. According to this newspaper, the matter was referred to William Pitt. The economy of the expedition, however, would not allow for such privileges, so the requests were refused.

The idea of a new colony with only felons as settlers did not decrease the crime rate.

Some deliberately went about seeking to be arrested for sentence and a trip to the new land. One soldier deliberately committed robbery "in order to be sent to Botany Bay". He was, however, unlucky enough to be sent to the African colonies instead! One unfortunate young man refused to accept a reprieve from the gallows because his girlfriend would not marry him. She changed her mind and he apologised for his obstinacy and begged unsuccessfully to join the expedition. Other convicts were sent to Tristan da Cunha to help southern whalers. Still others were sent to the coal mines of Blackheath. So it seems that the "selected few" were select indeed, and for those who lived and prospered finally in the new colony, maybe after all, they were the lucky ones!

— contributed by Zillah Campbell

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### NORFOLK ISLAND BICENTENARY TOUR

Thanks to all those who have sent in deposits for the tour — these people are now on the booked list. Many people had questions to ask, and I hope the following explanation will help.

The planes will leave Sydney at 10.50 a.m. and arrive at Norfolk Island at 4.30 p.m. Those people flying in from other states will be able to get a concession fare — details available early next year — which will be firm and not subject to any future rise in fares. These flights will be scheduled to link up with the Norfolk Island flight. There should be no difficulty for those who wish to travel either on the Friday or Saturday planes, and preferences have been noted.

Requests have been received from some people for single rooms — requests have been noted but the organisers cannot be sure of granting them as accommodation on the island is limited. For this reason, we would like to hear from all those who showed interest, to let us know whether we should still try for accommodation for you — because, although the celebrations are nearly two years away, the Island is filling up rapidly.

Wynne Anderson

### SONIA'S SCHOOL PROJECT

An interesting letter has arrived from Mrs. Betty Carr of Faulconbridge in reply to our request for interesting items — "We Want to Know".:

"My grand-daughter, Sonia Carr, aged 11, recently had a project assignment at school, and Sonia chose for her subject "The First Fleet". She put a lot of time and effort into her work, and even before putting pen to paper, Sonia had to stand before the class and give a five minute speech on her chosen subject, and how and where she was going to research it. A mark of 19½ out of 20 was awarded for this section of the project.

The actual finished project was given a mark of 95%, with the highlight being the direct line of descendants from Owen Cavanaugh/Margaret Darnell to herself, Sonia Louise Carr. Her teacher commented on her ingenuity and research.

I thought you may be interested in this child's view for the newsletter. Sonia is keen to learn of her ancestors, and shares my interest in delving into the past."

Well done, Sonia! and thanks to Betty for letting us know about this fine effort.