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### From the President

It was good to see so many Members at our Annual General Meeting on 28th September 1977. I feel very honoured to have been re-elected your President for a third term. I sincerely welcome the new Officers -- Mr Roy Kable as Vice President, Mrs Sally Kalina and Mrs Lorna Muncaster as Executive Committee Members. There is much to be done, and I'm sure, together with the previous Committee Members, they will have a great deal to contribute.

We are planning now for Australia Day 1978, and it is not so far off! Tickets for the Dinner are already selling, and may I ask when sending for tickets, if you wish to be on a certain family table, you say so in your application. I hope many are arranging costumes to add colour to our outdoors activities.

On Tuesday 11th October we made our usual pilgrimage to lay a wreath of honour on the Phillip Memorial in the Botanical Gardens on the 239th Anniversary of the birth of our first Governor, Arthur Phillip R.N. The following Families were represented: Kable, Broughton, Tunks, Rope and Small. This was followed by morning tea in the Gardens, which made a very happy morning.

It is wonderful to welcome back our Hon. Editor, Mrs Joan Ross, after her overseas trip, and heartfelt thanks are extended to her husband, Keith, for editing the Newsletter in her absence.

Beryl Lewis.

### ANNUAL DINNER

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Date: Saturday 28th January 1978.

Place: Wentworth Hotel, Sydney.

Price: \$12 per person.

Applications must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and your remittance. Remember -- "No Money, No Ticket"! Also note: Numbers are limited, so please make up your party now. Applications should be sent to Mrs Beryl Lewis, 88 Avoca Street, Yagoona 2199.

### Dick Markwell

Members who know him will be pleased to hear that Dick Markwell is making an excellent recovery after an operation in the Concord Repatriation Hospital. All the best, Dick.

### Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected for 1977/78 at the Annual General Meeting on 28th September:

Patron: Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.

Vice Patrons: Mr Dudley Oakes, Mr J. H. Luscombe, Mr John Harris.

President: Mrs Beryl Lewis.

Vice Presidents: Mr Doug Oakes, Mr Roy Kable.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs Marjorie Raven.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr Ray Meredith.

Executive Committee: Mr Eric Blair, Mesdames Naida Jackson, Mary Bailey, Colleen Bernath, Patricia Cairns, Thelma Guy, Margaret Markwell, Joan Ross, Joan Stear, Barbara Townsend, Sally Kalina and Lorna Muncaster.

Hon. Solicitor: Mr Paul Jurd.

Hon. Auditor: Mrs Patricia Kable.

### Membership Committee

The following Members have recently been welcomed into the Fellowship:

Mrs Beverly Christensen, Miss Amanda Christensen, Master Ross Christensen and Miss Bronwyn Christensen, all of Mt Colah. (First Fleeter, Owen Cavanough)

Mrs Doreen Hassall, North Rocks. (First Fleeter, William Tunks)

### Australia Day Exhibition

The Fellowship's Exhibition Day is a little over three months away -- not long at all. The suggestion has been made by a couple of Members that we meet one week-night soon for an end-of-day "tea and talk" session.

Mrs Hosking, M.B.E., known in the theatrical world as Thea Rowe, has kindly agreed to help with advice for folk willing to dress as either adults or children belonging to that period from 1788 to the early 1800's.

Please ring and suggest a suitable day and time for meeting and sorting out ideas for the Exhibition. The place to meet will be, of course, Room 312 on the 3rd Floor, Assembly Building. Numbers to ring: 982 8014 (Mrs Naida Jackson) and 43 4075 (Mrs Mary Bailey).

### William Broughton

(This is the address given by Mrs Mary Bailey at the unveiling of the plaque on William Broughton's tombstone, at Liverpool Memorial Cemetery on 14th August last):

William Broughton was born in Chatham, Kent, in 1768. At 19 years of age he came to New South Wales as a servant to the Surgeon-General of the First Fleet.

He was appointed storekeeper at Parramatta in 1789, and then in 1800<sup>PT</sup> became storekeeper and Acting Deputy Commissary at Norfolk Island. In 1805 he was Deputy Commissary of Stores in New South Wales. Four years later he was appointed a Magistrate, while at the same time acting as Commissary until Governor Macquarie restored John Palmer to the post.

In 1810 William Broughton was again Acting Commissary, then Deputy Assistant Commissary General in 1813. (Continued on Page 3)

William Broughton (Continued)

After recommendation from the Governor he was promoted to Acting Assistant Commissary General for a salary of £365. He was posted to Hobart Town in the Commissariat, and resumed duties in Sydney in 1818.

Small plots of land were granted to William Broughton in 1793 and 1795, then 1000 acres near Appin in 1811.

He was a large shareholder and a director of the first bank in Australia -- the Bank of New South Wales.

Between 1792 and 1807 he had five children by Elizabeth Heathorn (alias Ann Glossop). Then later in 1810 he married the widow of Captain Roger Simpson, Elizabeth Charlotte, daughter of Ellen and James Kennedy of Kent.

William died in 1821, and his widow lived until 1843.

Bath, Bathampton

(Extract from one of the letters written from England by the Hon. Editor during her recent overseas trip):

Bath is a really beautiful city and the most impressive I have seen, with its beautiful crescents, Abbey, Roman Baths, Weir and lovely gardens. We spent several hours having a look at it in the evening, and then Mr Vivian met me on Saturday morning and took me to the Phillip Memorial at Bathampton Church.

We also visited the house at Bathampton where Phillip spent a lot of time, also Bath Abbey, where there is a plaque to Phillip, then finally to his home at Bath which has the basement still as it was in Phillip's day.

Phillip's home in Bath is now owned by the local Council and the top stories have been converted into flats, but nothing has been done with the basement. Mr Vivian is trying to raise £10,000 to keep the basement as a fitting memorial to Phillip, retaining what remains of the original furniture.

Incidentally, an architect from the New South Wales Government, a Mr J. Fitzhenry, had called on Mr Vivian to check on the details and see Phillip's home.

It was a strange feeling to be actually in the house Phillip lived in -- not preserved as a tourist attraction but more or less exactly as it was when he was there, because nothing has been done to it for 150 years.

Surely, with this unique opportunity and with Mr Vivian's enthusiasm and knowhow, the Fellowship can do something towards preserving and improving this memorial to such a great man.

(Note: Mr Vivian is the honorary architect to the Bathampton Church, and was mainly responsible for the Phillip Memorial Chapel in the church).

The Late Mr Alan Edward Youdale

The death occurred on 7th October (suddenly) of Mr Alan Edward Youdale, of Willoughby. Mr Youdale was a foundation member of the Fellowship, and was the first Chairman of the Membership Committee. He was also associated with the Returned Services League, the Legion of Ex-Servicemen and the Masonic Lodge.

The Fellowship extends sincere condolences to Mr Youdale's family.

"Honour Thy Father and ....."

(By B. Garth)

I continue to be challenged by Macaulay's comment "People who take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants".

As a young boy I don't know if I ever posed the question "Dad, where did I come from?" but I do know I did ask "Dad, where did you come from?" He answered "Valiant Street, Collingwood!" "I know that, Dad, but where did our family originate?" "The only clue I have, son, is your grandfather's comment that he shipped from Hobart as a young man on a whaling ship".

And so began for me a real-life adventure, a search, sometimes leisurely, sometimes hurried, in musty tomes and modern tales. A hunt that twisted and turned, but inexorably led back to a dock in the Old Bailey, London, on Wednesday 8th December, 1784.

Here, before Lord Loughborough and the first Middlesex jury, a young boy of 16 named Edward Garth was "indicted for feloniously stealing on the 29th day of October last, two live cows, value £17, the property of Thomas Rhodes the younger".

Being found guilty he was "humbly recommended to mercy by the jury", whereupon His Honour sentenced him to death — one hesitates to consider the penalty that may have obtained but for the jury's compassion. Fortunately for me, Edward's death sentence was "respite on condition of transportation to Africa for 7 years".

Now Shakespeare makes it abundantly clear that "the quality of mercy is twice blessed; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes". In my case I am certainly twice blessed — not only was the sentence of my great-great-grandfather commuted but also that of my great-great-grandmother. She, poor innocent soul, had fallen into bad company and was convicted with one Elizabeth Dugdens for "feloniously stealing nine guineas and one half-guinea, the monies of William Waterhouse, privily from his person" . . . or in colloquial terms, "rolling a drunk".

One might well ask "Does crime pay?" If either of those two young persons had "gone straight" my tale would not be told.

Finally on 26th January, 1788, in company with Governor Arthur Phillip, Edward and Susan arrived in Australia. In passing it should be noted that the mortality rate in the First Fleet under Government control was 3% while the rate in the Second Fleet under the control of private enterprise was 26%.

Within three weeks of landing at Botany Bay Mr and Mrs Garth were in a group of 25 sent to Norfolk Island to forestall the French and protect those magnificent Norfolk pines which Captain Cook saw as providing strong, straight masts for His Majesty's Navy.

Here again perhaps unseen forces were at work. Susan was not chosen in the original group with Edward, but one of the women withdrew and Susan took her place. All were chosen by Surgeon Bowes as "of good character".

Apparently Edward subscribed to the philosophy "If you can't beat them, join them". He is described in records as Head Sawyer. However, there was one episode of backsliding. Lt. Philip Gidley King records in his journal 1789 "Edward Garth, a Convict, was punished with 100 lashes on the 6th July for stealing three quarts of wheat".

(To be Continued)

Coming Events

2nd November: Lecture, Board Room, Assembly Building.

28th January 1978: Annual Dinner, Wentworth Hotel.

30th January 1978: Australia Day Exhibition, The Rocks. Presentation of Loyal Address, Government House.

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