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### From the President

What a wonderful day we had on Saturday 25th August, when a group of Members had a Search Day at St Matthews, Windsor. The weather was very kind and our search quite successful. Mrs Hazel Barnard opened her lovely old home at Richmond to us for lunch, and I am sure everyone joins me in thanking her for her hospitality. During the afternoon we visited the Church of England at Richmond and found at least two First Fleeter graves there. Amongst our number was a new Member who came from Cowra especially to help us -- that is really fellowship!

On Saturday 18th August we had the privilege of inspecting the Sacred Heart Convent at Rose Bay, a truly beautiful Horbury Hunt building. The chapel was breathtaking. The altar and carvings are all the work of this architect extraordinaire. From Rose Bay we went to Vacluse House and had lunch in the lovely grounds before proceeding to explore this historic home of W. C. Wentworth. Our lecture convener, Mrs Sally Kalina, arranged this day, and I thank her most sincerely.

During August I was guest speaker at the View Clubs of Hunters Hill, Drummoyne and Penshurst. Owing to illness I was disappointed to miss the Ward Havard Lecture at the Liverpool Historical Society.

We have had a very good response to the proposed trip to Norfolk Island. All those who have booked will be hearing from me in the very near future.

I look forward to seeing as many Members as possible at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 21st September at 7.30 pm.

Beryl Lewis.

### 101st Birthday

Mrs Ethel Hope Carruthers (Hugh Hughes), of King Street, Eastlakes, will celebrate her 101st birthday on 28th September.

On her 100th birthday last year, which was recorded in the Newsletter, Mrs Carruthers received congratulatory telegrams from the Queen, the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, the Premier, Mr Wran, and Federal and State Parliamentarians. She also received a personal letter from the Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen, and a letter under seal from Botany Municipal Council -- it is very rare for a letter to be sent to an individual under Council seal, only on special occasions.

Mrs Carruthers (nee Hughes) has lived in the same house in King Street, Eastlakes, for about 65/70 years. Incidentally, the house has had three postal addresses in that time: first North Botany, then Mascot, now Eastlakes. She has four children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is still in reasonably good health, and is mentally alert. One of her sons lives in the house with her. She is the Fellowship's oldest Member.

Mrs Carruthers' grandfather was the son of the First Fleeter Hugh Hughes, who came out in the Alexander. Hugh Hughes, a wheelwright, is believed to have made the first wheels in Australia.

One interesting point is that Mrs Carruthers in her lifetime has lived for more than half of Australia's age.

(Information from a grandson, Mr Reuben Humphry, a First Fleeter)

## Membership Committee Report

The following new Members are welcomed into the Fellowship:

Stephen K. James, Croydon. (Anthony Rope & Elizabeth Pulley)

Mr Ian James, Baulkham Hills. (William Tunks)

Brian James, jnr, Robert James, jnr, Miss Leanne James and Stuart James, jnr, Baulkham Hills (children of Mr Ian James). (William Tunks)

Rev. Ronald S. Arndell, Greenacre. (Dr Thomas Arndell)

Miss Sarah P. Workman, Timothy J. Workman, Nicholas A. Workman and David W. Workman, Gordon. (William Broughton)

Mrs Joan M. McGrath, Kawana Waters, Queensland. (Peter Hibbs)

Mrs Janet A. Wade, Killarney Heights. (Matthew Everingham)

Miss Patricia D. Windred, Newtown. (William Roberts)

Another First Fleet name has come into the Fellowship -- Peter Hibbs.

Membership Committee.

## Norfolk Island -- Lecture Night, 15th August 1979

The speakers for this lecture were two architects who have been working on the restoration of the fine collection of colonial Georgian buildings on Norfolk Island.

The first speaker, Mr Taylor, gave us a short history of the island, which was uninhabited when discovered by Capt. Cook in 1774. Cook reported that its tall, straight pine trees would be useful for masts and yards for the Navy's ships, and its abundant flax could be used for sail making. So, before leaving England, Phillip had been instructed to send a party to occupy Norfolk Island.

Lieut. King was sent in the Supply in February 1788 with a small party to make the first settlement. gradually the dense rainforest was cleared, and buildings and farms were set up in the area known today as Kingston. They were able to grow enough to feed themselves, helped by the muttonbirds which nested there and were killed in their thousands.

But the island was expensive to administer, communication was difficult, and it was felt that the settlers and convicts would be better employed at Van Diemen's Land. The people were withdrawn, the buildings fired, and the settlement abandoned in 1814.

A second settlement was established in 1825, as a gaol for the worst convicts. During the second settlement most of the buildings were erected. But once again administrative problems, shipping difficulties and adverse reports on the very harsh treatment of convicts caused the closure of the settlement.

The third period began in 1856, when the descendants of the Bounty mutineers, some 194 persons, were transferred from Pitcairn Island to Norfolk Island. Over the years various industrial projects have been tried, but all have failed. Since the building of the airstrip during the war, tourism has been encouraged, and this has become the main source of the island's income.

The second speaker, Mr Tanner, then took over to tell us about the work of restoring the buildings. He was able to illustrate his talk with slides, showing Lugard's drawings and plans for many of them, their condition in the 1950s, and their condition today after restoration.

Government House, the largest residential building, has received the most sympathetic treatment. With its stone paved verandah, large rooms and beautiful woodwork, it is now a most gracious residence

for the Administrator. The other residential buildings are the ten houses of Quality Row. Many of these were reduced to roofless shells but have now been restored, following the original plans. The old Military Barracks now houses the Public Works Depot, and the old Commisariat Store is now All Saints Church.

All these buildings are surrounded by the beauty of the landscape. The weathered sandstone blends in with the sea, the grass and the pine-clad hills. The work of preserving this beauty is of inestimable value for the future.

J. C. Cowell.

#### Some Bloodworth Descendants

The small Central Tablelands town of Rylstone is proud of its links with Australia's early history. Many descendants of First Fleeters -- Philip King, James Bloodworth, Sarah Bellamy, Anthony Rope, Elizabeth Pulley and John Bayliss -- live there, as well as descendants of famous early settlers such as Richard Fitzgerald, George Howe, William Cox and John Harris, the cousin of James Cook.

James Bloodworth's granddaughter Anne made her home at Rylstone in the early 1840s, and her son William Lee Brown took up land in the 1880s adjoining the grant given by Gov. Macquarie to William Cox's son Edward. William Brown called his property and the mountain overlooking it "Mount Brace". This, incidentally, is the only free-standing spur of the Great Dividing Range.

When William retired in 1919 he sold his sheep-grazing property to his son-in-law Percival Clarke. Percival's son Lee now manages "Mount Brace".

Ula and Alice Clarke, Percival's daughters, have sold their interest to their nephew David Clarke, and are now living in Lane Cove. Alice, assisted by Ula (together with Joan Cox), has taken over the running of the Fellowship's office, Room 312 in the Assembly Building, when it opens on Fridays.

#### Invitation to Lady Mayoress' Ball

Invitations have been extended to Fellowship Members to attend the Lady Mayoress' Ball, to be held in the Town Hall, Sydney, on Friday 26th October 1979. Tickets: \$50 per double. Guest of honour will be Sir Laurence Street, Chief Justice of New South Wales. Any Members wishing to attend are asked to contact the President, Mrs Beryl Lewis, on 709 8974.

#### Wanted to Purchase

Copies of "Pioneers of Portland Head", by R. M. Arndell. Prepared to pay new price. J. C. Cowell (tel. 57 3059).

#### Toast by President at Inaugural Dinner

Below is the toast proposed by the President, Mrs Beryl Lewis, at the Inaugural Dinner of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations, held at Bruce Hall, Australian National University, Canberra, on Saturday, 30th September 1978:

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen - Driving in from the airport yesterday I had three thoughts in my mind -- a quotation, the Federation and the season. For the young leaves and blossoms were bursting on the trees. The seeds of this Federation were gathered in Melbourne in April 1977, they were sown in the National Capital in March 1978 (in the autumn) and now in the spring, again in the National Capital, we see germination.

What better time to have the inauguration than now, the season of new life; the sap is rising and beautiful trees are ready to burst into

bloom. This is just what this Federation is doing. It is bursting into life.

In this country there does seem to be a resurgence of interest in Family History. I notice this in my own group, the Fellowship of First Fleeters, and after all why not, for the Family is the Hub of our Society.

There is a Biblical quotation which says, "Remember the rock from which ye are hewn" -- how well this applies to our aims. This Federation must succeed, we must step up the stairs of success, not just stare up steps. The group so far represented is but a microcosm of an untapped potential.

Australia is a young and vital country -- our 190 years are but a grain of sand in the hourglass of world history, and it is people such as we who are gathered here tonight who must see that true history is recorded -- not just fables and quaint stories handed down from one generation to another.

I feel very strongly on this subject, we must always search for the truth. But I haven't told you of the quotation I was thinking of.

In 1937, when a child at school, it was the "in thing" to have an autograph book, and my headmaster wrote in mine, a quotation from "The Merchant of Venice" -- "How far that little candle throws its beam, so shines a good deed in a naughty world".

I didn't understand it then, but maturity brought understanding, and it has taken 40 years for me to use it. How admirably it suits this Federation. We are certainly a very small candle, but oh! how far we can throw that beam. We can truly stand out as does a good deed in this sad old world.

It is my earnest wish that this Federation will prosper and grow, both in reputation and size, and emulate Shakespeare's "little candle" and and throw our beam to all corners of this country. It means hard, constant work, but nothing is ever achieved without it. Idealism is not enough. We must all work together for a common goal, and before asking you to join me in drinking this toast, may I leave you with the following words, written so long ago by Longfellow: "Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us, footprints in the sand of time".

Now will you all be upstanding and drink to the success and longlife of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations.

#### Greycliffe House

(An extract from an article from the "Ports of New South Wales" Journal on Greycliffe House appeared in the June 1979 Newsletter. Here is a further extract)

Late in the 1890s Greycliffe House was gutted by fire, the cause of which was never officially established; although it was claimed by some that a gardener was burning off leaves at the time and a spark carried into the hayloft above the stables. Once the fire took hold, there was little chance of stopping the spread to the main house, as the only water available came from a single well.

The devastating fire marked the beginning of a period of neglect for the entire Wentworth estate, including Vacluse House, and it deteriorated rapidly until the turn of the century. It was at this time that a group of people known as the Foreshores Vigilance Committee was urging the State Government to return private lands surrounding Sydney Harbour to the Public Estate.

And so, in 1912, the Government of New South Wales decided to resume the entire Wentworth Estate and assign Greycliffe House for the purpose of hospital use. On November 19 of the following year Greycliffe was officially named The Lady Edeline Hospital for Babies by the then Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. W. A. Holman. The new hospital's primary aim was to treat children suffering from gastro-enteritis.

Early Encounters Between Europeans and Aborigines in N.S.W.

(Continuing Ena Harper's papers on the subject, reprinted by kind permission of Ashfield Historical Society and Ena Harper. The previous instalment concluded with the telling of an "unhappy incident" involving Governor Phillip and the natives. Phillip had bought a fish from some natives, paying for it with small presents. Another native had snatched the fish from Phillip, who then took back all the presents)

We cannot forget that the Europeans had progressed beyond the stage of being food-gatherers and nomads. For centuries they had lived a settled life in villages, towns and cities, and as a settlement they could not regress to reliance on gathering berries or killing an occasional kangaroo.

At this point we may ask the question, "Would the Aborigines have been allowed to remain in entire possession of the continent forever without having their land invaded by the Europeans?" Evolution and history say, "No". Their way of life had been too static. Change had to come.

As we have seen when considering the settlement of Sydney, the English only wanted to make another England here by planting their own crops, trees and flowers. They were interested in the Australian flora mainly from a botanical point of view. This can be seen from a perusal of the Journals.

To continue, all the Europeans, even Phillip, saw the Aborigines as inferior beings, and it must be confessed that it was not really surprising. Their appearance was not prepossessing. Bradley, when he went to survey the harbour with Captain Hunter, describes some of them in the following words:

"They were all entirely naked, old and young. The men had their beards long and very bushy, their hair hangs about their heads clotted with dirt and vermin. Some of them had the teeth of some animal and pieces of bone stuck in their hair with gum. They are so dirty that it is hard to tell the real colour of their hides ...."

It was surely no wonder that the European officers did think that these people were not on a level with them. However, there seems to have been good humour and friendliness on both sides for several weeks. Then a note of discord begins to creep into the story.

Where did the blame lie? It is hard to say who were the real culprits. Phillip and Bradley both tell of an incident on March 8. Here is Phillip's story:

"When we returned two days afterwards where the old man had been so friendly he met us with a dance and a song of joy....A hatchet and several presents were made them....but when it was dark he stole a spade, and was caught in the act. I thought it was necessary to show I was displeased with him, and therefore, when he came to me, pushed him away and gave him two or three slight slaps on the shoulder with the open hand, at the same time pointing to the spade. This destroyed our friendship in a moment, and seizing a spear he came close up to me, poised it, and seemed determined to strike; but whether from seeing that his threats were not regarded -- for I chose to risk the spear rather than fire on him -- or from anything the natives said who surrounded him, after a few moments he dropped his spear and left us".

Only a few days later an event occurred which was recorded by Bradley, Worgan and Surgeon Arthur Bowes. It tells of increasing conflict, and emphasises how the Aborigines had come to desire the white man's superior tools and equipment. Bradley tells of it as follows:

".....some of the natives came to a place where a party of the convicts had been left to cut rushes, and finding them unarmed wanted to steal their tools. Being opposed, they threw their spears at the convicts,

### "Early Encounters" (continued)

which they very wisely picked up and broke to pieces. When they had thrown all their spears and saw them all broken to pieces, they threw a few stones and ran away. One of the convicts was wounded".

An increasing use of weapons on both sides can be noted. Bradley tells of another encounter not long after:

"Captain Meredith up the harbour met several of the natives....They were very familiar and had many things from him, but after he left them....a spear was thrown that passed near him. He levelled his musket, which they perceiving got behind the trees. He fired a ball among them, on which they shouted but did not all run away. A convict who had been out to gather greens with another convict returned having met with a part of the natives who beat him severely with their throwing sticks and then let him go".

It is very hard to lay the blame for the clashes that occurred on any particular individual or group of people. Indeed, some put the blame first and foremost on the convicts. Phillip tried to take every precaution to prevent friction between the two races. But he was not superhuman. He could not prevent convicts or sailors from picking up native weapons and artifacts left lying among the rocks for selling to seamen as curios, nor Aborigines from stealing white men's tools whenever they had a chance.

Collins tells of happenings which caused discord between the two races:

"Every precaution was used to guard against a breach of this friendly and desirable intercourse, by strictly prohibiting every person from depriving them of their spears, fizzes, gum or other articles, which we soon perceived they were accustomed to leave under the rocks, or loose and scattered about upon the beaches. We had, however, reason to believe that these precautions were first rendered fruitless by the ill conduct of a boat's crew belonging to one of the transports, who, we were told afterwards, attempted to land in one of the coves at the lower part of the harbour, but were prevented, and driven off with stones by the natives.

"A party of them (Aborigines), consisting of 16 or 18 persons, some time after landed on the island (later known as Garden Island) where the people of the Sirius were preparing a garden, and with much artifice, watching their opportunity, carried off a shovel, a spade and a pick-axe. On their being fired at and hit on the legs by one of the people with small shot, the pick-axe was dropped, but they carried off the other tools.

"To such circumstances as these must be attributed the termination of that good understanding which had hitherto subsisted between us and them, and which Governor Phillip laboured to improve whenever he had an opportunity. But it might have been foreseen that this would unavoidably happen: the convicts were everywhere straggling about, collecting animals and gum to sell to the people of the transports, who at the same time were procuring spears, swords, fishing-lines and other articles from the natives, to carry to Europe; the loss of which must have been attended with many inconveniences to the owners, as it was soon evident that they were the only means whereby they obtained or could procure their daily subsistence, and although some of these people had been punished for purchasing articles of the convicts, the practice was carried on secretly, and attended with all the bad effects which were to be expected from it".

(To Be Continued)

### Coming Events

- Sept. 21: Annual General Meeting, Board Room, Assembly Building.  
Oct. 17: Dr Harold Royle, "The Medical Aspects of the First Fleet" -  
Lecture, Board Room, Assembly Building.  
Nov. 11: Coach Tour to Rhododendron Festival, Blackheath.

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## FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS.

Patron: His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W.  
Sir Roden Cutler V.C., K.V.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.

Kindly note that the 11th Annual General Meeting of members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters will be held in No.1 Board Room of the Assembly Building, Jamieson St., (entrance) Sydney. (Please take lift to the 4th Floor) on Friday, 21st September, 1979. commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

- AGENDA.
1. Welcome and Apologies
  2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
  3. Business arising from Minutes.
  4. President's Report (see attached)
  5. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.
  6. Constitutional Amendments.
  7. Election of Officers.

### Constitutional Amendment.

I hereby give notice to the Fellowship of First Fleeters that I will move at the Annual General Meeting of 1979.

" That Rule 7 be amended to read:

Members subscriptions shall be due on the First Day of July of each year and shall be:-

1. Full members unless specified in this rule otherwise \$6.00 per annum
2. Associate and Any member holding a pensioner entitlement card Associate Friend \$3.00 per annum
3. Junior member \$2.00 per annum

Roderick Best, West Ryde.

### Election of Officers

The following Officers retire but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly:-

Vice Patrons Mr. J. H. Luscombe  
Mr. Arthur Ingham Myers

President. Mrs Beryl Lewis.

Vice President Mr. Ted Linn.  
Mr. Roy Kable.

Hon. Treasurer Mr. Ray Meredith.

Secretary. Mrs. Colleen Bernath.

Executive Committee.

Mrs Mary Bailey.	Mrs. Joan Ross
Miss Alice Clark	Mrs. Naida Jackson.
Mrs. Thelma Guy.	Mrs Barbara Townsend
Mrs. Margaret Markwell	Mrs Colleen Bernath.
Mr. Roy Kable.	Mrs. Sally Kalina.
Mr. Ray Meredith.	Mrs Enid Reynolds.
Mr. Ted Linn.	Mrs. Beryl Lewis.
Mr. Roderick Best.	Mrs. Mary Hope-Caten

If time permits, a general discussion may follow, with suggestions to be placed before the incoming Committee.

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1979.

<u>INCOME.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Subscriptions.	2395.67	Office Rent.	758.79
Joining Fees.	395.00	Stationery.	736.78
Sundry Sales.	346.80	Office Equipment.	441.65
Donations.Grave Plaques	40.00	Postages.	680.45
Annual Dinner.	2017.00	Library Books.	268.10
Bank Interest.	686.83	Souvenirs for Re-sale.	162.43
City of Sydney Festival	302.22	Telephone.	20.40
Excursions.	381.00	Travelling Expenses.	35.20
Donations.	17.65	Insurances.	68.15
Christmas Dinner.	360.00	Floral Tributes.	92.90
		Electricity.	55.58
		Duty Stamps.	2.50
		Picture Frame.	7.50
		Archival Records.	19.88
		P.O. Box Rent.	72.00
		Search Fees.	8.60
		Subscriptions.	81.50
		1988 Bi-Centenary Fund.	774.00
		Petition to Governor.	50.00
		Annual Dinner.	2017.00
		Donations.	35.00
		Excursions.	276.00
		City of Sydney Festival.	70.31
		Christmas Dinner.	360.00
	<u>6942.17</u>		<u>7094.72</u>
Balance 30th June, 1978	1962.56	Balance 30th June, 1979	1810.01
	<u>\$8904.73</u>		<u>\$8904.73</u>

1988 Bi-Centenary Fund Balance 30th June, 1979      \$2312.63

On the information supplied, the books of the Fellowship of First Fleeters appear to reflect income and expenditure as transacted for the period 1st July, 1978 to 30th June, 1979.

Signed:..Patricia.D..Kable.....

AUDITOR.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

(On behalf of the Executive Committee 1978-79)

I have much pleasure in presenting this Annual Report on a year of hard work and achievement.

Executive Committee. Since taking office, 10 Executive Committee meetings have been held, with the following attendance:-

Name		<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Leave of Absence</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
LEWIS	B.	1	1	8
BAILEY	M.	6	-	4
BERNATH	C.	4	-	6
BEST	R.	1	3	6
GUY	T.	1	2	7
HOPE-CATEN	M.	1	1	8
JACKSON	N.	2	-	8
KABLE	R.	1	-	9
LINN	T.	5	-	5
MARKWELL	M.	1	1	8
MEREDITH	R.	-	-	10
ROSS	J.	6	-	4
TOWNSEND	B.	3	-	7
KALINA	S.	6	-	4
REYNOLDS	E.	-	-	10
CLARKE	A.	1		

(appointed August)

Mrs J. Israel and Mr. Douglas Oakes resigned at the beginning of the year and we thank them for their help. Thanks are tendered to all committee members who have contributed to the benefit of the Fellowship.

Membership It has been a very successful year with 123 new members admitted and a record 13 First Fleet Ancestors, as follows;

James Bradley	John Irving
Joseph Elliott	Philip Shewing
Jane Langley	Jacob Bellett
James Underwood	James Wright
Thomas Davey	Robert Forrester
John Nichols	James McManus
Jane Poole	

All Members owe a deep debt of gratitude to our wonderful Membership Committee, Mrs. Mary Bailey, Mrs Naida Jackson and Mrs Mary Hope-Caten and all their band of helpers. They work very long hours and are certainly dedicated to the Fellowship.

We are very sad to lose 2 Vice Patrons during the year. Mr. Dudley Oakes died on 17th April, 1979 and Mr. John Harris on 7th July 1979.

REPRESENTATIONS. I was honoured to attend, representing the Fellowship, the following functions;

Inaugural Meeting of Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations at the National University, Canberra, also the First Annual General Meeting at the Rocks, Sydney.

United Nations Day, Martin Place, Sydney.

Society of Australian Genealogists New Year Party.

Women Pioneer's Australia Day Reception, also their Golden Jubilee Service at St. James, King St.

The State Reception for Australia Day.

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St. Phillips, Church Hill, Commemoration Service, also the Dedication of the Richard Johnson Chapel.

Captain Cook Lecture, Mitchell Library.

Official Opening, State Archives Office.

Queen's Birthday Reception at Government House, accompanied by Vice President, Roy Kable we were received by His Excellency the Governor and entertained to morning tea. I was also received by His Honour the Administrator of Norfolk Island.

ADDRESSES. It was a great privilege to be a guest speaker at 74 View Clubs, 6 Service Groups and Historical Societies. This has brought the Fellowship before many hundreds of people, not only in Sydney, but near country as well.

MEDIA. I represented the Fellowship on Radio 2BL in an Australia Day Segment of "City Extra" with Caroline Jones and Phillip Geeves.

NEWSLETTER. Thanks are extended to Mrs Joan Ross and her husband Keith who have continued as Hon. Editors again this year. Also to the group of women who print, collate, fold and post the ever increasing hundreds of Newsletters each month.

AUSTRALIA DAY. We continued our custom of celebrating this most important day. Prof. K. Cable, President of the Royal Historical Society, was a popular guest speaker at our Annual Dinner at the Wentworth Hotel, in the presence of the Lord Mayor, Ald. Nelson Meers, and the Lady Mayoress. The usual scroll was presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Roy Kable (Henry Kable and Susannah Holmes) before a colourful group of Members in period costume. Thanks are extended to the Social Committee and the Exhibition Committee for their efforts on our behalf for these celebrations.

LECTURES & SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. have been very well attended and Mrs Sally Kalina has arranged some exceptionally good Lectures for our enjoyment and education.

200th ANNIVERSARY - 1988. Your Executive Committee have already been working on this important event, for almost a year and I am now able to report that we will join with the Council of the City of Sydney and the Council of the City of Portsmouth (England) to erect a suitable memorial to the "First Fleeters" of whom we are all so justly proud.

CONCLUSION. I sincerely thank:- All my fellow Officers for their loyalty and co-operation, the Membership Committee, who have worked so hard and achieved such wonderful results, Mrs Joyce Cowell for her untiring work with our Archives, all associated with the Newsletter, the women who clean and man the office each week, those who prepare supper on Lecture Nights, and those who provide and organise the Raffles on these nights. I also thank my husband for his steadfast support and co-operation during the year. Finally I thank all Members and Associates for their dedicated support and look forward to further happy co-operation in the year to come.

Beryl Lewis  
President.