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### From the President

This month, at Members' request, our usual Lecture Night took the form of a Discussion Evening. It was good to see, despite the cold weather, such a large attendance. Many things were talked about, particularly the problem of Members "getting together" for social occasions. I'm afraid our main obstacle is that we are such a scattered group, with Members all over Australia; indeed, all over the world. Bus Picnics were suggested, but these seem to have lost popularity, and I'm sure you all realise we must have a full bus to make it viable. If other Members have any suggestions, your Committee will be only too pleased to hear from you.

It was decided at the Executive Meeting to offer our congratulations to the 1788-1820 Association for their efforts to have the site of the first Government House in Australia, here in Sydney, preserved. At the moment this site is used as a car park!!! Our historic sites are all too few, and we do wish this kindred society every success in their endeavours.

During May I continued my policy of attending historical and service groups as a Guest Speaker and addressing them on the Fellowship of First Fleeters and the First Fleet in general. To this end I spoke to the "Inner Wheel" at Georges Hall, the Justices Association at Campsie and travelled to Nowra for the Shoalhaven Evening View Club.

The Fellowship office is now open on Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm (as well as the usual Tuesdays and Fridays), and I do urge Members to take advantage of this extra day and thus spread the load. I sincerely thank the ladies who volunteered and made this possible.

We welcome back our Hon. Editor, Mrs Joan Ross, and her husband Keith after their event-packed trip to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Beryl Lewis.

### Lecture Evenings

For the benefit of new Members, the Fellowship's Lecture Evenings are held in the Fourth Floor Board Room in the Assembly Building (location given at top of page). They are held on the third Wednesday night of the month at 7.45 pm. Afterwards everyone adjourns for supper in the Fellowship's office, Room 312. Further information about the Lectures from Mrs Sally Kalina (tel. 02 337 2499). There is no Lecture Evening in September; see brief item on P. 4 of this Newsletter, "Annual General Meeting".

## Membership Report

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new Members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters:

NAME	SUBURB/TOWN	ANCESTOR	TYPE
Mrs Lillian S. CARR	Sans Souci	Thomas Arndell	Full
Mrs Valerie COLLYER	Epping	Hugh Hughes	Full
Mrs Esme M. HALL	Maldon, Vic.	Thomas Acres	Full
Mr John W. HALL	Maldon, Vic.	Thomas Acres	Full
Mrs Eileen E. JACKSON	Port Macquarie	John Gowen	Full
Mrs June H. MATTHEWS	Goulburn	John Small - Mary Parker	Full
Mrs Bertha M. McDONALD	Sale, Vic.	Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne	Full
Mrs Miriam L. MARSHALL	Sale, Vic.	Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia Gascoigne	Full
Mrs Myra J. MOORE	Goulburn	John Small - Mary Parker	Full
Miss Ximena A. MORRISBY	Balgowlah Heights	James Morrisby	Junior
Mrs Joan T. O'Connell	Tara, Q'ld	James Cullen	Full
Mrs Colleen O'SULLIVAN	Lane Cove	James Bloodworth - Sarah Bellamy	Full
Mr William D. PALMER	Blacktown	J. McManus - J. Poole + J. Bradley	Full
Miss Helen REDDY	Los Angeles, U.S.A.	Richard Morgan	Full
M/s Judith E. RILEY	Lakemba	Richard Morgan	Full
Mr Walter G. SMITH	Longreach, Q.	G. Johnston - E. Abrahams	Full
Mr Graham N. Vallance	Mullumbimby	J. Small - M. Parker	Full
Miss Penelope A. VERNON	Normanhurst	J. Small - M. Parker + J. Bradley	Junior
Master Timothy J. VERNON	Normanhurst	J. Small - M. Parker + J. Bradley	Junior
Rev. George M. WILKINS	Dubbo	Matthew Everingham	Full
Mr Roy E. MARSHALL	Sale, Vic.	-----	Associate (Spouse)
Mr Timothy R. M. MARSHALL	Sale, Vic.	-----	Associate (Friend)

Membership Committee.

## Members' Enquiries

MEREDITH. Frederick Snr married Sarah Mason. Daughter Sophia, b. 8-5-1803, went to Tasmania 1818, married James Lloyd and later Robert Logan. Any information of family and date of death.

MEREDITH. Frederick Jnr married Sarah Morgan. Daughters: Anne, b. 7-11-1823; Lucy Sophia, b. 29-10-1828; Mary Jane, b. 30-8-1833; Charlotte Elizabeth, b. 27-1-1842. Any information on families and dates of death.

(A. R. Meredith, 371 Hume Highway, Bankstown, N.S.W. 2200. Ph. 70 1137).

## From the Dead Letter Office

Newsletters to the following Members have been returned from the

Dead Letter Office. Anyone know their present addresses:

Mrs Eileen E. Holliday,  
P.O. Box 10,  
Tabulam, N.S.W. 2470.

Mrs Rosemary Orr,  
68 Knight Street,  
Rosedale, Q'land. 4123.

Miss Joy Hunt,  
87 Brodie Street,  
Holland Park, Q'land. 4121.

Mrs E. Cichero,  
123 Parakeet Crescent,  
Peregian Beach, Q'land. 4573.

Mr R. A. Shaw and  
Miss T. B. Shaw,  
1/35 Fletcher Street,  
Bondi, N.S.W. 2026.

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### Subscriptions for 1981-82

In accordance with the Rules of the Fellowship, the Executive Committee has given consideration to the Subscriptions and Entrance Fees to be paid during the year commencing 1st July 1981. The Committee decided that, to maintain the high standing in which the Fellowship of First Fleeters is now held throughout Australia and overseas and to meet anticipated additional costs in rent, stationery, postage, etc, it would be necessary to increase the Entrance Fee to \$10 and the annual subscriptions as from 1st July 1981 as follows:

Member (not otherwise specified)	.....	\$10	per annum
Member (holding Pensioner Entitlement card).		\$ 5	" "
Associate -- Friend	.....	\$10	" "
Associate -- Spouse	.....	\$ 3	" "
Junior Member (under 18 years of age)	.....	\$ 2	" "

The Newsletter will not be posted to Junior Members or to an Associate -- Spouse.

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### Our Oldest Member

(A Descendant of Hugh Hughes, "Alexander", 1788)

In the September 1978 Newsletter it was recorded that Member No. 1281, Mrs Ethel Hope Carruthers, of King Street, Eastlakes (Sydney), would celebrate her 100th birthday on 28th September of that year. In the September 1979 Newsletter she was reported as having her 101st birthday and to be "still in reasonably good health and mentally alert". We have recently learned from one of her grandchildren (Mrs Jeanette Dixon, nee Carruthers, formerly Grounds; Member No. 1417) that Mrs Carruthers is still in reasonably good health and looking forward to celebrating her 103rd birthday in September this year.

Mrs Carruthers is the sixth and youngest child of Thomas Stephen Hughes, fourth of the eight children of Hugh Hughes, Jnr, whose father was Hugh Hughes, a convict on the "Alexander" of the First Fleet. The elder Hugh Hughes was a wheelwright; he established a business in Argyle Street, Parramatta, and is believed to have been the first person in the colony to make a wheel. His son, Hugh, joined him in that business and later became a publican as well.

There are no other descendants of Thomas Stephen Hughes who are now F.F.F. Members. It is with much regret that we have to record that Mr Reuben Humphry (Member No. 1282, a grandson of Mrs Carruthers); who provided the information about her in the 1979 Newsletter, has since died, suddenly from a heart attack.

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However, Hugh Hughes Jnr's first child, Mary Ann (1826-1905) married Richard Henry Harper (1821-99), later to become a prominent Parramatta businessman and the third Mayor of Parramatta, and one of their daughters (Charlotte Emily, 1855-1938) married William Henry Tunks, eldest son of Charles Tunks (1831-1902), a grandson of William Tunks, private of marines on HMS "Sirius". Thirty F.F.F. Members are descendants of Mary Ann Hughes and of Charles Tunks, claiming both Hugh Hughes and William Tunks as F.F. ancestors.

A third branch of Hugh Hughes's family has just provided a new F.F.F. Member in Mrs Valerie Collyer, of Epping, a great-granddaughter of Hugh James Hughes (1828-1889), second child/eldest son of Hugh Hughes Jnr.

Len Chalmers.

### An Apology

Two articles which appeared in the April Newsletter, headed "For Descendants of Phillip Devine" and "Grave of Thomas Spencer", were attributed to Mrs Betty Tunks, Port Lincoln, S.A. The contributor was, in fact, Mrs Betty Duns. We apologise, Mrs Duns, for the mistake.

### Obituary

It is with regret that we have to record the death on 8th May this year, as the result of a motorcycle accident, of Ian Victor Round, of Seven Mile Beach, Tasmania (Member No. 1308). We offer sincere condolences to his parents, Mr Graeme and Mrs Rebecca Round, of Howrah, Tasmania.

### Fellowship Office Now Open Three Days a Week

As from 28th May the Fellowship office will open on three days a week, instead of twice a week as formerly. Details as follows:

Tuesday (main Membership day) ..... 10 am to 5 pm.  
Thursday ..... 10 am to 2 pm.  
Friday ..... 10 am to 2 pm.

The office is manned by volunteers, namely:

Tuesdays: Mrs Mary Bailey, Mrs Naida Jackson, Mrs Mary Hope-Caten, Mrs Joyce Cowell (Archivist), Miss Hazel Liebau, Mr Len Chalmers.

Thursdays: Mrs Joan Ross, with Mrs Mollye Harris and Mrs Olive O'Reilly.

Fridays: Miss Alice Clarke, with Mrs Joan Cox and Miss Ula Clarke.

### Annual General Meeting

In the paragraph at the bottom of Page 1, on Lecture Evenings, it should have been pointed out that there is no Lecture in September. The Fellowship's Annual General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday night of that month.

### Coming Events

June 17: Lecture Evening, Mr Max Gosewinckel (Australian artist and storyteller of Australian history), "Early Sydney".

July 15: Sister Catherine O'Carrigan (resident historian for St Vincent's Hospital), "Some Nineteenth Century Australian Born Medical Men".

Aug. 19: Mr J. E. Toghill (marine consultant), "The James Craig"..

### M.B.E. for Vice Patron

Last but in no way least, congratulations from the President and Members to the Fellowship's Vice Patron, Arthur Ingham Myers, on his award of the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

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