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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship has now taken place. All who stood for election were appointed. Special mention should be made of, and a welcome extended to, Ian Johnston and Zillah Kable Thomas – the new appointees to the Executive Committee.

The system of postal voting appears to have been well accepted by members, although as with most non-compulsory voting only a few of those eligible to vote exercised their right to do so. This notwithstanding, over one hundred formal votes were received and this was the largest number of votes to be counted at a Fellowship Annual Meeting for some considerable time.

The tasks before the incoming Executive with an increasing, dispersed and disparate membership and with only a few short years before 1988 are clear. With the assistance and support of all members, the Executive will endeavour to ensure that the Fellowship achieves the goals which its members set.

Roderick Best

LECTURE EVENING – 1984

October 17: Mrs Val Ross, a member of the Fellowship and historian, will speak on a subject to be advised at a later date.

November 21: A request has been made by a few members to find a speaker on the *Greycliffe* disaster which occurred in July 1927, off Watson's Bay. A paper will be prepared and read on that subject at this meeting.

BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

INDEXES 1781 – 1900

Members wishing to do further research on branches of their families may now visit our office and use the indexes on the Microfiche Reader. Assistance is available if needed.

For further information and appointments, please ring Mary Hope-Caten 407 1042.

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

Patron:	His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.
President:	Roderick Best
Vice-Presidents:	Douglas Oakes, Peter Christian
Secretary:	Anne Campbell
Treasurer:	To be appointed
Executive Committee:	Alice Clarke, Joyce Cowell, Anne Davison, Naida Jackson, Ian Johnston, Jonathon King, Keith Lehane, Doune MacNaught, Hugh Morgan, Enid Reynolds, Geoffrey Squires, Zillah Kable Thomas.

Membership Report

Thomas Arndell: Mr Phillip Rosewaren

Thomas Arndell + Ann Forbes: Kyle Gregory Bodiam (Jnr), Corey James Bodiam (Jnr), Brook Anthony Bodiam (Jnr).

Jacob Billett: Mr Harry Alfred Billette (sp Mrs Pauline Nora Billette), Mr Mark Raymond Billette, Mr David Eason Billette, Jane Lee Billette (Jnr). Paul Anthony Billette (Jnr).

James Bradley: Miss Margot Christine Collins, Jennifer Jane Collins (Jnr), Peter John Kenneth Collins (Jnr).

William Broughton: Mrs Nancy Dora Vincent (sp Mr George Kenneth Vincent), Mr Peter Zouch Vincent, Mrs Pamela Lindsay.

Patrick Burn-Ann Smith: Mrs Lynette Ann Russell, Mrs Jean Muriel Coulter.

Benjamin Cusley: Mrs Pauline Mary Clements.

Phillip Devine: Matthew Devine (Jnr)

Matthew Everingham: Mrs Joyce May Pankhurst, Mrs Carolyn Joy Cousins, Mr Garry Kenneth Pankhurst, Jodee Anne Meehan (Jnr).

Robert Forrester + Phillip Devine + William Eggleton-Mary Dickenson: Miss Susan Elizabeth Devine.

Edward Goodin: Mr Vincent John Azzopardi (sp Mrs Lillian Edith Chapman), Delia Margaret Chapman (Jnr), Benjamin Robert Chapman (Jnr), Mr Bruce Keith Chapman, Amanda Ann Chapman (Jnr), Charmaine Maree Chapman (Jnr).

Phillip Gidley King: Mr King Milburn Minter Lethbridge.

Caroline Laycock: Mrs Nancy McFadden.

Thomas Lucas: Mr Hugh McNeilage.

James McManus-Jane Poole + James Bradley: Mrs June Frances Henderson.

Edward Miles: Mrs Margaret Lynette Francis (sp Mr Robert Gordon Francis) Andrew Gordon Francis (Jnr), Matthew James Francis (Jnr), Kathryn Margaret Francis (Jnr), Mrs Maureen Stanbury Porter, Mrs Nona Crabbe, Mrs Susan Maynard Boardman, Mr Peter Hassall Ross.

Fraderick Meredith: Mr Ian Lindsay Ferrier, Mr Royal Edmund William Ferrier, Mr Neil Aubrey Ferrier, Mr Stanley James Meredith, Mr Allan Bruce Ferrier, Mrs Flora Jean Johnston, Dr. Donald Leslie Burrows.

William Nash-Marla Haynes: Mr Stephen Garry Williams.

John Nicholls: Mrs Aline Lillian Grace Richardson (sp Mr Dennis Richardson), Shantelle Richardson (Jnr), Jennifer Richardson (Jnr), Mark Richardson (Jnr), Jeffrey Richardson (Jnr), Mrs Aline Caroline Inskip, Mrs Clara Elizabeth Burton, Mrs Kathleen Estelle Madden.

John Palmer: Mr Gordon William Palmer (sp Mrs Helen Margaret Palmer).

Bartholomew Reardon: Mr Christopher Gordon Douglas Williams.

William Roberts: Mr David Robert Cameron (sp Mrs Jennifer Cameron), Kirsty Cameron (Jnr), Nicole Cameron (Jnr), Mitchell Cameron (Jnr) Mrs Merte Gracie Lummis, Renata Anne Phelps (Jn).

John Small-Mary Parker: Mr James Douglas Butchart OBE, Mrs Marjorie Joy Wilson (sp Mr Gordon Wilson), Mrs Helen Rose Hemmons (Mr Ronald Hemmons), Paul Bradley Hemmons (Jnr), Glen William Hemmons (Jnr).

James Squire: Mr William John Colhoun (sp Mrs Carol Anne Calhoun), Christopher Raymond Calhoun (Jnr), Kathryn Elizabeth Calhoun (Jnr), Mr John Raymond McCulloch (sp Mrs Kerri Ann McCulloch), Jessica Louise McCulloch (Jnr).

Joseph Trimby (Elliott): Mr John Spearpoint (sp Mrs Janice Dawn Spearpoint), John Andrew Spearpoint (Jnr), Linda Michelle Spearpoint (Jnr), Mrs Joy Cook (sp Mr Leslie Robert Cook), Mr Steven Leslie Cook, Todd Robert Cook (Jnr), Mrs Joanne Lee Chadbond (sp Mr Gary Leslie Chadbond).

William Tunks: Mrs Pauline Edith Margaret Woodward (sp The Hon Mr Justice Philip Morgan Woodward).

William Tunks: + Thomas Spencer + Mary Phillips: Daniel Edward Kaldor (Jnr), Mr Anthony Lewis Barker, Mr Richard Lee Barker.

Joseph Tuso + Henry Kable-Susannah Holmes: Mr Lynn Astley.

James Underwood: Ian Francis MacNaught Casimir (Jnr).

Bartholomew Reardon, convict, "Scarborough" is a new F.F. ancestor.

Messrs Lynton James Bodiam, Ernest James Lumley & Douglas Arthur Price are new spouse associates.

Mrs Stella Mary Vernon, mother of 2732 Mrs Margaret L Francis and Mrs Nell Stratton, sister-in-law of 2555 Mr Ronald J. Stanton are new Associate (Relatives).

CORRECTIONS for VOL. 15 No. 4: First Fleeter **Elizabeth Lock** was Richard Morgan's first spouse but NOT the mother of his children who was Catherine Clarke, "Lady Juliana" 1790.

For VOL 14 No. 6: Mrs Barker's first given was shown as "Annie" instead of "Amie". Sorry, Mrs Barker!

THE OLDEST GRAPEVINE IN AUSTRALIA

The first wine-producing vineyard in Australia was planted by Phillip Schaffer at Rydalmere, east of Subiaco Creek, near Parramatta. Schaffer's family had been wine producers in Germany for generations, and he came to Sydney Cove in the ship "Guardian", as a superintendent of convicts. He became the first free settler on 30 March 1791.

By 7 December 1791 he had planted an acre with vines, and 900 had flourished and borne fruit by the end of 1792. The grapes were first used to supply wine for the Governor's table in 1793 or 1794. The vine bore grapes until 1961 when it was bulldozed out by Rheem Australia Ltd.

Phillip Schaffer built extensive buildings with stone between 1791 and 1793; I have a complete window piece, as well as bricks and shingles, in my possession today. These were salvaged whilst the buildings were on fire, being demolished. The remains of the buildings were later bulldozed into Subiaco Creek, thus increasing the size of the property by more than 18 ft.

When Hannibal Macarthur, nephew of John Macarthur, bought the farm with newly founded Bank of N.S.W. money in 1835, he removed all the vines except one. He built Subiaco on the site of the farm. A room was built to be used for Masonic worship; the signs of Ashla were carved into wooden pillars inside the main hall, and plates with the names of the masonic members inscribed on them. These plates were recovered by masonic leaders when the building was demolished in 1960.

The name Subiaco was given by Archbishop Polding when he bought the building for the Catholic Church in 1849. The large grapevine stood in a central courtyard, and the grapes were enjoyed by the nuns for 100 years. An order of priests took over the building in 1949, and made an excellent wine from the grapes.

Just prior to the demolition, during an outdoor painting class of my school, I cut down and separated a vine section and dug up the root, to continue the life of the vine. I replanted it at my home at Rydalmere.

The vine now grows at my unit at Kirribilli, and the dark red grapes I tasted last year were delicious, though some of them were not completely dark. Unfortunately, I have to complete with the birds!

Professor Raymond de Cusack



CHARLOTTE

We are pleased to learn of the arrival of Jonathan King's new daughter, and send best wishes to the family. She has been named Charlotte after the ship.

FAMILY NOTICES

The Annual Gathering of the Bloodworth Association will be held on Saturday 27 October 1984 at 2.30 p.m. at 43 Garling Street, Lane Cove 2066. Please telephone A. Clarke for details - 428 4530.

The William Nash/Maria Haynes Family Reunion: Descendants of William Nash and Maria Haynes are warmly invited to a Family Reunion to be held on Saturday, 20th October, 1984, at St Thomas' Anglican Church Hall, 68 Lucas Avenue, Moorebank, from 11 a.m. Please bring picnic lunch and family records, photos etc. Further details from Mrs Joan Rowe, telephone (02) 46 5423.

The Lucas family will hold a reunion day at Kingston, Tasmania, on 14 October 1984. It is hoped to have members from all over Australia attending. Enquiries to be directed to Mr Ted Lucas, at 60 Red Chapel Ave., Sandy Bay, Tas. 7005. Telephone 25 3654.



LOST PROPERTY

A dark plum coloured umbrella was left at the Annual General Meeting at the Leagues Club in Phillip Street. The owner will find it safe and sound in the FFF Office.



CONTRIBUTIONS

We need more contributions for the Newsletter, please!

Short articles of interest to all members would be welcomed. Please send them to the Editor c/- FFF Office.

VALE ANTHONY LUCHETTI

Anthony Luchetti A.M. ex MP died at his home town, Lithgow, early in July. He was a direct descendant of Jane Poole and James Bradley, both forced passengers with the First Fleet.

Anthony Luchetti entered Federal Parliament for the seat of Macquarie after the death of ex-Prime Minister Ben Chifley. His friendly and approachable manner won him many friends of varying political persuasions. No request was ever too trivial to receive attention in a very gracious way. We regret the death of our member, Tony Luchetti.

– Ula Clarke



OBITUARY

Mrs Margaret Jaye (Member No. 2004) has written telling us the sad news of the death of her father, James Henry Colless Barrett (Member No. 2005).

Dr Clarence Everingham (Member No. 915) died on September 6.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the above members.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM THE F.F.F. OFFICE

WINDCHEATERS	Navy or white	\$15.00 each
T-SHIRTS	Navy or white	\$8.50 each
	<i>(Windcheaters and T-shirts: packaged & postaged \$2.00 extra)</i>	
TEA TOWELS	Linen, 4 designs – Waltzing Matilda, Historical NSW, Early Sydney (3 colours), Historical Sydney, Aust. Settlers, Banksias, Bush Ballads, Flag with Advance Australia Fair.	\$2.50 each
	<i>(Flag) (out of stock)</i>	\$2.50 each
BARBECUE APRONS	\$10.00 each
TIES	With matching envelopes, packet of 10 – Postage 50¢ extra	\$2.50 each
NOTELETS	Sugar Spoons, Fluted Spoons and Cake Forks, Tea Caddy Spoons	\$2.50 each
SOUVENIR SPOONS	\$2.50 each
KEY RINGS	\$2.50 each
PAPER KNIVES	\$2.50 each
CAR STICKERS	Temporarily out of stock	\$0.50 each
	<i>(Package and Postage 30¢ to \$1.00 depending on weight)</i>	

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Early FF JOURNALS	<i>(2 editions) Package and Postage 50¢ each – set of 4 in N.S.W. 80¢, interstate 90¢</i>
"COMPILING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY"	\$3.00 (Package and Postage 50¢)
"ARTHUR PHILLIP"	by Thea Stanley Hughes \$4.50 (Package and Postage 50¢)
"THE FIRST FLEETERS"	by Fidler and Ryan \$4.50 (list of all First Fleeters)
"PIONEERS OF PORTLAND HEAD"	by R.M. Arndell \$20.00
"THE FIRST FLEETERS"	by Jonathon King \$19.50 plus postage.
"REMINISCENCES OF AUSTRALIA"	by James T. Ryan \$12.50

NAME BARS

Name bars may be ordered through F.F. Office. Approx. 3 weeks delay in delivery.

MEMBERS'S NAME AND	ONE First Fleeters' Name	\$3.50
	TWO First Fleeters' Names	\$4.00
	THREE First Fleeters' Names	\$4.50
	FOUR First Fleeters' Names	\$5.00
SPOUSE'S NAME BAR	(OWN name only)	\$3.00
	PLEASE ADD 50¢ for each additional name beyond 4 & 50¢ for postage.	
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