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Dear Member,

At the Annual General Meeting held on Friday evening 8th May, 1970, the following members were elected to the Council of the Society for the

coming year:-

President --- Mr	.C. Law
Vice Presidents -	Mr. D. R. Kirkby M.B.E.
Hon. Secretary	- Mr. J. Walker
	Mr. E. Lukeman
	Mr. G. Heavens
	Mr. N. Horwood A.A.S.A., A.C1.S.
Hon. Treasurer	- Mrs. A. Griffith
Hon. Archivist'	- Mr. B. Sargeant
Committees	Mrs. N. Priestley
-	Mr. H. Ivers
	Mrs. I. Mowbray
	Mrs. E. Carmichael
-	Mr s .M. Annen
	Mr. S. Stedman
	Mr. J. Megaw, M.A.,F.S.A.

(Patron of the Society is Cr. A.T. Gietzelt, President of Sutherland Shire Council).

The support of all members is hoped for, as it is only with the full co-operation of all members that the Council and the Society can function successfully.

We understand Mr. C. Snape is at present enjoying a holiday by visiting many overseas countries, perhaps he will have much of interest to tell, regarding historical sites visited, on his return.

Also overseas is Mr. B. Sargeant who will be endeavouring to find more information regarding Thomas Holt during his stay in England.

We regret that we have received the resignation of:-

Mr. R. Cheetham
Mr. & Mrs . J. Murray.

N. Horwood,
Hon. Secretary.

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Programme of Activities for the Third Quarter 1970

Meetings

Our general meetings are held on the second Friday night of each month, in the Auditorium of the Sydney County, Council Showrooms, Eton Street, Sutherland, at 8 p.m.

Friday 10th July - Sister C. O'Carrigan, Dep. Art. Ed. will speak on "Sydney Cove - Genesis of a Nation".

Friday 14th August- Mr. J.M. Antill of the R.A.H.S.
will deliver a paper (to be confirmed)

Friday 11th Sept.- Mr. E. Beele of the Illawarra Historical Society will address us -
(to be confirmed).

Excursions :-

Saturday 15th August - An afternoon excursion to Wattamolla -'the "Providential Cove" visited by Bass & Flinders.

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The Sutherland Shire Historical Society has entered another year; its fifth. A feature of the recent Annual Meeting was that, for the first time, there were more nominations for the Society's Council than places to be filled and a vote had to be taken as a consequence. There are now a number of new members on the Council and I extend a cordial welcome to these folk and, in so doing, express a wish that their term on the executive body of the Society may be productive and progressive. They may be assured also that I look forward keenly to their wisdom and guidance in the conduct of the Society's affairs.

It is timely and proper that the services of those who previously served the Society as members of its Council should be acknowledged and recorded.

There is much to be done to try to ensure that the organisation fulfils and develops its purpose. We must encourage all members who have the time, the inclination and the interest to perform historical research. Further, they should be given opportunity to bring before members the results and conclusions arising from their research and investigations. This quarterly Bulletin is available readily to all members as a vehicle and outlet for that purpose. Our "Members' Nights", which are the monthly meetings in April and October each year, constitute another avenue. We would like, and indeed invite, all members to avail themselves of the opportunity these facilities provide. It should be stressed here that however humble a contribution may seem to the member presenting it, the subject may prove to be of much historical interest and significance when presented in the form of a paper or a talk as the interested member may feel best equipped to present the subject. Its interest and value may well be greatly heightened by ensuing discussion.

Finally, -may I emphasise once again the importance to a Society of this nature of the introduction of new members. This is a function which all are specially invited to do their utmost to fulfil. We will only thrive and prosper to the full by means of a large and growing membership drawn from the widest areas of our community.

C. Law,
President.

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This Bulletin has been prepared by an Editorial Board consisting of Messrs. J. Walker, N. Horwood and H. Taplin.

Members are cordially invited to submit items of historical interest for inclusion in future Bulletins.

Opinions expressed in the Bulletin are those of the contributor and not necessarily of the Society.

THE CAPTAIN COOK COMMEMORATIVE SYMPOSIUM.

Those members of the Society who were unable to attend the Bi-Centenary Symposium on the 1st to 3rd May certainly have full justification for feelings of much regret.

It provided a rare opportunity to listen to papers, talks, and ensuing discussions, by perhaps as eminent and distinguished group of people as could be assembled for such an occasion. It was a distinction and a privilege for Sutherland to have' achieved this. A notable feature of the presentation was the thorough and comprehensive range of the various papers read by the learned people contributing.

The Symposium was opened by Mr. N.F. Horwood A.A.S.A. (Senior) A.C.I.S., Honorary Secretary, Sutherland Shire Historical Society, whose introductory paper referred to the historical significance and purpose of all phases of the event. The specially made reference to the work of early navigators whose voyages led up to the era of Cook and the Endeavour.

Following this the distinguished Dr. J.C. Beaglehole, O.M. Professor of Pacific History, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, gave a most interesting address. This gentleman, who is perhaps the outstanding authority on Cook, Banks and the 'Endeavour, also delivered another paper on the second day entitled, "Cook the Navigator". In this he commented philosophically and Generally on Cook the man.

The second talk was delivered by Mr. J.S.V. Megaw, M.A. F.S.A ., Senior. Lecturer in Archaeology, University of Sydney, who is a member of this' Society. A feature of his address, splendidly delivered, was the beautiful and colourful way in which it was illustrated.

Professor H. Newton Barber, Fellow of the Royal Society, F.A.A., and Professor of Botany, University of New South Wales delivered an illustrated talk on the great

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Royal Society of which Sir Joseph Banks was president for over 40 years, and held office until his death in 1820.

Professor R.C. Carolin, Associate Professor of Biology, University of Sydney, followed. His talk dealt with the "Natural History of the Endeavour Voyage" and was almost a perfect complement to that of Professor Barber as well as that by Consul for Sweden which was to follow on the next morning.

"The Bark Endeavour and Life Aboard Her" was the title of the address delivered by Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, K.B.E., C.B. (R.A.N. Retired). In this Australia's distinguished Naval Officer took the assembly through an informative picture of the seaman's life in the days of sail and exploration of the oceans.

Mr. I. Knutzelius, Consul General for Sweden related some hitherto little known facts, and incidents and the 'scientific work of his fellow national Daniel (Carl) Solander. He told how the Swedish Botanist was invited to 'join' the Endeavour voyage with Joseph Banks.

Final address to the Symposium was delivered by Mr. W.H. Robertson, Chief Assistant Astronomer, Sydney Observatory. It was entitled, "The Endeavour Voyage and the Transit of Venus". As well as telling of reasons for the Scientific commission to Cook in this aspect of his voyage, Mr. Robertson told much of the history of world study of the constellation and solar systems at some interesting length.

Another feature of the Symposium was contained in the two excursions as an integral part of the event. The visit to Kurnell, and especially the Museum, was a most appropriate interlude on Saturday afternoon.

Similarly the tour to Bulli and its environs on Sunday helped to climax the occasion which surely will take its place as a historic episode in the 1970 Bi-Centenary Commemoration.

The work of Mr. Horwood, has already been recognised and acknowledged. He conceived the idea of the Cook Symposium and carried out all the organisation. This was done in his capacity of convenor of the historical section of the Bi-Centenary Citizens Committee, but all members will agree, I feel sure, that his outstanding work should be recorded in this Bulletin.

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GOVERNOR ARTHUR (ADMIRAL) PHILLIP..

Last year my husband, three children and myself travelled Great Britain and the Continent, taking four and a half months to do so in a car and caravan and I would like here to share a day in our experiences with members of the Historical Society.

On the 8th July we visited Bath, in the county of Somerset, for the sole purpose of seeing the Roman Baths. We arranged this at a tourist assistance office . Here we were told of Arthur Phillip's association with Bath.

While Governor of N.S.W. Phillip "had gone by boat to see the carcass of a whale, that had been washed up on the shore" of a beach, which Phillip named Manly, seven miles distant from Sydney Cove.;" at the same time he took the opportunity of visiting a local chief named Benalong. One of the chief's attendants, mistaking the purpose of the visit threw a spear at the Admiral. The spear-head went in at his chest and remained protruding from beneath his right shoulder blade and close to the spine. With difficulty the Admiral's attendant broke off the shaft, which being 12 ft. long impeded the Admiral's escape, and then, by pushing it right through, extracted the spearhead which was fitted with a one-inch barb".

Phillip's first wife died as he returned to England, after completing his term as Governor. It had not been a happy marriage.

He took up residence in Bath in 1793, hoping the warm Spa waters of this district would relieve the pain that he continually now experienced in the wound. He was then in his mid-fifties.

In 1794 he married again, this time to a Miss White-head. In 1796 he was given command of "H.M.S. Alexander". During this time Arthur and Mrs. Phillip visited Bath frequently and in 1804 spent several weeks at the pretty little neighbouring town of Bathampton. It is here that they are buried in the C.of E. Church.

"Admiral Phillip died at his home in Bennett Street, (Bath) on 31st August, 1814. The Bath Chronicle for 1st September briefly recorded his death. The funeral which was a quiet one, took place at Bathampton Church, and in the burial register of the church appears the following:- "Entry No.61p 1814- Arthur Phillip, Bennett

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Street, Bath. Buried Sept. 7th, aged 76. Thos. Hale, Curate."

The actual burial place was soon forgotten and then lost, and it was not until December 1897 that it came to light again as a result of a search instituted by Alderman T. Sturge Cotterell, M.B.E., the initiator of the scheme for marking the dwellings of famous bygone residents of Bath with mural tablets which has added greatly to the interest of the city for both visitors and residents."

Inside the vestibule of the Bathampton church, was a notice to the effect of:-
"Australians, Admiral Phillip's tomb is on the floor inside the church door. Please replace rug when finished viewing".

There were other tombstones on the floor but none as new-looking as Governor Phillip's and certainly not looked after as well. It is in direct line with the entrance door and therefore takes quite a lot of traffic. It is for this reason a group of Australians are now trying to collect enough finance to open another door in the wall of the church to be used as the 'entrance.

The words on the tomb are as follows :- "Underneath lie the remains of Arthur Phillip Esq. Admiral of the Blue, who died 31st of August, 1814 in his 76th year. Also of Isabella relict of the above Admiral Phillip, who died the 4th March, 1823, in the 71st year of her age."

The quotations I have taken from a pamphlet given to us at the Bath Tourist Centre.

(Mrs.)Elva Carmichael.

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"In the Wake of the "Endeavour "

At the June monthly meeting of. the Council of our Society we gratefully received, from the Cronulla Rotary Club, a copy of their interesting publication "Sutherland Shire, 1770-1970", for placement in our archives.

This profusely illustrated booklet, released by the Rotarians on 29th April 1970 to mark the visit to our district, on that day, of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to view the Bi-Centenary re-enactment of Captain Cook's landing at Kurnell, contains, as its chief literary feature, a concise history of our district entitled "In the Wake of the Endeavour" by John Walker, our Vice-President.

The popular author has thus made his third contribution to recorded local history. Along with this latest, 1970, treatise we have the booklet, "Forby Sutherland", published in 1968; and his highly rated "Two Hundred Years in Retrospect", released in 1969.

To augment the funds of our Historical Society, I have the privilege of selling the latter book; and now, thanks to the generosity of the Rotarians, I proudly announce a special June-July Bargain ::::::: TWO BOOKS for THE PRICE of ONE ("TWO HUNDRED in RETROSPECT" and "IN the WAKE of the 'Endeavour'" for \$1.50). Stock of the larger book is almost exhausted, so intending buyers are advised not to delay in placing orders.

Books are on sale at my home (8 Bonnie View Street, Cronulla, 'Phone 523-1162 or from J. Walker, 182 Kingsway, Cronulla, Phone 523-4177, and Mr. C. Law, 12 Cabramatta Street, Cronulla, Phone 523-3006. Also at "Observer" Office, Cronulla and from sellers for numerous districts or organizations.

Buy the Bi-Centenary Books and help our Historical Society and other worthwhile Organizations in the Sutherland Shire.

Ida Mowbray.

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Erratum:- Mr. J. Walker's book is titled "TWO HUNDRED YEARS IN RETROSPECT"