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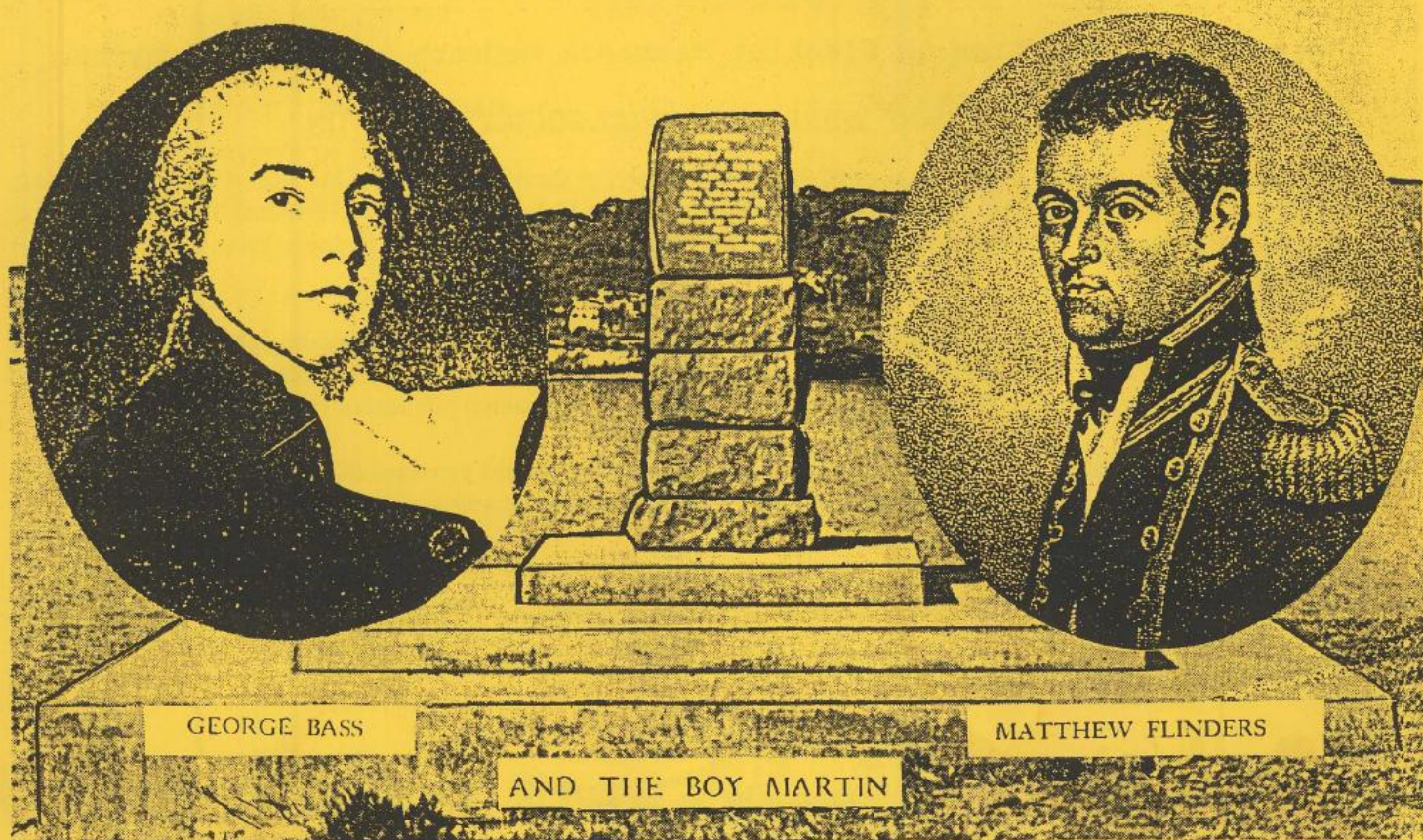
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SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Where does time go? As you will be reading this Bulletin in the second month of 1996 have you considered that at 25th February we will be just 305 days from next Christmas Day?

Sadly, I have to report the passing away of two members since the November issue of the Bulletin was sent out: Mr. Sydney Stedman, a Life Member and for a number of terms the Honorary Treasurer; and Mr. Thomas Hutchinson, a regular at meetings and who endeared himself to members on Excursions, until he was overtaken by serious illness late last year. The Society was represented at Tom's funeral. Because of work being carried out on the Sutherland Shire Council Building it has become necessary for community groups to make changes to their meeting arrangements as the work will be on going for perhaps, six to eight months; hence, general meetings, for this Society have been moved to the Multi-Purpose Building, Flora Street, Sutherland (which adjoins the Council Car Park) -- unfortunately, it has also been necessary to change the night from second Friday to **THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**, and this new arrangement will commence as of January meeting, now on 19th of that month.

It is a most suitable meeting place; large hall; excellent parking arrangements, no stairs needed to access the facilities, and a very good kitchen area.

Included in this Bulletin you will find the Annual Report for 1995 together with the Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held Friday March 15, 1996. Cllr. Lorraine Rodden, Shire Mayor, has graciously accepted the Society's invitation to be Patron, but **ALL** other positions become vacant; this is the time for you to nominate as a Committee person to assist with the running of **YOUR** Society.

This Society was very honoured when Mrs. Shirley Sinclair, wife of Rear Admiral Sinclair, Governor of New South Wales, accepted our invitation to be Guest Speaker about her favourite subject, Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, wife of Captain James Cook, at the November Meeting. Once again we offer our thanks and appreciation to her.

Aileen Griffiths

Congratulations to our President Aileen Griffiths as on Australia Day 26th January 1996 Aileen was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM). Aileen was awarded the medal for service to the community.

Aileen has chaired the Combined Auxiliaries Committee, Sutherland Hospital since 1984, and was secretary for 20 years and received her 50-year service award in 1994. A life member of United Hospitals. Auxiliaries, she was State vice-president 1973-1992, and an executive member of Cronulla Beach Branch 1945-1991.

A member of Sutherland Shire Information and Community Service since 1976, Aileen is now first vice-president. She has worked for North Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club since 1937, formed a Ladies Committee a year later, became the first life member and has been Lady Patron since 1956. Aileen's community work includes Meals on Wheels, Association of Civilian Widows, Sutherland Branch, an executive member of Cronulla Women's Bowling Club, Sutherland Shire Branch of NSW Association of Justices and Sutherland Shire Youth Music Awards.

Aileen was born in Balmain but reared in Sutherland Shire, her home stands on land her grandfather bought in South Cronulla. Aileen's interest in family history led her to join Sutherland Shire Historical Society of which she is the President.

An award well deserved. Congratulations Aileen.

GUEST SPEAKERS..

FEBRUARY ---- "THE POET AND HIS MATE.'
HON. STEPHEN MUTCH M.L.C.

MARCH ---- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

APRIL ---- AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS - AN OVERVIEW
MR. DON GREENBANK & MR. HILARY KELLY

MAY ---- N.S.W. MOUNTED POLICE.
MR. PETER PATTERSON.

MR W. A. J. HODGKINSON - FERRY MANAGER

On 10 March 1922, both the Sydney Morning Herald and St George newspapers reported that Walter Anthony John Hodgkinson of Waratah Street Cronulla, injured in a motor accident at Gymea on 2 March, had died at St George Cottage Hospital the previous day. Mr Hodgkinson was a well known local businessman.

Only son of the late W. A. Hodgkinson - there were four married sisters - who, between 1910 and 1914 owned an engineering business at 17-19 Parramatta Road Annandale, Walter Anthony John trained as a marine engineer. In 1909 he lived in Burraneer Bay Road, then various addresses around Cronulla with his wife Annie and a family that grew to eight children, eventually settling in Waratah Street. He was a member of the V. A. O. D. Star of Cronulla number 504.

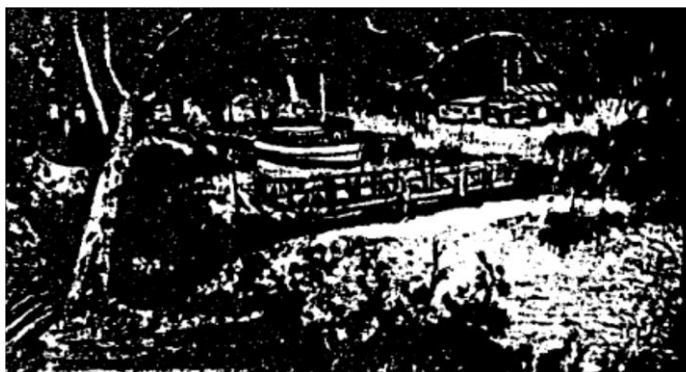
In November 1908. a Mr Blake of Kogarah successfully tendered from Sutherland Shire Council to build a wharf on Gunnamatta Bay. Inaugural trip of a ferry service to operate between Cronulla (Gunnamatta) and Audley was held on 1 December 1909. About thirty guests. mainly Council members and their families, celebrated beneath a tent on Gunnamatta Bay foreshores, on a seasonably hot summer's day. Later, Mr W. A. J. Hodgkinson, marine engineer, took them on a special trip to Audley aboard SS Pioneer. Contemporary photographs show Gunnamatta Bay populated by yachts and dinghies. but few houses on the opposite shore. In December 1910. a second ferry "Advance" was purchased.

In 1914 he tendered, with Mr Monro, for construction of shelter sheds on Cronulla beach, replacing obsolete trolley car bodies. Between 1918 and 1920 he was listed as Manager. Cronulla and Port Hacking Ferry Company. In November 1921, he sold his fleet of ferries to George Thomas Hegarty of Nicholson Parade, who installed Mr W. J. Bridges as manager, and eventually expanded to four vessels.

On 2 March 1922. he drove a friend home to Gymea Bay, but when he stopped his car forgot to place it in neutral. When he cranked it in gear, his car started and ran over him, dragging him to the edge of a cliff before he was able to extricate himself, although his car went over, to land on a ledge ten feet below. Suffering a broken ankle and internal injuries, he was taken to St George Cottage Hospital. Initially congratulated by local newspapers on his escape, he succumbed to his injuries on 9 March 1922. His funeral left his Waratah Street residence in hot and sultry weather. Sadly, his eldest daughter. Laurel Ivy Hodgkinson. aged nineteen, died at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on Friday 22 December 1922, less than nine months later. Both are interred in the Anglican section of Woronora cemetery. His family had by then left Cronulla.

This harks back to an era when Gunnamatta Bay was lined by commercial boatsheds, supporting fishing and water transport as well as ferries; an era almost completely vanished although ferry services to Bundeena and the Royal National Park continue.

Rhys Pidgeon



Year 1950.

A glimpse of the bridge at Audley, National Park, with dressing sheds in the background.. The ferry is the new "Bundeena" discharging holiday makers arriving from distant Cronulla after passing along the Hacking River . . a magnificent stretch of water girt with scenic beauties.

PIONEER GIRL GUIDES IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE

By Merle Kavanagh

The activities of Boy Scouts were an irresistible attraction to girls too after Scouting began with a camp at Brownsea Island in Southern England in 1907. Robert Baden-Powell's skills learnt in the African bush, the secret signs he included, the Promise, the Law and the good deed all added to the appeal of the movements. So it was no surprise to find girls in the Sutherland Shire in 1927 eager to embark on Guiding adventures but in the ladylike manner of that period it began with a news item in the local paper of 2nd April 1927.

Miss L. Porter, a teacher at Sutherland Public School had previously been a District Commissioner for Katoomba and Hazelbrook and was keen to get in touch with girls who would like to join as well as parents and others interested in supporting a company and some over 21 who might train as officers. The girls would be trained "to become useful, reliable, modest, honorable women". Thus was born the 1st Sutherland Guide Company holding its first meeting on 21 November, 1927 in St. John's Church of England hall, Boyle Street, Sutherland with ten girls present.

The Captain of the company was Miss Helen (Bonnie) McGregor-Robertson who lived with her mother at "Struan", the Boulevarde, Miranda. Her father had been Major James McGregor-Robertson of the Rhodesian Field Forces and he came from Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland. He brought his family to Miranda about 1907, took up poultry farming but died on 15 August 1916. Bonnie had an adventurous spirit and once embarked on a motor car trip with some friends to Canberra over shocking roads. They had camped out one night at Tarago where "Bunty", the dog who accompanied them, kept them awake all night while he barked at sheep.

Some of the girls who joined 1st Sutherland in those early days were Wen Paskin, Ada Swatridge, Yvonne Robinson, Leila Phillips, Dulcie Weston, Joyce Austin, Flo and Eileen Riley, May Thompson and Christian Jeffrey.

They entered enthusiastically into the displays and hikes, learning about woodcraft and the bush, knots, tracking, codes and signals and on 26 April 1928 they made their promises and became real Guides. However, they were forced to close on 28 June 1928 owing to the death of Bonnie's mother a few weeks earlier. The wife of the Rev. A. Shaw had stepped in to supervise them for the final meetings.

They attended meetings of 1st Mortdale, but still operated as 1st Sutherland, participating in local events such as Anzac Day services and the laying of the Foundation Stone for the new Ambulance Sub-Station at Sutherland on 5 May 1929. They also joined 1st Mortdale for their activities such as the Barter Flag Competition in 1928. However, Mortdale, too, would be without a leader to start 1929.

Miss Roslyn Rutherford of "Willamurra", Woollooware Road, Cronulla became Commissioner for the Sutherland Division, which included St. George, for the next two years and in April 1929, Miss L. Neems, Lieut. of 1st Marrickville, came to help out at Mortdale.

During Easter that year 13 girls had a "Civies camp" on the Swatridge property at Miranda, between the Kingsway and the Boulevarde and also joined 1st Kogarah in the October for a camp at "Willamurra".

Young sisters and their friends were also eager to be part of the excitement and fun and for a while Wen Paskin organised meetings for these younger girls, teaching them simple knots and bush lore. They formed an unofficial "club" wearing brown frocks, ribbons and brown bloomers and though they wanted to choose trees as their emblems, they settled on being "Gumnuts". Strangely, this name has since been adopted for the most junior section of the Guide movement.

The Guides enjoyed the Barter Flag Competitions and camps and soon the twenties were left behind. The older girls were now ready to take on leadership roles in Guiding and in February 1930 Ada Swatridge left to be Lieutenant to 2nd Hurstville and in April Wen Paskin left to be a Tawny Owl (asst. leader) with 1st Kogarah Brownies.

A number of girls from Cronulla became part of the 3rd Lone Guides for a time that year until 1st. Cronulla Guides opened on 21st June 1930 with Roslyn Rutherford as Captain. Roslyn opened the 1st Port Hacking Brownies on 28th June 1930, also known as 1st Burraneer Bay and later 1st Caringbah Brownie Pack.

On 1 November 1930 the Cronulla Company held a Field Day on the beach. Guides came from Bexley, Hurstville, Kogarah, Mortdale, Day Rangers from Banksia and Brownies from Bexley and Cronulla. They did sand-modelling which was inspected by Lady Game, the State President of the Association. The leaders erected screening for the girls to change into their swimmers and a campfire was held beside the sea.

In December of that. year Roslyn married Adriane Riordan and was replaced by Daisy Hopmeier at the 1st Cronulla Guides and by Wen Paskin at the Port Hacking Brownies. The Guides and Brownies strew rose petals in the path of the bride and groom.

It was not until 11 July 1931 that a notice appeared in the S.C.A.M. advertising for interested girls and women to join a Sutherland Company of Guides and Leila Phillips carried this on for some time, going on to make Guiding her life in many important positions and being honoured with the Award of the Beaver for outstanding service to the Association.

Ada Swatridge began a lifelong involvement with Guides and Brownies at Miranda, beginning the 1st Miranda Guide Company, registered at Headquarters on 12 July 1932 and meeting at the rear of the fruit shop on the corner of the lane near the old School of Arts. Ada worked with 1st Cronulla Brownies which began in 1941 and eventually opened 1st Miranda Brownies in 1950. She too was honoured, receiving the Award of the Oak Leaf, the first Guide Leader in N.S.W. to receive this honour.

Since those early days, many thousands of girls have made the promise and enjoyed the Guiding experience in Sutherland Shire and they can be assured that many more will follow in the years ahead.

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GYMEA AND SCHOOL DAYS

When my parents took us to Gymea 1st January, 1915, there was no school in Gymea you had to go to "Miranda Central" Corner of the Kingsway and Kiora Road, where part of the Westfield Shopping town is today or to Sutherland. So my sisters Doris and Clarice And my brother Jack continued their education at Sutherland Public School. They either walked or caught the steam tram from the Corner Gymea Bay Rd., and the Kingsway. There weren't any shops there then, later in 1927 Ralph Handcock built one on the opposite side to the Tram Stop. In later years I used to tie my horse Dolly to the large tree outside that shop but the shop was recently demolished.

As I grew up our parents bought Snippy for Jack to ride, also to go in the sulky or cart to do shopping etc. When I was of school age, they bought me Dolly so I could ride her to school every second day and walk other days. A good spot to tie horses up then was where Telecom, Miranda is today. We'd get water in a bucket for the horses to drink, from the school, only tank water everywhere in the Shire in those days and-well water for washing floors and the garden etc.

For two years I went to Miranda School during those years Jack changed from Sutherland and came to Miranda too to look after me.

Then Mr. Warman started a Horse drawn Coach so we changed to Sutherland School and went by Coach.

Later after I married Fred and was living opposite the side of Coonong Creek to where my parents had reared me, a little school was built in 1935 at Gymea Bay. When my daughters were old enough they went to school there, it was in Gymea Bay Road almost to the Corner of Vernon Ave. It started in July 1935 but was officially opened 17th August.

Joan my eldest daughter started there in Jan: 1942 in war time. We'd climb the gully near our home where Coonong Creek runs through to Gynea Baths, it was a pretty track with wildflowers, ferns, trees and lovely birds in abundance, in about 10 minutes Joan was at the school. She was Dux of that school, there were only two teachers, one Headmaster and one other teacher. Later her 3 sisters attended the school and all 4 of them went well and obtained good positions as did most of the other pupils.

Doris my youngest daughter was the only one to go to the new school in 6th class when it opened in 1954 on the corner of Coonong Rd and Gynea Bay Road on the opposite side to the little school. They had their Photo's taken at the little school before they went to the new one. I gave a copy of the Photo to the Sutherland Historical Society. In 1950, 1957 and 1959 other rooms were added including an "Assembly Hall" which was a joint venture by the Parents and the Education Department. Once a year quite a few old families have a picnic somewhere to chat about old school days etc. When Gynea school had its 50th year picnic it was attended by the Bates, Cassell, South, Proctor, Ried, Swift, Noble, Henderson and of course Rugless families. Just recently in 1995 it was the 60th Anniversary and there was another picnic to celebrate in the school grounds, as many of the old pupils as possible attended.

PHYLLIS RUGLESS

MASH

Newsletter of Sutherland Hospital & Community Health Services

Nov/Dec 1995

The End of an Era

The 7 December 1995 will be remembered as the last day of the long and distinguished career of the Director of Nursing, Miss Judianne Gibson.

Judianne will commence annual leave, long service leave and then will subsequently retire in early 1997.

Judianne's career commenced at Sutherland Hospital on 7 November 1977 when she was appointed as the Deputy Matron. It quickly became evident that Judianne would become the future leader of the nursing division of the hospital. Her efforts were rewarded when Judianne was appointed Matron on 24 May 1978.

Since this time, Judianne has been a wonderful asset to the Area Health Service, Sutherland Hospital and the local community.

Most importantly, Judianne's commitment and dedication to the nursing profession is of the highest standard. The manner in which she developed, guided and improved the nursing division has ensured that nurses are well equipped for any challenge that may lie ahead.

Sutherland Hospital has been indeed fortunate that we had a Director of Nursing of the calibre of Judianne Gibson.

We wish her well for the future.

Permission to reprint this item in our Bulletin was given by the Hospital's General Manager, Mr. Gerry MacDonald, as Miss Gibson has been a member of this Society for a long time.

May I say, historically, it is the end of "another" era too.

Miss Gibson's predecessor, Miss Beryl Bonfield, - A.M. retired, she had been the first Matron appointed to the Sutherland Hospital and Miss Gibson retires as the first Director of nursing to have been appointed to the Hospital.

Best wishes for the future, Judianne, from all Society members.

Aileen Griffiths

Loftus Crossing - Gate Attendant.

Joseph Arthur Rouse and Mary Rouse arrived at Loftus in 1923. They lived in a house past signal box south of the station.

Joseph took house down and rebuilt it at the gates at the northern end of the station. He was a fettler on the railway, Mary attended the gates by opening and closing them for traffic. She also collected tickets from south bound trains.

Kerosene lights had to be serviced and lit at dusk - if they went out they had to be relit.

Jessie Rouse daughter of Joseph William came to Loftus in 1927.

My grandparents looked after me also Aunt Margaret Rouse (Stockman)

Walter Rouse also worked as porter at Sutherland station about 1938.

Jessie Rouse left school 1940 and worked in Sydney until 1944.

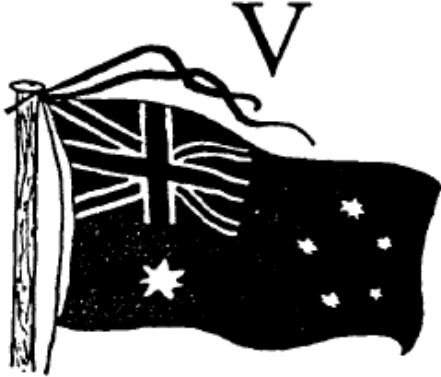
Granny became ill and it was hard for her to manage gates and station.

I was 18 years old and applied for job of platform attendant at Loftus.

I had to get special permission from Commissioner Mr. Hartigan. I was accepted and worked there until 1948 when I got married.

My cousin Flo Rouse of Warrell Creek applied for my position and got it. Flo left in 1955

Jessie Cole



IT WAVES FOR PEACE

BATTERED and war-torn are many of the flags which have been carried by Australian ships and Australian men in these hard years of war, but this was the flag they fought and died for.

To-day, the flag of Australia flies in peace, as in the eternal purpose of this nation. As the flag flies, so must Australia labour that our land shall henceforth suffer no threat of invasions, and our homes shall be secure.

This flag flies to-day, at the masthead in celebration of victory; let us never forget those for whom it has flown in salute to the dead. Our flag flies to-day because of their supreme gift to our salvation.

Dedicated, in salute to those countless sons of valour who have kept Australia free and its flag flying, by...

CUSACK'S

NORFOLK ISLAND INFANTRY DETACHMENT

June 1942 to December 1942.. Formed by 'volunteers' throughout various training-and established units.

I was a member of the defunct 'X' battalion at Cowra camp in 1942 disbanded because of the changed situation from the 'desert' to 'jungle' fighting.. We were sent to Bathurst and the 28 ITB at that time voluntary units were being formed for service overseas. One in particular was for a unit to be sent to Norfolk Island and so the NIIO'S was formed. We gathered at Ingleburn camp in May 1942 some 100 strong consisting of already enlisted and posted Norfolk Islanders, ie "Armoured Division" in particular.

We embarked from No. 3 Walsh Bay (?) early June 1942 on the S.S. "Morinda" the normal trading vessel to the peace time Pacific Island.

We joined a local Militia Unit on the island controlled by the 1st City of Sydney regiment, the colour patch of black-Green rectangle. Some 50 to 100 strong??

Our commanding officer was a Major Farlow assisted by Lieut. Paddock - Sgt. Thurgood.

We carried out sentry and guard duty at Observation posts. Our armaments were 1 Lewis gun for anti-aircraft defence situated on the hill at the rear of the old barracks. Two Vickers gun pits at Anson Bay overlooking the sandy beach (only landing once it was believed.) and 10 rounds of 303 ammo each rifleman Some grenades were available.

Various OPis were located at isolated spots, Cascade, Balls Bay Mount Pitt and Arson Bay.

Most of our leisure time was taken up fishing, horse riding, swimming and socialising at the friendly Island people's houses (Partying)

The Government rep. on the Island was Major General Rosenthal. No duty free goods on the island at that time.

After the Coral Sea battle was fought and won evidently our mission became obsolete so in December 1942 we embarked for Sydney on the Han Yang a Liberty boat arriving on a spectacular Sydney Sunday morning to be greeted by all the sailing boats as being returned from action. Only to be demobbed once again headed from the showground to Conungra jungle training centre etc.

As a force of about 100 odd we were replaced by 1800 kiwis Bofor guns vehicles etc.

Before we returned to mainland an International rugby match took place Islanders and Aussies played the Kiwis. Result Kiwis 3 AIF Nil

Information from

Eric A. Suann.

HISTORY OF TOLL BAR

The name of our Motel was derived from a Toll Bar that was situated a few hundred metres East of this site.

The Toll Keeper's Cottage still stands and it was operated by a convict, chained to a peg in the ground in front of the cottage.

A board showing various fees, for say, a mob of cattle, or ox-drawn vehicle, etc., to go by road to either Sydney or Tamworth, was on display.

In 1863 the Toll Keeper was "held up" by the "gentleman" bushranger Captain Thunderbolt, who was eventually shot by the Mounted Police in the Rocky River area some years later.



Courtesy of the Tollbar Motor Inn Rutherford N.S.W.

- Contributed by Aileen Griffiths.

EXCURSION REPORT

The November week-end trip to Dungog area, staying at the Toll Bar Motor Inn, Rutherford, proved to be a most successful and enjoyable week-end. Members of Dungog Society prepared morning tea for us on arrival at their Museum and we were feted all the time we spent with them. As always on our travels, Terry McCosker excelled himself with extra inspections on the return from Dungog; and all day Sunday.

The trip to Naval Air Station at Nowra on Saturday, February 18 is selling quite well, but we need a few more supporters to fill the coach; unfortunately, this will be the day following the February meeting, but we know you will understand how this has come out, following the change of meeting evening to third Friday of the month.

Tickets are \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for visitors -- coach leaves Cronulla at 8. a.m. and Sutherland at 8.30 a.m. Please take your morning tea and luncheon requirements, as usual.

As you will understand it will be necessary to change the timing of our outings, due to the change of meeting night to third Friday of each month; in future we are considering the second Saturday of each month - May, July, September but will need to give further thought to November if we are to have a weekend tour. There are five week-ends in November and possibly that would be a more suitable timing in that month, because of the Armistice Day functions and Melbourne Cup Day too.

At the moment enquiries are in hand with the Manly-Warringah Society for us to visit them in May and it has been suggested we make the date Saturday, May 11; their Acting President, Mr. Bob Pauling is discussing the outing with his Committee and it is suggested we commence from about Mona Vale and travel towards Palm Beach where there is lots of history. This will be new territory for the Society, as we have "done" the Manly and its environs previously, although quite some time ago.

Hopefully, we will have full details for you, if not for January, by February meeting, but the date is correct.

Bookings to Mrs. Betty McGrath at 521-2227; enquiries either to Betty or myself (on 523-5801).


CONVENER

EXCURSION RETORT -- STOP PRESSLATE ADVICE ON PITTWATER

As mentioned in the Excursion Report, we will be going to the Pittwater area on Saturday, May 11, 1996; we have now finalised arrangements with Mrs. Carol Gerrard of the Pittwater Society.

The cost of the tour will be \$16.00 for members and \$21.00 for visitors; the coach will leave Cronulla at 8.30 a.m. and Sutherland at 9 a.m.

We will travel to Mona Vale, where we will have a comfort stop, and "cuppa", before meeting our hosts.

As always bookings to Mrs. Betty McGrath, 521-2227; enquiries either to Mrs. McGrath, or myself on 523-5801

Aileen Griffiths
Excursion Convener

Guide for voluntary associations
N.E. Renton 5th Edition 1990

- 10.8. The word "Chairman" has for a very long time been used as the customary title of the person presiding over a meeting. As with so much else in the lore of meetings procedure, this usage is steeped in tradition. As a form of address the title can become either "Mr Chairman" or "Madam Chairman", as the case may be.
- 10.9. The words "Chairwoman" for a female presiding officer and "Chairperson" for a presiding officer of either sex are neologisms of no philological merit whatsoever. The simultaneous use of "Chairman" for a male incumbent and "Chairperson" for a female incumbent is even sillier. Should an audience really be addressed as "Persons and Gentlemen"? Like remarks apply to other similarly-coined words, for example, "spokesperson" for "spokesman". (Surely those who think that the word "chairman" sounds unduly sexist should be equally offended by the "son" ending of "chairperson"?)

Contributed by Aileen Griffiths.

HERITAGE WEEK 1996

We will be needing assistance to man the display the Society is to present during the week Sunday April 28 to May 6, 1996,

in our Museum, School of Arts Building, East Parade, Sutherland.

A roster is being prepared and we ask our members to please help by offering to share a turn either morning or afternoon during that week. The Museum will be open on Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on each Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Will you please contact either Mr. Allan McGrath, or myself, if you can assist us.

DO YOU.-KNOW?

- ➔ Director Charles Chauvel's final feature film, Jeddah, had its world premiere on January 3, 1955, at the Star Theatre, Darwin.
- ➔ "Australia's first Dive-In movie show opened on Queensland's Gold Coast on January 5, 1990 Patrons bobbed around a wave pool on inner tubes watching such films as Jaws and Dead Calm.
- ➔ Although The Kid Stakes, the classic silent film adaptation of the Australian comic strip "Fatty Finn", is set in Sydney's Woolloomooloo, the climactic billy goat race had to be filmed in Rockhampton, Qld., on February 5, 1927, because goat races were prohibited in N.S.W.
- ➔ The "talkies" arrived in Western Australia on April 6, 1929, when The Jazz Singer opened at Perth's Prince of Wales Theatre and The Red Dance opened at The Regent.
- ➔ Melbourne's Glaciarium was the first cinema in the world to present a double bill when it teamed an Australian melodrama, The Lost Chord, with an Italian epic, The Fall of Troy, on May 15, 1911.
- ➔ The most ambitious silent film produced in Australia, For the Term of His Natural Life, made by American director Norman Dawn at a then staggering cost of 50,000 pounds, premiered at Newcastle's Theatre Royal on June 20, 1927.
- ➔ Cinemas can be a health hazard. A man ran amok with a tomahawk in Sydney's Regent Theatre on September 9, 1959, killing one patron and injuring ten others. Four patrons were injured when a man opened fire with a gun in the crowded foyer of Melbourne's Longford Cinema on October 14, 1979.

Contributed by
Jim Cutbush.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society, Inc. will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1996, in the MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING, 123 Flora Street, Sutherland (next to Sutherland Shire Council Car Parking area,) at 7.45 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. NOTICES OF MOTION:
 - (a) That Life Membership of this Society be conferred on Mr. Allan McGrath.
Moved Mr. S. Roberts, seconded Mrs. M. Blackley
 - (b) That the position of Museum Curator be added to elected officers of this Society.
Recommended by Executive Council.
4. To confirm and adopt Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting of this Society.
5. Submission and adoption of the 29th Annual Report of the Executive Council and the on. Treasurer's Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for 1995.
6. Honoraria
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1996 8. GENERAL BUSINESS.

On behalf of the Executive Council of
Sutherland Shire Historical Society, Inc.


PRESIDENT

"Richmount",
34 Richmount Street,
CRONULLA. 2230.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.OFFICE BEARERS 1995

PRESIDENT	Mrs. A. Griffiths
DEPUTY PRESIDENT	Mr. D. Archer
VICE PRESIDENT (2)	Mr. J. Cutbush Mr. Knight
HON. SECRETARY	Mr. R. Moore
HON TREASURER	Mr. A. Platfoot
HON RESEARCH OFFICER	Miss H. McDonald
HON ARCHIVIST	Miss D. Oliver (represented by Miss H. McDonald)
HON. EDITOR:	Mr. J. Cutbush
HON. PUBLICITY OFFICER	Mrs. P. Rugless
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	Mrs. M. Blackley Mrs. B. Greentree Hr. H. Ivers Mr. A. McGrath Mr. S . Roberts
HON AUDITOR	Mr. R. Lavers
HON SOLICITOR	Mr. M. Solari

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.SUB-COMMITTEES 199

PUBLICATIONS	Mr. J. Cutbush (Convener) Mr. H. Ivers Mrs. A. Ivers Mr. D. Archer Mr. A. Platfoot Mrs. A. Platfoot
EXHIBITIONS	Mr. A. McGrath (Convener) Mr. D. Archer Mrs. B. McGrath
MUSEUM	Mr. A. McGrath (Convener) Mrs B McGrath MR D Archer Mr. J. Cutbush Mrs. A. Cutbush Mr. A. Humphreys Mrs. V. Humphreys

(President, Mrs. A. Griffiths is Ex-Officio each Committee)

<u>EXCURSIONS:</u>	Mrs. A. Griffiths (Convener) Mr. D. Archer Mrs. I. Caddell Mr. K. Knight Mr. T. McCosker Mrs. B. McGrath Mr. S. Roberts
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AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE)	Mrs. A. Griffiths
REPRESENTATIVE at Council)	Mr. A. McGrath
HERITAGE WEEK COMMITTEE)	Mrs. A. Griffiths
REPRESENTATIVE at Council)	Mrs. A. Cutbush Mr. A. McGrath
AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS)	Mrs. A. Griffiths
REPRESENTATIVE at Council)	Mr. A. McGrath

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.EXCURSION ANNUAL REPORT

In the year under review the Society had three full day tours, and one week-end trip (Friday evening. to Sunday), with much regret, however, we had to cancel the July Excursion planned as an outing "round the Sutherland Shire".

On Saturday February 18, 1995 we spent an unusual day at Port Kembla -- we inspected the Battery Museum, had a launch trip around Port Kembla Harbour and after luncheon, by coach "did" a land tour of the Port Kembla Harbour area. The guides in each case were fully conversant with their subject and it was a different and most informative trip.

Saturday, May 20 we returned to one of the areas visited many years ago, when we met members of Springwood Society and were expertly shown why Springwood is known as such an historic site.

Unfortunately, due to lack of support we were unable to go ahead with the proposed tour of The Shire: this was rather a surprise to the Excursion Committee and other Members, because when we travelled in our own area we were unable to take all those on the waiting list -- we were quickly booked out. Times change!

Saturday, September 16, we travelled to North Fort the army establishment at North Head, Sydney Harbour; unfortunately, was a wet morning (so unusual for our outings), and restricted

the view and outdoor items, somewhat; however the manner in which they have prepared the Museum items, and explanations of hopes for the future made it very interesting to the majority of our group. One or two of the ladies expressed to me that they did not think it was a ladies type of outing, but the majority of the party thought it excellent. What did you think? It is only by receiving these criticisms we can plan your outings, and we always take note of your remarks, either good or bad.

And then came the week-end to the Dungog Society area, from Friday evening 17 to Sunday 19 November 1995; the coach was full and we couldn't take any more members with us; all forty-eight in the group thoroughly enjoyed the full week-end. The Society there had morning tea prepared for us on arrival and the President accompanied us as guide throughout the day.

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The facilities at the Toll Bar Motor Inn at Rutherford where we had our accommodation far outshone most places we have chosen in the past -- by co-incidence the Host, Mr. Jeff Mere, lived and went to school in Cronulla was a neighbour of our members the Falle family, and also Ada Cutbush and had known V.P. Jim Cutbush when growing up. He was also a member of Cronulla Surf Club from 1955 to 1967. As you will guess he enjoyed the Shire company, and because I knew this before our visit, having been there previously, I took him copies of that week's two Leader Newspapers and the Annual Report of North Cronulla Surf Club. Thank you again, Jeff, for your care.

Thanks are due to the Excursion Committee and on your behalf I extend your appreciation to them, namely, Doug Archer, Ishbell Caddell, Keith Knight, Terry McCosker, Betty McGrath, Stewart Roberts -- on tour they make my job as Convener much easier.

As usual I express thanks and appreciation to Ron and Doris Wood and their family, for the assistance given by "Tiger Tours" ; particularly does Ron help our Society with advice and information on distance, times etc. when selecting a venue. And for rostering Terry on our coach whenever possible.

Now that Terry McCosker has become a member of the Excursion Committee I think we take him more for granted than previously; nevertheless, Terry, I'm sure I don't need to tell you how much the members appreciate your input.

Finally, as always, on behalf of the members of the Committee and everyone who assists with our trips, we thank you, the members for supporting the outings and for any constructive comments you pass on to us.


Excursion Convener

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MUSEUM REPORT.

FIFTY years after the war in the Pacific and the people of the Sutherland Shire remembered past deeds of gallantry, and the general upheaval to the peaceful life of many families in the shire.

The response to our endeavours to get as much feedback from ex servicemen and their families encouraged us to make a full scale display en-titled "Australia Remembers" in the society's museum in the School of Arts building in Sutherland.

1775 visitors visited the display and many people related their memories of this troublesome time and we felt that the sacrifices made by so many were remembered and appreciated by all particularly the younger folk who showed great interest in the 'past' of their Shire.

Photographic displays of the Shire were set up at the following venues and many questions were asked and answered as people tried to relate 'what was' with 'what it is now.'

The main display was on Australia Day at the North Cronulla Surf Club 880 visitors viewed this exhibition.

We were represented at the 'Mayfest' at Menai school. "Australia Remembers" photos were on display at the Engadine Mall and Woronora school.

Groups visited-the museum from, the Thos. Holt Village, Alloa nursing home, Minerva Street school, Star of the Sea, De la Salle college and St. Aloysius.

A bus load of visitors from the Springwood Historical Society. came to have a look at the district, visited the museum and joined us for a cuppa and a biscuit. It was good to see the country visiting the Shire as it is usually our society visiting other societies.

All in all a very busy year and a most rewarding one.

Many members helped to make these public displays the success that they were and thanks must be expressed to those who gave their time so generously.

2655 visited the combined exhibitions of which there were 360 children.

A. McGrath.

Curator

PUBLICATIONS REPORT.

The Society is most grateful to our Shire Council and Staff for the printing and stapling of our bulletin.

A special thank you to Allan McGrath of picking up, inserting and posting the bulletin for us. Thank You to Harold Ivers whom I know is always there to advise when the occasion arises.

Over the past 12 months the articles in the bulletin have been of varied interest thanks to those who have taken the time to contribute.

This bulletin basically only survives on the contributions our members send to us, for which I am most grateful. Contributors are asked to please keep a-copy of their contribution and to please supply their name and a means of contact (Phone No'.) with the papers.

Contributions should be on a A4 sheet of paper leaving a one inch (25mm) clear area around all edges.

If you can't type your article then please send it in hand written and we will have it typed for insertion into the bulletin for you.

Jim Cutbush.
Editor.

WHEN CAPTAIN COOK LANDED AT KURNELL IN 1770, LITTLE DID HE DREAM THAT IN 1901 WHEN THE COMMONWEALTH BECAME A NATION, WOOL, WHEAT AND GOLD WOULD FORM THE TRIUMVIRATE ON WHICH AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMY WOULD BE EASED. N.S.W. ENTERED NATIONHOOD WITH AN AREA SF 310,700 SQUARE MILES, AND AN EFFECTIVE POPULATION OF 1,348,400, OF WHICH NUMBER 724,470 WERE MALES.

THESE FIGURES WERE ESTIMATED ON 31 DEC. 1899. THE POPULATION WAS THEN 4.34 PER SQ. MILE.

TO-DAY, 1950, THE SHIRE ROLL NAMES 39,000 'PEOPLE LIVING IN 144 SQUARE MILES, MUCH OF THE AREA BEING CROWN LANDS AND VIRGIN BUSH.

IN 1899. N.S.W. WAS PEOPLED (ALSO) BY 8,250 ABORIGINES OF WHOM 4.535 WERE MALES.



FEDERAL BADGE.

1901



SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that in September the Lady Mayor of Sutherland Shire, Councillor Lorraine Rodden accepted our invitation to become the Society's Patron.

In November we were honoured to welcome Mrs. Shirley Sinclair, wife of the State Governor to our meeting and reception supper in the Rainbow room at the Entertainment centre. Mrs. Sinclair spoke to us on the life of Captain Cook's wife and the conditions prevailing in England at that time.

In May we wrote to the Property Division of the Sutherland Shire Council Mr Greenway, expressing the society's preferences for the development of Hazelhurst - a lovely old home in GyMEA, taken over by council and dedicated to cultural pursuits in the Shire.

During the year we were glad to welcome a number of new members and look forward to meeting more in 1996.

Due to renovations in the Council Chambers our December meeting was held in the temporary council suite. Accommodation for our 1996 meetings has been arranged in the Multi Purpose Centre in Flora Street and we look forward to happy well attended meetings there.

I would like to express my thanks to our guest speakers who have made our meetings in 1995 so interesting.

Guest speakers were:-

January	Members Night
February	B McDowell – McDowell's stores
March	AGM
April	Mary Small – Children's books
May	Ken Clement - The Masons
June	Les Bursill Aboriginal culture
July	Ivan Webber Woronora Cemetery
August	Mr. Poljinski Railway archivist
September	Mr. Jenkins -Lions International
October	Mrs. C Szak - Shire archaeologist
November	Mrs. Sinclair Mrs.Jas Cook
December	M/s Irlam - St. John's First Aid Society

Ray Moore Hon. Secretary.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
INTERIM BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 1995

<u>1994</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1995</u>
1,050.00	Members Subscriptions	866.00
350.00	Bulletin Subscriptions	290.00
82.00	Sales - Badges & Souvenirs	12.00
261.40	Sales - Books & Bulletins	109.50
179.60	Donations - Heritage Week	125.10
145.75	Donations - Museum	91.20
474.45	Donations - Sundry	254.40
39.47	Interest - Commonwealth Bank	34.73
102.51	Interest - St George Bldg Society - Step Up Account	75.91
0.00	Interest - St George Bldg Society - Fixed Term Account	539.34
6,356.50	Excursion Receipts	8,169.45
453.00	Excursion - prepayments for next year	0.00
<u>1,500.00</u>	Sutherland Shire Council Grant	<u>1,500.00</u>
10,994.68	INCOME TOTAL	13,324.18
<u>1994</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1995</u>
354.54	Australia Post - Bulletin	354.52
144.00	Bulletin Expense	0.00
70.00	Australia Post - Post Office Box (Sutherland PO 389)	70.00
63.35	Society Postage	33.40
123.75	Society Phone Calls	62.25
472.35	Society Stationery	77.60
1,725.24	Society Sundry Expenses	335.95
0.00	Petty Cash	30.90
65.00	Subscriptions - RAHS	75.00
208.00	Subscriptions - RAHS Insurance - public & voluntary workers	208.00
85.00	Book Purchases	9.50
55.15	Suppers - Monthly General Meetings	43.85
0.00	Hall Rental for Executive meetings	55.00
169.76	Photographs - Equipment Purchased	172.05
150.00	Out of pocket Expenses - Hon President, Secretary & Treasurer	22.30
34.74	Bank Charges - FID, GDT (including St George Step Up acct)	10.10
0.00	Museum	204.25
0.00	Donations	25.00
<u>1994</u>	<u>EXCURSIONS</u>	
2,200.00	Transport - Coaches	2760.00
103.50	Admission Fees	100.00
250.00	Donations	361.00
3.65	Postage	39.65
120.60	Phone calls (local & STD)	28.45
56.00	Sweets	15.05
62.75	Stationery	0.00
130.00	Refunds	327.00
880.95	Sundry items	516.55
2,760.00	Motel	4854.00
<u>0.00</u>	Petty cash	<u>266.37</u>
10,292.33	EXPENSES TOTAL	10,985.72
702.35	Surplus for the year transferred to accumulated funds	2,338.46

1994ACCUMULATED FUNDS

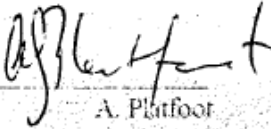
8000.00	St George Building Society - Fixed Term a/c 015-152-672	8000.00
7339.41	St George Building Society - Deposit a/c 021-133-594	8100.71
<u>1388.85</u>	Commonwealth Savings & Cheque Account - Cronulla a/c 0090-5269	3112.06
16728.26	TOTAL	18,212.77
15391.87	Asset Balance as at January 1st	16,094.22
<u>702.35</u>	Credit Balance from Revenue Account	<u>2,338.46</u>
16,094.22	TOTAL	18,432.68

RECONCILIATION

2287.81	Cash book balance at 31 December 1994	1388.85
10,994.68	Income 1 January 1994 to 30 November 1995	13,324.18
10,292.33	Expenditure 1 January 1994 to 30 November 1995	10,985.72
1500.00	Transfer from CSB to St George Step Up acct	0.00
102.51	Interest St George Step Up	615.25
1388.85	Cash book balance at 30 November 1995	3112.06
1388.85	Balance as at CSB 30 November 1995 (Statement n/o 160)	3112.06

As at 1 December 1995 society holds:

9	• Society Badges	9
114	• Friendship Pins	114
81	• Souvenir Spoons	152
38	• Letter Openers	16


A. Plattfoot
Hon Treasurer

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

We have come to the end of another successful year, and I wish to extend my thanks to everyone who has assisted the Society in any way during 1995. Our membership continues to grow, we would like to see more members attending meetings. Generally, numbers appear satisfactory, although some months seem to be down a little.

Occasionally, some coach tours do not fill as quickly as we would like, making the Excursion Committee wonder if we are offering outings to your liking - but usually we have a full coach by the time of travel.

Members of the Executive Council have been diligent in carrying out any duties requested of them and on your behalf I thank them for their interest and time given to the Society.

I acknowledge Mr. Doug Archer, Deputy President for his assistance at all times.

To Mr. Jim Cutbush and Mr. Keith Knight thank you for the help you give Doug and myself as Vice-Presidents; also to Jim, many thanks for the wonderful job you do as Bulletin Editor, and to Keith thank you for helping with the Excursion Committee and for taking me to meetings when I don't have transport.

Mr. Ray Moore has become an excellent Hon. Secretary for the Society and certainly had more than the usual duties as we made plans for Mrs. Sinclair's visit; and thank you to his wife, Hilary, for all the support you give Ray and the Committee.

Being Hon. Treasurer is a very time-consuming position, and we say very many thanks to Mr. Andrew Flatfoot for the efficient way he manages our finances. And, thank you for doing address labels, too.

We call on Miss Helen McDonald for many things; being Hon. Research Officer, combined with her position in Central library as "local History librarian" we are constantly seeking her advice. Thank you Helen for your patience.

Miss Diana Oliver, as Hon. Archivist is a wonderful support to this Society with advice and ideas; Diana has indicated she will be retiring in July, 1996 and we will miss her very much.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Mrs. Phyllis Rugless has continued to send copy to the St. George Sutherland Leader; we thank Phyllis for her efforts and also the Leader for the publicity they give us.

Mr. Allan McGrath is a tower of strength to this Society, and you will forgive me if I say he is the hardest working member; firstly, he is a Committeeman -- most importantly he is the Museum Curator where he spends countless hours arranging and updating the display. He sets up Exhibitions, together with his Committee, when requests when requests are received for same, and he Joins me as Society representative on the Australia Day, Heritage Week and the Australia Remembers Council Community Committees.

And if that is not enough, during 1995 he has taken over collecting the printed bulletins, enveloping them, putting on the address labels and posting them, to assist me, because I am finding the lifting of the heavy weight getting beyond me. (We have been doing this to take a load off the Bulletin 'Editor' - both Mr. Ivers and Mr Cutbush

Again we thank Mr. Stewart Roberts. for his contributions to the Bulletin and as Committeeman filling in for the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Tour Booking . Officer or other is unavailable at an. Executive or General Meeting. Stewart, you are still my "Sounding block" when I need wise counsel and I thank you personally for it.

Mrs Betty Greentree and her helpers continue to prepare that welcome light supper .after meetings, which allows members and their friends to "chat" after the formal evening. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Marjory Blackley still helps the Society a Committeeman, and is especially helpful with typing for Mr. Ray Moore and Mr. Allan McGrath regularly.

We are pleased to. have Mr. Harold Ivers, the immediate Past President, serving on the Committee and contributing ideas to the debates and in particular assisting the Hon. Editor regarding the Bulletin.

Mr. Roy . Lavers, as Hon. Auditor is very Much appreciated by the Society and we thank you, Roy, for continuing in this capacity.

Again we have not needed the services of the Hon. Solicitor, Mr. Michael Solari, but it is comforting to know we have your support if an occasion should arise. Thank you for being there.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM.

We are deeply indebted to Sutherland Shire Council for all the assistance given to the Society, and also for the kind invitations received to be represented on various Community Sub-Committees.

We trust our humble efforts to attend to historical matters when requested, are of assistance to Council Officers

Aileen Griffiths

WARATAH

This is the New South Wales National Flower --- but did you know the name is the aboriginal word for "seen from afar", which describes the shrub's size from one to four metres tall, and its large crimson flower heads?

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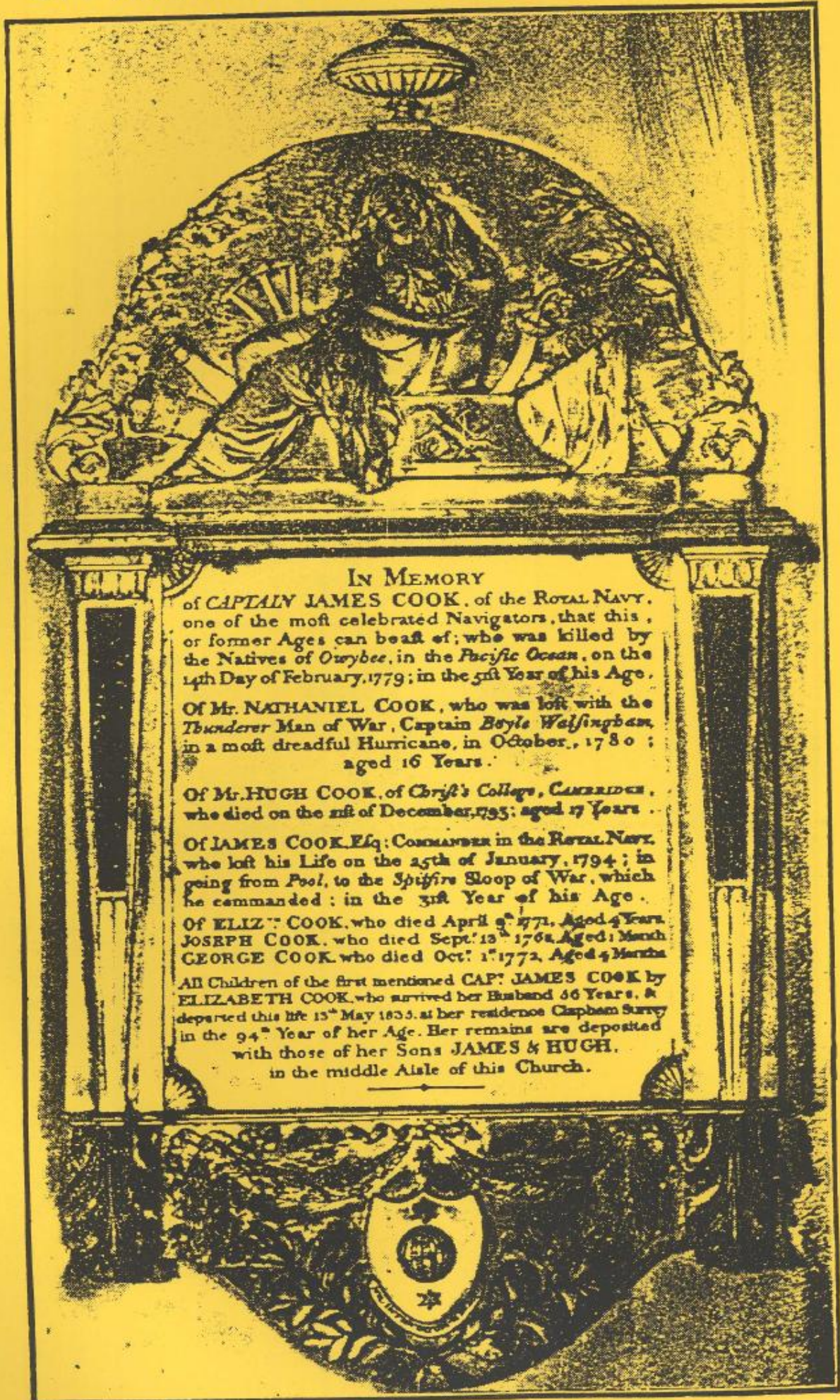


PICTURESQUE CRONULLA WHARF at Gunnamatta Bay. Improvements are now being made by Mr. Cliff Ballam, whose modern ferries leave from here for Bundeena, Bonnie Vale and Audley, National Park. The Wharf is about three minutes walk from Cronulla Station.



THE COOK MONUMENT

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