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President's Remarks

I wish you all a very happy and fruitful New Year, and let's hope that 1998 will be a pleasant and memorable one for our members and the Society. In retrospect, 1997 was a sad year for us with the passing of our highly regarded long term past President, Harold Ivers and executive member, George Heavens. It was also a year of great involvement, as our members contribute greatly to the Shire's Australia Day celebrations, and also to Heritage Week, with our displays, bus trips, Museum tableaux and special displays etc.

Once again we are assisting in the Australia Day, 1998 celebrations for the Shire, and I pay tribute to the dedicated work by your executive members, particularly Mrs. Aileen Griffith, OAM and Mr. Allan McGrath who are heavily involved in erecting our annual historical display at North Cronulla Surf Club each year, together with our archivist and Council staff member, Ms Helen McDonald. As well as being on Sutherland Shire's Australia Day Committee, I am vice president of the Australia Day Botany Bay Committee, which has the Governor General as its patron. I believe it was quite a breathtaking sightseeing all the Tall Ships in full sail during the past week. I was particularly pleased this year, that we finally celebrated our Shire's own special "Australia Day", when Capt. Arthur Phillip came into Botany Bay on 18th January, 1788 before he went on to Sydney Harbour. Whilst the yachting clubs were unable to mobilise on the Sunday, we were thrilled to have the running of the Navigators' Cup on the Saturday, honouring our three famous navigators, Lt James Cook, Capt. Arthur Phillip, and Comte La Perouse. We are grateful for the sponsorship by Collex, and after an exciting start at 1 pm in the Bay, we followed the yachts out through the heads and bid them well for their trip up to Darling Harbour, where they arrived about 5.30 pm. Just think it took only 4 1/2 hours; in 1788 it took Phillip over a week before he set foot on Sydney Cove, trying to find an entrance and assessing the landscape for a suitable place for a colony! We anticipate this will be an annual event, and one which suitably commemorates our modern nation's beginnings.

I can't help noting that with all our modern resource and energy saving initiatives, nothing better the use of sail for transport-- and so quiet compared to being engine driven!

I met Cllr Verlie Fowler, Campbelltown Council yesterday, who gave us our talk on Eckersley Rd., Menai last year, and she has never found those slides which she lost at our meeting! We have checked the projector carousel, the hall management etc. but no one has seen them. Could every member check their papers, booklets etc in case the box containing them got mixed up with your belongings? I feel so embarrassed as I invited her as a guest speaker, and then she lost her valuable slides as a result. She is quite philosophical about it, but she would be ecstatic if they were found. Perhaps they fell in the carpark?

Didn't we have a great time at our Christmas meeting! Our thanks to the Sutherland Music Club for our pianist, Leonie Walford and to Aileen's daughter Janelle, who has such a beautiful voice. Apparently both ladies were not feeling well that night, but like true troupers "the show must go on". Thank you for the wonderful entertainment, and wasn't it nice having our only honorary member, Mr. John Rayner, cut our Christmas cake! Mr. Rayner has always been very supportive of the Society and we were thrilled to have him and his wife Denise as our guests. Happy New Year, everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and being able to chat, and find out how you spent the Christmas period.

1998 Meetings:

February: Change of Venue: We have been invited by the Tram Museum, Loftus for a tour at 7.30pm followed by our meeting. Parking outside the Museum or in the Tech College, through the gate, near Loftus station. March: Annual General Meeting- and election of office bearers for 1998-1999.

April: Muriel Wills--topic to be advised

May: Mr. Don Carter, formerly Shire President 1990-1991, on some memorable bushfires of Sutherland Shire and video

LOCAL MEMORIES.

We, Mum, Dad and two children a boy Peter and a girl me, Lindsay, arrived from South Africa in 1956 on board the "Shaw Saville Southern Cross". Peter was 7 yrs and I was 9 years. We migrated to Australia as the political and racial tensions in South Africa were getting worse by the day. Our fares were Seventy-two Pounds each for adults and half fare for children.

Very early on a cold morning of 19th October we saw the foreshore and later the most magnificent sight of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It almost seemed impossible that the mast of the ship would fit under the Bridge as we passed under to dock on the other side.

Our first night had been arranged to stay with friend's relatives at Lane Cove and then rental accommodation at Ewos Parade, South Cronulla after the first night spent at their home. Quite an experience as television had only been in Australia for a month and they were among the first to own a set. There were people coming and going all night long into a darkened room to watch this wonderful marvel that was about to change all our lives forever.

The holiday cottage was old and dirty, but as children we were unaware of any problems and were just excited at being right on the coast. We spent a lot of time at the beach that summer.

We were enrolled into South Cronulla School and classes according to our age and ability were rather difficult to decide upon. We were novelties with our very English South African accents, many questions were fired as to whether we lived in the jungles and what animals did we see. Knowledge of South Africa was very limited to jungles and national parks with no thought to having cities the same as Sydney.

Another couple of moves, one to a flea-ridden house in Thomas Street, Cronulla across the road from the "white elephant church", even worse than Ewos Parade, and then to a flat in John Davey Avenue, Wanda Beach; this one was much better. The short rental periods were due to the fact that it was Christmas school holidays and Cronulla a popular destination.

It was an extremely hot summer with temperatures ranging from 100 degrees to 110 degrees Fahrenheit (38 - 44 degrees Centigrade in today's terms). Crossing the sand hills to get to the beach was a major ordeal.

After lots of searching, a home at Sylvania Heights was found and a deposit paid in November, the house costing Three thousand, six hundred pounds (\$7,200). Our first Christmas in Australia was a very sad one for Mum as she was very unhappy. There was very little money left and conditions a lot tougher than they had been led to believe.



Dad was battling to get work with none of his references or qualifications being recognised in Australia. The excessive heat along with prices of vegetables being sky high due to floods up north making them scarce and expensive, made life difficult.

We finally moved into our new home at 30 Henry Avenue, Sylvania Heights in February 1957 after the many problems experienced with getting Council Approval to remove it from the "Green Belt" as it hadn't been released. The house was not quite complete but it was still good to move in to our own little empty cottage.

The home was built on the base of a very steep slope with no paved streets, bush surrounding with snakes, possums and bandicoots still in residence, and no furniture. Dad got busy and made beds and other furniture, whilst some things were purchased from the second hand shop, Boyles, at Sutherland when money permitted.

As we had no means of keeping our food cold an old ice chest was borrowed from some very kind neighbours, the Rutherfords. This served us well until money was saved for the purchase of a refrigerator. We were almost flooded out quite often when the heavy rains came with water cascading down the road then down our front garden to the house like a waterfall. Many times neighbours had to bank up the sides of the roads to prevent major damage to the homes. The back garden had to be terraced so as not to lose all the topsoil. The road was a series of huge pot holes and large exposed rocks after rain making navigating a car to the top of the street nearly impossible.

One day a large snake slithered across in front of me at the side of the house and mum armed with a broom in hand ran in to kill the intruder, going to pieces after she realised the dangerous situation we had both been in. I think it was a Red Bellied Black Snake, quite a dangerous one. Friendlier inhabitants were a family of possums who lived in one of our trees and a Bandicoot who appeared for a short time.

Our home was only a two bedroom fibro cottage so an internal laundry was converted to my brother's bedroom and a laundry made downstairs. My brother was missing one day and all attempts to find him failed. The Police were almost called in, when finally a sleepy head emerged from his bunk bed in the new room much to everyone's relief!

A small back verandah was extended and then glassed in and made into a sun room. The home was later clad in aluminium which saved all the outside painting and provided some form of insulation against the hot summers and cold winters. A fish pond and rockery in the front garden required a lot of heavy work. A winding rock path following the existing form of rocks made an alternative to the steep concrete ramp which was there. There was talk that some of the rock had possibly been made into steps by the local Aborigines many years before as they appeared to be carved out that way, but perhaps the natural flow of water down this slope may have produced this affect.

An outside pan toilet was a big surprise after having a proper indoor flushing toilet in South Africa. At Christmas the "dunny man" expected a Christmas present consisting of bottles of beer and the like. If this wasn't forthcoming, he would "accidentally" spill the contents on his way out, so needless to say he was always well looked after.

The saying: "Watch out for the Red-back on the Toilet Seat" wasn't far from wrong, with a thorough check done before sitting on the seat! The steep slope on which our homes were built had the dunny man running at full speed with the empty one, but labouring up the hill with the full pan. Phenyl is something we all connect with the pan toilet, being the only Disinfectant we all used.

Views of the surrounding area were magic but as the years went on large Poplar trees below us began to block the scene. We could see to the sandhills at Cronulla, the height of which gradually disappeared over time with truck loads being taken for the building industry. Botany Bay, eventually the new Captain Cook Bridge and surrounding areas were all part of our view and at night it was like fairy land. In 1961 Sylvania Waters Garden Estate was created out of Gwawley mangrove swamp and made into a unique man made prestige residential area. Prices of waterfront land only for the wealthy.

Dad's first job was at the Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board as a Splicer for nine months. Climate adjustment when we first arrived caused us to have boils which were very painful. School was a different experience with Sylvania Heights School being at the top of our street only half a dozen houses away. After the first year or so finally a school uniform was introduced and ours was the last sixth class to complete schooling there before the school was moved to another area at Lisbon Street, a much further walk for my brother as he still had a couple of years left in Primary School.

We bought a budgie and a Pomeranian Cross Kelpie dog, "Chippy" in April 1957. Chippy was purchased from a pet stall at the corner of Box Road and the Highway and almost died the same day we got him as he hadn't been wormed. The budgie lived for twenty years dying the year my mother passed away, a long life for a Budgie.

Mrs Sinclair who ran the local haberdashery shop, "Sinclairs", on the Highway where you could purchase almost anything you desired, eventually retired giving me her two elderly large white angora rabbits, but they fretted so badly for her that each one in turn died. We had other rabbits and a tortoise as pets.

The local Chemist shop was run by the Bragg Sisters and another shop called the Dutch Mill on the Highway would sell us with a penny's worth of broken biscuits - quite the done thing in those days. Our family doctor and the only one in the area was Dr Soper who knew everyone and delivered all the babies as well.

The punt still crossed Georges River where the new Captain Cook Bridge now stands and was a novel way to cross the river, Tom Uglys Bridge, being the main crossing. Our first trip through the Royal National Park had us peering out of windows expecting to see Australian wildlife, but not one sighting. Certainly a different national park to the Kruger National Park in South Africa. Of course we learnt later that there were Kangaroos and Koalas but hidden deep in the bush and walking was the only way to see them.

Our first holiday was a camping trip to Ulladulla in with a small tent and no facilities, not even beds. The next holiday was to the Gold Coast travelling in a small Morris Minor Van. Not the most comfortable of trips with two children, the luggage and dog all crammed in the back. The remainder of the luggage stacked on the roof, some of which fell off at the beginning of the journey.

At home for entertainment I formed my own club with neighbour's children enlisted as members. Meetings were held under the house in an area high enough for a room. Mum gave piano lessons to a young neighbour who went on further with her music. We owned a large old fashioned piano and her playing continued playing until Arthritis prevented her from playing.

Children from a local caravan park known as Jubilee Caravan Park were known as Gypsies and some came to school with heads shaven wearing scarves as they had head lice. We were intrigued by these strange children, but kept away from them as we didn't understand them.

In 1959 my first days at a brand new high School, Port Hacking High, had us battling with heavy rain and mud everywhere and no desks, chairs or rooms ready, so we sat in the canteen area on our suitcases for ages. We all had the heavy solid Globite suitcases at that time and when full of books were considerably weighty. Many back problems probably were caused through carrying these cases. Conditions at school improved but parents had their hands in their pockets continually to pay for and get things started. This made life very difficult for those parents battling to make ends meet, such as ours.

I remember one particular teacher who made Mathematics one of the most exciting and interesting subjects to do, her name was Mrs. Webb, and she had the whole class succeeding and enjoying that subject. Mr Jenkins was our Principal at the time and was rarely seen except at assemblies or special occasions.

During the same year a light airplane crash was the scene of some excitement. The plane was a Naval Fairy Gannet aircraft and the pilot managed to guide it away from homes in its crash path. It burst into flames in Bellengarra Road alongside the Jubilee Caravan Park. The pilot was killed and several women and children from the park were treated for smoke inhalation and shock. The wreckage was scattered over about a kilometre and the body of the plane was overturned and burning fiercely.

We arrived there shortly after it had crashed and many people had gathered around the scene. We had our dog who was still a puppy with us on a lead and while distracted taking in the drama, he got bored and decided to lift his leg on a sightseer's trouser leg. Needless to say we didn't hang around too long!

Television was a problem, our parents trying hard to resist purchasing one. Invariably we were always visiting our neighbour's home to watch shows such as "Sugarfoot", "Cheyenne", "Superman", "I Love Lucy", the "Mouseketeers", "Bandstand" and so on. With friends at school discussing the previous night's shows, the pressure was on with it becoming impossible for them not to succumb and purchase our first set.

Television changed our lives and instead of reading, listening to the radio, conversing and other activities, we all sat glued to the square box. It was very difficult to get homework done and our parents had an uphill battle to limit viewing time.

I joined Brownies during my younger years and Sunday School at the Sylvania Heights Congregational Church. On weekends I would take my dog for long walks with a picnic lunch to Kangaroo Point and many other places with no fear of any danger. Blackberry picking for delicious home-made pies was a great pastime, once I managed to get past the goat on the other side of the bridge off Corea Road.

Mum thought nothing of sending me to buy a pack of cigarettes for her and crossing the Princes Highway at quite a young age on my own. Shows how little traffic used the road and how safe it was to allow a child to do this with complete safety. Doors were left unlocked as no one thought about break-ins and theft. Crime was something you read about in other countries and life was pretty good and safe.

At the top of Box Road was a huge stud farm with white painted surrounding fences and a beautiful white home. A miniature zoo faced the highway side of their property with kangaroos, ponies and other animals there for children to look at. Eventually this land was subdivided and built on with part of it being the current sports grounds. A small hall was also situated there where all the activities such as gymnastics, dances, Guides, School meetings etc took place. Eventually a new building had to be built for the expanding population and demands and Sylvania Heights Sports Club eventuated.

Gradually roads were tarred and kerbed and the area began to grow up with new shops. Then out of a large hole in the ground at Miranda grew Miranda Fair. The School of Arts in Kiora Road housed a trash and treasure market which was fascinating in its assortment of items. Barbers was a popular material and dress shop nearby. The local movie theatre was at Sutherland and finally a Ten Pin Bowling Alley opened at Sylvania in 1961. The land remained vacant for quite some time on the existing site where the Primary school had been, and eventually a brick building was erected which became a Dental Clinic and opened in 1974.

In 1960 my father got another job as a Storeman and Packer with Mannings in York Street; they went broke so he transferred to Hilton Hosiery in the Gowings Building in the City. My brother and I had great fun accompanying him in school holidays and finding our way around the city to the picture theatres running newsreels continually as well as the exciting big shops.

He then tried his luck at selling Encyclopaedias, Hoover Twin Tub Washing Machines, and colour stick on screens for black and white television sets. These screens had three levels of colour, I think green, yellow and blue, but were not at all successful.

He then worked at installing aluminium windows and doors until a badly cut hand on the job forced him to seek Compensation as he could no longer work. The aluminium windows in the Museum in Sydney were one the big jobs completed by my dad and another worker.

In the meantime mum practised up her shorthand and took a job with a neighbour at Globite Suitcases in Foveaux Street, Sydney. She mastered the shorthand which had been set aside for so many years.

Finally I was to meet up with my Uncle and Aunt who migrated from England on a ten pound each migrant ticket. They went into business in a service station at Double Bay with their daughter and her husband Brian Mark, who later became head of the Service Station Association. Because of this business venture it was suggested to my parents that a service station might be what they were looking for. An opportunity arose with a Shell service station, in Port Hacking Road, Miranda. Money was tight to get into this business so money boxes and bank accounts were emptied and the business was on its way. It was a seven day a week job for both of them.

During my teenage years the "Pill" had just come onto the scene and drugs such as LSD were being experimented with during the early sixties. Girlfriends were using the Pill and many young people tried some of the drugs on their surfing weekends away.

After three years at High School and the Intermediate Certificate completed one could leave at fourteen and nine months - I just made it. Money problems at home and my fear of exams made my mind up about leaving. It was unusual for a girl to remain at school for the five years to do the Leaving Certificate. Some went on but none of my friends did, so we all left together to pursue our various careers.

It was presumed that I would be a secretary and follow in my mother's footsteps. I was enrolled in an expensive business college, Cambridge College, which gave me a good grounding.

My first job was at a Manufacturers Representative for automotive parts in a lane way, Alberta Street, near Mark Foys in the city handling car parts, safety belts etc. I fell down the steep flight of wooden stairs one day wearing the stiletto high heel shoes that were the fashion of the day. This fall rendered me unable to walk for several months, but as the X-rays showed no break, the application for compensation at the Compensation Board was dismissed. Years later a doctor examining these X-rays showed me the damage at the base of my spine causing years of pain and many visits to Chiropractors and Osteopaths.

My next position was with the Paraplegic Association at South Hurstville which was at the back of a TV and Electrical shop run by Ashley Coops and his wife. Ashley himself was a paraplegic and so I worked both in the shop handling TV repair calls, sales and service and when time permitted the charity side of business.

A theatrical group called the "Snowballers" kept me busy rehearsing and giving concerts singing and dancing to raise money for charities. The next group I formed myself to help the Paraplegic Association raise funds by having its own support group called the Paraplegic Association Younger Set. We had functions, went on outings, had meetings and dances. Most of the young men who belonged had Mini-minors, the car of the day.

Jobs were plentiful and I soon wanted to get back to the bright lights of the city. My pay was about six guineas (six pounds six shillings or approx. thirteen dollars) per week. Back into the city to a couple of Solicitors. At one particular place I would be called in to take dictation from a Solicitor who smoked his pipe and puffed the smoke across the table dictating with it in his mouth which I found highly offensive and wouldn't be tolerated these days.

Everyone who worked there came from the 'Northern Suburbs' and our area was looked down upon as coming from the 'sticks', as the Sutherland Shire was then known which wasn't far from wrong.

The biggest thrill of all was getting my licence in 1963 and a green Morris Minor was mine to travel around in. Many a time I broke down in the middle of the Princes Highway when making a right hand turn into Box Road. Usually some kind person would stop and help me get going again. During my early driving I managed to smash into the Kerosene Pump at the garage, backed into a wooden pole, reversed into a large cement pot in the parking area at Miranda Fair which, as I drove away, toppled and rolled down the boot of my car, as well as running into one of the underground poles there. I improved and no more incidents occurred.

Going to work in town meant leaving home at 6.45 a.m. to catch a bus at the top of Crystal Street and the Highway, then connect with a city bound train at Hurstville to reach the city for a 9 a.m. start. As mail girl the last job in the office each day was that of writing up the mail which was always left to the last minute. Panic would set in as the clock ticked away and I was trying to leave on the dot of 5 p.m.

I was always the first out the door if possible with a mad dash down the stairs at the station with thousands of other people hoping to be in time to catch one of the few 'fast' trains that stopped at Hurstville. 'Slow' trains were plentiful but stopped at every station arriving well after the fast ones. Arrival home could vary anything from 6.30 p.m. to around 8.00 p.m. if there had been a hold-up or accident on the old Tom Uglys Bridge and this occurred quite regularly making it a very long day.

A major event prompted me to leave the city job and work for the family. The McLeod-Lindsay Case occurred and as Alexander McLeod-Lindsay (known as 'Sandy'), was one of our service station staff we were short staffed. In 1964 his wife and four-year-old son were brutally bashed in their own home in Amaroo Street. Two weeks later he was formally charged with attempted murder of his wife. In March 1965, despite his wife's continued assertion of his innocence, he was convicted and sentenced to eighteen years imprisonment.

Our family were involved with giving evidence in Court, my Mum going to Sandy's home to help clean up the horrible mess of blood spattered walls, my husband's mother minding the children while he went to the police station for interrogation. Customers who knew him well all had their own opinion as to his guilt or innocence.

My husband to be, purchased our block of land in Kelly Street, Sylvania costing \$4,900 plus legal fees. The block of land was in a new estate off Corea Road had to be cleared by us before building could commence. As the area had been chicken farms, most of the cement runs had been bulldozed into the ground with broken pieces of cement just beneath the surface. Especially annoying later when digging a hole there would always be something solid, and if it wasn't the cement then it was chicken wire by the yard.

A loan from the Bank of New South Wales, now known as Westpac, came through for \$8,500 to build our new home.

My husband and I got married in 1966. Mum and I made the wedding dress and bridesmaid's dresses, We got married at the local Congregational Church in Kiora Road, Miranda and the reception at a German Restaurant in Port Hacking Road, called "Herman's Haystack".

Herman's Haystack was constructed of timber and enveloped in hay to mimic a large haystack. The roof was mobile to allow it to slide open on tracks to reveal the wonders of the stars and the glow of the moon. Inside were archways and flowers everywhere. The setting was enchanting and we all enjoyed ourselves. Unfortunately this restaurant burned down in the 1970's. Our honeymoon was spent travelling up to the Gold Coast where we stayed at Labrador. A very different Gold Coast to the one that exists now.

We went into a Shell Service Station at Jannali and then back to a partnership with my parents at Miranda. After which I went on and had four sons who also attended Sylvania Heights Primary School and then Sylvania High which had not long been opened in Bellengarra Road.

Teenage years were difficult times with the drug scene becoming an ever increasing problem. So after 20 years in the service station business we decided on a move to the far north coast of New South Wales and a new business venture. Several family members had passed away; my husband lost his mother and two brothers and I had lost my mother.

After a couple of years with a fruit juice retail truck we found ourselves back in a service station. A run-down old fashioned one ready to be demolished, but we stuck it out for the next ten years and at the present time awaiting remodelling. Both previous service stations, Miranda Auto Port and Jannali Driveway have long been demolished and town houses erected in their place.

Our sons are all living here too and our family has increased with two daughter-in-laws and five grandchildren. I am still working part-time as a clerical assistant in a primary school and still very interested in Genealogy and historical societies. We have just formed and opening up the Twin Towns Family History Group this year, as there is no access or equipment for this hobby in this area.

My parents' home at 30 Henry Avenue has been overbuilt by a beautiful mansion built in such a way as to capture the magnificent view that this position holds. This house was built over the top of my parent's home once the roof was removed. It is still a sad sight to realise there is nothing to see of the original home or beautiful rockery garden my mother slaved to create.

by Lindsay Gleeson (nee Spencer)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Gleeson". The script is cursive and fluid, with a small dot above the 'i' in Lindsay.

THE BICENTENARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF BASS STRAIT.



George Bass: Born in Lincolnshire in 1763; apprenticed too doctor and became a chemist, appointed surgeon in the H.M.S. "Reliance" and left Plymouth for Australia on February 15, 1795; made valuable discoveries around the Australian coast and was granted 100 acres of land at Bankstown; returned to England in June, 1799, and married; came back to Sydney on August 28, 1800, in charge of the brig "Venus" and engaged in the transport of cargo between Sydney and Tahiti and Hawaii; bought a wrecked Government vessel at Tahiti; sailed from Sydney for Peru on February 5, 1803, and, it is believed, was captured by Spaniards and sent to work in the silver mines in Peru, where he probably died in 1808.

While Flinders was supervising the repair of the *Reliance*, which had been badly battered in a voyage to Cape Town, Bass, "less confined by his duty" as Flinders wrote, found exactly the boat he wanted, a six-oared whale-boat about 28 feet long which had been built locally for government use. Governor Hunter willingly lent it to him. victualled it, and authorised him to man it with six volunteer seamen from the *Reliance*. On December 3 1797 Flinders, still tied to his official duties, watched enviously as Bass and his crew rowed down the harbour, passed through Sydney Heads and then turned south.

Bass had no definite plans beyond going as far as he could and exploring as much as he could. At the back of his mind, however, was the thought that he might be able to solve the question of whether Van Diemen's Land (now Tasmania) was part of the Australian main-land or an island separated from it by a strait. The importance of such a strait was obvious; it would save ships bound for Sydney from having to go round the southern tip of Van Diemen's Land and would thus reduce their sailing time by anything from a week to a fortnight.

Bass and his whaleboat crew made little progress in their first few days out, as strong winds and heavy seas forced

them to take shelter first in Port Hacking and then at Wattamolla.

About 70 miles further south Bass went ashore at a spot he called Shoal-haven. The country, he wrote in his journal, was low and swampy, but about six or eight miles inland he found thousands of acres of good, open land. He discovered and followed to its

mouth the Shoalhaven River and was much impressed with the land on its south bank which reminded him of the rich, river flats of the Hawkesbury River.

On December 10, a week out from Sydney, he entered Jervis Bay, named after Admiral Sir John Jervis. Bass considered, like Lieutenant Richard Bowen before him, that it was an excellent harbour in which ships "might at most or all times ride in safety".

On the other hand he found Bateman's Bay, further to the south, disappointing and agreed with Cook's judgement that it was too open to easterly winds to be of much practical use.

On December 19 he discovered and entered Twofold Bay, near the bottom corner of NSW, and next day he rounded Cape Howe. Bass had intended staying only a few hours but while he and his crew were ashore a strong gale blew up and continued for 10 days. The country in the vicinity was poor, and it was by no means an ideal place in which to spend Christmas.

On New Year's Eve they were on their way again. Point Hicks (now Cape Everard), the spot at which Cook had first sighted Australia, was passed and from then on Bass was sailing along a completely unknown coast.

Southernmost tip misnamed

"High, hummocky land" was seen ahead on January 2 1798. In the mistaken belief that it had already been seen by Captain Furneaux, Bass named it Furneaux Land; but closer examination revealed it to be a promontory - in fact the southernmost extremity of the Australian mainland - and later it was renamed Wilson's Promontory.

Bass had it in mind to visit the wreck of the Sydney Cove hoping to salvage some rice, but on January 2 the wreck took such a buffeting in a gale that it began to leak badly and he decided to abandon his plan.

Next day, near the promontory again, smoke was seen on a nearby island. Bass went ashore expecting to find natives, but to his surprise he found seven ragged and bedraggled-looking white men. They told him they were some of a party of 14 convicts who had escaped from Sydney in a stolen boat about three months earlier. They had sailed south hoping to find the Sydney Cove and repair her, but they could not locate her and had landed on the island on which Bass found them. As food stocks were low seven had deserted with the boat one night while the others were asleep, callously leaving them to die of starvation. Bass gave them what food he could spare and promised to call again on his way home.

Later that day the whaleboat rounded the promontory, and on January 5 after coasting westward for about 60 miles she reached and entered a harbour which Bass called Westernport because of "its relative situation to every other known harbour on the coast".

Here they stayed 12 days while Bass examined and sketched the main features of the port, and his men repaired the whaleboat. The few natives they saw were timid and kept their distance. Water was scarce but swans and wild duck were plentiful and easily shot, enabling them to eke out their small, remaining supply of salt-meat.

Strong seas and a heavy swell coming in from the west left Bass

As soon as the weather eased he went to the assistance of the marooned convicts. He took two who were ill into the boat and landed the others on the mainland and gave them what food and

Bass's achievement had been great, and a fitting tribute was paid to him by Flinders. "A voyage expressly under-taken for discovery in an open boat, and in which six hundred miles of coast, mostly in a boisterous climate, was explored, has not perhaps its equal in the annals of maritime history", he wrote, and added

Within a year Bass and Flinders were to prove the point beyond any doubt.



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Botany Bay Checklist of Plants Collected and Illustrated on the Endeavour Voyage 1770

DICOTYLEDONAE	GOODENIACEAE	<i>Persoonia lanceolata</i>
APIACEAE	<i>Dampiera stricta</i>	<i>Persoonia levis</i>
<i>Actinotus helianthi</i>	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	<i>Sympionema paludosum</i>
<i>Actinotus minor</i> <i>Platysace</i>	<i>Goodenia paniculata</i>	<i>Xylomelum pyrifforme</i>
<i>lanceolata</i> <i>Xanthosia pilosa</i>	<i>Scaevola calendulacea</i>	RHAMNACEAE
ASTERACEAE	<i>Scaevola ramosissima</i>	<i>Cryptandra amara</i>
<i>Acmella grandiflora</i> <i>Calotis</i>	LAMIACEAE	RUBIACEAE
<i>lappulacea</i> <i>Melanthera</i>	<i>Hemigenia purpurea</i>	<i>Opercularia aspera</i>
<i>biflora</i>	<i>Plectranthus parviflorus</i>	<i>Pomax umbellata</i>
BIGNONIACEAE	<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	RUTACEAE
<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	LENTIBULARIACEA	<i>Boronia parviflora</i>
CAMPANULACEAE	<i>E Utricularia biloba</i>	<i>Boronia pinnata</i>
<i>Lobelia dentata</i>	MIMOSACEAE	<i>Correa alba</i> var. <i>alba</i>
<i>Lobelia gracilis</i>	<i>Acacia legnota</i>	<i>Correa reflexa</i>
<i>Pratia purpurascens</i>	<i>Acacia leiocalyx</i>	<i>Eriostemon buxifolius</i>
CASUARINACEAE	<i>Acacia longifolia</i>	<i>Pilothea salsolifolia</i>
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	<i>Acacia suaveolens</i>	<i>Zieria pilosa</i>
CUNONIACEAE <i>Bauera</i>	<i>Acacia terminalis</i>	SANTALACEAE
<i>capitata</i> <i>Bauera</i>	<i>Acacia ulicifolia</i>	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>
<i>rubroides</i>	MELIACEAE	STACKHOUSIACEAE
CHENOPODIACEAE	<i>Synoum glandulosum</i>	<i>Stackhousia viminea</i>
<i>Atriplex cinerea</i> <i>Rhagodia</i>	MYRSINACEAE	STYLIDIACEAE
<i>candolleana</i>	<i>Aegiceras corniculatum</i>	<i>Stylidium graminifolium</i>
DILLENIACEAE	MYRTACEAE	THYMELAEACEAE
<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>	<i>Baeckea imbricata</i> <i>Callistemon</i>	<i>Pimelea linifolia</i>
DROSERACEAE	<i>citrinus</i> <i>Darwinia fascicularis</i>	VIOLACEAE
<i>Drosera binata</i>	<i>Leptospermum attenuatum</i>	<i>Hybanthus monopetalus</i>
EPACRIDACEAE	<i>Leptospermu</i> ▶ <i>n squarrosus</i>	<i>Viola hederacea</i>
<i>Epacris longiflora</i>	<i>Melaleuca armillaris</i> <i>Melaleuca</i>	MONOCOTYLEDONAE
<i>Epacris microphylla</i>	<i>nodosa</i> <i>Melaleuca thymifolia</i>	IRIDACEAE
<i>Leucopogon ericoides</i>	PROTEACEAE	<i>Patersonia sericea</i>
<i>Leucopogon ruscifolius</i>	<i>Banksia ericifolia</i>	JUNCAGINACEAE
<i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	<i>Triglochin procera</i>
<i>Styphelia viridis</i>	<i>Banksia serrata</i>	LILIACEAE
<i>Woollisia pungens</i>	<i>Grevillea mucronulata</i> <i>Hakea</i>	<i>Blandfordia nobilis</i>
EUPHORBIACEAE	<i>dactyloides</i> <i>Hakea gibbosa</i>	ORCHIDACEAE
<i>Poranthera microphylla</i>	<i>Hakea teretifolia</i>	<i>Prasophyllum striatum</i>
<i>Ricinocarpos pinifolius</i>	<i>Isopogon ane</i> ▶ <i>nonifolius</i>	<i>Pterostylis revoluta</i>
FABACEAE	<i>Isopogon anethifolius</i> <i>Lambertia</i>	SMILACACEAE
<i>Kennedia rubicunda</i>	<i>formosa</i>	<i>Eustrephus latifolius</i>
<i>Aotus ericoides</i>		XANTHORRHOEACEAE
<i>Bossiaea heterophylla</i>		<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>
<i>Desmodium rhytidophyllum</i>		
<i>Glycine tabacina</i>		
<i>Hardenbergia violaceae</i>		

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

Extracts from the Sydney Harbour Bridge
official Souvenir and Programme
— 1932 —



SYDNEY, the Capital of New South Wales, and the largest, wealthiest, and most picturesque City in the Commonwealth of Australia, has a population of a million and a quarter. The Harbour, entered through Heads 1650 yards apart, is the most magnificent in the world. By day, bathed in golden sunshine, it is a dazzling glory; by night, with its myriad of scintillating lights, it is a veritable fairyland. It's wonderful extent and rare beauty have made it famous throughout the Globe. The Bridge which now spans it is the largest arch bridge in existence, and, both architecturally and from the standpoint of engineering, holds pride of place amongst the arch bridges of the world.

THE BRIDGE AT A GLANCE

The Sydney Harbour Bridge, of 1650 feet span, is the largest arch bridge in the world. Although it is 25 inches shorter than the recently-constructed Kill Van Kull Bridge, New York, it is 160 feet wide as against Kill Van Kull's 90 feet, and its arch contains 37,000 tons of steel as against Kill Van Kull's 16,000 tons.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge contains in all 52,300 tons of steelwork.

Its provision for traffic comprises four lines of electric railway; roadway for six lines of vehicles, and two footpaths each 10 feet in width — a maximum hourly capacity of 128 electric trains, 6000 vehicles in each direction, and 40,000 pedestrians.

The Kill Van Kull Bridge, with its 40-foot roadway (capable of being widened to 60 feet) and its 6-foot footway, has provision for vehicular and pedestrian traffic only.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge, besides being the largest and heaviest arch type in the world, is also the widest bridge of any kind by 31 ft. 6 in., the next widest being the suspension bridge over the Delaware River at Philadelphia, U.S.A. With the exception of the recently-opened George Washington suspension bridge at New York, which has a clearance for shipping of 210 feet, it also has the highest clearance of any bridge in the world.

Inclusive of the approaches, the total length of the Sydney Harbour Bridge is $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles. With the completion of the City Railway, the distance to Brisbane can be reduced by seven miles.

Construction, resumption, and all other costs approximate £10,000,000. The actual construction cost is about £6,250,000.

The first sod was turned on July 28, 1923; the official opening will take place on March 19, 1932. Although this represents a period of eight years and eight months, the actual time for construction was six years.

The contractors; Messrs. Dorman, Long & Co. Ltd., will be responsible for the maintenance of the bridge for six months after the official opening.

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Early land sales.

Micro fiche records of early land sales held at the Sutherland Library prove what a good long term investment property in the Cronulla area has been. Land was originally offered for sale in 1895. Some of the earlier subdivisions tended to be away from the beach and some of the choice waterfront areas were not offered for sale until well into the 1920's. In fact the South Cronulla peninsula had extensive areas of open "paddock" until well into the 1950's

The following pamphlets advertising early Shire land sales are on photocopies from micro fiche records from the local history section of the Sutherland Shire library

It is interesting to note the land sale in April 1900 at the village of Gunnamatta, later renamed Cronulla. Several of the main streets now have different names. Most of the prime building lots cost less than 20 pounds.

TOWN LOTS
AUCTION SALE OF CROWN LANDS

PORT HACKING

ON TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL 1900
at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

PLAN of the
VILLAGE OF GUNNAMATTA
PARISH of SUTHERLAND COUNTY of CUMBERLAND
LAND DISTRICT of LIVERPOOL

at the Rooms of
BATT, RODD & PURVES (LTD.)
88, PITT ST. SYDNEY

SCALE

UPSET PRICES

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	10	11	10	21	10
2	10	12	10	22	10
3	10	13	10	23	10
4	10	14	10	24	10
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LOCAL SKETCH

NOTE
LAND FOR SALE SHOWN THUS

TERMS
Deposit, 25 per cent.; balance in 5 equal annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

All Streets are one Chain wide

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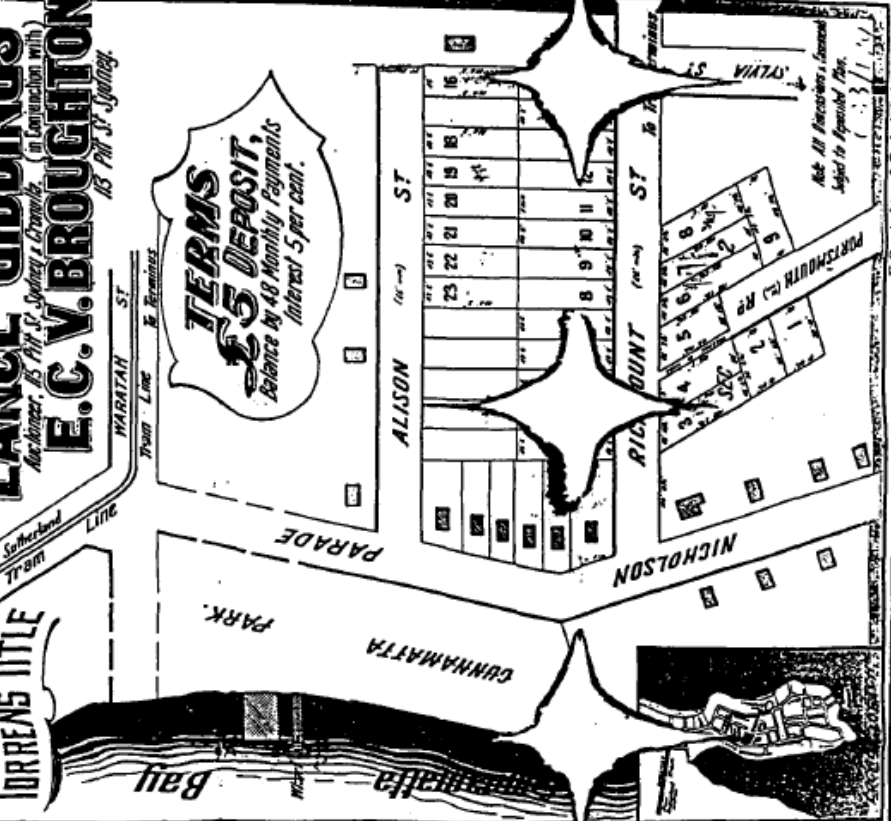
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Early House Names.

As a local Cronulla resident I have always been interested in how the Shire and my local area developed. Recent renovations on my home , a Californian Bungalow turned up newspapers from the late 1920's and 30's although this does not give a true indication of its age. Other features such as the barley twist columns and arches on the front verandah place it in this era. A building style known as Spanish Mission became very popular in Sydney from about 1928 until the late 1930's. 'Boomerang', one of the more famous of the Sydney harbour mansions from this time was built in this style. With Hollywood and 'Talkie' movies being so popular, anything from California was in fashion. California had once belonged to Mexico and remnants of the old Spanish missions from the 19th Century provided a romantic theme taken up by architects and furniture manufacturers.

An accurate dating of the age of a house can only be done from a search of the land titles. However I began by searching local history records at the Sutherland Library. I have used the Sands Directory in the past to ascertain the occupants of an address at a particular time. The Sands Directory was compiled from the mid 1850's until 1932/3. and recorded who lived at particular addresses and their occupations. Using extracts from this directory for 1929 for Cronulla from the Local Studies section of the library I was taken with the number of entries that had no street numbers, only a house name. This was popular for suburban houses and country properties in the Federation period where street numbers were not allocated.

Using the Sands Directory extract I have compiled a data base of house names used on properties in this suburb in 1929 . There are over 300 entries. Given the small size of the population at that time it was a very popular occurrence. In viewing the source documents it appears where street numbers existed house names were very seldom used. In time, most of these house names have disappeared either through demolition of properties or house names going out of fashion.

In the early part of this Century before closer settlement, many properties had no street numbers and were identified only by the house name. In semi rural areas such as the Shire this did not pose a problem as there were often few houses in the street and people knew their neighbours. There seems to have been a wide variety of house names used and many of these could no doubt have been bought off the shelf. I grew up on a property near Parkes and it was common for farms to have names. Our property was called "Blue Hills" because of a prominent range of hills but also because a long running radio serial of that name was avidly listened to by country people. Referring to the table of house names extracted from the Sands Directory, some have been adopted from English place names (Swansea, Anglesey), many had Aboriginal derivations (Wallumbilla, Budgerie) and many others reflected the geographic position of the residence (Bay View , Belle Vista, Saltaire). It is amusing to reflect on the quaint habit of using names such as Iona, Itledo, Linga - Longa and Wy- Wurrie. I am also taken by the more exotic names such as Rikki- Tikki and Wai - kiki The name plates were placed in a number of positions. They were often attached over the porch or on the gable, beside the front door, on the front gate or set in leadlight in a fanlight over the front door.

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Aluka	Shynie	Braemar	Surrey - Ville	Marina	Jesmond-Dene
Anglesey	Hartley	Forthpean	Casuarina	Giagindi	The Ripples
Avoca	Wirepe	Rylands	Hamer	Avon Lea	Mertwood
Barren Jack	Beach View	St Andrews	Headcliff	Churinga	Lawna
Birida	Restholme	Gwenyth	Winston College	The Amateur	Dudleigh
Bramley	St Quentin	Sunbeam	Mabora	The Laurals	Beresford
Broadview	Coomar	Woodstoke	Cainbil	The Billows	Boam Billi
Burradoo	The Nest	Weerona	Nordica	The Crib	Gabo
Caedmon	Cleveland	Coo - ee	Weona	Bronze-wing	Dawn
Cambewarra	Loch Lomond	Newhaven	Glencoe	Ocean View	Gilolo
Coolamatong	Ethelbrae	Kanimbla	St Albyn	Normanhurst	Capri
Coralie	Mazieville	Victoria	Ripples	Fiara	Darlo
Cromer	Swansea	Nymagee	Aura - Maris	Yourie	Merringreen
De - La - Mer	Kalimna	Kooyong	Edromamy	Melrose	Rialto
Deloraine	Bayview	Retsof	Evanall	Coombe Grang	Santa Barbara
Denman	Kyarra	Oxleigh	Shalford	May Cottage	Saltaire
Derry	Avoca	Genedor	Iona	Poplar	Wamba
Ednaville	Emay	Aloha	Albion	Berama	Moonya
Erin	Southport	Gamboola	Skelton	Sunrise	Glen Stuart
Eulo	Pamover	Shellville	The Shack	Islay	Nooklyn
Flacknoe	Holmesdale	Hilton	Tiri - Pah	Ethelville	Addiscombe
Glenfield	Morra - Morra	Juvena	Dillwynia	Windora	Shacks - ome
Itledo	Linga - Longa	Coral - Lynne	The Crib	Doonsville	Marawilla
Kumell	Kumell	Kiandra	Woodlands	Melrose	Kilkivan Grange
Leura	Cressy	Bay View	Comango	Telemon	Morrington
Lurline	Wenowah	Wyreema	Murrumbung	Mimosa	Mariemne
Malwar	Atholdeen	Blair Athol	New - Market	Lochlina	Glenbower
Melvie	Irtion	Wiama	Wayside	The Links	Rosemary
Mona Vale	Llentra	Budgerie	Baysite	Bayview	Leumeah
Myra	The Bunyip	Panorama	Glen -Haven	Belle-Vista	Grasmere
Pambula	Rikki - Tikki	Lilac Lea	Levuka	Kendon	Mon Repose
Penbryn	San Remo	East View	Boskavue	Broke	Kembla
Riviera	Minnamurra	Montana	Morea	Warren-Ville	Orthes
Ronoolian	Richmount	Chy - an - dra	Cromer	Vuna	La Tosca
Rosen - Hill	Carecla	San Remo	Telopea	The Crest	Cooyong
Taronga	Weetalabah	Romoana	Muiravon-side	Twylford	The Rest
Tasma	The Rest	Brora	Merlbrook	Edgehill	Rixon
The Burrow	Talofa	Griffin	Ebbieville	Bromley	Linroy
The Rest	The Palms	East View	Rothsay	Ytsbonnie	Yeadon
Tiana	Miramar	Sea View	Randalstown	Elsinore	Sunbright
Tonga	Tramore	Hinemoa	The Knoll	Darley	May Flower
Tresco	Thurso	Gunyah - Gah	Keithalan	Braemar	Wai - kiki
Tringadee	Burford	Allawah	Home	Macksville	Macusbla
Uki	Bryn - y - Mor	Omrah	Garthowen	Castlewood	Birkentop
Viloo	Keban	Bradford	Merlin	Waygara	Fairview
Wahgunya	Summerlees	The Rambles	Cameo	Pegamos	Caloola
Wambo	Batley	White Lodge	Westbury	Bay Cottage	Cecil
Waratah	Milton	Wallumbilla	Snevic	Laura-ville	Australia Cottage
White Rose	Moolubinba	Euroka	Warringulla	Parkhurst	Retaville
Wongaburra	Idena	Blair Athol	Pine Cottage	Glenbower	Batonga
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 Francis Ali., 'Ebbville'
 Goddard Harold
 Goddard Horace, 'Rylands'
 Trickett road
 East side
 Cartwright R., 'Montana'
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 Butler Mrs. M., 'Shirley'
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 Cook F. F., 'Wiams'
 Clemons R., 'Aloha'
 Brocock Geo. B., 'Bradford'
 Madden Charles
 Holland Street
 Searle street to Burraneer
 Bay road
 West side
 Cartwright J., 'East View'
 East side
 Davis Mrs. M., 'Bay View'
 Hughes Street
 Off Kingsway
 East side
 Grimwood R. H., 'Teewood'
 West side
 Smith G. R.
 Hume Road
 Off Kurnell road
 Myndman Parade
 Off Woolloore road
 Ingahra Avenue
 Off Ewas parade
 Ischia Street
 Off Ewas parade
 South side
 Rogers A., 'Sea View'

North side
 Robins E. R. E., 'Wood-
 stoke'
 Jibbon Street
 Off Ewas parade
 John Street
 Off Trevellyn street
 West side
 Kearns W., 'Romona'
 Beynon George
 East side
 Dolden J., 'Newhaven'
 Judd Street
 Off Burke road
 Ocean street
 Faulkner G. A., 'Shellville'
 Hume road
 Kingsway
 Dolan's road to Ocean Beach
 North side
 Hughes street
 Sunrise Poultry Farm—G.
 H. Gillham
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 Coleman C. W., 'Panorama'
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 Griffiths P. C., 'Griffin'
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 don, sec.
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 Gray John
 Thomas street
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 Barton M. C., 'Coomar'
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 East side
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Contributed by Bruce Watt.

EXCURSION REPORT

As this report is prepared, it will be in your hands too late for bookings for the February outing -- a report will be made in the May Bulletin of our destination etc.

Arrangements were going along smoothly for the May outing, but just five minutes ago as I was preparing to type this report it became necessary to make an alteration -- hence we will be looking for a tour on Saturday, May 9, and will need to tell you at the February General Meeting, as time prevented fully organising any details at such short notice.

You will be glad to know, however, of the alteration; for the outing in July, we will be going to the Qantas Jet Base to see at first hand the "Connie" Aeroplane which was the subject of the talk given by Guest Speaker Lex McGowan in November last.

We will leave Cronulla at 8.30 a.m., Sutherland 9 a.m. The inspection will take approximately 11 hours, after which it is our intention to visit the Sydney Maritime Museum.

As this is five months away, we will keep all the other details of price etc. until the May Bulletin and perhaps the April, 'ay meetings.

Please be patient with this difficulty-- January is a very hard month to finalise details as someone is always away for the holiday period -- it is not laxity on the part of the Excursion Committee.

For details and booking of outings, please contact Mrs. Betty McGrath on 9521-2227, 141 Loftus Avenue, Loftus, 2232, or for enquiries, myself on 9523-5801.

May we remind you again, payment is to be made with booking at the meeting and if a telephone booking is made, please send your cheque within a week to ensure your ticket is reserved. Other-wise where there is a heavy demand for a ticket we may need to re-sell any not paid for. Betty and I don't make these rules, we must administer them.


EXCURSION CONVENER. O.A.M.

THE ROYAL VISIT - 1954 by David Overett.

In the February of 1954, having now graduated from kindergarten to infants, we were told that the new Queen of England was coming to Australia and that all of the children at the school would be going to see her. Royal fervour was away and running; every article or picture you could find in a magazine or newspaper was cut out and pasted into a scrapbook with headings drawn at the top of each page in crayon or chalk. Pop-out books and toys of regal bearing abounded.

The great day arrived and like all great days when you were going to be outside it rained. The show of course did go on and my class assembled under the large pine tree near where the Headmistress, Miss Mitchell, parked her dark green 'Baby' Austin car. The buses came which we boarded in Burraneer Bay Road and off we all went to a remote spot on the Prince's Highway somewhere near Loftus.

The Queen's itinerary this day would take her to the National Park to make it Royal. Everyone de-bussed and we were lined up along the edge of the highway along with hundreds of kids from other schools. It was still raining as we were told that the cavalcade was just around the corner. "Here they come" some teacher called so we pulled out our little cloth union jacks and waved like mad as first the police escort came into sight followed by some big black Bentleys one of which held the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. We saw them, they waved at me, but it was all over so fast that the next thing I knew we were back at school having lunch on the verandah; it was still raining.

Fortunately Judith and I had another opportunity to see the Queen and that was in town where a big parade was to take place through the city streets. It was a Saturday morning and Dad was going to join us afterwards. We got in early to find that all of the streets had been closed off to traffic. A lot of the office buildings and shops were decorated in honour of the royal visit. Above the streets stretching across between the buildings were decorations and banners welcoming the Queen to Australia. It reminded me of photographs that I had seen in magazines, showing decorations stretched across the streets of London for the Coronation. Wooden rail barriers had been put in place to keep back the crowds who had already begun to gather. This was a real procession. Mounted

police troops took up the forward position followed by a brass band, some open top cars and then the biggest car of them all came into view carrying their Majesties. This time we had a really great view as the cavalcade slowly drove past to the roars of the crowd on a beautiful, sunny day with the Queen waving to the people on her right while turning and smiling to those on her left. Thousands of little Australian and British flags were shaken at them rather than waved but like our visit to the Prince's Highway in the rain it was soon all over, the crowd now starting to disperse.

We met Dad as planned and made our way into the Botanical Gardens. On this particular day it seemed that half of Sydney had the same idea, for down by the sandstone sea wall that curved out the shape of Farm Cove, people had gathered to have a peek at the Liner Gothic, the Queen's own ship, which was at anchor just a few hundred yards away.

The visit by the Queen that year enforced into our heads the noble idea of empire which we not only learnt about at school but read about in the newspapers and also heard about on the radio.

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HERITAGE WEEK '98

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 1998 TO SUNDAY MAY 3RD, 1998.

THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. INVITES MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND THE SUTHERLAND SCHOOL OF ARTS WHERE OUR MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN EACH DAY DURING HERITAGE WEEK FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.

THERE WILL BE A GREAT EXHIBITION OF KITES FROM THE KITE FLYERS ASSOCIATION, ALSO AN EXHIBITION OF THE AUSTRALIAN PIONEER LAWRENCE HARGRAVE ON HIS WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS.

My Australian Pioneer

by

Loris McLeod.

The blazing sun has set and in the cooling evening breeze,
I watch the cattle grazing 'neath the gnarled old red gum trees, And I
seem to feel a presence in the magic twilight air Of a woman, who,
before me, saw a similar picture there.

A long black gown and bonnet, wistful eyes and toil-worn hands,
Bravely, full of hope, yet fearful, she had left the other land, Left soft
green downs and misty lanes for mountains stark and bare, A life of
sheltered maiden-hood for one of work and care.

She left her family, friends for e'er and started out to roam, Across
the seas to that new land and there begin a home. It was a land she
came to love with skies of varied blue, Of spaciousness, strange
animals and birds of different hue.

She bore and raised her children there, proud, stern, yet good and
Her youngest in an Anzac grave lived ageless in her mind, kind, Her
progeny are scattered far across the strands of life, A doctor, nurse, a
farmer, a minister, a wife.

Forgotten long, ' her name scarce known by generations down, But
still her imprint on us all on farm or in the town. "Serve God, be
loyal, be honest, good and true,
And always do for others what you'd have them do for you".

The cattle stir, the spell is gone, a Boo-book's calling near, I pledge
to carry on from you, my Australian Pioneer.

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The above is the winning poem in the Australian Country Women's
Association's national competition 1985.

Mrs Loris McLeod is the grand-daughter of Eliza McKeeman who at
the age of 20 and with her sister Sarah aged 22 left Aghadowey,
County Londonderry and came to Victoria in 1866 "to pick up the
nuggets of gold supposedly lying on the surface of the ground and
return to Ireland with the family fortune". They never returned, went
into service at Warrnambool, married and Eliza died in her 94th year.

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Contributed by Allan McGrath.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society Inc. will be held Friday, March 20th, 1998, in the Multi-Purpose Building, Flora Street, Sutherland, at 7.45 p.m.

A G E N D A.

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. To confirm and adopt Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting.
4. Submission and adoption of the 31st Annual Report of the Executive Council and Hon. Treasurer's Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for 1997.
5. Honoraria.
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 1998.
7. GENERAL BUSINESS: pertaining to the Annual General Meeting only.

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

Councillor Dawn Emerson.

PRESIDENT

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1997.

PRESIDENT	Councillor Dawn Emerson
DEPUTY PRESIDENT	Mr. D. Archer
VICE PRESIDENTS (2)	Mr. J. Cutbush Mrs. A.M. Griffiths, O.A.M.
HON. SECRETARY	Mr. R. Moore
HON. TREASURER	Mr. M. Beavan
HON. RESEARCH OFFICER	Miss H. McDonald
HON. ARCHIVIST	Miss H. McDonald
HON. EDITOR	Mr. J. Cutbush
HON. PUBLICITY OFFICER	Mrs. P. Rugless (to April 1997) Mrs. M. Blackley (from April 1997)
MUSEUM CURATOR	Mr. A. McGrath
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (8)	Mrs. H. Moore Mrs. B. Greentree Mr. A. Humphreys Mr. H. Ivers (to October 1997) Mr. S. Roberts Mr. A. Platfoot M/S. I. Caddell Mr. D. Perry
HON. AUDITOR	Mr. R. Lavers
HON. SOLICITOR	Mr. M. Solari

EXCURSION ANNUAL REPORT

Once again we come to that time when we review the previous year's outings; commencing in February we visited the Music Museum at Alexandria and I'm certain from the remarks passed later in the day and subsequently, it was a surprise beyond imagination.

Then in May, we visited at Willoughby - an outing we had "done" a long time since. Having Morning Tea and Luncheon in the Legion Club was very welcome on that day too. Having the various parts of visit divided into three parts added to the interest.

July was such a different outing when we visited the Queen Victoria Building; To have a tour of "the old lady" as it is affectionately called, and to learn the history of such a heritage declared building was most appropriate for members of an Historical Society. And the added bonus of the visit to older suburbs including Johnson Street, Annandale and the Glebe/Glebe Point area made for another enjoyable outing.

September we were pleased to accept an invitation from Mr. Colin Sproule to visit the Camden area, where he was host and guide; One does not fully see the and hear about all the early days and history of the area no matter how many visits are made and the various places to which we are taken is of continuous interest to people following the early days history of the colony.

November - as an experiment we had a three day week-end trip. This proved that the extra day can now be incorporated because so many of our members, who have travelled with us for some years, are now retired and can arrange a "flexi day", to enable them to have the extra day too. Repeating a much earlier tour of Bateman's Bay was

most successful and Terry's choice of travel through Goulburn, Braidwood and Nelligen before arriving at Bateman's Bay, made it almost two outings in one. Many of the members from the "local" Society have previously lived, grown up, or have relatives in the Sutherland Shire that the Saturday luncheon time at their Museum was almost a family gathering or re-union day.

On behalf of the members attending the outings we extend our grateful thanks to all those people who made our outings and tours enjoyable; recognition was made to each group at the end of our time with them but once again we express that appreciation.

To Tiger Tours, especially Mr. Ron Wood, our thanks for the courteous and friendly attention always received from the Company and the guidance given to me when making transport arrangements; and allowing Terry to be rostered as our Coach Captain on all our outings.

No Excursion Report would be complete without expressing our grateful thanks to Terry McCosker for his involvement in planning our route and introducing us to many tours -- Terry has been a member of the Society for a long time, a shire resident of many years, and as a member of a First Fleeter Family, has a special interest in History.

Thank you for being a member of our Excursion Committee, Terry, and making our tours so interesting.

All members of the Excursion Committee, (Messrs Archer, Roberts, McCosker Mesdames, Caddell, Evans, McGrath and myself) thank you for supporting us.

Aileen Griffiths OAM

Excursion Officer,

MUSEUM REPORT.

On Australia Day 26th January, 1998 our display of Photographs and Real Estate Signs of the Cronulla Area in The Purcell Room of Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club was an excellent venue, but however the time of the display was'nt long enough (2½ hours duration). I feel in future that displays of this nature should have longer viewing time to allow more people to view it and for the effort in putting together the displays. We had over 200 people viewing the Australia Day exhibition.

We gratefully acknowledge the support and help given by The Sutherland Shire Council to the Society's Museum.

The Museum continues to be opened every 1st. Saturday of the month and by request at other times.

Thank You to the members for their help and support throughout the year.

Allan McGrath.

Curator.

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PUBLICATIONS REPORT.

The articles in the Bulletin over the past 12 months have been of varied interest thanks to those who have taken the time to contribute. I am most grateful to our members who send in their articles as the Bulletin only survives on these contributions. Contributions should be typed onto a A4 sheet of paper leaving a one inch (25mm) clear area around all edges with your name and phone number for contact. If unable to have it typed please send it in hand written and we will have it typed for insertion into the Bulletin.

The Society is most grateful to the Sutherland Shire Council for their assistance throughout the year. Our Special Thanks to the Printing Department Staff for the printing and stapling of our Bulletin.

Thank You to Allan McGrath for his assistance with the Bulletin and Thank You to Andrew Platfoot for the printing of the address labels.

It is with regret that I have had to inform the Society's Executive Committee that I will not be standing for the Editors position in the coming term as my work commitments do not allow me the extra days needed to do the Bulletin. I do hope out of the many able members that we have that someone will step forward and enjoy the position of Editor. Like our President I took on this job temporarily and have enjoyed it very much. I am prepared to continue in the short term until someone is able to take over the Editors position.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Cutbush', with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a trailing flourish.

Jim Cutbush.

BULLETIN EDITOR

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Another year when we were pleased to welcome an encouraging number of new members to the Society.

Our guest speakers continued to make our evening meetings so interesting and although we all have our favourites, for me (a man's point of view) I found Mr. M. Gleeson's talk on Shipwrecks and the recovery of the 'Connie' Aircraft by Lex McGowan most interesting.

The sudden Parliamentary Election which denied us the usual room for our Social Evening gave us a few worrying days, that turned out a great success, thanks to the use of the hall in the School of Arts Building and our guest singer.

Best Wishes for the coming year.

Ray Moore.

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11 MAY, 1929. GATEWAY TO
THE SHIRE.**



SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1997

1996	INCOME	1997
\$		\$
816.00	Members' subscriptions	1,590.00
607.30	Donations }	906.01
1,000.00	Sutherland Shire Cl. Grant }	72.40
163.00	Sales	30.48
76.12	Interest Commonwealth Bank	50.59
153.09	Interest St George Step Up Account	506.44
1996	EXPENDITURE	1997
885.13	Bulletin Expenses	543.19
Nil	Presentation to Retiring President	54.45
70.00	Australia Post P.O. Box	70.00
23.35	Postage }	
168.75	Phone Calls)	Postage/ Phone Calls 153.85
65.39	Stationery }	
12.00	Book Purchases }	
1,691.40	Letter Openers, Spoons, Badges, Keyrings etc. }	
Nil	Miscellaneous)	106.04
177.00	Subscriptions: R.A.H.S. etc	160.00
265.00	G.I.O. Insurance	265.00
730.05	Suppers	74.46
540.00	Hall rentals	480.00
330.00	Honorariums	240.00
48.16	Government Charges: FID, GDT	45.19
375.00	Donations	500.00
8,938.51	Excursion Payments	9,746.45
239.75	Museum	957.17
15,884.00	EXPENSES TOTAL	13,395.80
-2,131.59	Surplus/Deficit for year transferred to Accumulated Funds	350.12
13,752.41		13,745.92

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

1996

8,000.00	St. George Fixed Term Account: 015-152-672	\$
8,451.10	St. George Deposit Acc: 031-133-594	8,000.00
Nil	Commonwealth Bank Fixed Term Account:	1,007.55
252.14	2259-5009-3607	5,000.00
	Commonwealth Bank Savings/Cheque Account:	3045.81
	0090-5269	
16,703.24	TOTAL	17,053.36
18,834.83	Start Period Asset Balance	16,703.24
-2,131.59	Add Balance from Revenue Account	350.12
16,703.24	TOTAL	17053.36

CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT 30/11/97 6,103.14

Balance brought forward 1/12/96 5,961.00

Less previously unrepresented cheques 252.14

Add income 16,441.03

Less Expenditure 3,045.81

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER,
1997

Balance at bank as per bank statement 30/11/97 9,511.11

Plus cash in hand 600.00

Less unrepresented 710244 2.30

cheques:

710245 1,800.00

710246 200.00

710247 4,379.00

710248 125.00

710249 559.00 7,065.30

3045.81

... M.J. Beaven ...

M.J. Beaven
Hon Treasurer

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

When I took on the Presidency this year, as no one else would volunteer, I asked for your assistance, in following Mrs. A. Griffiths, O.A.M. after her very competent role as President for so many years. I can only say how very supportive the members have been, particularly the Committee, and of course, Aileen herself, helping out wherever necessary. Aileen has been invaluable finding interesting places to visit, and in her superb organisation of these excursions. A grateful thank you to all, and I can only say what a very pleasant year it has been! It has been pleasing also, to see "a full house" at most meetings, even on cold wet evenings—well done!

Nevertheless, I did say that I would take 'my turn' as President, which I have done as I would not leave the Society in the lurch, but I am eagerly awaiting someone else putting up their hand at the next AGM. I did enjoy the experience, and I was very proud to wear my badge as President and represent you at functions around the State, but I am sure one of you could do the job just as well as I, if not better! —So, don't be shy!

I am indebted to Mr. Doug Archer, who not only took some committee meetings for me, but occasionally a monthly meeting, due to my being required to be elsewhere, doing my Councillor's duties. I had indicated that this would be a problem, but in the usual good-humoured manner of the members, this was brushed aside, as you knew we had Doug available to ably take over.

To Mr. Maurie Beaven, our Treasurer (and a distant cousin of mine), we thank for streamlining our accounts, and goading us into line so that all our finances run smoothly, and setting up rules, particularly for excursions, so that we do not transgress in future, and to his Assistant Treasurer, Andrew Platfoot. The problem with such an amiable committee is that we tended to permit too much latitude, which left us open to attack if we had an aggrieved member. I feel the tightening of these rules was overdue and can save us all some heartache in the future. Mrs. Betty McGrath, our ever cheery Excursion Booking Officer, does a sterling job of keeping note of members' bookings, and with your continued support, we can ensure that our excursions remain trouble-free. Again we are indebted to our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Roy Laver, for his continued interest and support, which is greatly appreciated. We also value having the services of our Honorary Solicitor, Mr. Michael Solari should they ever be needed.

I gratefully acknowledge the work of Mr. Jim Cutbush and Mr. Allan McGrath in getting out the Bulletin regularly. Jim says he only took on the job as no one else felt able at the time, and has done an outstanding job as Bulletin Editor. However he now says that his current job is very demanding, and he cannot carry on for 1998+. We are sad at having to lose such a competent Bulletin Editor, and do hope that one of you will take it on. He says he will assist any one who wishes to give it a try, so please put your hand up at the AGM! There are already some articles waiting to go in, and all you need is a little typing skill, —and an interest in history! We must have at least 20-30 members with these attributes! Come on! As they said in the old war ad. 'we need YOU!'

Our always efficient Secretary, Ray Moore, has contributed greatly by having minutes scrupulously recorded and all correspondence organised so that every meeting runs like clockwork and he is ably aided by Hilary, his wife who is also a valued committee member. Ray even had to drive off to get a key one evening as we commenced a meeting, because no one had a key for the cupboard which contained the TV monitor which was to be used by our guest speaker to show a video! Thank you Ray, for your service above and beyond the call of duty, which has been much appreciated.

Mr. Allan McGrath, as usual does an outstanding job as our curator of the museum, and puts in many hours opening the museum and showing people around. He also creates great

showpieces for Heritage Week at the Museum, and this coming year is no exception when we hope to have one of Lawrence Hargreaves box kites on display; one year it was the Marshall racing car which excited much comment, and another year, the Tom Thumb replica. Allan also very reliably always brings the urn, biscuits, tea and coffee etc for supper, and my thanks goes out to Alf Humphries who always helps serve supper, as do our other unsung heroines who have taken turns whenever required. A big THANK YOU to you all! (--- and keep up the good work, we do LOVE our cuppa after the meeting when we can relax and chat!)

To all the committee members, including Mr. Stewart Roberts, Mrs. Betty Greentree, Mrs. Marjorie Blackley and Mrs. I Caddell and our latest committee member Mr. Doug Perry, who turn up twice a month to keep your Society running, and well-oiled, you all deserve medals. If I have inadvertently left anyone out, I know many of you just give assistance whenever you see we need a hand, and don't particularly expect a mention, but all members' contributions are highly appreciated; that is what makes this such a friendly organisation. I know you come along and help because you love the Society as I do, --and of course you love "history".

Our Research Librarian and Archivist, Miss Helen McDonald from the Sutherland Shire Council is always obliging, whether it is obtaining information, reproducing photos or setting up displays and performs a valuable service for the Society.

We thank our Mayor, Mr. Kevin Schreiber, and the General Manager, Mr. John Rayner for their patronage and support, and we thank the Sutherland Shire Council for all the assistance given to the Society, and for including our members on its sub-committees so that we may give advice if and when required. Our Historical Society can only remain strong whilst we have this support, and it is heartening to know that our Council values the efforts of the Society to preserve and proclaim the Shire's history and its heritage.



Councillor Dawn Emerson,
President

OUR ANCESTORS

*If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them or not
Or don't you really know?
Some strange discoveries are made
In climbing family trees
And some of them, you know, do not
Particularly please.*

*If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
There might be some of them perhaps
You wouldn't care to know.
But there's another question, which
Requires a different view.
If you could meet your ancestors,
Would they be proud of you?*

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