



# *Una Voce News Letter*

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No. 3, September 1987

Dear Member —

Your Association's Christmas luncheon get-together will be held on Sunday 29th November. To assist members living out of Sydney we have also arranged excellent accommodation at very reasonable prices. See inside for full details — but meanwhile make a note of the date in your diary.

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C.P.I. Increase: The full increase of 9.4% has been received by superannuitants from 1st July. Whilst we believe no further discounting similar to last year's reduction will take place, a senior Minister has stated that superannuation is on the list to be examined for the Budget, so we are keeping a watching brief.

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Committee changes Chris Downie will soon be on her way with husband John to live in Botswana, and Geoff Burfoot has taken to the bush and now lives just out of Murwillumbah. In their different ways they have both given a lot of time to help develop and improve your Association and their assistance will be greatly missed. Thank you very much, Chris and Geoff.

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New publisher for 'Una Voce': Les and Doreen Clout who have done a sterling job in getting the typed material for our Newsletter into print, into wrappers and then into the Post Office have retired after eight years of excellent service. As the one who writes the "raw material" I can vouch for their tolerance when I was late, their assistance when it was needed and their industry - even into the very early morning hours. The Association is very grateful for your help, Doreen and Les.

In their place we welcome Elma Holmes, who was one of the very few volunteers answering our plea for assistance in the last Newsletter. Many thanks for your quick response, Elma!

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PNG Club (Sydney) Annual Independence Day Dinner: This will be held on Wednesday 16th September at 7 p.m. for 8 p.m. at Manly Civic Club, 2 West Promenade, Manly (about 200 metres from the wharf). The inclusive cost will be \$20.00 per head, but send your cheque as soon as possible to the Secretary, PNG Club P.O. Box 590 Manly, or ring Irene Cordukes on 451 5937 for further information. If you're feeling lonely ask to be put at Harry West's or Doug Parrish's table.

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When sending money to the Association for subscriptions, donations etc. PLEASE address it to the Hon Treasurer (Bill Johnston), 25 Hillview St. Sans Souci, NSW 2219, as per our letterhead. All other mail should be sent to our Association postal address P.O. Box 199, Mosman 2088. (This is also on our letterhead).

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### THE MACLEAY MUSEUM

This is the oldest museum in Australia and contains the results of over 220 years research and collecting of Australian and Papua New Guinean insects, bark paintings etc. and the largest collection outside the U.S.S.R. of Miklouho-Maclay material. The latter you will remember led expeditions into the Madang and Fly River areas from 1871 and also established in Sydney the first marine biology research station. The Museum is part of Sydney University, 50 metres from the University Union and the footbridge over Parramatta Road. You should pay a visit - free entry - as it is most interesting particularly from our point of view.

The Macleay Miklouho-Maclay Centenary Appeal aims to fund a research fellow in perpetuity to work in the fields initiated by these two pioneers and hopes to raise \$20,000 which will receive a \$40,000 subsidy. This is a worthwhile project and donations which are tax deductible should be sent to the Macleay Miklouho-Maclay Centenary Appeal, c/- The Accountant, University of Sydney. NSW 2006.

JAMES LINDSAY TAYLOR -- 1901-1987

Jim Taylor died at his home near Goroka on Sunday 28 June. Only a few of his Australian contemporaries are still alive and none live in Papua New Guinea. From the beginning, Jim Taylor made New Guinea his real home.

He left the NSW Police Force to join the Police in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea on 5 September, 1926 and transferred to the Department of Native Affairs as a Patrol Officer a year later. In those days such transfers were common. The Director of Native Affairs and the Superintendent of Police combined their duties when either one was away on leave. Taylor returned to the Police force as an Inspector in 1928, but transferred finally to D.S. & N.A. and became Assistant District Officer, New Ireland, in May 1929.

As an A.D.O. most of his work was in the Sepik and Highlands districts. His patrols to the headquarters of the Sepik River, particularly the Upper Yuat, convinced him that huge populations existed in the central highlands and he was impatient for the opportunity to find them. This came in 1933 when he led a joint expedition that included the surveyor Ken Spinks and the Leahy brothers, Michael and Danny, who were financed by New Guinea Goldfields Limited.

The highland country west of Mount Hagen had been observed from the air but remained unexplored until 1938-39 when Taylor, accompanied by Patrol Officer J.R. Black and Medical Assistant C.B. Walsh spent over 12 months preparing for and carrying out what became known as the Hagen-Sepik Patrol. This covered the remaining unknown area of Papua New Guinea extending west from Mount Hagen to what was then the border of Dutch New Guinea (now Irian Jaya).

After war service, Jim Taylor was appointed Director of Native Labour in the postwar Provisional Administration, but managed to become District Commissioner of the Central Highlands instead. He resigned in 1948 to take out mining leases in the Porgera Goldfield west of Wabag but later went back to Goroka to plant coffee. He was the foundation president of the Highlands' Farmers' and Settlers Association until January 1956 but then chose to withdraw from public life and become increasingly part of the New Guinean community. He could speak to Garfuka Gama people around Goroka and to the Banz people in the Wahgi Valley in their own language.

I recall him as an impressive personality. A big handsome man who never failed to create excitement amongst the people when he toured the highlands before the war. He was generous in his help to junior officers. His flair and style in first contact situations made memorable occasions, but he never allowed the people to underestimate the power and authority of the government he represented.

Jim Taylor had a better educational background than most of his superiors. He was a romantic intellectual, emotionally involved in the country and with the people. His thoughts for their future were years ahead of those in central administration. I much admired the manner in which he blandly ignored the demands of paper-work and any instructions from headquarters which he found tedious.

Apart from his achievements in exploration, Jim Taylor was a model of courtesy, dignity and understanding in his dealings with the people. A model which became the basis for the control and pacification of the New Guinea Highlands before the Japanese War.

IAN DOWNS.

When I think of Jim Taylor I think of humanity, humility, kindness, a gentle firmness, vision, intellect -- and friendship.

FREDDIE KAAD.

APOLOGIES for some recent errors and omissions:

On page 9 of the June issue we mentioned Millie McKay which of course should have been Willie McKay.

On the penultimate page of the March issue we mentioned Ron Sharp which of course should have been Ern Sharp. Incidentally his number is (02)922-5999

In our Minutes of the 1987 AGM we did not print the apologies for non-attendance, which were:

Les & Doreen Clout	Elma Holmes	David Marsh
Fred Kaad	Lorna Wintle	Doris Carpenter
John Lewis	Juan de Navrancourt	A. Redei
John Wakeford	Bill Kelly	Brian Jinks
Jack O'Shea	Marjorie Marr	Ron & Joan Carne
John Cox	Ken & Dorothy Searle	Mae Jamieson
Jettie Zigas	Roley Beech	Joy Henderson
Kitty Fischer	Mary Grahamslaw.	

#### HAVE YOU HEARD ?

One of our ex kiaps, co-op officer and later coffee plantation manager using the nom de plume of John Stafford has written a book Time of Rain. P.I.M. has reviewed it favourably and it has sold over 5,000 copies.

John and Helen Huon's home in Atherton, North Queensland has had a few PNG visitors lately - Sir Barry Holloway and Jim Napkai (Asst. Police Commissioner) a relative of Helen and cousin Elizabeth Foad who has settled nearby in Ravenshoe with husband Ted Foad. Also Father Michellod, Father Didier, new Kerema Bishop Paul Marx and Father Louis Greinaud.

HAVE YOU HEARD ??...

The ex-PNG Rugby League players and supporters are again getting together for their annual "do". This year it's being held in Moresby on Sunday August 30 to coincide with the playing of the Grand Final. Brian Costello the Australian manager for Air Niugini put together a fare package which was hard to resist. Think of all the tall stories which will have been told by the end of the trip !!

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Captain Steve O'Donoghue has gone to England and thence Europe to review old acquaintances -- will be back by Christmas if the Aussie dollar holds up.

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Some time ago I heard a rumour that Cliff Batt, who had plantations on New Ireland and later the Western Islands, was planning to swim the English Channel. Knowing Cliff to be 65 or thereabouts I rather scoffed at the idea -but then I remembered how determined (stubborn or pig-headed?) he could be and so I wasn't too surprised to hear on the radio/TV on 21 August that a Mr Clifford Batt had just swum the Channel - the oldest person to do so. Well done, Clifford, congratulations from us all.

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I hear that Jeanne Ashton hasn't been very well lately. I'm sure we all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

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Association Patron Sir Horrie Niall had another short spell in hospital in July, but is now home again. His main complaint is that he can no longer spend his day on the golf course.

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Bobby Gibbes has also had a couple of days keeping out of the clutches of those pretty nurses whilst the doctors had a look at his knees. It seems that one was making an unusual grating sound when he walked, but the medic couldn't hear it so Bobby strapped a microphone to his leg and proved his point! Just shows you what a little initiative can do!

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Ivan Champion's book "Across New Guinea" is due to be released in September by publisher Robert Brown & Associates of Bathurst. I haven't seen it but I'm certainly not going to miss buying the book. Incidentally Ivan and Elsie have just moved into a retirement village in Canberra.

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Congratulations to Prue Frank who reached 80 in August! She celebrated in Sydney and on return to Canberra was given a birthday party by the Senior Citizen's Club at Woden. Daughter Prue and her husband are both in England teaching for two years.

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Trevor Downes is resigning from his job at Ok Tedi in December and moving to Vanimo where he will be mine host at a small pub.

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Joe Shaw began coaching squash players at Herb Craig's courts at Badili in 1961 and has continued ever since, having just returned from overseas coaching an English squash team.

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Ex-PNG squash identities who got together to celebrate Bob Love's (DCA) 50th birthday earlier this year included Lois Baker (Jack's far better half!), Peter Kubli (Comworks architect), Brian Mirchell (DCA), Kevin Bender (Ansett) now Corinda Squash Courts Brisbane, Peter Chard (Labour) now Bathurst Squash Courts, Neil Corkery (Taxation) now Rockhampton North Squash. Anyone wanting a game and within reach of these three courts now knows where to go for good service.

STOP PRESS: Joe has just won the Queensland Vintage Squash Championship (over 55) - more congratulations !

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John Dagge, ex kiap in the early sixties in the Sepik and later in Bougainville, is now with Aboriginal Affairs in Townsville.

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Will Muskens who was in PNG from 1958 until 1975 is now running a news-agency in Caloundra in partnership with Dick Kelly, another Territorian.

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The Jack Whites (formerly didiman) now Trade Commissioner in Madrid, are returning to Australia for reposting. Sydney or the bush, which is it to be, Jack? My only complaint is that now we'll have no one to visit when June and I finally go overseas again!

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Frank Leibfried who was last heard of on a world tour peering into computers' insides has now returned to the Apple Isle where he is manager of the Tasmanian Development Authority at Devonport.

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John and Chris Downie will soon be on their way to Botswana, where John is taking up his old profession of training pilots.

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Nance (Sue) Watkins, wife of Buddy, has reached the four score years mark. Congratulations Sue, it must be the good air on the Gold Coast !

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One of our members was most surprised to be referred to in our list as Miss..... so she wrote to say that she didn't "miss" a thing as she had been married four times. Come to think of it, I'm sure she's right!

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Phyllis Bensted recently lost husband Alan in a car accident and has moved into a unit in Redcliffe. What we didn't know at the time was that Phyl also was hurt in the accident, suffering from a sprained neck, badly strained hand and losing a finger. Our double sympathies go to her.

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Lorna Hosking and her daughter recently paid a return visit to Rabaul where pre-war her husband had been a medical officer. They met several Tolais who remembered him, and had a very enjoyable time overall.

BITS AND PIECES FROM P.N.G.

The Australian Government is spending over \$15 million during the next five years on training and equipment assistance to improve the efficiency of the RPNG Police Force.

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The University of Technology at Lae has celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. In 1967 it began with 31 students studying engineering and surveying, and since then has turned out over 3,000 graduates in technical fields.

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A 25 million Kina project is being developed at Kobum in the Bundi area of Madang Province - over towards Goroka. The Kobum Spice Company will grow cardamon, cloves and peppers on 800 hectares, and eventually will employ 2,000 workers directly with a further 2,500 jobs indirectly. A production of 600 tonnes is planned to bring in more than K4 million p.a. The project is being based on a communal system similar to the kibbutz in Israel.

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A village with a population of at least 500 may now apply to be connected to the Post and Telecommunications Corporation's new Rural Outreach Service, and hey presto! you can talk to any other telephone subscriber in PNG via a battery operated pay phone. Would have been a wonderful asset on patrol in the old days!

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Anyone who has thought about revisiting PNG has said a few words about the cost of flying to Moresby and then within the country. Air Niugini has introduced a new range of fares which makes travel a whole lot cheaper - up to 40% discount is not to be sneezed at! Air Niugini sales staff will be glad to give you full details. Incidentally, the company has ordered the latest Airbus to replace the one it has on charter. I like them so much I'm tempted!

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At long last! K1 million has been budgeted to pay compensation to the carriers and labourers who worked for the Allies in WW2. Each confirmed applicant will receive K500. I'm sure that all of us - especially those who were in the forces in PNG - will be very happy that the invaluable assistance given by these men is finally receiving tangible recognition. (But remembering some of the problems associated with War Damage Compensation Claims I feel rather sorry for the officers who have to put the policy into action).

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The recent elections resulted in four European members. Harry Humphries from Talasea who has since passed on, Tim Ward (Independent) from Bogia who is Minister for Health, Dennis Young (Independent), Milne Bay, who is Minister for the Public Service and Hugo Berghuser (Independent), National Capital District, Minister for Civil Aviation.

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With deep regret we record the passing of the following members and friends. On behalf of the Association the Committee extends our sincere sympathy to their families.

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| J.N.(Neil) Dunkerley<br>27 June. Aged 50. | A Kiap from the early sixties and well known from his Poppondetta days. Leaves a wife and two children.   |
| J.L.(Jim) Taylor<br>28 June. Aged 86      | Died in Goroka after 60 years service to his adopted country PNG. Leaves wife Yerima, son Jason, and daughters Daisy (in Sydney) and Meg (in PNG where she practices as a barrister and solicitor. See separate item. |
| A.E. (Bert) Way<br>10 July. Aged 86.      | Pre-war officer, and squadron leader in the RAAF in WW2. Retired in 1953.   |
| Mrs Nancy McKenna<br>13 July.             | Widow of Dr.N.V.McKenna who died in action in 1943. Had lived in South Australia for many years.  |
| John Wakeford<br>23 July. Aged 69         | Former kiap who retired as D.C. West Sepik. Served in the Army and was Mentioned in Despatches for his work in Milne Bay.   |
| Kenneth (Taps) McCance<br>13 May. Aged 64 | After war service 'Taps' went to Moresby early 50s with Comworks, later in Kerema and Rabaul. Retired as P.S.Inspector in early 70s.  |
| Harry Humphries<br>July.                  | Manager of Volupai Plantation for 20+ years, then businessman and supermarket owner on Kimbe. Had been re-elected as Member for Talasea just before his passing.  |
| Sir Bruce Jephcott                        | Formerly didiman then cattle "rancher" in the Ramu, elected to House of Assembly and became Minister for Transport in 1973. Later Chairman of PNG Livestock Development Corporation, was knighted in early 80s.       |

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Mrs Claas Haviland  
16 August.

Widow of Rupert senior, pre-war police officer, Coastwatcher during WW2 and post-war A.D.O. Mother of Rupert, P.O. responsible for surveying the road through the Kassam Pass to the Highlands, and Frank (now of Sydney).

Mrs Rhona McFarlane (nee Blair)  
28 July.

Rhona came to the Army Hospital in Rabaul with the A.A.M.W.S. in 1946. After discharge she worked in Wewak, and married Keith McFarlane.

In later years she was well known to Gold Coast visitors and residents as the excellent caterer at the the Southport Golf Club.

Leo D. Poland  
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DIRECT CREDIT OF SUPERANNUATION PENSIONS

A recent article in the S.C.O.A. Bulletin highlights the move towards the direct credit of superannuation benefits to financial institutions (banks, credit unions or building societies). It points out the obvious advantages of this method of delivering payments, including :

- . no worries that cheques will be lost or stolen,
- . no mail delays,
- . easy access to money on the appropriate payday, even when away from home,
- . account balances can be interest-earning,
- . no waiting for cheques to be cleared, and
- . less risk of fraud.

The majority of S.C.O.A. members already receive their Superannuation payments by this method, leading to significant cost and efficiency advantages. However, it is recognised that there may always be some members who need to have continued payments by cheque for various reasons and this method of payment will remain where necessary.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS :

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ADDRESS UNKNOWN :

MR. A. REDEI, formerly 12/61 Tennyson Street, ST.KILDA. 3182

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday November 29th is the date! Your Social Committee after a long search for a suitable venue, has arranged what promises to be a really good function at a very attractive venue. 11.45 a.m. is the time !

The total cost, including luncheon, free soft drinks, orange juice, wine and beer is \$20.00. The price goes up but so do costs and the high wages on Sundays!

The venue is the 4th floor of the YWCA House. a new building at 5-11 Wentworth Avenue, just off Liverpool Street opposite the War Memorial. (See location map). The Museum Station is only 200 metres away and public parking is at the Council car park, corner of Goulburn and Elizabeth Streets. Some of you may raise your eyebrows at the YWCA but like most things this progressive and valuable institution has changed over the years and the Sydney YW is the most modern in the world, with 1980s management.

As usual, everybody is welcome and this includes families and friends. However PLEASE let us know you are coming by completing the booking form below and returning it, with cheque, by Friday 13th November -- but the earlier the better. Cancellations advised to Pamela Foley (phone numbers at the top of this bulletin) up to 9 a.m. Saturday 21st November will secure a full refund. It is essential that we know the number coming, as if we over-book we have to pay the extra from Association funds. If we under-book there won't be enough meals provided.

An added advantage is that excellent accommodation with en suite bathroom is available in the same building - @ \$45.00 single or \$60.00 double twin, or with shared bathroom at \$25.00 single and \$40.00 twin per night. Booking enquiries at (02) 264 2451 -- but get in early! Please remember that the management require all accommodation bookings to be made by a female person.

(TEAR OFF HERE)

R.O.A.P.N.G CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

I will be attending the Luncheon at YWCA House on 29 November.

I will be accompanied by.....

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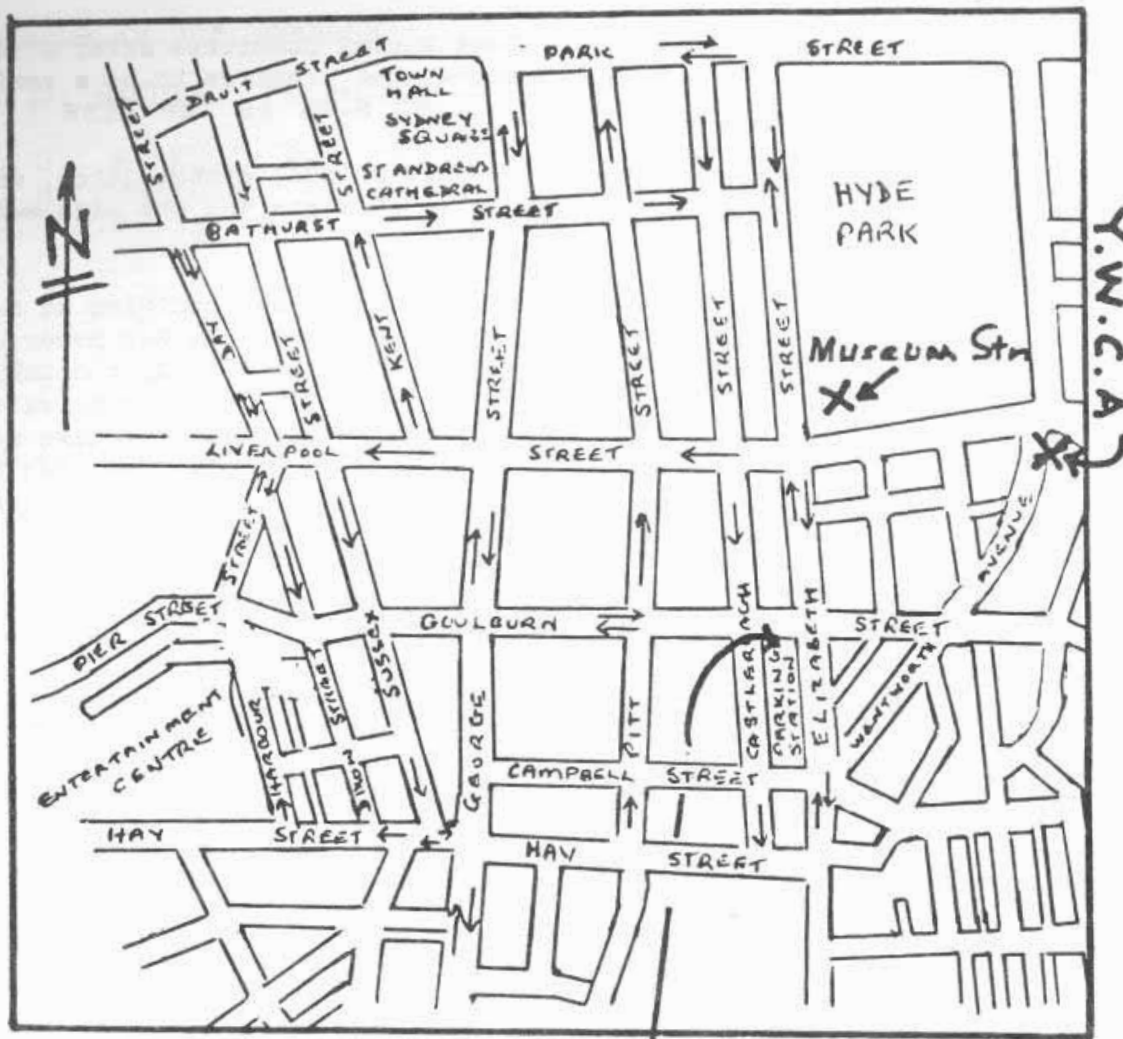
Enclosed please find my cheque/money order for \$.....

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(Signature)

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO PAMELA FOLEY, P.O. BOX 199 MOSMAN 2088

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EVERYONE CONTINUE TO USE THE PARKING STATION AT THE CORNER OF GOULBURN AND ELIZABETH/CASTLEREAGH STREETS. PARKING FEE FOR DAY \$2.

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With best wishes - and remember the best way to acquire friends is to be a friend yourself.

*Freddie*  
EDITOR

ARE YOU IN THE RED ????? OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONNS should be forwarded to The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Bill Johnston, 25 Hillview Street, SANS SOUCI. NSW 2219