

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

During the year of 2001 we had a membership of 147 on our books. This number, however, includes four members who died during the year.

Mrs Lorna Maldon and Mr J L N Southern who both were foundation members.

We also lost two valued members namely

Mr Thomas Whitton and Mrs Philippa Connolly, daughter of one of our foundation members, Mr Thomas Maguire.

The Illawarra Historical Society, founded in 1944, still has three foundation members. We value all our members, especially those of long standing.

It is worthy of mention that Mrs Joan McDonald clocked up 50 years of continuous membership in 2001. She joined the Society in 1951 along with her husband W G (Bill) McDonald, now deceased, who contributed so much to the society with his meticulous research and scholarship with his publications which are still in demand today.

We welcomed nine new members into the Society last year. These are indicated in the membership list on the last two pages of this Bulletin, including two children, a hopeful sign for the future.

Subscriptions for 2002 are due and payable by 31st March 2002. Unfinancial members may not be receiving further bulletins.

The drop in membership for 2000 and 2001 is due to the fact that quite a few people did not renew their membership with only three or four offering us an explanation.

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