

The Park - 21 Aptnrs
Sydney, 4th May '87.

Dear Lois & Pat,

Sydney has turned on lovely sunny weather since we arrived here yesterday from Melbourne's overcast 16°. It's over 20° forecast for today also, so Elyn will enjoy his walk through Hyde Park to the office as a new boy. It was great to have time here yesterday - we would have come Saturday but as the Bowls Club's final dinner for the season was on that night we fitted that in first. Pat next to Bessie & Arnold Atkinson who are off on 29th May for a trip which will include Chicago & they intend getting in touch with you. We enjoy their company & had a good night. Brenda & Steve Jenkin leave for extended overseas trip on June 9th & will also have a short time in Chicago airport so will give you your phone number. Incidentally what is the address and phone number of your store?

Our apartment here has a balcony from which we can see Hyde Park to the right and the Bay opposite in between buildings. It's near enough to walk to David Jones' main store which I'll do later on.

Elyn had a great send off from Norths on Thursday. They presented him with a beautiful Seaman clock which has no means of winding but runs on atmosphere & keeps perfect time silently. It is brass enclosed in a square glass case with brass top. They also want him to take his desk and chair which he hopes will be put in McHalls today. They had a bit of trouble trying to fit them in the lift Friday. Unlike Norths, McHalls seem to work efficiently and all the circulars went out on time & Elyn's been very pleased with the response so far. I'm sure he's happy about the move and the fact that Norths intend now to get our accounts in order.

Pat and Wilf called in here to afternoon tea on their way to dinner at Andrew and Julianna's. Wilf looks well, but Pat says since the car accident he's still having trouble with his right arm & neck & that they may have to move house again as a half acre garden is proving too much for him. Pat finds with Wilf retired she's unable to do as much china painting as she'd like but feels she should help out outside. They are off to Saemreia for a short holiday soon. Pat says she'd rather not go overseas again. Andrew's wife is expecting a baby in October & Pat hopes all will be O.K. as she's had a few troubles. Both Mary & Elizabeth have children at high school now which makes Pat feel old she says, but she still looks good.

It's now 4:30pm & have just said farewell to Albie & Geoff Cooburn who called for me at 9-45am. We've had a lovely day - started off at the Art Gallery, picnic morning tea across the water from the bridge & Opera House - a drive up to a lookout before exploring the quaint old shops in the Rocks area.

Took them to lunch at a beautiful hotel there, then on to the Queen Victoria Building described by such people as Pierre Cardin 'as the most beautiful shopping centre in the world' - so says the brochure. Built in 1898 & restored to former elegance & grandeur at a cost of \$75 million & opened last year. We then came back here to have afternoon tea - glad to see a few more of the fancy cakes we bought yesterday disappear - as Geoff is underweight better for her to eat than Sly & I. As Ansett have gone on strike and Lydney is to be affected by it tomorrow (Melbourne has it's turn today) we hope to get back sometime tomorrow night. Hope you are both fit and well - we'd love to see some photos of the store when you've got some. Don't know whether you know but it's Rosie's birthday on 5th May & Bronwyn's on 19th - it's a bit much to keep up with everyone's birthday though. Cut of space, so bye for now. (Mum & Dad) X X

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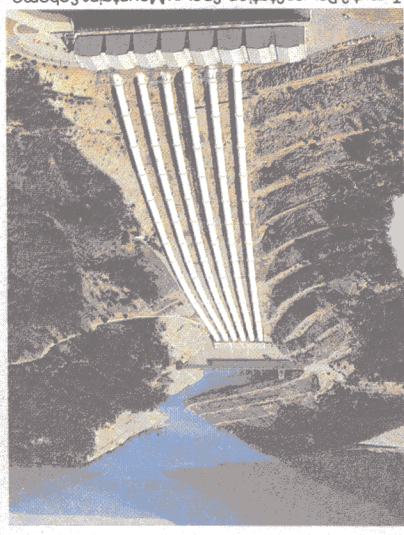
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