

THE VICARAGE,
RANDWICK,
STROUD,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE,
ENGLAND.

18th November, 1947.

John Hefferman, Esq.,
Mayor,
Town Hall,
Randwick, Australia.

Dear Sir,

Your letter and Bank Draft for £47. 18. 3. for our Village Hall & Playing Fields Fund arrived a short time ago, and we would like to thank you very much indeed for them.

You say that the result of your appeal is much below expectations, and that the reason for this is that appeals for "Food for Britain" have tended largely to overshadow it. May we say this in reply? Australia has been more than generous in sending us so much in the way of Food Parcels. We are extremely grateful for all that has been and is being done. In the present circumstances this is by far our most urgent need, and it is only as it should that appeals for food are receiving more substantial support. That being so, we consider that your Draft represents a very generous response. Will you please convey our very sincere thanks to all who have so kindly subscribed to it.

On our side we are faced with many difficulties. In the first place the authorities will not allow the land marked out for the Playing Fields to be used at the moment for anything other than agricultural purposes. Then we will have to get a permit for building the Village Hall and that will not be granted while the housing shortage is as acute as it is at present. Which is all quite right and proper. But from our point of view it means a long wait before we can hope to get everything purchased and built as we have planned.

We would like to keep in touch with you, and report progress from time to time. We hope when the great day comes and we finally open our new Village Hall, that Randwick, Australia, can be represented at the ceremony in some such way as to form another important link between two Randwicks.

Again thanking you very much indeed for all you have done,

We are,

Yours sincerely,

Vicar,
St. John's
Randwick.

Signed G R Wehner

Chairman,
Village Hall &
P.F. Committee

W R Paul

Chairman,
Parish Council,
Randwick.

G W Stevens