SUPPER ARRANGEMENTS:

At the conclusion of the meeting buffet supper will be served by the ladies of the Y.W.C.A. committee at the usual nominal charge of 20 cents. All present are invited to remain to supper and enjoy a chat with members, friends and visitors.

EXCURSION: SUNDAY, MAY 9:

Old Government House and St. John’s pro-Cathedral (Old St. John’s Cemetery, if time).

FULL DAY: Take thermos and picnic lunch.

TRANSPORT: Bus will leave Cross Roads at 8.30 a.m. and proceed via Crown, Kembla and Bourke Streets to Princes Highway which will be followed to Bulli, after which the bus will ascend Bulli Pass.

FARES: Adults will be $2.50 and school age children $1.25.

BOOKINGS: Please phone Mrs. Henry McCarthy at 29-8225 to advise bookings. All fares should be paid by the time of or at the May meeting when bookings may also be made.

ILLAWARRA, TASMANIA:

Illawarra in Tasmania is little known, even among Tasmanians. It does not appear in the postcode booklet and is not marked on the military maps. There is no signpost there to indicate the locality.

The place is located on the cross road – all bitumen – linking Longford with Carrick on the Bass Highway, some seven miles long. Approximately 3½ miles towards Carrick from Longford is the gate leading to a stone church on a hilltop some quarter mile away.

Here is Illawarra.

Within the church on the lectern stands the Holy Bible inscribed “Christ Church, Illawarra” as are inscribed other service books.

The church goes back to the early days of Northern Tasmania and was founded by Edward Dumaresq to whom on the interior walls is inscribed a plaque, “Captain of the 21st N. I. Bombay, Founder of this Church and Glebe. Born 10th June, 1802, Died 24th April, 1906”.

His tombstone in the cemetery nearby is inscribed that he died on 23rd April, 1906, which makes him 104 years of age at his death.

His wife, Frances Blanche died on 15th July 1855, aged 45, which makes her birth year 1810.

PROPOSED EXCURSIONS:

The society’s council considered a programme of excursions for the remainder of the year at its last meeting, ranging from half day Saturday excursions for the winter months to whole day excursions.

Half day: For Saturday afternoon, July 3 it is suggested that an excursion be arranged to historic spots in Kiama.

Another is planned for an afternoon in September to be planned and organised later.

Full day: MILTON — Sunday November 7: The plan provides for an early start about 7.45 a.m. from Bourke Street, Wollongong, with picnic lunch and hot water at Milton showground. An authority on Milton history may give a talk during inspection of historic spots.