One of the earliest women Councillors she served 1958-63 when her residence at Oak Flats and ill health forced her to relinquish office. Her loyalty, practical commonsense and willingness to assist were sadly missed. As well as working, her purse was always open for all society’s appeals, often in an unobtrusive manner, as treasurers over the period will testify.

Sympathy has been expressed to Yvonne and her grand children in addition to this inadequate tribute.

ESSIE MACKRETH COMMEMORATIVE:

On Sunday, 25th February a quiet “private” ceremony (“private” in that only her immediate family and members of the society were invited) for the unveiling of a simple memorial plaque in honour of Mrs. Mackreth at the museum. The date was the first anniversary of her death.

Although this restriction was placed on the attendance approximately 75 were present when the President welcomed the guests and read a long list of apologies.

Mr. Maynes then called on Mr. Edgar Beale (Past President and outgoing Curator) to speak on the life and work of Mrs. Mackreth, with whom Mr. Beale had been associated for many years in other areas of community service as well as that of the foundation of the Museum.

Following Mr. Beale the present Curator, Mrs. M. M. Evans, also a friend of many years, unveiled the plaque.

Mr. Ian Mackreth (eldest son) replied on behalf of the family and then afternoon tea was served.

Mounted on the southern wall of the entrance room the plaque reads:

IN MEMORIAM

ESSIE JENNINGS MACKRETH

Deceased 25-2-1972

A founder of and devoted worker for this Museum.

FROM THE FOUR CORNERS:

Last month’s Bulletin gave greeting from Rev. Bro. O’Malley. Since then we have received renewals from “furrin parts” from Messrs. D. B. Ellson (Vic.), G. A. Faehrmann (Qld.), K. M. Marshall (W.A.), R. P. Seidemann (New Guinea). Dave, Ken and Reg were Councillors.

We have also heard that former secretary Miss Doris Slinn was in town recently and wished to be remembered to all friends.