Museum

Have all supervisors received their Roster Sheet? If not, check with Joyce McCarthy on 29 8225.

The Museum Committee hope to open a display 'An Ageless Nursery' featuring children's toys from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Does anyone have a Doll's house or early toys to donate?

We also hope to open 'On the Homefront' to be housed in the Air Raid Shelter at the back of the Museum. Does anyone have posters re 'Austerity' (a word much used during the War); photographs of boarded up shop fronts; knitting patterns of a snood - Women's Weekly had a knitting pattern of the American Stars and Stipes, red white & blue jumper in honour of the American Fleet arriving. We would also like anything relating to people at home during World War 2. If you have anything to donate please contact Joyce McCarthy on 29 8225.

Illawarra - The Garden of New South Wales
Wollongong City Art Gallery
25 November 1994 - 8 January 1995

In association with the Illawarra Historical Society's fiftieth anniversary, Wollongong City Art Gallery will be staging a major exhibition of colonial period artworks depicting the exotic rainforest environment of Illawarra during the period 1826-70. The exhibition will be officially opened on 25 November by Daniel Thomas, former director of the Art Gallery of South Australia and an expert on Australian art from this period. A number of talks will be given over the following weeks at the Gallery, describing aspects of the show, and members of the Society (and the general public) are invited to attend. These include:

1. Wednesday, 30 November, 12.30-1.30pm: Assistant Director John Walsh will present an introduction to the exhibition.

2. Saturday, 3 December, 9am-5pm: 'Garden of NSW' bus tour. A tour through scenic Illawarra, with commentary by member Ken Orchard, will visit localities portrayed in the various artworks on show. Stops will be made at Hill 60, Jamberoo, and Mount Keira lookouts. Contact Gina Fairley at the Gallery (Ph: 28 7500) for bookings.
3 Wednesday, 7 December, 1.00-2.30pm: Exhibition curators (and Society members) Ken Orchard and Michael Organ will speak on aspects of the show. Ken Orchard will talk on artist George French Angas and his Illawarra works, whilst Michael Organ will conduct a walk through the exhibition and focus on historical aspects of specific works.

A comprehensive, illustrated catalogue will also accompany the show.

Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee

Following the dissolution of the Illawarra Heritage Committee on 1 July 1994, after having operated since the early 1980s, Wollongong City Council is in the process of forming a new Heritage committee, and to this end has recently employed a Heritage Officer - Ms Louise Thom. The former Heritage Officer, Steve Dillon, is currently working for the Illawarra Catchment Management Committee.

The new Advisory committee will be composed of representatives from the Illawarra Historical Society, the National Trust, South Coast Conservation Society, the Department of Planning, 4-6 community representatives, Ms Thom, and a Wollongong Councillor who will be Chairperson of the Committee. Michael Organ will be the Society's representative.

This is a very important committee, as most decisions regarding the preservation, conservation or demolition of heritage items in Illawarra are made by Wollongong City Council. If we are to preserve those few precious heritage items which remain in our City then it will be up to this committee and Council to implement the Wollongong Heritage Study and associated Development Control Plan which has yet to be officially gazetted and therefore legitimised. If any members of the Society at any time have concerns regarding the fate of such items they should immediately contact Ms Thom (Ph: 27 7317) or the Society's representative.

Michael Organ