BEREAVEMENT:

It is with regret that the death is recorded of Mr. Angus Gibson, father of Mrs. Margaret Wood, a member of our Society.

BOOKLET BEING COMPILED ABOUT “WESTERN ENDEAVOUR” TRAIN TO PERTH:

Mr. Bayley has in preparation a booklet to record the crossing of Australia by the standard gauge steam train recently. Several Wollongong people travelled on the train and as many chased it; some right to Perth; with cameras.

A moot point needs to be resolved: Did any steam engine cross the whole of any continent as 3801 has done from Sydney to Perth and back. If you know — please tell Mr. Bayley.

KENNEDY OF CAPE YORK — EDGAR BEALE:

Our September issue recorded the publication of the fine work by our Past President.

At the same time, by a strange coincidence, a paper entitled “Explorer Courageous: Edmund Kennedy” appeared in the Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society. It contains a mere tithe of the information contained in the major work.

SOCIETY’S COUNCIL ADOPTS AGENDA FOR ITS MEETINGS:

To ensure that all aspects of our work are covered at each meeting the council of our Society recently adopted the agenda as follows:

1. Apologies 7. Speakers/Meetings
5. Financial statement 11. Museum

PUBLICATION SALES:

Book sales by our Society this year to date — the greater number being the Society’s own publications — have now exceeded $1,500 — a figure not imagined when the year opened. Already we are well ahead of our expenditure of $1,343 and have a great amount of stock in hand.

The Cook Bi-Centenary Year will be remembered as the one which saw our publications most successful.

Our members are invited to make known our publications to their friends and contacts. Lists giving prices are available and will be sent through the post if desired.

THE NEW DAPTO AMBULANCE STATION:

With the opening of the new Dapto Ambulance Station on July 25 last appeared a well-produced booklet giving the history of Dapto and the efforts to secure the station.

The greater part of this booklet was prepared gratis by our Society’s research officer as one of the community services tendered by our Society.

Those wishing to secure a copy could, no doubt, do so by request at the ambulance stations in the Illawarra District.