WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HISTORY SOCIETY:

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The Secretary,
Illawarra Historical Society.
WOLLONGONG.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of staff and students at Wollongong University College on Wednesday, 18th September, a History Society was formed.

The aim of the Society is to propagate an interest in history within the University and outside, by showing films, inviting prominent guest lecturers and the publishing bi-annually of a journal.

Since the Society will be subsidised to some extent by the College Union, we have set annual fees of fifty cents per union member and one dollar for associate members.

It would be appreciated if the existence of our History Society was made known to your members and should anyone be desirous of joining, then contact should be made with either myself at the above address or the History Department at the University.

Yours faithfully,

KEITH PHIPPS,
Secretary.

KANGAROO VALLEY EXCURSION:

The excursion to Kangaroo Valley took place as planned on Sunday, 13th October. For once the weather was kind, and members reported that the scenery and views were "out of this world."

Various works connected with the Shoalhaven Water Supply Scheme were visited, including the Glenquarry Cut, which is to feed water from the Shoalhaven into the Nepean system, the Wingecarribee Dam, Burrawang Pumping Station, Bendeela Pondage and the Kangaroo Valley Power Station.

Lunch was at the Kangaroo Valley Museum, now located alongside the battlemented Hampden Bridge. The opportunity was, of course, taken to visit the Museum, where our members were impressed both by the quality of the exhibits and the adequacy of the staffing. (Mrs. Evans and her team are green with envy!).

After climbing Cambewarra, the bus followed the road along the range to "Rockfield Park," Bellawongarah, an old stone house once the home of the Graham family, and now of Mr. and Mrs. F. Swane, who kindly opened the house for inspection and the grounds for afternoon tea. Nearby points of interest included an early butter factory and an old cemetery.

Descending the range to Berry—safely, despite some alarm and despondency on the hairpin bends, which leave Macquarie Pass for dead—the bus returned to Wollongong via Princes Highway.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Osborne for organising a good day all round, and a successful finale to our excursions for the year.