ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The following messages has been received from Steve Dillon:

1. After discussion with the National Trust we would like to gauge Illawarra’s interest/support for a Local Branch of the National Trust.
   If members of your Society are interested in this idea they can contact me on 280024, P.O. Box 21 Wollongong or Wollongong Council Building.

2. As part of Heritage Week the Committee has organised a seminar on restoration, sympathetic addition and maintenance of old buildings. We are fortunate to have as Guest Speakers Chris Pratten, Environmental Director, National Trust and Ian Stapleton, Conservation Architect.
   The seminar will be held in the Old Court House (Drill Hall) Cnr. Harbour and Cliff Roads, Monday 15th April at 7.15p.m. Further details may be obtained from Steve Dillon at the address given above.

Minnamurra House and the Stewarts

Members will sympathize with our member and former hard-working secretary, Elsie Stewart, who found that she had to sell Minnamurra House, following the death of her husband Ross. It was a great wrench for her, but the house was getting beyond her. The consolation is that the new owner is in tune with the historical significance and appeal of the old home.

The Society’s association with the Stewarts has recently been further strengthened by Mrs. Stewart’s further generous donations to our Museum. These comprise a cart, in very good order, which Ross Stewart and his late brother used in connection with their dairying activities many years ago. With it came and unusual grindstone operated by a pedal. She also gave a number of domestic and dairying articles, with the result that the Museum has been greatly enriched by her generosity, added to Ross’s own generosity when the Museum was being set up in the first instance.

On behalf of all members, the Society has expressed its sympathy with Elsie Stewart in having to leave the home, extending our best wishes for a comfortable settling in to a more manageable home.