OFFICERS FOR 1987

Patrons: The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor and Member for Illawarra, Ald. Frank Arkell, M.L.A. (re-elected)

Mr. W.G. McDonald, B.A., LL.B, Hon. Life Member of the Society (re-elected)

President: E. Beale (re-elected)
Senior Vice-President: F.W. Osborne (re-elected)
Junior Vice-President: Dr. Winifred Mitchell (elected)
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Hon. Research Officer: Miss M. McDonald (re-elected)
Hon. Museum Curator: Mrs. J. McCarthy (re-elected)
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Hon Auditor: Miss J. Rowan (re-elected)

DEATH OF Mrs. B.E. WESTON

Members will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. B.E. Weston, the wife of our member Mr. B.E. Weston, on 29th. December, less than a month short of the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. In the same month Mr. Weston suffered the loss of his brother Mr. Rupert Weston of Dapto and a brother-in-law.

Although living at Wollstonecraft, both Mr. and Mrs. Weston attended many Society meetings and excursions, and Mr. Weston has been a frequent contributor to our Bulletin. Both had long associations with Illawarra. Mrs Weston was born at Wollongong. Her father, Samuel Ashley, and his father were both involved in the running of Mount Kembla cokeworks at Unanderra. She herself took up nursing and met Mr. Weston while on the staff of the Valesco private hospital, Campbell Street, Wollongong.

The Council, on behalf of the Society, has expressed the sincere sympathy of all members with Mr. Weston and his daughter.

DEATH OF REV. BROTHER J.P. O’MALLEY

Only a few members will be able to recall in person this stalwart of our early days; those who do not, will recognize him as the author of our Society’s second publication, the history of the Dapto Smelting Works. All will be saddened to hear of his recent death. Brother O’Malley was a teacher at what is now Edmund Rice College. Though perhaps he was not a man of deep scholarship, he had wide interests and enthusiasm which soon attached to the founding and consolidation of the Society, so that the research which went into his history of the Dapto Smelters was at once a sort of foundation and an inspiration to others. Eventually he moved on to other schools in N.S.W., and eventually to New Zealand, where he died at a great age. Ever kindly and marked by a quiet, delightful sense of humour, we can honour the memory of him with equal pleasure and gratitude for sterling work.