Forthcoming excursions:

On Sunday, 6th November, 1994, interested members are asked to meet at Jamberoo Park at 9.15 a.m. - bring morning tea and lunch. From there, members will visit Minnamurra House and in the afternoon, Tongarra Museum and possibly more, with a picnic lunchtime at Jamberoo Park.

Admission fees may be payable.

More information and bookings will be available at our October meeting.

For enquiries and bookings, please phone Joyce McCarthy on 298225.

VALE IVY MURRAY

We note the passing of Ivy Murray, a stalwart supporter of both Illawarra Historical Society and the Museum. She joined the Society in 1961, always attended meetings and excursions in the early days, and wrote interesting reminiscences of her girlhood in Mt Kembla for our Bulletin.

Ivy and her brother donated various items to the Museum collection including the sulky in which their mother, Mrs. Benjamin used to bring Ivy to Wollongong on Saturday mornings for music lessons in Kembla Street.

Ivy was an accomplished dressmaker having learnt at the old School of Arts and she was organist at the Soldiers and Miners Memorial Church Mt Kembla for many years.

VALE BRIAN DOBING

Society member, Brian Dobing died suddenly on 6 August. Brian had been a member of the Society for some years and was a member of the Society's Board. His interest in the Society stemmed largely from his research into the Dobing family as part of the celebration for the centenary of the Keiraville Primary School.

Brian’s grandfather, John Dobing arrived from England in 1888 to work at the Mt Keira mine. His sons, also worked in the mine and the family had the use of a parcel of colliery land at Gwynneville. Known as Dobings Bush, part was