

Illawarra - The Garden of New South Wales
Wollongong City Art Gallery
25 November 1994 - 8 January 1995

In association with the Illawarra Historical Society's fiftieth anniversary, Wollongong City Art Gallery will be staging a major exhibition of colonial period artworks depicting the exotic rainforest environment of Illawarra during the period 1826-70. The exhibition will be officially opened on 25 November by Daniel Thomas, former director of the Art Gallery of South Australia and an expert on Australian art from this period. A number of talks will be given over the following weeks at the Gallery, describing aspects of the show, and members of the Society (and the general public) are invited to attend. These include:

1. Wednesday, 30 November, 12.30-1.30pm: Assistant Director John Walsh will present an introduction to the exhibition.
2. Saturday, 3 december, 9am-5pm: 'Garden of NSW' bus tour. a tour through scenic Illawarra, with commentary by member Ken Orchard, will visit localities portrayed in the various artworks on show. Stops will be made at Hill 60, Jamberoo, and Mount Keira lookouts. Contact Gina Fairley at the Gallery (Ph: 28 7500) for bookings.

- 3 Wednesday, 7 December, 1.00-2.30pm: Exhibition curators (and Society members) Ken Orchard and Michael Organ will speak on aspects of the show. Ken Orchard will talk on artist George French Angas and his Illawarra works, whilst Michael Organ will conduct a walk through the exhibition and focus on historical aspects of specific works.

A comprehensive, illustrated catalogue will also accompany the show.