

MICHAEL ORGAN GAINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Member and former secretary, Mr Michael Organ, was recently honoured by the Royal Society of New South Wales with the 'Archibald D. Olle Prize' for the best article to be published in its Journal during 1994. His article was a pioneering 50 page bibliography of the Reverend W.B. Clarke, covering the period 1828-1878.

Some members will be unaware that Michael Organ, now archivist at the University of Wollongong, is a geologist by training. His bibliography of Clarke, 'The Father of Australian Geology', displayed the reverend geologist as an extraordinarily prolific scientist and has helped to raise the stature of an already major historical figure.

Clarke visited Illawarra in December 1839 and Edgar Beale wrote briefly about this in our Bulletin in 1959. Clarke's Illawarra diary is an important record of life in Illawarra during the convict era but it remains unpublished.

The Society extends its congratulations to Michael on this major award.