ANNUAL DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

Thursday 5th December, 1996 at 6.30 p.m, for 7. p.m

Speaker: Neroli Pinkerton from Wollongong City Library

Topic: Caroline Chisholm and her Illawarra activities

Venue: Normandie Restaurant, 30 Bourke Street, Wollongong

The occasion will be the annual dinner meeting of the society; the cost is $27-00 per person. Bookings and Payments to Amelia Pezzutto or Joyce McCarthy, no later than the 14th November 1996. Members are encouraged to book early as numbers are limited. It is a double celebration in that 30 years ago our Illawarra Museum opened and we are commemorating that occasion.

VALE BERT E. WESTON
(d. 14/10/1996 aged 95)

The Society extends its sympathy to his daughter, Shay Martin, and to Bert’s sister, Thelma Stewart.

Bert Weston, the eldest of five boys and two girls (Thelma was the youngest) was a very well-known Albion Park identity who became a prolific writer. Via his many letters to the Sydney Morning Herald, researchers of newspapers will find many rewarding insights into another era. His many contributions to our Bulletin gave us a great appreciation of early Illawarra history.

Mr Weston was a member of many historical societies but a fine example of the enthusiasm he had for the IHS was the time we had a Saturday lunch time meeting at South Beach to discuss future excursions and Bert, in his nineties, cheerfully caught the train down from Sydney to join in the discussions. He will be sorely missed.

The Society extends its thanks to Kathleen and John Hooke for representing the IHS at Bert’s funeral.

Amelia Pezzutto