OVERHEAD PROJECTOR

Our June meeting was at least the third time in the last six meetings at which an overhead projector (OHP) has been required. At its July meeting the Society's Board decided to purchase an OHP for use at meetings when required by the speaker.

VISIT TO MAIL CENTRE, AUGUST 27

Arrangements have been made for members of the Society to visit the South Coast Mail Centre at 112-116 Auburn Street Wollongong on Wednesday 27th August. The time has been set at 4.00pm as that is the optimum time of day for viewing a full range of activities at the Centre.

As we need to advise how many are attending, please book with Joyce McCarthy on or before the date of the August meeting.

VALE GEORGE MCDONALD

It is with regret that we record the passing of a long-standing member of the Society, Mr George McDonald of Marshall Mount. A man with a keen interest in local history and heritage, Mr McDonald kept his own private museum in the basement of his home, Marshall Mount House, which he willingly opened to members of the IHS. Proud of his own heritage, Mr McDonald and family recently celebrated the centenary of the family ownership of this historic property. Our sympathy is extended to Douglas and other members of the family.

ILLAWARRA MUSEUM

This year has shown major changes in our museum, culminating in the official opening of "History of Illawarra" exhibition in April by Mrs Hazel Hawke. The furnishings provided by Australia Post have made a marvellous difference to our entrance foyer. I attended a very rewarding two-day workshop held in Sydney at the Power House Museum in April. Topic -- Collections Management. Museum working-bees have been held with help from Breakwater Battery and Tongarra Museum members, also Mr and Mrs Washbourne from