

LAUNCH OF A HISTORY OF WOLLONGONG

On Friday September 12 this weighty new publication was launched with much fanfare at the Civic Square. The editors, Jim Hagan and Andrew Wells, Lord Mayor Campbell and Justice Hope were all on hand to give the book their blessings. And they were ably assisted by a town crier imported from Sydney who possessed amazing powers of voice projection.

Thirteen authors have contributed chapters including Society members Jim Hagan, Michael Organ and my self. Jim's chapter is on Politics, Michael's on Aborigines and mine on Architecture and Art.

Society President Frank Osborne was in attendance and so was former president, John Shipp.

The book is lavishly illustrated with black and white and colour images and exceedingly good value at \$25 for a very hefty large-format paperback. The hard-bound edition retails for \$32, which is perhaps even better value. The book has been heavily subsidised by Council and the University and the price probably is little more than the actual cost it would have taken to produce.

We hope we can get an independent reviewer to peruse it for the next edition of the Bulletin. But congratulations must go to the editors for surviving the experience of dealing with the sensitive egos of thirteen different authors.

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