MUSEUM NEEDS

Selections of items from the 1940s and 1950s would be appreciated for a future exhibition at the museum. Donations of a “New Look” suit, small items of furniture and everyday implements could be useful.

Thank you,
Joyce

Also needed urgently: Volunteers for museum duty so that we can have two persons staffing the museum during all opening hours.

INTERNET ADDRESS

At last we have a new address for those members who are connected to the Internet. As mentioned in the President’s Report in the May/June Bulletin, through the generosity of Vivienne Caldwell and the Family History Group, we now have a web-site on the Internet.

The address is:  http://www.magna.com.au/~vivienne/ihs.htm

Would anyone who is internet-literate (which the President is not) please provide some feedback?

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE OLD COURT HOUSE

“Designed by Alexander Dawson and completed in 1858, this simple sandstone building served as the District Court House until 1885. A fine example of Georgian architecture, it is the oldest civic building in Wollongong.

“The conservation of the Old Court House is to be undertaken in 1998 with 50% of the cost of works being provided in a grant from the New South Wales Heritage Council’s “Heritage 2001” funding program.

“When restored the Old Court House will be established as a self-supporting Heritage Centre to be used by community groups with a heritage or conservation focus. The Heritage Centre is destined to become the leading
local venue for functions, exhibitions and information promoting heritage conservation in Illawarra.

"You can be involved in saving this wonderful building and contribute to the future of Conservation in Illawarra by becoming a Friend of the Old Court House."

Thus runs the information at the head of the application form, received at the May meeting if the IHS Board. This form offers the following types of membership:

- Group $30 p.a.; Individual $15 p.a.; Concession $10 p.a.; and Life $100.

The Board decided unanimously to enrol the Society as a Life Member. This pleased the President who is representing the Society on the Old Court House Management Committee.

Copies of the enrolment form are available at the Illawarra Museum.

**MOUNT KEIRA MINE TRAMWAY**

Another conservation project is being planned in the vicinity of our harbour precinct. Members may have noticed how the City Council restored the remains of the old Mount Keira Mine Tramway bridge over what used to be Smith’s Creek, in the corner of Osborne Park. Indeed, the Society has congratulated the Council on the restoration and associated landscaping.

Led by the Council’s Coordinator of Cultural Development, Barbara Wheeler, a meeting was held on May 22 to discuss a funding application for an interpretive display marking the importance of this tramway to the region’s history. Should the funding application succeed, the resulting display should offer more information than the usual plaque. Watch this page for the next instalment.