served the community as a district nurse, travelling in a small sulky with pony as far afield as Mt Keira, Keiraville, Mt Kembla, Figtree, Unanderra, as well as around Wollongong. In her obit. published in SC Times of September 1965, an approximate number of babies assisted into world by her was quoted. If any further publications on Wollongong history are made and you wish to have more information, I would be happy to supply same.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Daphne McDonald (Nee Seymour)

**OBITUARY - FRANK ARKELL, THE PUBLIC FACE**

Our past patron for many years worked tirelessly for the local community and as Mayor of Wollongong from 1974-1991 became known as “Mr Wonderful Wollongong”. It was common knowledge that everywhere Frank Arkell travelled, he always touted the beauties and benefits that belong to this beautiful area and his informative input to our meetings will be sorely missed.

**THE ILLAWARRA MERCURY 100 YEARS AGO**

**Thursday, 04 August 1898**

The Postmaster General intends to consider some means of doing away with the inconvenience caused by the gazetting of public holidays.

First class Constable Willmott, who has for some years been stationed at Wollongong, proving himself a thoroughly efficient officer, has been promoted to the charge of the newly established police station at Corrimal.

The Robertson Advocate says: Senior Constable Noble, after a long residence in Bowral, is about to be removed to Wollongong. A meeting of those interested has been con-
vended for the purpose of considering the advisability of recognising his services prior to his departure on the 7th.

**Lake Illawarra Hotel, Brownsville**

**Saturday, 06 August 1898**

The Launch Wonganiley - Leaves moorings on Mullet Creek at 1.30 pm EVERY SUNDAY for a trip round the Lake, visiting the Islands and Channel. Arrangements can be made for Private Parties any day. Particulars from ILLAWARRA LAKE HOTEL, Brownsville.

**Tuesday, 23 August 1898**

The question of site to the Illawarra Central Butter Factory has been settled in favour of Albion Park.
At the Licensing Court yesterday, a renewal of licence was granted to William Tory Dickson of the Bulli Family Hotel, Mr Lysaght appearing for applicant.

Tuesday, 30 August 1898

The Coal Trade - Shipments of coal at the port of Bellambi during last week amounted to 5970 tons, of which 1080 tons were consigned to Adelaide and the balance to Sydney.

For the fortnight ended Saturday last, South Bulli Colliery worked 812 days.

The Southern Coal Company’s patent shoot erected on its jetty Port Kembla continues to work very satisfactorily. It was again successfully used at the end of last week in the case of the steamer Rakanoa, which took in 3000 tons for Fiji. The Rakanoa is one of those large boats which without this shoot could not commence loading at low tide until they had taken in a certain quantity of cargo sufficient to lower them in the water so as to enable them to go under the ordinary shoot; but by means of this contrivance she was enabled to commence loading and thereby saved 70 or 80 pounds. The shoot is capable of serving vessels 15 ft higher than those reached by the ordinary shoot.

The steamer Cloncurry arrived at Port Kembla yesterday to load 3,500 tons of coal. The large steamer Larnaca and the Union Company’s Taleri are also due at Kembla this week for coal and coke.

HERITAGE - THE END OF THE ROAD

The amazing series of heritage debacles currently taking place in central Sydney have many lessons to teach us here in Illawarra.