September 14 University of the Third Age.

October 6 Salvation Army Seniors Club; and still to come before the November meeting October 23 Woonona Couples and Friends.

Also on October 3 he addressed the Wesley Uniting Church Couples and Friends Club on the history of some of the people commemorated on the church’s stained glass windows.

SOCIETY NEWS

Award for Past President

Congratulations are extended to our Past-President, John Shipp, now Sydney University’s Librarian after having served for more than ten years as Librarian of the University of Wollongong.

In recognition of John’s contribution to the University of Wollongong during those years, at a recent graduation ceremony he was admitted as a University Fellow. He has been praised for his work in rescuing the University archives from a damp dungeon inhabited by cockroaches and establishing it in the firm position it enjoys today. The present librarian, Felicity McGregor, said John was “an historian who recognised the importance of the past and a visionary who understood the importance of new technology.... He positioned the library to take advantage of the scholarly publishing which is now one of its great strengths.”


Mount Keira Tramline Grant

Arising from the work of the City Council’s Coordinator of Cultural Development, Ms Barbara Wheeler, a grant of $2,000 has been received via the Royal Australian Historical Society for work in oral history of the mine and its tramway. This work has been placed in the hands of Mr Richard Raxworthy, an oral historian recommended by the RAHS who has already visited our museum, after which Geoff Mould and
Frank Osborne helped him to trace remnants of the tramway from the harbour to the mine entrance.

**Another Oral History Project**

Under the guidance of Professor Jim Hagan and Dr Henry Lee from the University of Wollongong, an advisory committee is working on a proposal to record an oral history of work and community in Wollongong, 1930 to 1980. Application will be made for a grant from funds marking the centenary of Federation.

**Another Centenary of Federation Project**

Led by our Hon. Curator Joyce McCarthy, the Society is making application for a grant to enable the erection of a permanent home for our museum's collection of farm implements and machinery.

**Lunch for Museum Supervisors**

On Saturday 10th October about 25 of our museum helpers and supervisors gathered for lunch at our museum. This was our Hon Curator's way of expressing thanks to our devoted band of volunteers whose dedication enables the museum to function throughout the year.

**Cocktail Party at our Museum**

As a fund-raising effort, Friends of the Old Court House plan to hold a cocktail party at the Society's museum between 5pm and 7pm on Friday, November 27.

**Old Court House Management Committee**

Even though the Naval Cadets are still in occupation, some restoration work has already been completed. The stonework on the facade has been re-mortared, the walls treated for rising damp, and a landscaping plan prepared.
The Naval Cadets' new building, near the Illawarra Yacht Club's premises at the lake, is well advanced and should be completed mid-December. The new year should see the beginning of another era for the Old Court House.

CAPTAIN WESTON'S BUGGY ACCIDENT

These days the news is full of motor accidents, but more than a hundred years ago the young fellows were being killed by horses instead. Then as now, not even the solid citizens were immune from accidents, but few modern accidents could contain so much excitement and still end as happily as this one, described in the Illawarra Mercury of 2nd July, 1887 under the heading:

ACCIDENT TO CAPTAIN WESTON

"Captain Weston of Albion Park suffered an injury on Thursday by a buggy accident. He was driving down Crown-street in Wollongong shortly after noon, and something caused the horse to shy near the Town Hall, and just as the animal made a dash forward a dog rushed at him, causing him to increase his speed despite all the expert driver could do towards holding him. Very quickly the animal succeeded in getting into quite a bolting pace, finding which, the Captain steered him straight down the street to the green instead of attempting the Corrimal-street route turns. On reaching the Green, however, a violent jolt of the vehicle over a rut jerked the driver clean off his seat on to the ground, the horse meanwhile careering madly about, until he faced Barella-street. On seeing an opening in that direction he tore away up the street with the buggy at a rate that was a caution to onlookers to keep clear of his course. Reaching Church-street, below the Commercial Hotel, he turned up to Crown-street, and getting that far he made homeward bound "tracks", much to the consternation of very considerable numbers of people who made way for him, as if he were a runaway tiger. Onward he dashed at the same furious rate, until about half way between the town and the crossroads the buggy attached to him collided with Mr. Alick Osborne's bread-cart, the result being that he and the vehicle there parted company, only a piece of timber hanging on to the torn harness. Away he still sped in that rig-out as far as Cobbler's Hill, where he was overtaken and captured by Mr. W. Swan. Captain Weston quickly picked himself up,