

MUSEUM REPORT

The year 1998 saw significant progress at the museum. The new display cabinet was installed upstairs; the workshop shed was mounted on a brick floor by the Wollongong heights Lions Club; Warren and Tim rearranged the store-room shelving, giving easier access to our collection; and new professionally-engraved notices have been made for display rooms facing the courtyard.

During the year the museum was honoured by a visit from ABC Television to film a seg-

ment for the programme SNAPSHOT.

In October, 23 supervisors and other helpers enjoyed a luncheon held at the museum, given in appreciation of their assistance.

Plans were drawn up for a new shed to house our vehicles and application made for a grant of \$106,600 under the Centenary of Federation programme, but results have not yet been released.

During the year I was invited to join a four-day Museum Management course at Sydney University, which proved very worthwhile.

Arising out of the Charles Throsby Smith reunion last March, descendants of CTS have kindly donated the silver salver presented to him by the citizens of Wollongong in 1855. A special display case for this is still to be made.

Finally, the news about our video production. Filming took place during Christmas week. I must say our postmaster, Philip Mackel, looked very distinguished, his "wife" and their two children looked the part in their period costumes, and Jack the horse played his part very well outside the blacksmith's shop.

As always, many thanks to our diligent helpers. We look forward to seeing you again in 1999.

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