
VALE MRS LORNA MALDON

The death of Mrs Lorna Maldon marks the end of this family's long association with the Illawarra Historical Society. Her husband, Doctor Harry Maldon, a Wollongong dentist, was the Society's first Patron. Elected to this position at the first general meeting of the Society in February 1945, he continued as our Patron until March 1985, an unbroken period of forty years. Both Dr Maldon and his wife were Foundation Members of the Society, on whom Life Membership was later conferred. Mrs Maldon was our last surviving non-corporate Foundation Life Member.

Both were great supporters of the Society in its early years, when our Council meetings were held in Dr Maldon's dental surgery. About once each year Council members were invited by Mrs Maldon to meet at the Maldon home, situated in New Mount Pleasant Road almost under the big fig tree near the overbridge.

In their retirement, the Maldons lived on Norfolk Island, where Dr Maldon met an untimely death by accident in 1986. Mrs Maldon returned to the mainland and kept in touch until just before her recent death at Bowral, thus ending an association of 56 years.

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