PERSONAL:
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Inverarity on the birth of their second child, a son, John William, born 22/1/63.

“SYDNEY AND ENVIRONS — HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND LANDMARKS.”
H. E. C. Robinson Pty. Ltd., the well-known map publishers and cartographic draftsmen, in association with Tucker & Co. Pty. Ltd., have issued a large map (32” x 22”) which is a most informative and attractive publication. Copies are 8/6 each and it is noted that Coddington’s, near Methodist Church, Crown Street, have them on sale.

OUR EXHIBITION — FRIDAY/SATURDAY, 1st/2nd FEBRUARY:
Although not on the scale of our two previous exhibitions (April, 1956, and March, 1959) and planned with a minimum of effort, publicity, etc., this proved most successful.

Developed from a suggestion by Messrs. Fleming and Grenfell, an approach was made to the Directors of Walter Lance & Co. Pty. Ltd (A David Jones’ Store) for the use of the old Commercial Hotel, Corner Crown and Church Streets, which was graciously granted.

Some 100 scenes of early Illawarra were mounted for display and four series of slides each of 30, selected by the above gentlemen and Misses de Jersey, Rowan, Messrs. Marshall, McDonald. Assistance was also given in various ways by Mesdames Evans, Hay, Mackreth, Miss McDonald, Messrs. Bayley, Hallenan, King, R. Loughlin. Our special thanks to Mr. R. Rankin, Advertising Manager and Director of Lance’s for all his help.

The exhibition was open continuously from 7.30/9.30 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m./9 p.m. on Saturday. A steady flow of visitors was maintained and a considered estimate of 700 was arrived at. The slide screening proved most popular and in all, allowing for repeat requests of special series, they were run through approximately ten times.

As well as the favourable publicity to the Society’s aims and work tangible results were the enrolment of five new members and the sale of a number of publications.

AUSTRALIAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (Wollongong Group):
Our friends have asked us to announce they will be meeting at the Chamber of Manufacturers’ Room, Keira Street (near Illawarra Hotel) at 8 p.m. on the last Friday of each month, where everybody’s welcome (contact Mr. J. Clyde Smith, B2521).

In the meantime we acknowledge the following from A.N.S. Report, Vol. XXVI, Jan., 1962 (Messrs. Batty and Smith are both members of our Society).

THE WOONONA INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY BREAD TOKENS,
By J. K. BATTY.

The Woonona Industrial Co-operative Society, in common with many other such merchandising co-operatives, issued tokens to members and customers to obviate the need for their delivery staff to carry large quantities of small change and to minimise the stealing of money left out by householders for deliveries. This particularly applied when bread was 10d.-10/- a loaf.

The aluminium circular “one loaf” and the square “half loaf” issued by this society coincided with the opening of their new bakery in 1928 and were used until 1959. They are now no longer in use although the Society holds large stacks on hand.

Their Bakery was first opened in 1896 in an old tin shed, with three carts, three bakers, who baked 3000 loaves weekly. Later, with the expansion of the district, larger premises were erected in Russell Street, Woonona, at a cost of over £21,000, capable of baking 40,000 loaves weekly.

An interesting addition to the issue is the one loaf token with a square punched out of the centre. It appears that these were handed to persons on relief during the depression of the 1930’s and redeemed for bread at the Society’s stores.