As a token of appreciation the Council has donated £2/2/- to the P. & C. funds and a copy of our publications to the school library.

Arrangements are in hand for a Special Meeting at Berkeley on Thursday, 17th October, when Miss Barwick will repeat her talk and it is hoped copies will be available for sale.

"NORTH SYDNEY, 1788-1962":

The Council of the Municipality of North Sydney has advised that it has published a book by Dr. Isadore Brodsky under the above title.

Consisting of 92 pages it includes many pictures, and is available from the Council at Box 12, Post Office, North Sydney, for £1/5/-.

EXPERIMENT FARM COTTAGE, RUSE STREET, PARRAMATTA — A NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.) PROPERTY:

Opened by His Excellency the Governor, Lieut.-General Sir Eric Woodward, on Saturday, 20th July, the Trust purchased the cottage in 1960. A considerable amount of thought, effort and expense have gone into restoring this historic link with the establishment of farming in Australia. The building has been completely renovated and furnished in accordance with the period.

The cottage is now open for public inspection as below:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
THURSDAY: 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

THE BERRIMA VILLAGE TRUST — FROM R.A.H.S. NEWSLETTER, JULY, 1963:

At a meeting held in the School of Arts, Berrima, on April 28, the Trust was inaugurated. It was resolved that a Council should be formed from members appointed by the Mittagong Shire Council, Wingecarribee Shire Council, Bowral Municipal Council, Royal Australian Historical Society, National Trust of Australia (N.S.W.), National Institute of Australian Architects, Berrima Historical Society, Department of Tourist Activities, Department of Prisons, and four representatives of the residents of Berrima.

The objects of the Trust are to maintain, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public the buildings and lands of historical importance in the village, to encourage, promote public knowledge and appreciation of those lands and buildings and provide and improve amenities at Berrima.

The President, Mr. T. Lewis, M.L.A., and the Council hope that support will be given to these objects. Membership fees are £1/1/- per person or £1/10/- for husband and wife membership. The secretary is Mr. S. O. Wrightson.

THE "KIAMA INDEPENDENT" OF 5/7/1963 — THE CENTENARY ISSUE:

The paper includes a Centenary Supplement of 12 pages on art paper, free of advertisements, and is well illustrated.

A few copies are obtainable at one shilling (1/-) (6d. for the paper cost, 6d. for the Society) at the meeting.

ROAD TRANSPORT:

The "Kiama Independent" of 2/1/1877 carried an advertisement under the heading "Daily Coach Between Wollongong and Kiama".

Signed by George Mercer, Mail Contractor", it advised that on and after 1/1/1877 the coach would run daily, the through fare each way being 7/-.

Passengers were assured that they would find it an easy mode of travelling, as the coach has been built for the purpose regardless of expense, and the drivers are reliable, steady men."
The paper of 19/3/1878, however, said, "In consequence of the high price of fodder I am compelled to make an advance on the rate of fares:

Wollongong/Kiama, 8/-, and a corresponding advance to other places on the route.

Parcels up to 20 lb. weight, 1/-
Parcels up to 50 lb. weight, 1/6
Parcels up to 100 lb. weight, 2/-"

Mercer's address was at Albion Park.

NOTE: Bus fare today is 7/- return and second class rail 8/8.

"THE LATE STORM" — FROM THE ILLAWARRA MERCURY" OF FRIDAY, 29/4/1870:

Seldom for years past has the East Coast been visited by so severe a storm as that which raged during the early part of this week. The rain descended in torrents for hours together, and at times the wind blew with fearful violence. Fortunately on land no injury of a very serious nature has been the consequence. But the damage, however, has been considerable, as there is scarcely a house in the town that has not been more or less injured. Chimneys, and chimney-pots, slates, shingles, in fact all that goes to make a house complete has received some injury. In Kembla Street, the gable end of the house occupied by Mr. Martin Quilty fell completely out, and a wooden building, belonging to Mr. Zlotkowski, was levelled to the ground. The creeks were all rendered impassable or were crossed by travellers only at the risk of life. We have heard of numerous narrow escapes, but so far as can at present be ascertained, no lives have been lost. There are rumours of loss of vessels at sea, but, from the interruption of all communication either by land or water, we are unable to speak with any certainty. We had it, however, on good authority, that the beach near Woonona is strewn with oranges, the tops of butter kegs, dead fowls, and other indications of some catastrophe having taken place. From the South we learn that a large quantity of maize has been washed ashore near Kiama, which is supposed to have been brought down the Shoalhaven by the flood. But the truth is, that communication has been so nearly stopped that it is impossible to ascertain the facts with any certainty. As the weather cleared up on Thursday, a day or two will put the public in full possession of all information; but we fear that the disasters at sea will be many. As indicative of further disasters, we may mention that a portion of a small boat with "Hannah, Sydney; Peter Johnston, master;" painted on the stern, has been picked up at Bulli, and also the figure head of a vessel, being the representation of a female, and painted white. Mr. Rawnsley found, in a creek near Bulli, a cask of tallow with the name "Berry" on the lid; one of the ends of the cask was out. Scattered along the beach are a number of staves belonging to butter kegs.

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