IN MEMORIAM:

With sorrow we record the sudden passing of Mrs. E. E. Fowler, on Thursday, 11th July, the wife of Mr. E. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have been members for many years and attended all our functions, especially the excursions. They were with us on the previous Saturday at Berkeley.

Representatives from all walks of life attended her funeral on Saturday, 13th, at St. Michael’s, and joined the cortege to the Wollongong Crematorium. A number of Councillors and other members were present.

Our most sincere condolences to you, Ern, and your family.

JULY MEETING:

"The Story of the Wollongong Water Supply and Catchment Areas" was given by Mr. K. M. Marshall (Councillor), who traced the history of the supply from 1816, when Wollongong’s only source of water was the old Lagoon on part of Charles Throsby Smith’s grant, until the opening of the new Avon-Berkeley scheme on 11th March, 1963. A map gave the locations of all the dams in the catchment area, from the largest dam, Warragamba, to the smallest, Nepean. All the principal pipelines and pumping stations for the Metropolitan and South Coast supplies were outlined.

Approximately 180 slides were shown of the dams and pipelines and surrounding country, together with a series of a trip by launch from the main wall of Avon Dam to Flying Fox Creek, where the pumping station for Avon-Berkeley is situated.

The slides of flora and fauna, and the aboriginal cave drawings which were kindly loaned by member Mr. Norman Robinson, were much appreciated by all those present.

The talk was concluded by giving the amount of water used in the Metropolitan Water Board’s area which amounts to seventy-four thousand million gallons a year, which is approximately two hundred million gallons a day — or ten tons of water a second for every second of every day in the year.

Unfortunately, it was literally a “watery” night, being cold and raining, and this no doubt accounted for the comparatively small attendance of 29. A large number of apologies were made.

A welcome visitor (who rejoined the Society!) after an absence of several years was Mr. Arthur Walder, of “Wattamolla” fame.

BERKELEY EXCURSION — SATURDAY, 6th JULY:

Once again we had a most successful outing, 50 adults and children being present, including a number from the Berkeley High School under the leadership of Mr. N. Morrison, their History Master (Member).

Under the guidance of Miss Barwick and Mr. Bayley, points of interest were indicated and stops were made at the site of old “Berkeley” House and the Cemetery.

Then, at 4 p.m. at the High School, with the permission of the Headmaster, Mr. B. Cunningham, we were the guests of the Parents and Citizens’ Association for afternoon tea.

A vote of thanks to the good ladies (Mesdames Roberson, Whitton, Zanbakobic, Misses Poole, Sayers and Whitton), who provided the welcome cup, was moved by Senior Vice-President Mr. King, in the absence of our President (on the sick list).