gained the support of eminent authorities on Illawarra history whose opinion was entitled to great respect, and at one time had appeared to hold the field. However, the speaker considered that it was untenable in the light of additional information which had become available in recent years, and that comparison and analysis of early travellers' accounts and old maps showed a heavy weight of evidence in favour of a descent of the range at a point about three-quarters of a mile south of the head of Bulli Pass, and almost due west of Bulli Public School.

An examination of the ground after the 1968 bushfires had cleared away the scrub and undergrowth had in fact revealed unmistakable vestiges of a road descending the range at this point. This, it was thought, was the line of Throsby's track, later traversed by Cunningham, Macquarie, John Dunmore Lang, Alexander Harris, the Woonona bushrangers, and many others of lesser fame or notoriety; and the cuttings and rough retaining walls still visible were in all probability the work of the convict gang engaged on the road in 1835.

Following Mr. McDonald's address, Mr. J. S. G. Worland (Past President and Hon. Life Member), a surveyor by profession, explained the methods by which he had located the "bluff on the mountainous range over the Five Islands" from which James Meehan, on 27th November 1816, made observations and recorded the bearings to several local landmarks. Mr. Worland fixed this point just north of the Panorama Hotel near the junction of Princes Highway and the Appin Road.

Y.W.C.A. JUBILEE:

To celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Y.W.C.A. of Wollongong, the president and members invite President and Members of The Historical Society to an Official Ceremony of Hostel Inspection at Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Thomas Street, Wollongong, on Thursday, 9th April, 1970 at 10.30 a.m.

At this ceremony the hostel will be re-named "AMER HOUSE" in memory of the late Mrs. G. Amer.

ST. LUKE'S, DAPTO EXHIBITION:

On the 4th April, 1970 at 3 p.m. Mr. Edgar Beale will be officially opening a Display on the History of St. Luke's Church of England Church and Early Dapto. This display will include photographs and effects, and will be held in the old hall next to St. Luke's Church at Brownsville.

An invitation to our society and friends has been received.