CAPTAIN COOK BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:

MAY MEETING: May 7, 1970, at the Illawarra Historical Society Museum at 11 Market Street, where the Cook Exhibition will be drawing to a close.

MEMBER’S NIGHT: Talks will be given by the Museum Committee.

THE ENDEAVOUR OFF ILLAWARRA:

Our front page illustration of the Endeavour brings close to us the fact that the barque was very near to the Illawarra coast for four days during which it came in as close as 1½ miles, whilst Cook, Banks, Solander, Tupia and the four oarsmen were as close almost to the shore where the breakers begin rolling in. A whole afternoon was spent in the sea just north of Bellambi when the attempt to land was made.

JUNE MEETING: Our past president, Mr. Edgar Beale, will speak of Cook’s first attempted landing in Australia.

His thorough research makes him the authority on this subject.

COOK’S FIRST ATTEMPTED LANDING IN AUSTRALIA by Edgar Beale will be published as an illustrated booklet by our Society as soon as possible both to honour our past president for his fine research and to record in attractive handy form for posterity the story of such great interest to people of Illawarra and students of both Cook and Australian history.

EXCURSION:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 9 to ST. LUKE’S CHURCH, DAPTO.

Rev. Duchesne will speak on the early history of the church and will make available some of the pictures in the recent exhibition. An inspection will be made of the church, grounds and the historic cemetery, where among other notable people, Bill Beach, world champion sculler was laid to rest.

Thermos afternoon tea in the grounds of St. Luke’s, after which the party will pay a short visit to Avondale House of the Neville family and formerly of the son of Henry Osborne.

EXCURSION BUS: The bus will leave at 1.30 from Bourke Street and proceed via Kembla and Crown Streets to the Cross Roads. Bookings will be received at our May meeting and also by Mrs. Henry McCarthy (phone 2-8225).

FARES: Adults $1.50; school age children 75c.

LORD MAYOR OF WOLLONGONG:

Our congratulations to the first honoured by this title, Ald. Ernest Ford. The title is appropriately granted at the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II to Wollongong and at the bi-centenary of the discovery of the Illawarra coast by Captain James Cook in the Endeavour which the council of the City of Greater Wollongong has honoured by the preparation of Endeavour Drive at the harbour and the landscaping of the Lighthouse Point to provide in perpetuity a grand scenic tourist attraction for the city. The Lord Mayor is especially interested in our society and its museum, also a grand tourist attraction.