April 26, with glorious autumn weather, drew thousands of people to the celebrations at Wollongong Harbour and lighthouse where the first Christian Service to be held in Wollongong was commemorated on Brighton Lawn, close to the spot where the rough army barracks held the first congregation on July 17, 1831. Rev. Thomas Reddall from Campbelltown rode down the primitive mountain road to be the first preacher in those days.

The service also marked the 200th anniversary of Captain Cook’s sailing past Wollongong, when he named Red Point and the hill “like the top of a hat”.

DIRECTION FINDER INAUGURATED:

The stainless steel direction finder on the hill beside the big lighthouse, installed through the courtesy of many industrial firms of our city, was unveiled by the Lord Mayor of Wollongong, Ald. E. Ford in the presence of a great number of citizens and visitors during the afternoon. It is a worthy addition to our historic markers and will prove a great interest to visitors to the city.