The party descended the hill at noon and spent until 2 p.m. riding through the hinterland to "O'Brien's new road", but Macquarie did not mention Figtree in his diary.

He stated that they rested at a fresh water creek and took 1½ hours to ascend the road which follows the ridge from the fig tree until it reaches O'Brien's Gap. The road follows a ridge which drops away on each side and from which extensive views are obtained. It is worth the dangerous and steep drive today.

From the top, which Macquarie named Mount Brisbane, the party traced their way behind Mount Keira through what is the Cataract Dam catchment area today to reach Jordan's Pass and Appin, thus ending the tour.

MACQUARIE EXHIBITION AT THE MUSEUM

The highly successful picture exhibition entitled "Wollongong Past and Present" was supplemented on January 15 by the map showing the route taken by Macquarie through Illawarra and the places named by him, and a series of large pictures specially taken for the occasion depicting places passed by Macquarie on his journey.

The exhibition will continue through the holiday season and members are advised to take the opportunity of re-visiting the Museum Exhibition to see the changes of the 150 years since the great day when the first Governor visited Wollongong.

MACQUARIE LEAVES NEW SOUTH WALES:

Macquarie's tribute to his successor, Governor Brisbane, who arrived in the colony on November 17, 1821, was the naming of Mount Brisbane to the west of Wollongong marked on maps as Mount Burelli.

Shortly after his Illawarra tour Macquarie handed over the reins of government to Thomas Brisbane and left for England on February 15, 1822. He died on July 1, 1824.

MACQUARIE SESQUICENTENARY MARKED AT BULLI:

A monument to mark the passing 150 years ago of Macquarie was erected at the intersection of Hobart Street and the Princes Highway at Bulli in the corner of Bulli Public School grounds by the school authorities and committees.

It was fittingly inaugurated by Mr. W. G. McDonald, Past President and Councillor of our Society, on the day preceding school break-up for mid-summer vacation.

MUSEUM DESCRIPTIVE LEAFLET

Adult visitors to the Museum are now welcomed by presentation with leaflet descriptive of the exhibits to be seen, as well as details of hours and admission charges.

The Society's meetings and subscriptions are also set out. The back page carries a description of the Illawarra Region, whilst both back and front carry fine sketches of the Museum itself, an historic building of Wollongong.

Credit for the very fine production goes to a committee including Mesdames Shaw and Mackreth and Mr. Fleming.

Ask for your copy when next you visit the Museum.