LUNCH will be taken in the Botanical Gardens, after which the party will proceed to inspect St. James’ Church in King Street at 2 p.m. The party will then proceed to 133 Macquarie Street, arriving about 3 p.m. to inspect History House, which will have been kindly opened by Mr. Harry Harper, who will explain the details of the fine colonial building fortunately acquired to replace the former History House which was demolished for the sake of progress!

Following afternoon tea (thermos again) the party will set out for home.

BUS ROUTE: 8.30 a.m. from Cross Roads (Mount Keira Road and Princes Highway), proceeding along Crown Street, Kembla Street and Bourke Street to Princes Highway and thence up Bulli Pass.  
FARES: $2.50 for adults; $1.00 for school age children.
BOOKINGS: At March meeting or by telephone to Miss de Jersey or Mr. A. P. Fleming, treasurer.

VISIT OF MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SUNDAY, MARCH 12:

Our Society is fortunate to have as visitors the Milton Historical Society and to entertain them at our Museum.

Our representatives will meet the Milton bus at Kiama and show the visitors some historic places between there and Wollongong.

They will then conduct the visitors to the principal historic features of Wollongong, including our plaques at Throsby’s Hut and at the lighthouse, where the “small” one is one hundred years old and the “big” one presides over our tribute to Captain Cook.

AFTERNOON TEA: Our Society plans to entertain the visitors to afternoon tea at the Museum.

Our Committee appeals to our ladies to provide material for afternoon tea and to come along to meet the visitors and help cater and serve.

FINANCES TO DATE, 1972:

The Treasurer reported at last Council meeting that publications this year have already brought in $136 and subscriptions $92. After expenses the present balance is $140, plus $1500 invested for publications.

MOUNT BRISBANE AND BURELLI

It is with diffidence, even trepidation, that one differs from the learned editor of this Bulletin on any question of local history; never-the-less, to avoid possible future confusion, it should be pointed out that Macquarie’s Mount Brisbane was not identical with Burelli (as stated in “Macquarie Leaves New South Wales” in the February Bulletin).

It is clear from Macquarie’s journal that Mount Brisbane was on O’Brien’s road to Appin, and therefore must have lain to the north of O’Brien’s Gap — evidently the high part of the Illawarra Range between O’Brien’s Gap and Mount Keira.

The name “Burelli” appears on Mitchell’s 1834 map, and is definitely further south. It appears to be the summit behind Kembla Heights township, between O’Brien’s Gap and Cordeaux Road. It was one of the
mountains — Keira, Kembla and Corrimal (Broker's Nose) being the others — from which Mitchell took street names for his infant town of Wollongong.

The point is of some importance, as the Society some time ago submitted to the Geographical Names Board that both names (and also Regent Mountain) should be revived — which would hardly be a practical proposition if Mount Brisbane and Burelli were one and the same.

— W.G.M.

(This inadvertent error is acknowledged — delete "... marked on maps as Mount Burelli" on page 4 February Bulletin).

VALE:

With regret we record the sudden passing of Mr. L. R. Brownlee, on January 6, of the old Illawarra family. Born in Wollongong he was well known in sporting circles. Although a member for some years, he rarely attended our functions, but was intensively interested in local history and was a keen collector of the Society's publications.

One week later the district was saddened by the passing of Mr. J. L. Wood, of Woonona, a Past President of the Illawarra Natural History Society and a friend to many of us. A survey draftsman by profession, Len was always ready to help on historical problems as his work in several of our publications bears witness and in fact he was preparing a sketch for this Society when we learned of his demise.

We also regret the passing of the mothers of members, Mrs. Jean Groves (nee Wheatley) and Miss M. George. The late Mrs. Wheatley will be remembered for her delight in the excursions, particularly those on Saturday afternoons.

To the respective families we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

DEDICATION OF THE OSBORNE MEMORIAL WINDOWS:

The December, 1971 Bulletin re-printed from the "St. Michael's Review," Vol. 46, No. 7, September, 1971, a note on these windows which gave the birth of John Osborne as 1790. The inscription on the window shown as a footnote reads 1791, which is correct.

BLACKSMITH SHOP OPENING FORESHADOWED:

Our Museum curator, Mr. Beale, at last Committee meeting forecast that the blacksmith shop should be ready for opening in a month or so. He, himself, is busy preparing the exhibits now that the building has been completed.

COAL MINING EXHIBIT:

The next major museum project is establishment of the coal mining exhibit towards which donations are being sought. With coal mining as the basis of the development of the district it is thought that this should be a major exhibit, worthy of the industry.

Letters seeking donations from the principal mines and industries are going out.