OBITUARY:

The recent death of Mr. D. W. Murray is a great loss to this district, to whose welfare he made an outstanding contribution over his thirty years as City Librarian during which he built up the Wollongong Public Library service from very small beginnings to one of the largest and most successful organisations of its kind in Australia. His task was not an easy one, either in establishing the service or in maintaining it, once established, on inadequate means and under repeated attack from misguided advocates of economy and opponents of libraries generally. He was a man completely devoted to his work, and despite continued ill-health for many years he gave whole-hearted and selfless service until his recent retirement. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Murray was a member of this Society for many years. The latest issue of the Harden-Murrumburrah Historical Society Bulletin reports an address by him to that Society based on “the unique relationship which has developed between the Illawarra Historical Society and the Library of Greater Wollongong,” and the benefits it has brought to the Historical Society, the Library and the community. Without Mr. Murray’s contribution that relationship would not have been possible.

To Mrs. Murray and Robert the Society extends its sincere sympathy.