“HILLCREST,” STANWELL PARK—A HARGRAVE MEMORIAL:

The Helensburgh and District Historical Society reports that moves are being made for the restoration of “Hillcrest,” and its preservation as a monument to its most famous owner, Lawrence Hargrave.

Mr. Les Johnson, M.H.R. for Hughes, at the request of constituents has lent his support to the project, which he says would result in a fitting national tribute to one of Australia’s greatest pioneers, of whose work and genius too few Australians are aware. For the people of the South Coast the Hargrave home and the monument on Bald Hill are his only remaining monuments. Mr. Johnson has made representations to State and Federal ministers in support of the project.

We (especially the editor) hope that it is not necessary to tell Society members who Hargrave was and what he did, or to say that this Society whole-heartedly supports the project. If the house is to be a memorial to Lawrence Hargrave, the State Government will have to take action to upset the eccentric (to say the least) clause in Mrs. Margaret Campbell’s deed of gift, which prohibited use of the property for that very purpose (see I.H.S. Bulletins, September, November, December 1973). It may need a special Act of Parliament, but Acts of Parliament have been passed for many less justifiable purposes.