OBITUARY: Mr. L.F. WHITE

The Society records with regret the death of our Founder Member, Mr. Len White. Though he had long since removed to Sydney, his important early association with Port Kembla industry and marriage into an old Illawarra family ensured his continuing interest in our activities. Indeed he and his wife, with a party of friends, joined us for the Menangle and Camelot excursion last year. To Mrs. White (a member in her own right) we extend our deep sympathy.

OBITUARY: Mr. E.B. BRADFORD

Following a sudden decline in his health, our worthy member, Mr. Bert Bradford, died on 7th January last. We extend our sympathy to his relatives and friends. A suitable appreciation of this hard-working colleague will be published in our Bulletin when space permits during coming months.

PERSONAL: WEDDING BELLS AND A WELCOME BACK

It was pleasant to see Mrs. Helen Fraser back at the December meeting after giving short shrift to a broken leg: a mere detail to her. She will never change. Asked how she was getting home, she simply tapped the dangling keys of her car; she would drive herself home, of course! What other answer would you expect from somebody so irrepressible?

Seldom has it happened before, but for once we have personal news of members which does not stem from such things as the ailments of the elderly, as most of us are becoming. Our young and eager-beaver Councillor, Michael Organ, took time off for research to get married on 6th December. “Took time off” is a correct phrase, because the honeymoon is to come later, as Michael reports. May it be a long and very happy marriage. Our hearty congratulations to the young couple!

HONOUR FOR SOCIETY MEMBER, Mr. G.S. WARDELL

It is with pleasure that we record that in the New Year Honours, the Order of Australia Medal was awarded to our long-standing member Mr. Gerry Wardell, for community services to Scouting and industry. In particular we record his unobtrusive but vital part in development of the Owen Gun. Our hearty congratulations go to him.

CENTENARY OF BULLI MINE DISASTER

A memorial service at St. Augustine’s Anglican Church at Bulli on 23rd March commemorated the centenary of the Bulli disaster of 1887. Among accidents on the southern coalfield the loss of life was exceeded only by that in the Mount Kembla disaster of 1902.

An address to the Society on the subject will be given later in the year.

EXCURSION TO THE OAKS

On Sunday 1st March, in somewhat damp weather, Rutty’s trusty Hino coach carried a party of 34 people via Bulli Pass, Appin and Picton to The Oaks. On the way we were met by our guide for the day, Sonya den Hertog, who took us first