SYDNEY EXCURSION, SUNDAY 17TH MAY

There will be a Society excursion on Sunday, 17th May, to Sydney. Points of interest which we propose to visit include:-

1. The Power House Museum, Ultimo, which is at present showing a display “German Product Design and History”, covering everyday objects illustrating the German way of life over the last 160 years. In addition, and possibly most interesting, is a replica of a Karl Benz three-wheel motor car, 1885 model. Herr (or Doktor, or Professor, or whatever he was) Benz has a lot to answer for.

2. Chinatown, a picturesque and colourful slice of the Orient set down in Sydney.

3. Queen Victoria Building, about whose restoration everyone has heard and read. If you haven’t seen it, you should. If you have, we’d be surprised if you’ve seen it all!

The bus will leave Cross Roads, West Wollongong, at 8.30 a.m. Owing to new traffic arrangements in the centre of Wollongong, and the loss of time resulting from trying to follow the traditional route as closely as possible, the Council has decided that a more direct route should be adopted. Please note, therefore, that the bus will travel via Crown, Keira and Flinders Streets. Passengers will be picked up at the bus stops along this route. Please notify when booking the stop at which you wish to board the bus.

Fare will be $10.00. Bring a picnic morning tea and lunch. Book at May meeting or ring Mrs McCarthy (29 8225).

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PERSONAL

We learned recently that Mr R.K. Cooper (Member) was awarded the Medal of Australia in the last Queen’s Birthday Honours, for community service as a military historian. The Society belatedly but none the less sincerely congratulates Ray on this distinction.

On 11th May Ray leaves on a historical trip overseas to see the re-enactment of the sailing of the First Fleet from Portsmouth, to attend an Irish Origins (Family History) Conference, and to do research on his own family history and military history, with particular reference to the British army presence in Australia.