OBITUARY

We record with regret the deaths of two old members: Mr Percy Cartwright, a Foundation Member of the Society and Mr Arthur Brown, in the earlier days of the Museum an energetic and valued worker, particularly as a carpenter.

The Council and members of the Society extend their sympathy to Mrs Cartwright and to our late members’ families.

MUSEUM NOTES

Museum supervisors and workers are invited by the Committee to an informal pre-Christmas get-together at the Museum at 11 am on Friday, 20th November.

Bicentennial funds have been granted for a Special Open Day at the Museum on 16th April, 1988. All hands will be needed on deck for this day. Further information will be given later.

Members are reminded that admission to the Museum is free to members of the Society.

Members are also reminded that donations of $2 or more to the Museum are tax free.

The price of souvenir spoons is now $2.80.

THE BULLI MINE DISASTER CENTENARY

The article under this title in the September Bulletin was (as we should have made clear) a summary by Dr Winifred Mitchell of her talk at the August meeting. We regret the oversight, and ask Dr Mitchell’s forgiveness for omitting her name as author.

“THROUGH THE CENTURY” — ALBION PARK A.H.&I. ASSOCIATION

The Society acknowledges with thanks the gift of a copy of “Through the Century” by Mr Athol W. Noble, B.E.M., of Gerringong, a record of Albion Park A.H.&I. Association and of the Albion Park Shows since the first was held on 19th and 20th January, 1888.

It is a valuable and well produced record, both in text and pictures, of a way of life which is passing, with the increasing urbanisation of Illawarra, is passing out of the personal knowledge of many local people. Newcomers to the district can turn to it to see what life was like in rural communities where, in many cases, Show Day was “the one day of the year”. We hope, though, that despite the developers’ designs on Albion Park, the A.H.&I. Society and its Show will long flourish and prosper. Our best wishes for their second century.

POOH-BAH IN ILLAWARRA

The Lord High Everything Else: His Exy the Govr. having been pleased to appt. you to succeed Mr Fitzgerald as Magistrate at Illawarra, I am directed to inform you, that you will receive a Salary of £150 (One hundred and fifty pounds) a year but no other allowance of any description.

As Resident Magistrate it will be your Duty to hold a Court as often as may be found requisite for the purpose of enquiring into such matters as may come under your Cognizance according to law and the regulations of the Country and the
Constables and others employed on the Police Establishment of the District are to be subject to your control and to be regulated by your orders.

The population of the district of Illawarra consists with some exceptions of settlers of an inferior order — their servants and men who are employed in procuring Cedar, and I am desired by His Exy to request that your particular attention may be directed to the preservation of order amongst the latter who in general are of a very disorderly character.

As there is reason to suppose that many Prisoners of the Crown occasionally resort to the District and remain at large either cutting Cedar, or under pretence of being so employed, exist entirely by depredations committed on the inhabitants, I am directed to request that your best exertions may be used for the protection of the latter against such men and for discovering and returning them to Government, taking care however not to interfere unnecessarily with those engaged with free persons in procuring Cedar on the Crown Land under permission granted from this Office, of which you will invariably be apprised, or with free men and their servants employed on Private Property.

For your further information you will receive from Mr Fitzgerald the Copies of the Government Orders, Acts of Council, etc., which have been transmitted to him from time to time, together with all other official Documents and papers which he has in his possession and I am directed to request that you will report monthly to this Office and transmit copies of any proceedings which may take place in your capacity as a Magistrate. You will also be careful to forward with regularity the returns of Punishments, fines, fees, etc., in the forms at present in use.

I am further desired to state that it will be desirable for you to make yourself acquainted with the extent of your District and the general character and occupation of the Persons residing in it, and to request that you will point out anything which you may deem worthy the Notice of Government or calculated to promote the peace and welfare of the District.

I have, etc.,
ALEX McLEAN.

D’ARCY, Esq.,
ILLAWARRA.
(The Colonial Secretary to Major D’Arcy, 3rd June, 1828.)

A DESIRABLE ESTATE

Mr Samuel Lyons will sell by auction at his Mart, corner of George St. and Charlotte Place, on Friday, the 30th instant, at 12 o’clock precisely.

The Fifteen Years unexpired term of lease of the “Five Islands Estate”, consisting of 2,200 acres, current year’s rent of £120, and rising £20 yearly. The estate commands a Government run of about 2,000 acres; the improvements on it are a dwelling house, outside kitchen, a dairy, a new barn, three or four men’s huts, and 120 acres in cultivation. The paddocks are well fenced in; four of five assigned servants may, with the consent of the Government, be transferred with the lease. A small portion or portions of the land are sublet to small tenants on leases. This Farm is eminently adapted for both grazing and agriculture purposes; has a never failing supply of fresh water in the centre of it, and is situated at a distance of about three miles from Wollongong on the sea coast. The beauties of its situation and other advantages of this estate can be best appreciated after an inspection; and intending purchasers are invited to view the same previous to the day of sale, and also inspect the property generally.