funds. This is yet another example of Mr. Beale's unstinting generosity to the Society.

At the April meeting of the IHS Council, the resignations (due to continuing ill-health, of Bill McDonald and Edgar Beale from the positions of Trustees of the Society's Museum, were accepted with regret. It is not possible to thank these two men sufficiently for their sterling efforts over a very great number of years. Although 'thankyou' is only a small word, when applied to the efforts of these two stalwarts of the society, it implies and recognizes a contribution to local history that words cannot adequately express. The Society offers its best wishes to both men.

An appreciation must also go to all the society's workers who assisted at the museum on the 9-4-89 in preparation for Heritage Week.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome as new members of the Society, Ms Eleanor Lynch of Balgownie and Mr. Don. K. Reynolds of Wollongong.

While on the subject of membership, the society's membership fees have now fallen due. Member fees are $12.00 for the first member and $2.00 for each additional family member. Fees become payable on the first day of each year and should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary at the address shown on the front of this bulletin.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are required to assist with supper at Society meetings. Our new venue has an excellent and distinctive kitchen with a vast number of espresso coffee makers to keep lovers of real coffee awake to the wee small hours.

The Society's Museum also requires lots of rags for cleaning purposes and any donations of mugs, cups, saucers and tea-towels for museum usage would also be much appreciated.

WYEWURK YET AGAIN

The second public inquiry into the fate of what is now recognized by the National Trust, the Heritage Council and RAIA as the earliest known Australian cottage to show the influence of the California Bungalow Style of architecture will be held on Level 10 of the Wollongong Council Chambers at 10.00 a.m. on the 27th April. Thirroul's beautiful and historic cottage by the sea, made internationally famous by D. H. Lawrence, who wrote the novel entitled Kangaroo there in 1922, was a real estate agent's delight even before Lawrence arrived on scene. Designed by the architect Thomas Roy Irons Jnr. for his father, photographic evidence in my possession suggests Wyewurk was built around October 1910, although a Thirroul woman I interviewed in 1979 claimed the house was built circa 1912. Whatever the case, what was previously thought to be the earliest example of an Australian California bungalow was the now demolished 'Redwood' built at Rosebery in 1916. The agents Hardie and Gorman in their "Real Estate Movements: A monthly Record, for January 1919, include a fabulous photo of Wyewurk itself and an equally impressive shot of "a view of that gem of ocean
playgrounds, 'Thirroul beach', taken from the grounds of 'Wywurk (sic), which is for private sale by the Company'. The description of the house which follows, even if one makes allowances for the hyperbole of real estate agent's prose, makes it clear that those without detailed knowledge of the intricacies of architectural fashions recognized the special qualities of Wyewurk's architecture long before D. H. Lawrence added to the house's fame:

"Wywurk (sic) is a charming and roomy cottage, situated just above the best part of Thirroul beach, and with actual ocean frontage. It is one of those places that fits its name as the hand fits into an old glove. 'Why work' indeed when one has a retreat like this to tempt from the turmoil of city life to the restful murmur of the beach? 'Wyewurk' was built to order for its late owner: he gave the architect carte blanche, and the latter most certainly "did himself proud." The writer knows, because a few years ago he happened to see through this delightful seaside home, and he has carried the memory ever since, with a determination some day to have one as nearly its double as possible. The picture given above is the reproduction of a view along the beach northwards from the cottage, and gives some idea of its magnificent sweep. The fortunate owner of "Wywurk" can tumble out of bed on its sheltered verandah, run down the path to the beachside, and in thirty seconds revel in the tumbling froth of the breakers. Again one asks, 'Why Work'?" (Hardie & Gorman, P.12, Jan 1919)

This appears to be the last occasion on which Wywurk was ever publicly offered for sale.

Joseph Davis

According to information provided by Edgar Beale just before going to press, Wyewurk was built on land formerly part of the estate of Mr. Rose, one of the early land grantees in Thirroul. Mr. Beale's research also suggests that Wyewurk was the architect T. Roy Irons first and last Australian house.

LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ

1. In what year was the Wollongong Bowling Club built? Its fine, red-brick, colonial facade is easily the most dignified public building in Wollongong. Sadly, its beauty is threatened by extensions and alterations. Many members will be surprised to learn the date of its construction. Surely this building is worthy of a conservation order?

2. Name the man who designed and built the highly regarded Wollongong Town Hall Pipe Organ? Let us hope, it is not the victim of the present discussions about what to do with the old Town Hall. Both Answers next issue. A free cup of espresso to the Society member who can provide both answers to the society's next meeting.

LECTURES & EXHIBITIONS

"The first Government House and Sydney Society from 1788-1845" by Professor Brian Fletcher. State Office Block, Phillip Street, Sydney. May 15, 1989, 8.00 p.m. RSVP Nell Sansom - 524-4255

NSW State Library will host the exhibition 'Captain James Cook, Navigator' from 3 May to 16 July 1989.