CORRIGENDA & ADDENDA TO THE GREATER WOLLONGONG HERITAGE STUDY CONTINUED

1) Wyewurk, 3 Craig Street Thirroul

This Heritage Study lists this famous building (Study No: “B-27N”) as “c.1920” and then cites my book, D.H. Lawrence at Thirroul, as its source. For the record, my book clearly states that on photographic evidence in my possession, Wyewurk was constructed circa October, 1910, making it the earliest known Californian bungalow influenced design in Australia. There’s no point in reproducing the photo in this journal, for the image is taken from Sublime Point and you need a powerful magnifying glass to see Wyewurk even in the original photograph.

2) Former Kings Theatre, Thirroul

No date is given for this building (study No: “B-30N”). It should read: constructed 1925.

3) Austinmer Bathing Pavilion.

Constructed in 1930 as part of Councillor Clowes’s magnificent 10 000 pound works programme for Austi beach. This is the most simple and elegant pre-1930 beach structure remaining in Illawarra, yet the study fails to list it as a Heritage item at all.

HERITAGE HOT SPOTS

a) Lake Illawarra

I note that sand-mining is again on the agenda at Lake Illawarra. The most recent proposals are now on display at Westfield, Warrawong and at Wollongong City Council. I think they are worth a very close look.