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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our publication has now become the Organ of The Bird Banders' Association of Australia. I would like to welcome all members and to thank those who offered encouragement and assistance to the committee in the formation of the Association.

On your behalf I wish to express sincere thanks not only to the members of the committee but also to our voluntary typists and assistants, without whose help this journal would never have been published.

Finally let me extend to you all the Compliments of the Season and Successful Banding in 1963.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES

We must confess to feeling gratified by the reception accorded to our second issue, but this spurs us to try to do even better. It was originally expected that the third number of "The Bird Bander" would be a trifle slim, coming as it did rather soon (from the editor's point of view) after the second. However, it was felt that the effort should be made to bring it out before the end of the year. In the event, the third issue turns out to be half as long again as No.2, and it is very satisfactory to find that we are already in the position of having "copy" in hand to carry forward for No.4. Our present aim is to bring out four numbers a year.

As regards the contents of this issue, we offer no apology for the inclusion of two further articles on Silvereyes. This is a project in which a large proportion of our amateur banders are involved, a lot of interesting information has already been gathered, and there is plenty of scope for fertile discussion. Bill Lane's list of inter-station recoveries in the Sydney area is the necessary complement to his list of long-distance recoveries in our last issue. We welcome Don Walker's analysis of his records of Silvereyes caught in his own back garden. His is the second largest total of Silvereyes banded in the locality for the Sydney area, and while everyone may not agree with the form of his analysis, it is an interesting approach, and we hope it will stimulate others to review their experience.

In conclusion we should like to add our editorial greetings to those of the President and say

TO ALL MEMBERS - A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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