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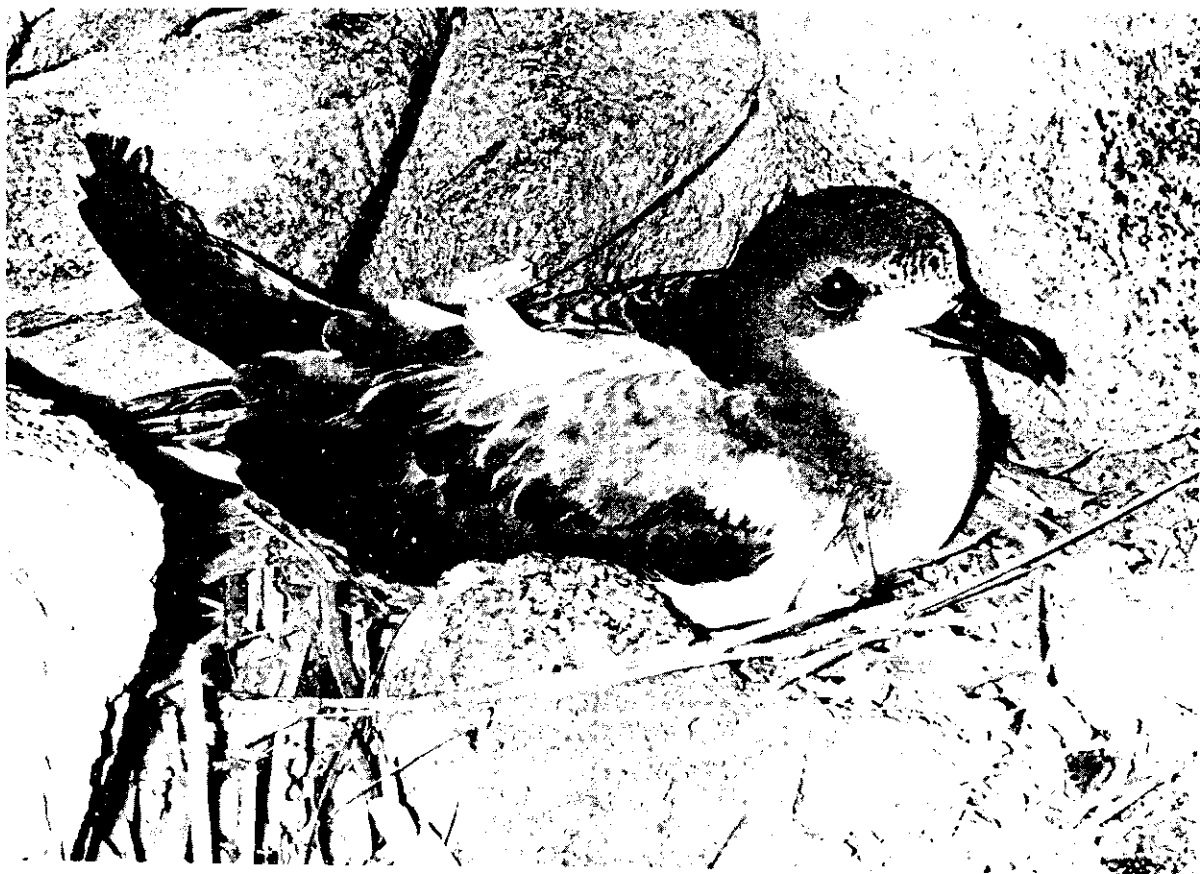
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INCUBATING GOULD PETREL (*Pterodroma leucoptera*).

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MESSAGE TO MEMBERS.

In a comparatively short space of time, our Association has made a notable impact in ornithological circles, both throughout Australia and overseas, regardless of the existing format of our Journal.

It has always been the intention of your Committee to have the Journal commercially printed as soon as possible. The Committee considers that this can become a reality in 1965, PROVIDING the membership can be considerably increased in the next six months. The standard of our production can be improved only by increasing either subscriptions or membership substantially. If each member is responsible for obtaining one other member, we need have no fear of meeting the additional costs without a subscription increase.

Already it has been found that many ornithologists are most willing to become associate members without any intention of their becoming banders. A number of these are already committed to activities which prevent their taking on additional ones. Let's face it - banding can involve the bander in many hours of field work and almost as many in essential paper work. However, it is not necessary for any associate or junior member to be a prospective bander. The Journal provides considerable information for anyone interested in ornithology and there must be many who would subscribe for this reason alone.

As indicated in previous "Editorial Notes", the purpose of the financial reserve is to help achieve improved production. A number of members have already assisted with donations, and the Committee is grateful for this spontaneous support. Any donations however small will be appreciated.

Nevertheless, your assistance is sought in directing our efforts immediately to the task of increasing membership. An application form is attached at the back of this issue (for easy removal) and the Committee hopes that you will use this, by enrolling a member.

With best wishes,

S.G.Lane,
President

For the Committee.