

Annual General Meeting and Scientific Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hallstrom Theatre at the Australian Museum, College Street, Sydney, on Saturday, February 6, 1965. 51 Members attended.

The business conducted included the adoption of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports and Balance Sheet. The Constitution was amended to bring it back to its original form prior to alterations made for the Postal Department, and a further amendment to establish the Office of "Past President" was made.

The retiring President, Mr. S. G. Lane, addressed the meeting (see "Retiring President's Message"), and on his nomination of the existing panel of officers for re-election, the motion, seconded by Mr. M. D. Murray, was carried by the meeting unanimously.

The Panel of Officers now is as follows:

- S. J. Wilson (A.C.T.), President.
- C. B. Campion, Senior Vice-President.
- M. H. Waterman (S.A.), Vice-President.
- J. Liddy, Vice-President.
- S. G. Lane, Past President.
- B. S. Carter, Hon. Secretary.
- H. Battam, Hon. Asst. Secretary.
- R. G. Lonnon, Hon. Treasurer.
- Dr. A. M. Gwynn, Hon. Editor.
- H. J. De S. Disney, Hon. Asst. Editor.

The retiring President then vacated the chair, and handed over conduct of the meeting to the in-coming President, Mr. S. J. Wilson.

The Auditors — Mr. G. T. Bush (for the Association) and Mr. M. Murn (for the Mist Net Service) — were re-elected and Mr. Wilson spoke in appreciation for their services in the past year.

Mr. E. J. Gadsden then moved a vote of thanks for the work carried out by the committee since the association was formed. This motion was seconded by Mr. W. B. Hitchcock and carried by the meeting.

No further general business arising, the meeting adjourned and was followed by the Scientific Meeting.

The agenda for this meeting was as follows:

1. A brief note on Banding Records was given by Mr. S. J. Wilson who had with him some of the area records for studies he is engaged in. Much food for thought was provided here, members were able to examine the records after the meeting and discuss these with Mr. Wilson.



• Mr S. G. (Bill) Lane, President (July, 1962 to February, 1965). Photo M. A. Lane.

2. A short T.V. film, on banding activities on the bed of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra, was shown with comments from Mr. Wilson, the film being without a sound track. Good shots of several species, (notably Japanese Snipe and Marsh Crane) were included.

3. Mr. Norman Chaffer screened one of his nature films in which many interesting shots of birds, mammals and reptiles were included.

4. Mr. S. G. Lane gave a short address on the four species of Shearwater, common on the eastern Australian coast. Skins and eggs of the species were provided by the Curator of Birds at the Museum (Mr. Disney).

5. The C.S.I.R.O.'s Colour film, "Bird Banding in Australia", was screened and proved to be an excellent documentary on the activities of

the Australian Bird Banding Scheme. Many facets of the work of the scheme, from cannon netting Pied Geese in the Northern Territory to the work of amateur banders was depicted. Trapping and mist-netting carried out by Mr. J. B. Hood was shown and many species of birds were included in this section.

Mr. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Chaffer, who had provided the movie projector and tape recorder for the meeting and who had screened the films. This was carried by acclamation.

The Meeting closed at 4 p.m. and members then had time to discuss many points of interest and to meet other banders.

Retiring President's Message

Our Hon. Editor has kept you informed of the intention to have "The Australian Bird Bander" commercially printed this year.

That the Association is in a position to do this is entirely the result of the work carried out by your committee and Miss Stoney during the past 2½ years — a time consuming and arduous task which has placed the association financially in such a position that the very costly commercial printing can now be undertaken without currently increasing subscriptions.

It is, however, the intention to continue to improve production in the future. Printing makes such improvements costly, and these improvements can only be carried out if additional income is available.

I therefore appeal to every member to endeavour to increase our membership by getting their ornithological (or philanthropical) friends to subscribe to the journal.

Finally, a word to banders. Any banding is a contribution to the scheme and helps add to

scientific knowledge of our birds. However, the greatest value is achieved by banders analysing and publishing their own results. The continued success of "The Australian Bird Bander" is dependent entirely on this support. Remember, each little bit of information helps to complete the larger picture.

Secretary's Report

Volume 2 of the Australian Bird Bander has now been completed in 4 parts which encompassed articles of varied interest.

Twenty-two contributors have penned 30 major articles, 14 on specific species and 12 of a general nature plus 4 reviews of books and records. In addition there has been a wide range of short notes from members.

Recovery roundup has listed 67 birds of 32 species.

1964 has seen a sizable increase of 94 in membership or 41% on the figure of 229 as at 31/12/1963. Looking at this increase in another way, we find that 29% or almost a third of our members have joined in the last year. The total membership therefore now stands at 323, and is made up of the following categories: 157 full members, 109 Associate members, and 57 Junior members.

The Committee again extends its grateful thanks to those helpers who have made the four issues possible. In particular we thank Miss Madge Stoney who has again typed all the plates for printing. We hope that, as we venture into the commercial printing of the 'Bander', the tasks which have been undertaken by our helpers may be somewhat lightened in the coming year.

B. S. CARTER
Honorary Secretary

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EDITORIAL

1. THIS ISSUE.

This issue marks the change-over for *The Australian Bird Bander* (A.B.B. to you!) from the offset process used hitherto with production by voluntary labour to commercial printing. We trust you approve of the change. Meanwhile, certain points need stressing. In the first place, this step has been taken in anticipation of a continuing increase in membership. Unless this happens, it will not be possible to continue publication for long at the present subscription rate. However, because of the accumulation of material awaiting publication, because of the current financial reserve and because of their confidence in the future of our Association, your committee decided to celebrate the occasion with a 24-page issue. On the other hand we must point out that we cannot afford to continue at this level. After this, we shall have to make do with a 16-page magazine, at least for the time being.

2. REPRINTS.

It has been decided that, to enable us to provide authors of longer articles with a small number of "reprints" of their articles, a limited number of spare copies of the Journal will be set aside for cutting up. These cuttings will be free. However, authors who require larger numbers of reprints (more than about ten) can order them at their own expense. This should be done when the articles are accepted for publication, as after the type has been broken up, reprints become very expensive.

3. "BIRD IN THE HAND".

It is no longer possible to distribute a spare copy of "Bird in the Hand" with each number of the Journal. Instead, it is proposed that in each issue "Bird in the Hand" will occupy one page, and that at the end of each volume (four issues), the four editions of "Bird in the Hand" in that volume will be available on separate sheets for 5s. 0d. to anyone who may require them. (These are then available for filing separately from your Journal, or for use in the field.) Alternatively, single editions may be ordered at bulk rates (17s. 6d. for 25 copies) for those who require larger numbers (e.g. for distribution in classes, etc.).

4. NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS.

Original contributions will be sympathetically considered in any form. However, as all material must be sent to our printer in typescript, it will help us a lot if those who have access to a typewriter will submit their contributions in typescript, with a minimum of corrections.

All typescript should be in double spacing (otherwise it has to be retyped), and carbon copies are definitely not acceptable (except as duplicates).

When references to other articles are included, these should show the author's name and initials, year of publication, title of the article, name of Journal in which published and volume and page numbers. References to books, in addition to the title, author's name and initials and year of publication, should give the publisher's name, where published, edition if applicable, and page number in the book if required.

Diagrams and graphs should be boldly drawn with clear lettering, using India ink on white paper. Original drawings should be submitted, NOT photographs (of diagrams). Size does not matter greatly, as the block-maker will reduce it to the size required. It is therefore a good plan to make maps and diagrams on the large size, but remember that any lettering must then be large enough and bold enough to stand reduction.

Dates in tables should be shown thus: 13.3.65. and in the text either the same or as March 13, 1965.

Do not use abbreviations and do not underline; this is the sub-editor's business.

Acknowledgements to other individuals should include either Christian name or initials. If you refer to your friend or advisor as "Mr. Brown" posterity may never know which Mr. Brown you mean.

Long articles should have a summary at the end.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now overdue. If you have not already forwarded your subscription you can materially assist the work of the honorary officers by doing so immediately.

In conformity with modern business practice, receipts will no longer be automatically issued. If you require a receipt please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with your remission.

THE BIRD BANDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Income and Expenditure Account for 12 Months ended 31st December, 1964

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Cost of "The Australian Bird Bander"—					Subscriptions		283	6	3
Publication	100	13	6		Sales of "The Australian Bird Bander" ..		25	18	0
Distribution	35	10	1		Donations		17	2	8
				136	3	7			
Subscriptions				3	0	0			
Bank Fees				1	9	8			
Excess of Income over Expenditure				188	8	5			
				£329	1	8			
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Balance Sheet at at 31st December, 1964

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Subscriptions paid in advance		46	14	9	Cash at Bank		234	17	7
Accumulation Account—					Stock in Hand—				
Balance as at 1/1/64	97	17	9		Envelopes	10	0	0	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	188	8	5		"The Australian Bird Bander"	11	5	0	
				286	6	2			
				£333	0	11			
					Sundry Debtors		21	5	0
					Loan to Mist Net Service		26	18	4
							50	0	0
							£333	0	11

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT.

R. G. LONNON, HON. TREASURER.

G. T. BUSH,
HON. AUDITOR.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

In a letter dated 31.7.64 from Gerogery (near Albury), Bob Martin has some interesting comments in relation to the recovery of a Little Friar Bird (*Philemon citreogularis*) banded by him (see "Recovery Round-Up" Vol. 2, No. 3, Sept. '64):

"In all I have banded 109 Little Friars which are about here in droves in the spring, summer and autumn months leaving us towards the end of April or early in May.

"In the 1961/62 Season I caught 5 birds, 1962/63 55 birds and 1963/64 I banded 49, all, except for four or five, caught in the mist net which I set up here at school at the bird bath which is visited by great numbers of various species particularly of the Honeyeater family. It is a common thing to see up to 10-15 birds at the bath at a time. I have caught and banded about 350 White-plumed Honeyeaters at this spot.

"With all the Little Friars that I've banded I have had only one re-trap and that was of one

of the first birds I banded — the first year, and caught it again in the second season."

In a letter dated November 22nd, 1964, Evan Cleland, from Hisiu Beach, near Port Moresby, writes:

"Cut my teeth to-day with three birds banded. First up was a Willie Wagtail so I have a fair chance of seeing him again. Second a Large-billed Fantail and third an Allied Honeyeater (Lesser Lewin). Also got two male and one female Shining Monarch — a beautiful bird — but the blighters haven't got an approved band size.

"For some time yet I won't be going far afield banding. Takes me up to half an hour a bird by the time I have made sure of identification and to-day's birds were all easy ones. Use the whole dining table to band one bird with the books, etc.! I am keeping a second notebook of birds released unbanded. Hope to see it almost unused before too long!

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