

The Bird Banders' Association of Australia Annual General Meeting

The Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at *Gungahlin*, headquarters of the Division of Wildlife Research, CSIRO Canberra, A.C.T. on Saturday, 22nd January 1972. The Chairman, Dr A. M. Gwynn, welcomed those present and then asked Dr H. J. Frith, Chief of the Division, to officially open the meeting.

In doing so, Dr Frith likened the stages of growth of the Banding Scheme to the usual stages of a research project and stressed the need for banders to publish the results of their studies. The Chairman thanked Dr Frith for his challenging, thought-provoking remarks and for permitting the meeting to be held at *Gungahlin*.

After the reports of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer had been presented and received, the existing officers and committee members were re-elected except for Mr R. K. Carruthers. Due to personal circumstances Mr Carruthers had indicated that regretfully he was unable to accept nomination at present.

Messrs M. T. Murn and J. R. Sutcliffe were re-appointed auditors. The Chairman thanked the honorary auditors for their assistance and their willingness to continue in that capacity.

The subscription rates were approved without alteration.

The Scientific Meeting followed the closing of the Annual Meeting. Dr Peter Fullagar, substituting for Mr John McKean who had moved to Darwin, spoke on band wear on Gould Petrels, particularly with the original aluminium bands; Mr Gerald Horey gave a very interesting and stimulating presentation of various statistical analyses of Yellow-faced Honeyeater banding figures and Mr Doug Gibson very effectively summarised the work done by the N.S.W. Albatross Study Group since its inception in 1956.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their contribution to a most enjoyable meeting.

Secretary's Report

Membership showed a further good increase of nearly 16% for the year; the details follow:

	31.12.70	31.12.71	Increase
Full Members	185	217	32
Associate Members	249	280	31
Junior Members	68	84	16
Total	502	581	79

It is interesting to note that address changes, new members etc. involved 270 alterations to the mailing list.

Volume 9 of *The Australian Bird Bander* consisted of 4 parts totalling 96 pages. Eighteen authors contributed 5 major articles and 11 short articles.

Recovery Round-up listed 234 items of 92 species including numerous longevity records and distant recoveries. Six species were listed for the first time, viz. Blue-billed Duck, Red-capped Robin, Yellow-tipped Pardalote, Little Eagle and one New Guinea species, the Common Paradise Kingfisher. "Bird in the Hand" described 4 species from 3 families.

The Committee is most grateful to those who assisted in various ways during the year.

H. BATTAM, Hon Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions fall due on 1 January. If you have not already renewed your subscription for 1972, please do so promptly to ensure continuity of the Journal.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31 December 1971

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	\$		\$
Cost of <i>The Aust. Bird Bander</i>		Subscriptions	1,120
Publication	1,247	Sales	
Distribution	236	<i>The Aust. Bird Bander</i>	141
	1,483	"Bird in the Hand"	26
"Bird in the Hand"	20	Mist Nets Etc.	2,022
Purchases of Mist Nets Etc.	1,527		2,189
Miscellaneous Expenditure		Donations	51
Publication	31	Interest	70
Mist Net Service	122	Postage, Freight	73
	153	Miscellaneous Income	83
Excess of Income over Expenditure	403		
	3,586		3,586

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1971

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	\$		\$
Subscriptions paid in advance	52	Investments	2,000
Accumulation Account		Cash at Bank	1,170
Balance as at 1 January	3,293	Stock on Hand:	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	403	<i>The Aust. Bird Bander</i>	910
	3,696	"Bird in the Hand"	135
A. J. Hole Bequest	2,000	Mist Nets Etc.	1,273
	2,000	Stationery	20
	5,748		2,338
		Subscriptions in Arrears	100
		Sundry Debtors	140
			5,748

R. G. LONNON, Hon. Treasurer.

Obituary

Norman C. Fearnley, of West Pennant Hills, New South Wales, died on 13 August 1971, in his eighty-second year. He had taken a life-long interest in birds from the days of his boyhood in Cairns, Queensland, and was well known to the older generation of ornithologists.

He was an active member of the RAOU, and when banding under the Australian Bird-banding Scheme began to gain momentum he was early interested in the new technique. Though he never took up banding himself, he joined the Association soon after it was formed. At that time, I lived about half a mile from his residence which

was in old orchard country, just beyond the limit of suburban development, and my banding activities in my own garden were often supplemented by visits to his place.

Though in his later years his movements were restricted by failing health, he continued to keep detailed notes of the birds seen and heard around his garden right up to the time of his final illness, and he always took a keen interest in the latest ornithological news. During these later years he was sustained by the devoted care of his wife Leila, and his daughter Margaret, to both of whom, as well as to his son John (also an Associate Member) we offer our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

A.M.G.