

Editorial

For this issue we have been fortunate to receive a series of articles by persons who have recently visited Antarctica. Thanks are due to the Director, Antarctic Division, Department of Supply who has made this possible; his co-operation and assistance is greatly appreciated.

The Bird Banders' Association of Australia has strong ties with the Antarctic and Subantarctic. Our President, Arthur Gwynn, was Medical Officer at Macquarie Island in 1949 and at Heard Island in 1950 and 1953. Early in 1954 he was present at the establishment of the Australian base at Mawson. For three visits David Purchase, Secretary of the Australian Bird-banding Scheme, was a biologist at Macquarie Island covering periods amounting to more than two years between December 1962 and March 1966. Also summer visits have been made by a number of our members: one of our Vice Presidents, Durno Murray, visited Macquarie Island in 1957 and Casey Station early this year while Doug Gibson went to Macquarie Island for the change over in November, December 1958.

But our links have been maintained and expanded by banding activities in Australia. The pioneering efforts of the N.S.W. [Wandering] Albatross Study Group and the more recently formed Giant Petrel Study Group have established and will maintain liaison with ornithologists working throughout the whole of the Subantarctic and Antarctic areas. This has already involved members of nine nations and seven national banding schemes. Furthermore the activities of the Albatross Study Group whose reports have been published in this Journal and other publications have added significantly to the knowledge of the natural history of these birds. Such work has helped to fulfill Australia's obligations under the Antarctic Treaty to protect and conserve the fauna and flora of the region.

NEW MEMBERS

Full Members:

- BEETON, R. J., Zoology Department, University of New England, Armidale, N.S.W.
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- DEBUS, S. J. S., 42 Kenneth Street, Longueville, N.S.W.
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Change of Status:

The following members, having been granted banding permits, have become Full Members.

- MacCULLOCH, Mrs N., 2 Park Avenue, Beecroft, N.S.W.
MULLER, K. A., Curator of Birds, Taronga Zoo Park, Mosman, N.S.W.

Bird Banding Supplies

New prices for nets are not yet available due to delays in dispatch of nets and invoices from England. Present prices will now apply until 1 October 1972, if existing stocks last. Wader (2 inch) and duck (3 inch) nets are out of stock but should be available by that date. The present prices are set out in volume 9, no. 3, page 68 (September 1971).

Postage. Please add postage to remittances when ordering nets: approximate postage (registered mail) is 75 cents for one net and \$1.00 for two nets.