

The Bird Banders' Association of Australia

Annual General Meeting

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the CSIRO Division of Wildlife Research, *Gungahlin*, Canberra, A.C.T., on Saturday, 17 January 1976 at 2.00 p.m.

The Chief of the Division of Wildlife Research, Dr H. J. Frith, opened the meeting and, in a short address, praised the Association for its activities during the past 13 years, commenting particularly on the number of papers published in the Journal.

The President, Mr P. Balmford, thanked Dr Frith for his remarks and welcomed all present.

Apologies were received from Mrs P. Reilly, Mr & Mrs T. Lindsey, Mr & Mrs P. Hughes, Messrs H. Battam, E. Chandler, R. G. Lonnon and M. D. Murray.

Mr D. I. Smedley presented the Hon. Secretary's Report, Mr S. G. Lane the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Mrs D. Cameron presented the Report of the Mist Net Service.

The following officers were elected:

President: P. Balmford
Vice President: H. J. de S. Disney
Past President: M. D. Murray
Hon. Secretary: D. I. Smedley
Hon. Treasurer: R. G. Lonnon
Hon. Editor: S. G. Lane
Hon. Asst Editor: A. J. Leishman
Committee Members: Mrs D. Cameron (Secretary, Mist Net Service), E. Lindgren, Miss N. M. Swanson and S. J. Wilson.

Mr T. H. Hughes was appointed Hon. Auditor for the General Account and Mr C. N. Gove was reappointed Hon. Auditor for the Mist Net Service. Mr Gove was thanked for his assistance during 1975.

The meeting approved amendments to the Constitution extending Full Membership to any interested adult, and deleting Associate Membership.

Subscriptions (unchanged from last year) were approved at \$6.50, and \$4.00 for Junior Members.

Proposed changes in name, format, scope of the journal and in the name of the Association were foreshadowed. Guide lines were provided for the Committee so that a recommendation could be submitted later.

Two interesting addresses followed the business meeting. Mr S. Marchant discussed his study of bird populations on his property at Moruya, N.S.W. and Dr R. Schodde discussed the aim and problems associated with the production of the *Interim List of Australian Songbirds*. Questions were invited and considerable discussion ensued.

The meeting was followed in the evening by an excellent social gathering at the residence of Mr and Mrs Wilson. Our sincere thanks are extended to them and to all who helped to make the occasion such a success.

Secretary's Report

Four issues of *The Australian Bird Bander* were published during the year, containing 10 original articles and a further 5 articles of the Seabird Island series. This was achieved in spite of problems due to the current economic state. A major policy decision was taken on the Journal, viz. that publication in the present format will cease at the end of 1976. Concurrently, two supplements will be published on seabird islands, which hopefully will complete the descriptions of these islands for New South Wales. Other groups

of birds were well covered in the Journal, giving a pleasing balance.

The membership at the end of the year stands at 578; during the year there were 19 resignations—42 members were removed (unfinancial), 33 new members joined and 4 were reinstated, resulting in a net loss of 24 members.

The Mist Net Service was quietly and successfully taken over by Dawn Cameron, who deserves our sincere appreciation. The manner in which the changeover occurred was due to the tireless efforts of the former Secretary (of the Service), Steve Wilson, whose work and dedication in this position for some 12 years set an example of the highest order.

Income and Expenditure Account

For 12 Months Ended 30 September 1975

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
	Cost of <i>The Aust. Bird Bander</i>		2084	Subscriptions	2375
1637	Publication	2025		Sales	
286	Distribution	282	104	<i>The Aust. Bird Bander</i>	38
		2307	1183	'Bird in the Hand' book	617
4284	Purchase of Mist Nets, etc.	4675	5584	Mist Nets, etc.	5983
	Miscellaneous Expenditure			Donations	6638
48	Publication	21	383	Sundry Income	62
217	Mist Net Service	178	129	Interest	6
		199	232		387
770	"Bird in the Hand" Book	—			
2457	Excess of Income over Expenditure	2287			
9699		9468	9699		9468

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 1975

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
66	Subscriptions paid in advance	61		Prepayments—Mist Net Service	1075
2310	Special Reserve	2310		Cash at Bank and on hand	
	Accumulated Funds		1281	Publication	2622
5464	Balance as at 1 October 1974 ...	7921	3024	Mist Net Service	1486
	Excess of income over			Investments	4108
2457	expenditure	2287	2300	Stock	2300
	Less amount written down on		1312	<i>The Aust. Bird Bander</i>	750
	revaluation of stock on hand	362	1310	'Bird in the Hand'	1010
		9846	443	Mist Nets etc.	1946
			11	Stationery	125
			616	Sundry Debtors	3831
10297		12217	10297		903
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R. G. LONNON, B.A., B.Ec., AASA, Hon. Treasurer