

Editorial

As foreshadowed previously, both the name of the Association and the name of the journal will change at the end of 1976. Thus this issue becomes the last *Australian Bird Bander*.

Naturally this will be regretted by many, but it is essential that the scope of the journal be expanded. Twelve months ago our President indicated that the proposed change would mean that the content would be "... more appropriate to the future needs of Australian Ornithology — a journal devoted to the critical field study of Australian birds".

The Association will be called the AUSTRALIAN BIRD STUDY ASSOCIATION and the journal will be named *Corella*.

As I do not intend continuing as Honorary Editor in 1977, I would like to make some brief comments here. The office of Honorary Editor is a demanding and time-consuming task; it is often considered a thankless job. However, while it has involved considerable time and effort over the years, it has provided a great opportunity to learn more about the marvellous creatures we study. Also, many friendships have been established through the need to communicate with many members; hopefully no enemies have resulted!

My grateful thanks are extended to those who have helped me in the task — a list too long to include here. But some should be mentioned for their particular assistance — Dr Arthur Gwynn, Messrs John Disney, Ray Lonnon, Durno Murray and Alan Leishmen.

Finally, I ask all members to support the new journal and to assist my successor in every way possible. His task will be increasingly difficult and he will need the greatest co-operation.

S. G. Lane, Hon. Editor.