ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1975

The Council has the honour to present to members the following report on the activities of the Society during the year.

COUNCIL AND OFFICE BEARERS

Patron
Her Majesty the Queen

President
His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, Sir Stanley Burbury

Vice-Presidents
Mr A.R. Neilson

Mr M.R. Banks
Dr W. Bryden
Dr E.A. Colhoun
Mr R.J. Downie

Mr K.D. Nicolls

Dr E.V.R. Ratcliff
Mr O.W. Reid
Mr K.E.J. Robinson
Dr A.G. Wallace

Council

Honorary Secretary
Mr D.R. Gregg

Honorary Treasurer
Mr G.E.A. Hale

Honorary Auditor
Mr D.B. Churchill

Honorary Editor
Mr M.R. Banks

PRESIDENT
Sir Stanley Burbury, took the Chair, as President of the Society, at the Annual General Meeting and at the July General Meeting.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Dr C. Craig was elected an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his contribution to the Society and to the knowledge of the history of Tasmania.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting on 4 March, Dr W. Bryden retired as Vice-President, and Mr. E.C. Gifford and Mr K.D. Nicolls as Members of the Council. The following were elected -

Vice-President
Mr K.D. Nicolls

Members of Council
Dr W. Bryden
Dr E.A. Colhoun
Mr D.R. Gregg

Honorary Secretary
Mr G.E.A. Hale

Honorary Treasurer
Mr D.B. Churchill
A casual vacancy on the Council resulting from the resignation of Mr A.J. Dartnall was filled by the election of Mr R.J. Downie.

LECTURES

The following lectures were given in Hobart during the year -

March

"On elevating a penal colony: John Lillie and Jane Franklin"
Mr P.W. Boyer, Tasmanian Museum

"Holiday with fish"
Dr June Olley, C.S.I.R.O., Hobart

April

"Some aspects of research management"
Dr A.E. Martin, C.S.I.R.O., Hobart

May

"Research in national parks"
Mr M.R. Banks, University of Tasmania

June

"The effect of media on public attitudes"
Mr N.K. Vallance, Tasmanian Conservation Trust

July

"Sentencing and the two cultures"
Mr P. Murrell, National Parks and Wildlife Service

August

"Environmental management in Australia - a challenge for co-operative federalism"
Mr John Levett, Tasmanian College of Advanced Education.

September

"Why inflation and unemployment"
Mr. Justice Green, Chief Justice of Tasmania

October

"International co-operation in Antarctica"
Mr. Justice Green, Chief Justice of Tasmania

November

"An anatomist's appreciation of the body"
Mr. Justice Green, Chief Justice of Tasmania

NORTHERN BRANCH

The Northern Branch of the Society based in Launceston had the following Council -

Chairman - Dr E.V.R. Ratcliff
Vice-Chairman - Mr P.G. Webb
Past Chairman - Mr D. Walter
Members - Mr C.F.L. Nieuwhof
- Mr A.T. Orr
- Mr H.S. Payne
- Mr N.J.B. Plomley
- Mr G.H. Stancombe
Honorary Secretary - Mr T.E. Burns
Honorary Treasurer - Mr J.D. Abey

Mr K.E.J. Robinson, a retiring councillor, was elected to continue as a Northern Branch representative on the Council of the Society.
The following lectures were given -

March

"Notable buildings of Northern Tasmania"
Mr G.H. Stancombe

April

"Regional planning in Tasmania"
Mr C.G. Pryor

May

"The anatomy of shipwreck"
Mr R.A. Ferrall

June

"Managing Tasmanian commercial fishing resources"
Mr A.J. Harrison

July

"The Hunter Report"
Alderman Barbara Payne

August

"The History of St John's Church, Launceston"
Mr P.G. Webb

September

"A Tasmanian Aboriginal Dictionary"
Mr N.J.B. Plomley

October

"Nathaniel Lipscombe Kentish"
Mr T.D. Sprod

October

"An assessment of Tasmanian historians"
Mr John Reynolds

November

"Aspects of Tasmanian educational history"
Mr C. Bryce Ward

December (Members' Night)

"Oracles and oleanders (on remains of ancient Greece)"
Mrs Pixie Thomas

"The first aerial post"
Commander E.J. Prevost

"What happened to the Sunday school picnic?"
Mr P.G. Webb

Hannah Wilson, a battler from Yorkshire"
Mrs Joan Gardner

An excursion to the East Tamar area was held in April.

The President took the Chair at the Annual Meeting of the Branch in March. At the November meeting members of the Auckland Historical Society from New Zealand were present and an historical excursion was arranged for them during their visit.

PUBLICATIONS

During the year, the Society published a further volume of the Papers and Proceedings and a special publication arising from the Bicheno Symposium of November 1974 on "Resources of the Sea."

Volume 109 of the Papers and Proceedings was published in December; the active interest and assistance of officers of the Government Printer deserve special mention. The volume contained 16 papers on subjects ranging over many fields of natural science. The new cover design seems to have met with wide approval.

The book "Resources of the Sea", published in September, contained the text and illustrations of the nine addresses given at the Bicheno Symposium.

The Society is indebted to Mr Banks for his work as Honorary Editor.

MEMBERSHIP

During the year the membership was 551 an increase of 11.

The membership is made up as follows -
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met four times during the year, Dr E.V.R. Ratcliff and Mr K.E.J. Robinson represented the Northern Branch on the Council. Mr G.H. Stancombe took the place of Dr Ratcliff at two meetings.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Mr M.R. Banks and Dr D. Martin continued to represent the Society on the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Dr M. Hurburgh was re-appointed representative of the Society on the Trustees of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council is grateful for help generously given by many individuals and organisations. In particular, the lecturers, the Government of Tasmania, the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery are specially thanked for their help and co-operation.
**THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st December, 1975**

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Layh, Hart, Room & Hyland

13th April 1976