

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA Annual Report for the Year 1995

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,  
General Sir Phillip Bennett AC, KBE, DSO to 1 October  
His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania  
Sir Guy Green AC, KBE from 2 October

Vice-Presidents

Dr Penny McCartney	Mr Ronald T. Banks
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Council

Dr Max Banks AM	Professor Jim Reid
Mrs Michelle de Quincey	Ms Patricia Sabine
Mr Elvin H. Fist	Mr Chris Tassell
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Mr Ken G. Milton	

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Dr Max Banks AM

Honorary Treasurer  
Dr David Leaman

Honorary Auditor  
Mr T.Q. Bayley FCA

Honorary Editor  
Dr Max Banks AM

Honorary Assistant Editor  
Dr Mick Brown

### President

His Excellency General Sir Phillip Bennett took the chair as President of the Society at the Annual General Meeting of the Society and that of the Northern Branch. He also took the chair at a meeting at Government House, Hobart, on 8 June, during which the Society bid him farewell. At this meeting Vice-President Dr Penny McCartney drew attention to the considerable interest which Sir Phillip had taken in the activities of the Society, made presentations of farewell gifts to Lady Bennett and the President and, on behalf of the Society, wished them well in their retirement.

Sir Guy Green graciously accepted an invitation to become President and was formally welcomed to that position by Dr McCartney at a meeting of the Society in the new Royal Society Lecture Theatre in the Custom House, Hobart, on 21 November. As President, he then formally opened the new lecture theatre.

### Deaths

The deaths of the following members are recorded with regret:

Mr J.H. Buckley (Northern Branch, member since 1967)  
Mrs L.J. Clark ( member since 1976)  
Dr G. Dick ( member since 1968)  
Mr I.S. Lea ( member since 1970)

### Honours and Awards to Members

Dr W.M. Curtis AM was awarded the Mueller Medal for Science for 1995 by the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science. This medal, one of the most prestigious science awards in Australia, was awarded to Dr Curtis in recognition of the major contribution she has made to research on Tasmanian plants during a period of over 50 years. She became a member of the Society

in 1940, received the Clive Lord Memorial Medal from the Society in 1966 and was honoured by the Society by the publication of *Aspects of Tasmanian Botany* in 1991, a tribute from botanists in Tasmania, other parts of Australia and overseas.

## Membership

The membership is 445, a decrease of 30 relative to 1994 and is made up as follows:

President	1	
Honorary Members	7	(2)
Life Members	32	(10)
Ordinary Members		
receiving <i>P. &amp; P.</i>	272	(46)
not receiving <i>P. &amp; P.</i>	111	(41)
Associate Members	22	(7)
Total	445	(106)

Figures in brackets are those for the Northern Branch.

## Staff

Ms Vicki Farmery contracted to provide administrative and secretarial services to the Society during 1995. She has provided these effectively, at times under difficulties, and the thanks of the Society are extended to her.

## Procedural Guide

A "Procedural Guide and Administrative Diary" were completed after consultation with Councillors and others concerned with the administration of the Society. The help of Mr Don Gregg, formerly Honorary Secretary, is particularly acknowledged. These documents should facilitate the activities of office bearers and others concerned with the administration of the Society.

## Council Meetings

There were six Council Meetings during the year. Matters which were of particular concern to Council included the establishment of a Foundation, a review of assets especially the Royal Society Art Collection, the sale of assets in excess of those needed by the Society (chairs, volumes of *Papers and Proceedings* and other publications, and duplicates of books in the Society's library), the new Royal Society Lecture Theatre and other facilities in the Custom House, purchase of new equipment to improve facilities available to members, and changes to the Rules of the Society to improve the efficiency of administration of the Society. An agreement with the Tasmanian Division of ANZAAS concerning a joint symposium and publication was negotiated.

## The Royal Society of Tasmania Foundation

The constitution of the Foundation was established at the General Meeting on 4 April and the Foundation met first on 10 August. The Foundation is chaired by Mr R.T. Banks with Dr M. Banks as Secretary (*ex officio*) and members Dr

D.E. Leaman, Mr D. Langoulant, Dr J.C.H. Morris and Dr J.G. Thorne. The Foundation was launched officially by Hon. R.J. Beswick, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and the Arts, on 21 November in the new Royal Society of Tasmania Lecture Theatre.

Members began to make donations to the Foundation late in November and over \$2500 had been received by the end of the year.

## The Royal Society of Tasmania Art Collection

In October a group of volunteers (Mr G.D. Brown, Mr R. Lord, Mrs J. Parrott and Dr I. Skira) under the guidance of Dr Tony Brown began the work of checking information on the Society's art collection which is on long-term loan to the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. This work was well advanced by the end of the year.

## Sales of Assets

Chairs, formerly in the Royal Society Room, were offered for sale to members during the year and some were purchased. Volumes of *Papers and Proceedings* and other publications from the stocks of the Society were offered to members in the first half of the year and some hundreds were purchased. Late in the year, duplicate volumes from the Society's library were made available for purchase by members before being offered (in 1996) at public auction. Eight members took advantage of the opportunity.

The total sum resulting from these sales was of the order of \$7000 which will be transferred to the Foundation.

## New Society Facilities

Late in 1995, new facilities became available to members of the Society when the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery was able to occupy the Custom House in Davey Street. Needs of the Museum associated with the move had earlier led to shortage of room in the Museum buildings and the Society allowed the Museum to use the Royal Society Room for purposes which precluded use as a lecture room. The Society met in other rooms in the Museum.

The new facilities in the Custom House include a lecture theatre, a small lounge (to be shared with the Friends of the Museum), an office (also shared) and part of a kitchen, a distinct improvement on earlier facilities. In these new facilities are a suite of furniture and a lectern commissioned from furniture designer Peter Costello under the "Art in Public Places" Program after consultation between Ms P. Sabine and members of the Room Committee of Council. The Society Honour Board was brought up to date and a plaque with some historical material added. The updated Board was placed in the new theatre together with photographs of earlier Royal Society Rooms and a plan showing previous locations. A lapel microphone and associated equipment was added to Society facilities during the year as well as a number of cups and saucers. The new theatre is proving popular.

Council thanks the Trustees of the Museum and Art Gallery for making these new facilities available as a replacement for the former Royal Society Room.

## Changes to the Rules and Practices

Changes to the Rules leading to the use of inclusive language, to simplification of the nomination and election process and to better control of income from subscriptions were passed late in the year. A change in design and the timing of dispatch of the subscription invoices to members resulted in greater efficiency in this area.

## Honours Committee

A committee was set up by Council to make recommendations concerning awards. The Committee, consisting of Dr Shirley Jeffrey AM (Convener), Mr David Hannan, Professor Jim Reid and Professor Michael Roe, made recommendations, the result of which will be announced at the Annual General Meeting in March 1996.

## Grants to the Society

Council received support from the State Government in the form of a special grant of \$3000 towards the cost of the Society's publication programme and through Arts Tasmania, a grant of \$2000 towards the administration and promotion of the Society.

The publication programme was also supported by a grant of \$3000 from the University of Tasmania.

The Society acknowledges receipt of these grants with thanks and appreciates the support implied by them.

## Library

Progress in the slow but steady integration of information on the Library collections into the University on-line catalogue continued during the year. This work has concentrated on the current serials collection and the rare books.

During the year a significant project was undertaken to identify duplicate items held by the Library. As a result of this exercise, a list of duplicate titles was provided to the Society for investigation and analysis with a view to possible disposal. Subsequently, records for titles to be withdrawn required annotation and the Library Assistant was involved with the inspection of titles listed for eventual disposal.

Arrangements for the lending of serial volumes was further streamlined during the year, the significant change being in the loan period. Serial volumes now being lent are issued for the same period as University loans, thereby reducing confusion for those who borrow from both collections. Issues are channelled through the Morris Miller Library loans desk where the material can be adequately processed and security maintained.

Binding processes continue to function adequately, the Library having part of the Morris Miller annual quota. Over 40 volumes were bound during 1995.

Volume 129 of the *Papers and Proceedings* was despatched to exchange partners using, for the last time, the mailing database housed on the University Library database. From 1996 onwards, the mailing list will be maintained on the Library Assistant's personal computer and will be used to

generate mailing labels when volumes are ready for dispatch. This process allows updating more readily than hitherto.

Space problems continue to create some difficulty, particularly as a result of the reclassification and re-shelving programme. Consideration is being given to significant re-shelving on level 5 of the Morris Miller building, which should result in a more workable arrangement for the collection and easier integration of new and reclassified titles.

Use of the Royal Society Archives was significant during the year, with 78 users recorded as making 187 consultations. Notable during the year was a re-examination of the Walker papers in relation to Aboriginal anthropology, and work relating to Cape Barren Island and John Woodcock Graves. Proof foils for the Royal Society seals and minutes for the 1970s were deposited in the Archives during 1995. Installation, during the year, of a computer-controlled air conditioning unit and reduced ultra-violet lighting units now provide maximum protection for archival material. Some assessment of the condition of archival material and rare books has been undertaken.

In the latter part of the year, the Library was able to provide a significant contribution to a University Library display of material on butterflies. The principal source of the material was the collection of Leonard Couchman, which the Society acquired in 1992. The Society was also able to provide material on James Cook for a display in the Archives reading room.

Staffing for the Library was maintained throughout 1995 as for the previous year, with, however, increased flexibility between the staff available to the Librarian. Carol Freeman continues to undertake the day-to-day running of the Library with the assistance, as and when required, of Judy Jeffery and Emilia Ward. The resultant multi-skilling has led to a notable degree of flexibility in staff activity and has allowed a number of labour intensive tasks to be undertaken quickly and efficiently.

Statistics for Library use during the year are as follows: Consultations 81; loans 80; visitors 212. These figures are minima, derived from signatures in the appropriate registers which, however, many users omit to sign.

Council thanks Mr Graeme E. Rayner, Morris Miller Library, University of Tasmania, who was responsible for the Society Library during the year.

## Publications

Volume 129 of the *Papers and Proceedings* was published late in June. In addition to the Annual Report for 1994, the volume contains nine papers involving 13 authors from Tasmania, other parts of Australia and overseas. The papers deal mainly with Tasmania but include one on Heard Island and one on Antarctica. The subject areas were botany, palaeobotany, glacial history, and zoology.

Mrs Alison Jones acted as sub-editor and Mrs June Pongratz prepared the volume for publication. Their expert assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

Work started on a joint publication with the Tasmanian Division of ANZAAS based on a joint symposium held in November on climatic history (see "Events").

## Events in 1995

- 7 March (Annual General Meeting) — “Amateurs and the Royal Society in the accumulation of geological knowledge in Tasmania” Dr Max Bank, Vice-President
- 20 March — “Earthwatch and the Rocky Mountains Wildflower Project” Mr Peter Stevenson, member of the Society
- 4 April — “Tempting Asian tastes and capturing new opportunities for primary producers in Tasmania” Mr Steve Martin, Dep. of Primary Industry and Fisheries.
- 2 May — “Town Planning in retrospect” Mr Keith Tyler, former Commissioner for Town and Country Planning
- 15 May — “The electronic super-highway — what it might mean for you” Mr Eddy Steenberg, Chairman, Tasmanian Branch, Australian Computer Society
- 25 May — “Different forms of signalling employed by the nervous system” Professor John Nicholls FRS, University of Basl; joint with University of Tasmania
- 8 June (at Government House, the President in the Chair) — “The demise of the Dinosaurs III. Were the extinctions global?” Dr Lin Sutherland, Australian Museum; with a farewell to the President, Sir Phillip Bennett, and Lady Bennett and presentation to them by Vice-President Dr Penny McCartney
- 27 June — “The self-made brain” Professor Colin Blakemore, FRS, University of Oxford; joint with the University of Tasmania
- 4 July — “The reproductive biology of the Tasmanian bettong” Dr Randy Rose, University of Tasmania, Hobart
- 1 August — “Symposium on Antarctic topics” introduced by Professor Garth Paltridge, Antarctic Co-operative Research Centre, University of Tasmania, Hobart, with talks by students at the Centre
- “The emission of microwave radiation from snow” Mr Jeremy Cotton
- “Sulphate-reducing bacteria in the lakes of the Vestfold Hills” Ms Suzy Rea
- “Mean Southern Ocean circulation from hydrographic data” Mr Jeremy Harris
- “The significance of overlapping regimes and their impact on International relations” Mr Edmund Chia
- 5 September — “Progress in the development of marine oil products in Australia” Dr Peter Nichols, CSIRO, Hobart
- 3 October — “Who remembers Wau and Salamaua? A veteran returns to the battlefields of Papua New Guinea with a group of Tasmanian Army officers” Lt Col. Peter Hodges (Ret’d)
- 7 November — “Aid, Asia, and agriculture” Mr Ian Geard, agricultural consultant for EU, UN Development Bank and World Bank
- 9 to 11 November — Seminar and workshop “Climate succession and glacial history of the Southern Hemisphere over the past five million years” organised by a committee, Professor Pat Quilty (Convener); joint with the Tasmania Division of ANZAAS
- 21 November — Welcome to Sir Guy Green, new President, by Dr Penny McCartney, Opening of the new Royal Society Lecture Theatre by Sir Guy Green and launch of the Royal Society of Tasmania Foundation by Hon. R.J. Beswick, Deputy Premier
- 30 November — Tour of the Moorilla Winery followed by dinner at the Winery Restaurant.

Attendance at functions ranged from 12 to 115. The programme of events for the year was arranged by Dr John Thorne (Convener, Programme Committee).

## Northern Branch

### Branch Council

Chairman	Mr Elvin Fist
Vice-Chairman	Mr John Kolkert
Past-Chairman	Mrs Mary Cameron
Honorary Secretary	Mr Chris Tassell
Honorary Treasurer	Mrs Doreen Girvan
Council Members	Mr Athol Beswick
	Miss Alison Green
	Ms Judith Hollingsworth
	Professor Campbell Macknight

The Council met five times during the year.

### Meetings and Lectures

- 3 March — Annual General Meeting chaired by the President, His Excellency Sir Phillip Bennett, Governor of Tasmania; “Current issues in the fishing industry” Professor Nigel Forteach, Director, National Key Centre for Teaching and Research in Aquaculture, University of Tasmania, Newnham
- 7 April — members were encouraged to attend the Launceston Historical Society’s John West Memorial Lecture on that evening
- 5 May — “Dairy heritage of northern Tasmania” Mrs Jill Cassidy, Oral Historian, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery; joint with Friends of the Queen Victoria Museum
- 2 June — “Ross River disease in Tasmania” Dr Tim McManus, veterinarian, Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries, Falmouth
- 7 July — Members’ Night
- “New Education Fellowship 1915-1978” Mr Stan Payne
- “Unknown Photographs” Mr Alan Orr
- “History of the Launceston Competitions” Mr Peter Webb
- 4 August — “History of cheese making at Ashgrove” Ms Jane Bennett, Director, Ashgrove Cheese Factory
- 1 September — “History of Tasmanian photography” Mrs Rhonda Hamilton, Curator of Community History at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery
- 6 October — Panel presentation by students in the School of Humanities, University of Tasmania, Newnham
- “A Tasmanian family” Ms Jane Waite
- “The life and times of Frank Woodward” Mr Mike Powell
- “Tasmanian Vietnam veterans” Mr Peter Henning
- 3 November — “The *Iron Baron* Mishap” Capt. Charles Black, Harbour Master, Port of Launceston Authority and co-ordinator for the clean up from the ship *Iron Baron*
- 1 December — Members’ Night
- “The Monds Family” Mr Jack Branagan
- “Invertebrate Stowaways” Miss Alison Green
- “Distance is a factor in Tasmanian life” Ms Judith Hollingsworth

*Excursions*

- 22 April — Visit to the Hollybank Forest with a guided tour by the Hollybank Forest Advisory Committee  
 30 September — Excursion to the Ashgrove Cheese Factory at Elizabeth Town.

## Nominees to other Bodies

### Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

Council elected Dr A.V. Brown and Professor J.B. Reid to serve on the Board of Trustees for 1995. These Trustees arranged for Ms P. Sabine, Director, to report on the year's activities as follows.

*Operations*

1995 was a significant year for the TMAG. A 99-year lease for the Custom House was signed by the Commonwealth and State governments on behalf of the Trustees of TMAG. For the first time all the building stock on the block bounded by Argyle, Macquarie, Dunn and Davey Streets comes under the one authority.

The lease was signed in February, work was commenced on the refurbishment under the architects Forward, Viney and Woollan, and builders Hansen & Yunken. As Stage 1 in the ten-year redevelopment, the Custom House includes office and lounge space shared between the Royal Society of Tasmania, the Friends of the TMAG and The Art Foundation. It also includes the Royal Society's Lecture Theatre.

Refurbishment was completed by the end of October and the Custom House was officially opened on 22 November by the Premier, Hon. Ray Groom MHA. As the Custom House remains under the ownership of Australian Estate Management and is overseen by the Australian Heritage Commission, all refurbishment work had to meet Commonwealth heritage preservation guidelines. Staff began to move into the Custom House in November.

*Public Programs*

Highlights of the 1995 exhibition program included:

- "Colonial Pastimes to Contemporary Profession — 150 years of Australian Women's Art" The exhibition taken solely from the TMAG collection extended over five galleries. It was one of a series of 126 linked exhibitions around the nation.
- "IBM Mathematica" — a travelling exhibition from the National Science Centre, Canberra, designed to communicate the history, fun and challenge of mathematics.
- "The Derwent Collection" — an exhibition of contemporary Australian art collected over ten years by a group of Hobart art enthusiasts.
- "The Meaning of Dress and Tasmanian Glass" explored items from the Decorative Arts Collection.
- "Otto Dix — The Critical Graphics" from the Goethe Institute.
- 1994 Moet and Chandon Award.
- To recognise the Australia Remembers 1945–95 year, an exhibition entitled "Australia Remembers — Eric Waterworth and the Optical Annexe" was opened in August and another entitled "Australia Remembers: Aboriginal Warriors 1788–1995" in November.
- The Australia Remembers Year was also significant for the partnership which developed with the Newspapers in

Education Section of *The Mercury*. This program was supported by the State Committee for Australia Remembers, with funds from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. TMAG employed Roberta Poynter to develop a curriculum wall chart and an education kit for Tasmanian schools. Designed to focus on Tasmania's contribution to the war effort at home and abroad, the products were also marketed in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

- "To Hell and High Water" was shown over January/February to celebrate 50 years of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, jointly produced by the National Maritime Museum of Australia and TMAG, with considerable assistance from private lenders.

*School Holiday Program*

The school holiday program was reinstated with curators and others providing the impetus for a very lively and well-attended series of programs. Special events such as "Frog Week" encouraged regular and enthusiastic attendance.

*Collection Management*

Collection development has been restricted due to lack of funds. However, a number of gifts have continued to be made under the Tax Incentives for the Arts Program.

A major research project was undertaken by the Curator of Geology into "Fossil Sharks from Queensland, Australia — their palaeogeographical and palaeoenvironmental significance". The field work in the Eromanga Basin was funded by a grant from the National Geographic Society.

Major publications include "A Directory of Tasmanian Photographers 1840–1940", a survey of photographers working in Tasmania during that period.

*Staff and Volunteers*

The volunteer guide training and tour programme developed for the Arthur Boyd Retrospective, has continued under the management of Jan Peacock. In April Dr Christa Johannes retired as Education Officer but she continues to contribute to the TMAG as a volunteer guide. Carolyn Parsons has been appointed as Visitor Services Co-ordinator, a position which incorporates Education Officer and public relations functions.

The employment of some 12 young people under the Jobskills training program has helped relieve some of the pressure on the TMAG's staff, which is at a chronically low level. The staffing establishments for the TMAG of 36.5 FTE and the QVMAG of 44 FTE are clearly inadequate when compared with the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, establishment of 102 FTE staff.

The appointment of Andrew Rozefelds as Phanerogamic Botanist has given new impetus to the Herbarium program by rebuilding the full complement of curatorial skills.

The Trustees commend the special efforts made by the staff of the TMAG this year. They have maintained a full program of exhibitions and other events, obtained substantial grants and sponsorship to support core business activities and continued their research whilst managing the refurbishment of and move to the Custom House.

### Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

Mr J.E. Tomlinson AO was elected to serve on the board of Trustees. He arranged for the Society to receive the following report on the year's activities from Mr Jim Cane:

A very important event was the launch of the new Logo of the Gardens by the Hon. Ray Groom, Premier of

Tasmania, and Mrs Groom during the Tulip Festival on 24 September. At the same event, the Director, Dr David Bedford, launched the Gardens Objective and Mission Statement. This Statement reads "To further sustainable development by increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding about plants, their economic, social and ecological value; by programmes of conservation; by caring for and stewarding the Gardens, having regard to their value as a primary scientific, educational, tourism and passive recreation resource."

A new bed for small bulb species and varieties was constructed near the Conservatory, the bulbs supplied by Rod Barwick, and a new collection of water lily varieties placed in the Lily Pond. More trees were entered on the National Trust "Significant Tree Register". Regrettably, severe infestations of two root rot diseases, *Armillaria luteobubalina* and *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, were detected, one of the affected trees being a 150-year-old cork tree. Treatment included major excavation. The State Government provided supplementary funding to help control the diseases. New drainage and reconstruction in the A.P. May Tasmanian Native Plant Garden was designed to overcome *Phytophthora* infestation. The severity of the outbreak in the Gardens is being gauged by mapping and testing.

The RTBG joined the University of Tasmania to form a Southern Hemisphere Conifer Research and Conservation Centre. Planting commenced in a newly completed Epacridaceae garden. The Gardens advised Temco and Comalco on wetland conservation and revegetation at Bell Bay. Co-operative programmes with Forestry and Parks and Wildlife were concerned with threatened species and species recovery and the Gardens continued collection of native and endemic species statewide. Further, the Gardens has a contract with the Department of Transport and Works dealing with the roadside rescue of rare and threatened species.

Important negotiations have begun with the Hobart City Council on the possibility of using recycled sewage water for irrigation purposes.

Participation in the Jobskill programme has included projects such as the removal of weeds and non-native plants from the Gardens land on the Derwent foreshore and revegetation. Other projects were in the areas of education and interpretation, nursery practice, horticulture and horticultural therapy among others.

Staff have attended many courses in arboriculture, occupational health and safety, horticulture in the TAFE system and in-house courses with DELM.

A grant was received from Department of Industrial Relations to develop and emplace an Enterprise agreement for staff which will include strategic planning and development of business plans. Two members of staff, Mr Jim Cane, Horticultural Operations Manager, and Dr Leonie Scriven, newly-appointed Manager of Research and Documentation, have gained fellowships; Mr Cane a Churchill Fellowship to attend an International Diploma Course in Botanic Gardens Management at Kew, UK, in July/August 1996, Dr Scriven a Savings and Loans Credit Union Fellowship to study Botanic Gardens in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. Dr Bedford and Andrew Smith attended the International Botanic Gardens Conservation Congress in Perth in September.

The Gardens or Gardens staff received grants in excess of \$10 000 from the Federal Department of Primary Industry

and Fisheries (installation of four heritage-style, solar-powered lights), the Friends of the Gardens (development of new signage and entrance information displays), Australian Antarctic Foundation (to develop a sub-Antarctic plant display), and for Dr Scriven, an Australian Research Council Small Grant (investigate fossil and living *Nothofagus* leaf anatomy as a bioindicator of climate). Smaller grants were received from Computerland, the Garden History Society, DJ Motors (2) and the Australian Open Garden Scheme.

Major events during the year included:

In the cultural area — Theatre in the Gardens with performances of *Wind in the Willows*; *Midsummer Nights Dream* and *The Lizard of Oz*; Music in the Gardens on Mothers Day and Fathers Day.

Education — Home Gardeners School of Landscaping; Winter Garden School; and others.

Tulip Festival — attendance 12 000.

Displays — were arranged for Garden Week Hobart, and Launceston Garden Festival.

Facilities for visitors were improved by the provision for the first time of a Metro bus service. A feasibility study has been commissioned on a new Visitors Information Centre.

The Gardens and the programmes associated with them attracted almost 312 000 people in 1995.

## Acknowledgements

The Council is grateful for help generously given by many individuals and organisations. The lecturers, the Government of Tasmania, the University of Tasmania, Arts Tasmania, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery are particularly thanked for their support and cooperation.

Attention is drawn to the help received from Dobson Mitchell and Allport and Perpetual Trustees in connection with the establishment of the Foundation, from the proprietors of Moorilla Winery, the Ashgrove Cheese Factory and from the Hollybank Forest Advisory Committee during visits by members to facilities under their control. Council thanks these bodies for their help and hospitality.

Penny McCartney  
Vice-President  
1 February, 1996

M.R. Banks  
Hon. Secretary

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1995

1994		1995
79 260.58	Accumulated funds	60 051.00
21 333.31	Trust Funds/bequests etc	0.00
-	Foundation Funds	23 134.10
<u>7 004.77</u>	Life Membership Fund	<u>7 004.77</u>
<u>\$107 598.66</u>		<u>\$90 190.17</u>
Represented by:		
40 458.29	General account	40 134.07
5 081.59	<i>Papers and Proceedings</i> acct	0.00
2 701.78	Memorial funds	0.00
860.00	Mortgage Loan	0.00
7 000.00	Interest bearing deposit	0.00
0.00	Foundation Trust Fund Perpetual Trust	23 134.10
15 000.00	Library (at valuation for insurance)	15 000.00
30 897.00	Publications (estimated realisable value)	5 000.00
5 600.00	Medals (at selling price)	5 600.00
<u>0.00</u>	New assets	<u>1 322.00</u>
<u>\$107 598.66</u>		<u>\$90 190.17</u>

## Notes to accompany Balance Sheet for 1995

The Balance Sheet for 1995 represents a revision and clarification of the Society's funds.

All investment, Trust and Bequest items have been organised and accumulated by Perpetual Trustees and are now managed as the Royal Society Foundation Trust Fund. This action has greatly simplified the accounts

Publications have been largely written off in accord with Council decisions concerning older stock. This action was planned for early 1995 but was delayed pending special sales to members to assess interest and recover some value. The new estimated value covers the limited stocks (mainly recent volumes) now retained.

Medals will be reviewed in 1996. From this year new asset items will also be included.

I have been advised by the Auditor that it is impractical to properly assess and value older items which have never been declared or tabulated and that the Society should accept the present report as a convenient starting point.

D.E. Leaman  
Hon. Treasurer

### Royal Society Foundation Statement for Year ending 31 December 1995

The Foundation was approved by the membership and Council in 1995, and officially opened in November 1995. The Royal Society Foundation Trust Fund replaces all previous Trust and Memorial Funds— which have now been accumulated into it. Complete details of interest/charges and a full balance sheet will be supplied after the first full year of operation.

Funds held by Perpetual Trustees (as managers) (current statement)	23 134.10
Funds currently held in Society general account (pending transfer in 1996)	2605.00
Total funds of Foundation	25 739.10

### Statement of Receipts and Payments Year ending 31 December 1995

Balance - 1 January 1995 (as audited for 1994)	\$40 458.29
<i>Add Receipts</i>	
Subscriptions	13 618.00
Sundry cash	24.50
Publications regular sales	6806.44
rare book sale	3720.00
Donations to Society	69.80
to Foundation	2605.00
Interest	963.61
Government grant	5000.00
Christmas payments/funds	1010.00
Sundries sale of chairs	440.00
room hire	471.60
old WHA payment	355.00
	<u>add 35 083.95</u>
<i>Deduct payments</i>	
Subscriptions	3049.14
Print and stationery	855.07
Postage	1906.53
Meetings Attendants fees	990.00
1994, 1995 Xmas	4178.20
Sundries	415.00
Sound system	1322.00
Bank charges	61.91
Publication costs	6571.37
Post Box	190.00
Telephone	155.28
Northern Branch	1650.00
Secretarial services	3200.40
Cataloguing	14.52
Administration/insurances	593.90
Chair restoration costs	80.00
Presidential gift/honour board	784.00
Legal advice re Foundation	205.00
Bad debt (cheque)	35.00
Foundation advertising/promotion	<u>1631.67</u>
Special interest payment transfer to Perpetual Trustees	5960.43
Uncashed payments from 1994 carried	1558.75
	<u>less 35408.17</u>
<i>Balance — 31 December 1994</i>	<u>\$40 134.07</u>
Reconciliation (payments not cashed)	609.95
(Balance in general account at bank	40 744.02)

### Accumulation Account for Period 1 January—31 December 1995

Balance at 1 January 1995	79 260.58
<i>Cash items</i>	
Add Increases at bank	7294.96
Less Interest funds transferred to Foundation account	1929.24
Subtotal at 31 Dec 1995	84 626.30
<i>Asset items</i>	
Less Write-off of old publications (in accord with Council directives)	25 897.00
Add New assets as per statement of payments	1322.00
New total for 1995	60 051.30