

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

## Annual Report for the Year 1994

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

## Vice-Presidents

Dr Max Banks AM

Dr Penny McCartney

## Council

Mr Ronald T. Banks  
Ms Vicki Buchanan  
Mr Elvin H. Fist

Mr John Hayton  
Dr Shirley Jeffrey  
Professor Jim Reid

Ms Patricia Sabine  
Mr Chris Tassell  
Dr John Thorne

Honorary Secretary  
Mr Roger Buttermore

Minute Secretary  
Ms Sue Waterworth (to June)

Honorary Treasurer  
Mr Andrew Koo

Honorary Auditor  
Mr T.O. Bayley FCA

Honorary Editor  
Dr Max Banks AM

Honorary Assistant Editor  
Dr Steven Smith (to June)      Dr Mick Brown (from July)

## 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. Sir Phillip also took the Chair at the meeting of 20 June, at which Dr Hugh Torrens, University of Keele, UK, former President of the British Society for the History of Science spoke on *Patronage and Problems: Joseph Banks and the Earth Sciences*. The President also chaired the Members Night of the Northern Branch in June. Lady Bennett accompanied Sir Phillip on these two occasions. Accompanied by Lady Bennett, the President joined members of the Society for the Christmas dinner on 14 December.

## Deaths

The deaths of the following members are recorded with regret

Mr T.W. Archer  
Mr R.M.H. Garvie  
Mr N.J.B. Plomley

## Obituaries

Mr T. Archer

Mr Archer, a member from 1976 to 1994, died May 1994. He was a regular artender of meetings of the Northern Branch and served on its Council in 1987-1988. He was also an active member of the National Trust and the Field Naturalist Club. Mr Archer was the last direct descendant of the Archer family who established *Woolmers* at Longford. He will be remembered for his interest in the restoration of colonial buildings in northern Tasmania including *Woolmers* and *Clarendon*.

Mr R.M.H. Garvie

Mr Garvie, who died 20 October 1994, in Hobart, was a member from 1956 to 1981, Junior Vice-President in 1967, Senior Vice-President in 1968 and a member of Council in 1969, 1970 and 1971.

## Mr N.J.B. Plomley

Mr Brian Plomley, who died in Launceston on 8 April 1994, was Honorary Secretary of the Northern Branch from 1946 to 1949 and was awarded the Clive Lord Memorial Medal of the Society in November 1983. He contributed at least four papers to the Society's *Papers and Proceedings* on historical and anatomical topics. He was more widely known for his pamphlets and books on Tasmanian Aborigines and on French exploration of Tasmania. Prominent among the books on the Aborigines were *Friendly Mission* (1966) and *Weep in Silence* (1987), and on French exploration his book with Piard-Bernier, *The General* (1993).

## Honours and Awards to Members

The Society congratulates Mrs Doone Kennedy, Lord Mayor of Hobart, on her appointment as Officer of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List in January 1994.

## Membership

The membership is 475, an increase of 5 over the previous year, and is made up as follows:

|   | Southern  | Northern | Total     |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Honorary Life Members                   | 5         | 2        | 7         |
| Life Members                            | 22        | 10       | 32        |
| Ordinary Members                        |           |          |           |
| receiving <i>Papers and Proceedings</i> | 244       | 52       | 296       |
| Ordinary Members not                    |           |          |           |
| receiving <i>Papers and Proceedings</i> | 72        | 43       | 115       |
| Associate Members                       | <u>18</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>25</u> |
| Total                                   | 361       | 114      | 475       |

## Council Meetings

There were seven meetings of Council during the year. Of these one was a special meeting to determine Council's view on the future of the Tasmanian Herbarium. Council decided to recommend that, prior to any change in the administrative arrangements for the management of the Herbarium, the future of that body be the subject of a thorough and independent inquiry. The Premier was subsequently made aware of this recommendation.

A committee was set up by Council late in 1993 to develop a corporate strategic plan for the Society. This committee met three times during 1994 and produced a report which was accepted by Council in December. The report suggested a number of initiatives, implementation of some of which has commenced. Closer involvement in administration of the Society by members was seen as desirable and minor changes in administrative structure were recommended. Better communication between Council and members of the Society as a whole was also seen as desirable and some steps have been taken to achieve this. The assets of the Society were listed and the need for closer examination of some of these noted. Better utilisation of our assets is being considered.

Council has been kept informed by the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery of plans for re-

development of the Museum and Art Gallery, possible because of the Customs House becoming available for Museum purposes. Council is negotiating with the Trustees on the provision of facilities for the Society within the re-organised complex. Preliminary plans have been made for the launching of a Royal Society of Tasmania Foundation in the first half of 1995. Council seeks strong support from members for this initiative.

## Sesquicentenary of the Granting of the Royal Charter

The Society, founded in 1843, received the Royal Charter on 12 September 1844 and became the Royal Society of Van Diemen's Land for Horriculture, Botany and the Advancement of Science.

The Sesquicentenary of the granting of the Royal Charter was marked by an invitation from the President, Sir Phillip Bennett, to hold the Annual General Meeting at Government House. Over 80 members, from many parts of the State accepted this invitation and heard Professor Adrienne Clarke, Chief Executive CSIRO, deliver a stimulating address on *Science and Technology and Australia's Future*.

To close the Sesquicentenary year, over 80 members and guests joined the President and Lady Bennett at an enjoyable Christmas Dinner at the CSIRO Marine Laboratories, Hobart.

## Grants to the Society

The Council received a general grant from the Tasmanian Government, through Arts Tasmania, of \$2000 towards the Society's administration and promotion, and a special grant from the Tasmanian Government of \$3000 towards the Society's publication program.

The University of Tasmania has provided an annual subvention of \$3000 towards the publication costs of the *Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania*.

## Library

The year under review was again one which has seen gradual progress towards inclusion of the Library's records in the University Library database, and the accompanying reclassification and cataloguing of the associated material.

The analysis of the card shelf list against the database continues, with notes being made where items already exist. The recataloguing and reclassification process allows for such material to be readily transferred. At the same time, the current serials are being re-catalogued at a slow but steady rate which should see all current titles appearing in the on-line catalogue before older, now deceased, titles.

During the year, some surplus and weeded Library stock was sold as a separate exercise or via the University Library Book Sale. In total, a sum of approximately \$600 was raised from the sale of this material.

An exchange viability survey was undertaken late in 1993, with 80 letters being despatched to exchange partners. The results of the survey revealed 25 terminated titles, 5 terminated exchange partnerships, and 28 renewed exchanges (apparently lapsed), whilst other exchanges were confirmed as active and viable.

Arrangements for periodical borrowing were revised during the year, with all borrowings now being channelled through the Library issue desk in the Morris Miller Library. This process allows for greater security of Royal Society collections, as all material is now checked by staff at the desk.

Binding of Royal Society titles was resumed in earnest during the year, after the reorganisation of University binding arrangements. A quota for binding is now allocated to the Royal Society as part of the Morris Miller allocation and, despite the need to bind somewhat thicker combined bibliographical volumes, the allocation should cope with the current serial receipts.

Staffing for the year remained as for 1993, with Graeme Rayner continuing as Royal Society Librarian, Mrs Carol Freeman as part-time assistant and Mrs Emilia Ward continuing to provide five hours each week of additional clerical support. The daily routines of the Library are now well established and the growing experience and ability of the clerical staff allows for much of the work to continue unsupervised. As always, the Reference staff in Morris Miller continue to provide user support at times when staff are absent from the Royal Society Library.

Volume 128 of the *Papers and Proceedings* was despatched to exchange partners during the middle of the year.

Further work was undertaken in the reorganisation of the Library's Rare Books collection which now occupies two rooms adjacent to the office. Material is now filed in more logical sequence, with folio and elephant folio material distinguished in the catalogue. Provision for a small consultation table in the larger of the two rooms now allows for supervised consultation of rare materials and greater monitoring of use.

The reclassification programme has resulted in a regular reshuffling of Library materials to accommodate titles being moved from the older sequences. There is a need for a concerted effort in compacting the old collection to create the maximum amount of space for the re-classified collection. Similarly, there is a degree of re-filing and reorganisation necessary for the serials accessioning files as new cataloguing inevitably results in changed filing arrangements.

Statistics for the year are as follows, but it should be recorded that visitor and consultation figures are, in reality, more likely to be higher, as users often omit to sign the appropriate registers.

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Visitors          | 235 |
| Consultations     | 137 |
| Loans (incl. ILL) | 59  |

Overall the year has been one of steady progress and we look forward to further progress in 1995.

## Publications

Towards the end of June, Volume 128 of the *Papers and Proceedings* was published. This volume contained the Annual Report for 1993 and 70 pages of technical papers. The papers, eight in number and involving 18 authors, dealt with topics such as botany and palaeobotany, plant ecology, animal ecology, zoology and micropalaeontology. Authors came from Tasmanian State Departments, the University of Tasmania and interstate.

Dr Steven Smith relinquished his post as Honorary Assistant Editor with the publication of Volume 128. Dr

Smith took a significant part in the production of 12 volumes of *Papers and Proceedings*, including the volume on Macquarie Island, was one of the editors of *Aspects of Tasmanian Botany*, chief editor of *Tasmanian Wilderness — World Heritage Values* and editor of *Tasman Peninsula — Is history enough?* His very considerable contribution to the Society is gratefully acknowledged.

Dr M.J. Brown has assumed the mantle of Honorary Assistant Editor.

Production of volume 128 was assisted by Ms Alison Jones, who provided careful sub-editing, and Ms June Pongratz as expert typesetter and formatter.

## Lectures

The following lectures were given at General Meetings during the year:

- March 15 — (Annual General Meeting) "Science and technology and Australia's future" Professor Adrienne Clarke, Chairman, CSIRO
  - April 5 — "War and children (with special reference to the Gaza Strip)" Associate Professor Carey Denholm, Department of Education, University of Tasmania at Hobart
  - April 18 — "Computer aided drug design" Dr Brian Yates, Department of Chemistry, University of Tasmania at Hobart.
  - May 4 — "I've got a little list, They'll none of them be missed, They'll none of them be missed" Mr Bevan Rees, Architect, Hobart
  - May 16 — "Urban wildfires: Sydney, 94" Mr Jim Gould, Bushfire Research Unit, CSIRO Division of Forestry, Canberra
  - June 7 — "Professor L.F. Giblin his life and work" Hon Michael Field, Leader of the Opposition, Tasmanian Parliament
  - June 20 — "Patronage and problems — Joseph Banks and the earth sciences" Dr Hugh Torrens, President of the British Society of the History of Science
  - July 5 — "The importance of James Backhouse in the history of Van Dieman's Land in the 1830s" Dr W.N. Oats, Hobart
  - July 18 — "Modernism, mandates and mandarins" Associate Professor Richard Herr, Department of Political Science, University of Tasmania at Hobart
  - August 1 — "The Boyd Retrospective" Mr David Hansen, Senior Curator, Humanities, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
  - September 6 — "Landcare issues in Australia" Ms Helen Alexander, National Facilitator, Landcare Australia,
  - September 19 — "What is ecotourism?" Ms Jane Foley, Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Hobart
  - October 4 — "Melanoma" Dr Ian McColl, Hobart
  - October 17 — "Panel Discussion: Islands off southern Tasmania" Mr Nigel Brothers, Parks and Wildlife Services, Mr Ralph Bottrill, Mineral Resources, Tasmania, Dr Max Banks (Convener)
  - November — "Visual factors and reading ability" Mr Byron Harrison, Optometrist, Hobart
- (Attendance at General Meetings ranged from 17 to 59).

Excursions and Functions

March — Excursion to distillery, Essential Oils Ltd, Gretna and *Rotherwood*, Ouse.

November — Visit to the Hyperbaric Chamber, Royal Hobart Hospital, Dr Peter McCartney  
 December — Christmas visit and dinner, CSIRO Marine Laboratories, Hobart

The programme of events for the year was arranged by a Programme Committee (Dr J. Thorne [Chair], Mr P.C. Stevenson, Mr S.M. Murrilhy and Ms J. Fricker). The Society thanks the members of this Committee.

## Northern Branch

### Branch Council

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Chairman           | Mr Elvin H. Fist  |
| Vice Chairman      | Mr John Kolkert   |
| Past Chairman      | Mrs Mary Cameron  |
| Honorary Secretary | Mr Chris Tassell  |
| Honorary Treasurer | Mr Bruce Pike   |
| Council Members    | Mr Athol Beswick<br>Ms Alison Green<br>Ms Judith Hollingsworth<br>Mr Alan Orr<br>Mr Mike Temple-Smith |

The Council met four times during the year

### Meetings and Lectures

- March 11 — Annual General Meeting chaired by His Excellency, General Sir Phillip Bennett, Governor of Tasmania. "Modern History of Railways in Tasmania" Dr Neil Orway, General Manager, AN Tasrail.
- April 8 — (Combined meeting with the Launceston Historical Society) Princes Square Fountain, Dr Eric Ratcliff
- May 6 — "Proceedings of a Museum's Director" Mr D. Gregg, formerly Director of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
- June 9 — Members Night:  
 "Swan Island" Mrs D. Girvan  
 "Colonial Doorways" Mr A. Orr  
 "Nitrogen Nutrition" Dr T. Fist  
 "It Is All Over Now" Mr J. Kolkert.  
 His Excellency, General Sir Phillip Bennett, Governor of Tasmania, chaired the meeting
- July 8 — "Zoological Research" Dr B. Smith, Honorary Associate of Zoology, Queen Victoria Museum
- August 5 — "The Family and Public Health" Professor Alex Thompson, Professor of Community Health, University of Tasmania at Launceston
- September 2 — "Between Tasman and Cook" Professor C. McKnight, Professor of Humanities, University of Tasmania at Launceston
- October — "Russian Dinosaur Exhibition" Mr C. Tassell, Director of the Queen Victoria Museum
- December — Members Night  
 "Blood Transfusion in the 1990s" Christine Beswick, haematologist, Pathology Department, Launceston General Hospital  
 "History of Maria Island" Doreen Girvan  
 "C.S. Lewis" Mr Stan Payne  
 "Over-population, Over-consumption and Economics" Dr Colin Butler

### Excursions

- July — Invermay Railway Yards tour conducted by Mr Chris Tassell, Director Queen Victoria Museum
- October — Tamar Island tour conducted by Dr Robert Green, formerly head zoologist at Queen Victoria Museum
- November — Weather Station at Launceston Airport, Western Junction, conducted by officers of the Bureau of Meteorology

## Nominees to Other Bodies

The Council elected Professor D.M. Stoddart and Dr A.V. Brown to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery for 1994. Professor Stoddart resigned his position upon his appointment to an interstate position in September. Professor J.B. Reid was appointed in his place. These Trustees report on the year's activities:

1994 was a year of consolidation where the work of the past two years in the areas of exhibition, sponsorship, heritage preservation and computerisation of the collection made significant advances.

There were 36.8 (Full Time Equivalent) Staff in 1994. New appointments included Mr David Hansen as Co-ordinating Curator (Art and Humanities) and Senior Curator of Art, and Andrew Rozefeld, Phanerogamic Botanist.

Dr Christa Johannes, retiring from her previous position as Curator of Art, was appointed Curator (Education) part-time, enabling the Museum to partially reinstate its education program.

Mr Tim Knight, Secretary of the TMAG, was transferred to the position of Bursar at Sorell District High School in February 1994. His eighteen years of service to the TMAG and the Royal Society are gratefully acknowledged.

Dr Kantvilas, Head of the Herbarium, was awarded a Alecto-Banks Scholarship by the Royal Society London to study for three months at the British Museum of Natural History. The Curator (Geology), Noel Kemp, was awarded a National Geographic Society Research Grant to investigate fossil deposits in Queensland. Dr Philip Thomson was appointed Honorary Curator of Medical History. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for 1995.

Honorary Curators and volunteers continue to give invaluable support to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Programmes have included assisting in specialist curatorial work, data entry, cataloguing, exhibition preparation, collection maintenance, fund raising and guiding at exhibitions.

The public consultation program of the Concept Plan for the Strategic Re-Development of the TMAG Precinct was publically launched by the Minister for Education and the Arts in August. A submission detailing the TMAG Re-Development Plan Stage 1 proposal for the re-furbishment of the Customs House was made to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in November. Final negotiations regarding the lease are in progress between the State Government and the Commonwealth Government. Considerable consultation has taken place with regard to the design and planning of the new Royal Society Lecture Theatre and office facilities and lounge to be shared with the Friends.

The management of the West Coast Pioneer Memorial Museum has been handed over to a new company limited

by guarantee known as West Coast Heritage Pty Ltd. The *WCPMM Act* 1965 has been repealed and the Trustees have agreed to lend the collection to West Coast Heritage for a period of ten years with an option to renew. The members of the Local Advisory Board of the WCPMM have become the directors of West Coast Heritage, employing their own staff with some funding assistance from the State Government.

The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery has, in the pursuit of its stated goals, provided a varied exhibition program and instituted changes within its structure to emphasise and facilitate public access to its collections.

Major exhibitions generated by the TMAG include *Antarctica — Secrets of the Frozen World* (a partnership with the Museum of Victoria) 91,000 visitors; *The Exhibition Exhibition* — a celebration of the 1894 International Exhibition in Hobart; *Collectors and Benefactors — The Hood and Easterbrook collections of ceramics*.

Major travelling exhibitions included *Arthur Boyd Retrospective* from the Art Gallery of NSW, 9700 visitors.

Annual visitor numbers to the TMAG for 1994 were 138 661, a substantial increase over the previous year.

Mr J.E. Tomlinson AO was elected by Council to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. Mr Tomlinson reports on the year's activities:

The significant change was that it was the first full year of our Director, Dr David Bedford, who had commenced in October 1993. He quickly settled in and came to grips with the management of the gardens and progress is being made on many fronts.

For the year 1994–95 the government has increased the grant from \$1.15 million to \$1.4 million. This will enable a pick up of the backlog on maintenance, etc. which was becoming serious. They have also offered a further \$50 000 on a dollar-for-dollar raised by the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens by its own efforts. This should be realised.

Attendances for the year to June were 304 778 — 10 720 up on the previous year. The gardens are one of the top tourist attractions in Tasmania.

Strong winds in January destroyed five large trees but fortunately no one was injured.

Mr Mark Fountain joined the staff in June as Nursery Manager. Mrs Ann Schmidt who had been on the staff for well over twenty years and had managed the nursery pending Mark's appointment, retired in December.

In December the Director was able to visit Macquarie Island as part of a plan to establish an Alpine and Sub-Antarctic Plant House at the gardens.

In co-operation with the Department of Transport and Works, the Gardens have been active in rescuing 19 threatened species of plants as roads have been constructed. They have also been active in planting other threatened species in the Gardens to ensure their preservation.

## 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, Arts Tasmania, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery are specially thanked for their support and cooperation. We draw attention with thanks to financial help by North Forest Products in making possible a lecture by an interstate visitor.

Essential Oils of Tasmania Pty Ltd, the Royal Hobart Hospital and CSIRO Divisions of Oceanography and Fisheries hosted visits by members to facilities under their control. The Society thanks these bodies for their hospitality.

The Society thanks Mr R. Buttermore and Mr A. Koo for their services as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively in 1994.

Ms Sue Waterworth provided help as Minute Secretary in the first half of the year and in 1993 for which the Society is grateful. The thanks of the Society are also due to Ms Vicki Farmery, administrative assistant for her considerable help in 1994.

M.R. Banks  
Vice-President  
1 February 1995

Roger Buttermore  
Honorary Secretary

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1994

| 1993               |  | 1994           |                     |
|--------------------|--|----------------|---------------------|
| 67 009.96          | Accumulated funds                                | 79 260.58      |                     |
| 277.00             | Subscriptions in advance                         |                |                     |
|                    | Trust funds                                      |                |                     |
| 2356.49            | • Clive Lord Memorial                            | 2375.89        |                     |
| 5005.38            | • A.N. Lewis Memorial                            | 5032.84        |                     |
| 2377.17            | • Morton Allport Memorial                        | 2404.25        |                     |
| 909.45             | • A.A. Clark Bequest                             | 909.45         |                     |
| 2538.51            | • Joseph Milligan Bequest                        | 2538.51        |                     |
| 3385.67            | • R.M. Johnston Memorial                         | 3416.80        |                     |
| 1395.41            | • Henry Oliver Bequest                           | 1395.41        |                     |
| 3260.16            | • W.H. Hudspeth Memorial                         | 3260.16        |                     |
| <u>6916.68</u>     | • Life Membership Fund                           | 7004.77        | <u>28 338.08</u>    |
| <u>\$95 431.88</u> |  |                | <u>\$107 598.66</u> |
|                    | Represented by:                                  |                |                     |
| 33.00              | Cash on hand                                     |                |                     |
|                    | Cash at bank                                     |                |                     |
| 28 393.46          | • General account                                | 40 458.29      |                     |
| 4993.50            | • Papers and Proceedings acct                    | 5081.59        |                     |
| 1099.39            | • Clive Lord Memorial                            | 1118.79        |                     |
| 1555.53            | • A.N. Lewis Memorial                            | <u>1582.99</u> | 48 241.66           |
| 860.00             | Mortgage Loan                                    | 860.00         |                     |
| 7000.00            | Interest bearing deposits                        | 7000.00        |                     |
| 15 000.00          | Library (at valuation for insurance)             | 15 000.00      |                     |
| 30 897.00          | Publications (at estimated net realisable value) | 30 897.00      |                     |
| <u>5600.00</u>     | Medals (at selling price)                        | <u>5600.00</u> |                     |
| <u>\$95 431.88</u> |  |                | <u>\$107 598.66</u> |

## Accumulation Account

|      |                           |               |                    |
|------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
|      | Balance at 1 January 1994 | 67 009.96     |                    |
| Add  | Increase cash at bank     | 12 064.83     |                    |
|      | Decrease in Advance Subs  | <u>277.00</u> |                    |
|      |                           | 79 351.79     |                    |
| Less | Transfer to Trust Fund    | 58.21         |                    |
|      | Decrease in cash          | <u>33.00</u>  | <u>91.21</u>       |
|      |                           |               | <u>\$79 260.58</u> |

Statement of Receipts and Payments  
Year ending 31 December 1994

|                                   |             |                |                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Balance - 1 January 1994          |             |                | \$28 393.46        |
| <i>Add Receipts</i>               |             |                |                    |
| Subscriptions                     |             |                |                    |
|                                   | 250 @ €35   | 8750.00        |                    |
|                                   | 117 @ \$20  | 2340.00        |                    |
|                                   | 22 @ \$15   | 330.00         |                    |
|                                   | Other years | <u>896.00</u>  | 12 316.00          |
| Publications                      |             |                | 3443.95            |
| Interest                          |             |                | 997.65             |
| Interest - Allport & Johnston     |             |                | 58.21              |
| Grants                            |             |                | 11 000.00          |
| Excursion                         |             |                | 240.00             |
| Donations                         |             |                | 130.00             |
| Room hire                         |             |                | 314.40             |
| Christmas dinner function         |             | <u>2550.00</u> | <u>31 050.21</u>   |
|                                   |             |                | \$59 443.67        |
| Deduct payments                   |             |                |                    |
| Library and subscriptions         |             | 1958.25        |                    |
| Print and stationery              |             | 1257.47        |                    |
| Postage                           |             | 1847.85        |                    |
| Attendants fees                   |             | 1045.00        |                    |
| Bank charges                      |             | 61.25          |                    |
| <i>Papers and Proceedings</i>     |             | 7184.35        |                    |
| Post box                          |             | 190.00         |                    |
| Telephone                         |             | 104.60         |                    |
| Coach excursion                   |             | 300.00         |                    |
| Insurance                         |             | 508.83         |                    |
| Meetings                          |             | 413.38         |                    |
| Administrative expenses           |             | 1979.40        |                    |
| Computer repairs                  |             | 520.00         |                    |
| Northern Branch subsidy           |             | 1500.00        |                    |
| Sundries                          |             | <u>115.00</u>  | <u>18 985.38</u>   |
| <i>Balance - 31 December 1994</i> |             |                | <u>\$40 458.29</u> |

**Royal Society of Tasmania (Northern Branch)**  
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31 December 1994

| <i>Receipts</i>                 |                  | <i>Expenditure</i>      |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Subscriptions                   | 165.00           | Subscriptions to Hobart | 110.00           |
| Suppers                         | 5.30             | Printing and stationery | 86.95            |
| Sale of book                    | 5.00             | Postage                 | 1001.35          |
| Grant                           | 1500.00          | Post box                | 39.00            |
| Bank interest                   | 1.61             | Secretarial             | 1152.25          |
| Miscellaneous (o/draw cover)    | <u>430.00</u>    | Bank charges            | 15.05            |
|                                 | 2106.91          | Suppers                 | 196.00           |
| Balance at Trust Bank 1.1.94    | <u>515.87</u>    |                         | <u>2600.60</u>   |
|                                 | 2622.78          |                         |                  |
| Less sub. banked after 31.12.94 | <u>20.00</u>     | Balance 31.12.94        | <u>2.18</u>      |
|                                 | <u>\$2602.78</u> |                         | <u>\$2602.78</u> |

**Reconciliation Statement 1994**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Credit balance as per Bank Statement 31.12.94 | <u>\$2.18</u>  |
| Credit balance at 1.1.94                      | 515.87         |
| Receipts for year                             | <u>2106.91</u> |
|   | 2622.78        |
| Expenditure for year                          | <u>2600.60</u> |
|   | 22.18          |
| Less cheque banked after 31.12.94             | <u>20.00</u>   |
| Debit balance                                 | <u>\$2.18</u>  |

**Independent Audit Report to Members of  
the Royal Society of Tasmania**

**Scope**

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising the Balance Sheet, Accumulation Account and Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments for the General Account of the Society for the year ended 31 December 1994. The Society's Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of the Society on its preparation and presentation.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the Society's constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which the report was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the

amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Qualification**

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Society to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

**Qualified Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the attached financial report presents fairly, the receipts and payments for the General Account of the Society for the year ended 31 December 1994 and its state of affairs as at that date.

T.O. Bayley  
Chartered Accountant

7 March 1995