

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 K.D. Nicolls

Council

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

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

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. Nicholls
Members of Council	-	Dr W. Bryden
	-	Dr E.A. Colhoun
Honorary Secretary	-	Mr D.R. Gregg
Honorary Treasurer	-	Mr G.E.A. Hale
Honorary Auditor	-	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
		Mr N.K. Vallance, Tasmanian Conservation Trust
		Mr P. Murrell, National Parks and Wildlife Service
June	"The effect of media on public attitudes"	Mr John Levett, Tasmanian College of Advanced Education.
July	"Sentencing and the two cultures"	Mr. Justice Green, Chief Justice of Tasmania
August	"Environmental management in Australia - a challenge for co-operative federalism"	Dr D.F. McMichael, Department of Environment and Conservation, Canberra.
September	"Why inflation and unemployment"	Professor K. McB. Grant, Faculty of Commerce, University of Tasmania
October	"International co-operation in Antarctica"	Dr R.I. Garrod, Antarctic Division, Department of Science and Consumer Affairs, Melbourne
November	"An anatomist's appreciation of the body"	Professor R. Wheeler Haines, Department of Anatomy, University 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 -

	Northern Branch	Total
Honorary Life Members		5
Life Members	9	33
Ordinary Members, receiving Papers and Proceedings	91	281
Ordinary Members, not receiving Papers and Proceedings	116	206
Associate Members	20	26
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	236	551

#### 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.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st December, 1975

Accumulated Funds	\$65,028.21	Cash on Hand	\$ 20.00
Subscriptions in Advance	51.00	Cash at Bank - General Account	4,650.83
Trust Funds :-		- Papers & Proceedings A/C	6,519.07
Clive Lord Memorial Fund	1,080.47	- Clive Lord Memorial Account	380.47
A.N. Lewis Memorial Fund	1,657.06	- A.N. Lewis Memorial Fund	557.06
Morton Allport Memorial Fund	709.65	- Publication Account	532.20
A.H. Clark Bequest	317.27	Mortgage Loan - Perpetual Trustees	860.00
Joseph Milligan Bequest	2,120.99	Commonwealth Treasury Bonds & Inscribed Stock (at cost)	10,430.00
R.M. Johnston Memorial Fund	1,056.20	Library (at valuation for insurance)	15,000.00
Henry Oliver Bequest	481.14	Stock of Publications on Hand (at selling prices)	<u>36,500.00</u>
W.H. Hudspeth Memorial Fund	1,222.37		
Life Membership Fund	<u>1,725.27</u>		
	10,370.42		
	\$75,449.63		\$75,449.63
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