

Royal Australasian

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE			
Cost of publication and distribution of <i>Emu</i> —			
Printing	£957	6	6
Illustrations	101	8	7
Index and Reprints	35	18	0
Postage	10	14	1
	£1,105 7 2		
Library Expenses		8	17 6
Insurance		15	16 8
Stamps and Telegrams		56	14 9
Typing		29	4 3
Printing and Stationery		52	14 10
Rent of Premises, Electric Light, etc.		56	17 2
Bank Charges and Exchange		1	1 1
Sundry Expenses		7	6 6
Subscription—Victorian National Parks Association		2	2 0
Net Income for Year 1955		180	0 11

£1,508 3 10

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES			
Sundry Creditors	£23	12	0
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	272	7	8
Fully-paid Membership Fund	90	9	0
Special Purpose Accounts—			
Grant—Sir Edward Hallstrom	£200	0	0
Grant—M. A. Ingram Trust (unexpended portion of £400)	137	5	0
		337	5 0
Fifty-Years Index Account—			
Grant—Commonwealth Government	£370	0	0
Grant—M. A. Ingram Trust	250	0	0
Donations from Members	84	7	6
		704	7 6
N. J. Favalaro Trust Fund—			
(Invested as per contra £170, plus £10)	£180	0	0
One-third Share of income to date	5	7	0
		185	7 0
Accumulation Account—			
1/1/1955—Cr. Balance, being Surplus of Assets over Liabilities, as per Balance Sheet 31/12/1954	£3,606	13	8
Add Net Income for Year 1955, as per Statement of Expenditure and Income	180	0 11	3,786 14 7
		£5,400	2 9

Ornithologists Union

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

INCOME			
Subscriptions	£1,012	3	9
Subscriptions in Arrears (estimated)	50	0	0
		£1,062	3 9
Donations to Illustration Fund		33	16 1
Sales of <i>Emu</i>	£79	5	9
Sales of <i>Checklist</i>	7	5	0
Sales of <i>Index</i> to vols. 1-37	5	0	
		86	15 9
Advertisements in <i>Emu</i>		5	0 0
Proportion of Grant from M. A. Ingram Trust towards publication of <i>Emu</i>		185	10 0
		£1,373	5 7
Interest on Commonwealth Govt. Stock	£83	2	7
Interest on State Electricity Commission Loan	47	7	0
		130	9 7
International Committee for Bird Preservation	£1	10	0
Less remitted	15	0	
		15	0
N. J. Favaloro Trust Account— Two-thirds of Income for Year		3	13 8
		£1,508	3 10

DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS			
Sundry Debtors		£4	11 0
Cash at Bank—Commonwealth Bank of Australia		712	19 8
Subscriptions in Arrears (estimated)		50	0 0
Library (estimated)		1,000	0 0
Furniture and Specimens		280	0 0
Stock (estimated)—			
Blocks	£10	0	0
Copies of <i>Emu</i>	150	0	0
<i>Checklist</i>	50	0	0
		210	0 0
Fifty-Years Index—			
Expenditure to date	£618	2	0
Less Sales	115	9	11
		502	12 1
N. J. Favaloro Trust Fund—			
Invested Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock (face value)		170	0 0
Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock (face value)		1,470	0 0
Loan—State Electricity Commission of Victoria (face value of debentures held by Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia)		1,000	0 0
		£5,400	2 9

TRUST ACCOUNT AS AT

LIABILITIES

Amount at credit, 31/12/1955	£1,070	0	0
	£1,070	0	0

The Bank pass-books and statements have been examined; the certificates of the Inscribed Stock registered in the name of the Union and in the names of the Trustees, received direct from the Registrar of the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock, also certificates of debentures received direct from the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, are in agreement with the face value figures shown in the Balance Sheet and Trust Account.

Audited and found correct,

HUGH C. E. STEWART,

Hon. Auditor.

Report of Hon. General Secretary

This report covers the period from September 30, 1955, to August 31, 1956, from Congress to Congress.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership at August 31 shows an increase of 58 for the period of eleven months. Enrolments number 80, resignations 13, and deaths (of which we have knowledge) 9. Net increases were distributed over all States as follows: Victoria 17, New South Wales 16, Queensland 8, South Australia 4, Tasmania 3, Western Australia 3, New Zealand 2, British and Foreign 5. The deaths recorded were: Victoria—Sir Russell Grimwade, Major H. W. Wilson, Messrs. Frank E. Howe, Jack Center and A. R. Henderson; Tasmania—Mr. D. M. Urquhart and Miss J. A. Fletcher; Queensland—Mr. F. B. Brown; New South Wales—Mr. C. C. Smith.

OFFICERS

A proposal that Mr. C. E. Bryant be appointed as President for a second term was adopted by the Council without dissent.

The position of Hon. Treasurer is still vacant.* Mr. Howard Jarman has continued during the year in an acting capacity, but it is anticipated that a successor will shortly be appointed to relieve him.

The position of Hon. Assistant Secretary is also vacant, and no nomination has been received for the ensuing year.*

Because of a transfer to the country, Mr. Gordon Binns found it necessary to resign from the position of Hon.

* Now filled.—Ed.

DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS		
Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock (face value)	£1,070	0 0
	£1,070	0 0

HOWARD JARMAN,
Acting Hon. Treasurer.

General Secretary, and this vacancy was filled by the Council appointment of Mr. F. H. M. Everett.

In January 1956, the vacancies for a South Australian representative on Council and South Australian State Secretary were filled by the appointment of Dr. D. W. Brummitt and Mr. H. T. Condon respectively.

CONSERVATION

The Conservation Committee has been active throughout the year, and a full report is being tabled by the Chairman of that Committee. A committee consisting of Mr. H. M. Wilson and Mr. E. S. Hanks has been appointed to consider aspects of the Victorian Government's proposed National Parks Bill.

CHECKLIST COMMITTEE

Dr. J. A. Keast was appointed to the Checklist Committee in January 1956.

GENERAL

A proposal to establish in New Zealand a set of *The Emu* as complete as possible up to volume 41 was adopted by the Council. This set is to be on permanent loan, and will be kept in the Auckland Museum with the O.S.N.Z. library. It will be available for loan to members of both the O.S.N.Z. and the R.A.O.U.

The supplement to the 50-Years Index of *The Emu*, covering volumes 51 to 55, has been prepared by Mr. A. R. McGill.

F. H. M. EVERETT
Hon. General Secretary.

Annual Congress, 1957 Proposed Programme

Oct.

- Sun. 20—Outing to be arranged.
 Mon. 21—Annual Meeting in Melbourne (time and place to be announced).
 7.45 p.m.: Guests of Bird Observers' Club.
 Tues. 22—Travel to Portland.
 Melbourne to Portland—Train, 8.40 a.m.; train to Port Fairy, 8.25 a.m., then Ansett bus.
 Melbourne to Hamilton—Plane 12.30 p.m., then bus at 4 p.m.
 Wed. 23—9.00 a.m.: Trip to Bridgewater Lakes.
 11.30 a.m.: Address to High School.
 2.00 p.m.: Inspect Harbour Works.
 8.00 p.m.: Portland Field Naturalists' Reception.
 Thur. 24—All-day bird trips under:
 (1) O. Lightbody—environs of Portland (heath, lagoons, shore, etc.).
 (2) C. Beaughole—Gorae West (heath, lake, forest).
 (3) P. Finck—Heathmere (forest, river, mount).
 (4) N. Learmonth—Tyendarra.
 Fri. 25—Follow up previous day.
 Sat. 26—Mt. Richmond and Bats Ridges.
 4.00 p.m.: Open Nine-Mile Reserve.
 Sun. 27—Morning free.
 2.30 p.m.: Open Harbour Trust Reserve.
 4.00 p.m.: Open Cape Nelson Reserve. Afternoon tea on site.
 Mon. 28—Goose Lagoon near Port Fairy.
 Tues. 29—Follow up previous day.
 Night—public meeting, slides and talk.
 Wed. 30—Beach patrols—(1) Discovery Bay; (2) Fitzroy River mouth.
 Thur. 31 }
 Nov. } Individual choice. Trip to Nelson one day if desired.
 Fri. 1 }
 Sat. 2—Leave Portland.
 Train to Melbourne, 6.35 a.m.
 Bus to Port Fairy, 12 noon, then train to Melbourne.
 Hamilton (1.55 p.m.) and plane to Melbourne.

Fares

Plane—£4 each way. Hamilton-Portland bus 12/6 each way.
 Train—Portland £4/6/- first return, £3/8/9 second.

Accommodation

Maretime Guest House can take up to 24 at £10/10/- per week (3 miles from town along beach).
 Victoria House take 14/16 at £4/4/- per week for bed and breakfast only.
 Sandilands Guest House take 16 at £10/10/- per week.
 Richmond Hotel and Macks Hotel £14/14/- per week (10-day bookings accepted).
 Claremont Guest House £8/8/- per week. Take to 14.
 London House £8/8/- per week (no midday meal).

The foregoing is subject to alteration. Further details will be available later. Write to the Victorian State Secretary, Mr. E. S. Hanks, 1 Second Street, Black Rock, Vic., and advise of intention to attend.