

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1961 - 62

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The three members of Council due to retire at this Annual General Meeting are: Mrs. L. E. Walker, Mr. J. C. Davenport and Mr. F. C. Kinsky. All are eligible for re-election. However, Mr. Davenport does not wish to stand again. Nominations have been called for the three vacancies and the three following have been received: Mrs. L. E. Walker, Mr. F. C. Kinsky and Mr. B. D. Bell. A ballot is therefore unnecessary and I am pleased to declare these candidates elected.

The Society is greatly indebted to Mr. Davenport for his five years of valuable service on Council, and members of Council received his resignation with regret. Members of the Society will also be sorry to learn that Mr. F. C. Kinsky has had to resign as Convener of the Banding Scheme because of pressure of work; and that for similar reasons Mr. P. C. Bull has resigned as Convener of the Beach Patrol Scheme. I should like to thank these three members very sincerely on behalf of the Society for the unselfish and efficient way they have played an essential part in the Society's activities.

The Society is also grateful to its Librarian, Miss E. Evans and her assistant Miss M. McIntyre for their unassuming but valuable work during the last twelve months.

Council has carried out Society business by means of four Council circulars this year. Among the many matters discussed have been: Finances, banding schemes, regional organisers, a second edition of the Checklist of New Zealand Birds, next year's Field Study Course, the coming R.A.O.U. Camp-Out later this year. These subjects have been, or will be, open for discussion during the course of this meeting.

G. R. WILLIAMS
14th May, 1962



TREASURER'S REPORT, 1961 - 62

The membership of the Society is now 798, being Hon. Life 1, Life 65, Endowment 3, Ordinary 686 and Junior 43. Of this total 17 are resigning after 31/3/62.

The annual turnover of members is much too high, this year 70 in and 64 out. This is believed to be due largely to faulty recruiting. Recruits not really interested soon drop out, making a great amount of extra work for the officials concerned. Members would do well to first prove for themselves that their friends will be keen enough to continue. Officials will always be glad to receive good recruits. The position in regard to Juniors has greatly improved. In the past many were put in by relatives in the hope that they would become interested

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1962

Current Liabilities				Current Assets			
Last Year				Last Year			
99	Sundry Creditors	85	2 4	134	Bank of New Zealand	132	9 9
93	Subscriptions in Advance	67	8 9	431	Post Office Savings Bank	444	3 0
20	Provision for Index	40	0 0	20	Sundry Debtors	19	16 1
				4	Subscriptions in Arrears	-	- -
212			192 11 1	589			596 8 10
	Reserve Account —				Stocks on Hand —		
	Life Subscription and			26	Printing and Stationery	24	10 0
405	Endowment A/c.	439	0 0	100	Banding Scheme	137	10 0
34	Add additions 1961-62	30	2 6	-	Nest Record Scheme	12	0 0
				-	Beach Patrol Scheme	2	10 0
439			469 2 6	-	Back Numbers "Notornis" and		
	General Reserve —			327	Sundry Publications	357	18 6
861	Balance 1/4/61	1446	8 10	453			534 8 6
300	Add Library Accessions	26	0 0		Addressograph at cost		
	Add Transfer from			8	less depreciation		6 7 8
300	Card Committee	-	- -	47	Library Purchases to date	-	- - -
	Add excess of Expenditure			300	Add valuation 31/3/61	-	- - -
-	over Income	77	9 5				
1461		1549	18 3	347		347	6 10
15	Less excess of Expenditure	-	- -		Add accessions 1961-62	27	0 0
	over Income						
1446			1549 18 3				374 6 10
					Investment Fund —		
2097			£2211 11 10	700	Auckland Elect. Pr. Brd. Stock	700	0 0
							£2211 11 10

NOTORNIS

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1962

Expenditure				Income			
Last Year				Last Year			
386	Printing "Notornis" (including Library List, £48/10/-)	397	2 9	537	Subscriptions	685	1 8
60	Postages	58	12 1		Add arrears expected to produce	-	- -
76	Printing & Stationery	64	9 3	4			
16	General Expenses	27	11 8				
104	Banding: Banding Scheme	134	16 9	541		685	1 8
	Banding Reports free to operators	6	6 9	30	Donations, General	40	12 5
	Banding Reports written off	40	8 3	19	Field Week-end, Whakatane	-	- -
		181	11 9	-	Field Week-end, Clevedon	5	1 10
-	Beach Patrol Scheme	9	19 0		Surplus back numbers		
-	Nest Record Scheme	7	7 9	39	"Notornis," etc., profit on sale	36	16 7
1	Depreciation	1	2 6	49	Interest	57	13 8
50	Back Numbers "Notornis" written off	-	- -		Excess of Expenditure over Income	-	- -
-	Excess of Income over Expenditure	77	9 5	15			
693		£825	6 2	693		£825	6 2

We report to the members of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand (Incorporated) that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers for the Society and also those relating to the Card Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1962. We certify that the balance sheets for the Society and the Card Committee are properly drawn up to show the true financial position of the Society at that date. We have accepted the values placed before the Treasurer of stocks on hand.

14/5/62

CHAMBERS, WORTH & CHAMBERS, Auditors

CARD COMMITTEE

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1962

Last Year			
	After deducting the cost of the products sold from the sales we are left with a		
364	Gross Profit of		359 8 5
	From this we deduct the following expenses:		
162	Advertising	227 5 8	
10	Depreciation	- - -	
1	General Expenses	2 10 6	
20	Donation	- - -	
20	Postages	13 7 8	
21	Sundry Services	12 12 0	
11	Stationery	22 16 6	
245			278 12 4
119	Leaving us a profit on sales of cards of		80 16 1
16	To this we added: Interest Received		16 6 0
2	Donations		13 6
137	So that the Net Profit for the year is		£97 15 7

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1962

Last Year			
	Our Assets consist of:		
35	Printing Blocks	40 0 0	
569	Cash at A. & N.Z. Bank	659 19 5	
75	Stocks	- - -	
679	And Total:		699 19 5
93	From this we deduct what we owe others		15 19 8
586	Leaving us with		£683 19 9
	This Balance is made up as follows:		
	Profits to 31st March, 1961	586 4 2	
	Profit for year ended 31st March, 1962	97 15 7	
			£683 19 9

in nature. This usually failed. Now most of them are coming in on their own initiative and are doing really good work, some obviously to be leaders in the future.

Subscription rates are the same as for last year except that there is now provision for Endowment membership at £1/10/-.

The increase in subscriptions this year, £148, is mostly due to the increase of Ordinary subscriptions from 10/- to £1. Extra expenses have been the printing of the Library List £48/10/-, the writing off of Banding Reports, £40/8/3, and a Banding Scheme increase of £49 in use of bands and stationery.

The printing rates for "Notornis" continue to be very satisfactory. For the high quality photographs supplied free we heartily thank Dr. M. F. Soper, Messrs. F. C. Kinsky, G. J. H. Moon, J. Prickett, P. Morrison, J. Kikkawa, N. B. MacKenzie and F. O'Leary.

A plan put forward by Mr. and Mrs. D. McGrath of Wellington for reproducing out-of-print and rare back numbers of the Society's journals is coming before Council. The object is to encourage the sale of full sets, make up deficiencies in members' sets, bring other excess copies into value and make a reasonable profit. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath have made a most generous offer to assist in the carrying out of this plan. The offer virtually means the underwriting of the greater part of the scheme.

For help with the Banding Scheme with another £100 this year we are very grateful to the Internal Affairs Dept.

The Christmas Card Scheme has been successfully continued for a further year by Mr. B. S. Chambers. Miss C. R. McIntyre has done fine service in despatching the parcels of cards. At the end of the last financial year £300 of the profits, invested in stock at 5% was handed over to the Society. This ensures an annual income of £15 per annum.

We again thank Messrs. Chambers, Worth & Chambers for the voluntary work of auditing the books.

H. R. McKENZIE, Hon. Treasurer



LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT, 1961 - 62

During the year, 100 pamphlets and separates have been added to the library, and the 35 periodicals received on exchange have continued to come regularly.

77 items have been borrowed by members, and 10 items by other libraries on interloan. Circulation of journals has continued, and two circuits are in operation.

A very large collection of separates has been donated to the library by Dr. H. G. Deignan of the United States National Museum. They number several thousands, and have not as yet been sorted and listed. This will be a very big task, and we hope to enlist the assistance of some Society members. I am grateful to Miss C. Bernrieder who has already started to sort the collection into alphabetic order of authors.

I wish to thank Miss M. McIntyre for the help she has given in the library during the past year.

ENID A. EVANS, Hon. Librarian

NEST RECORDS SCHEME

Annual Report for Year Ended 31st March, 1962

The annual intake of nest record cards for the year ended 31st March, 1962, was just under 200, approximately half the number received in the previous year. The number of contributors has also declined by half (11 this year as compared with 20 last year) and it is clear that the biggest effort is being made by a hard core of regular contributors. It is to be hoped that more members will take part in the scheme during the current year. Every contribution, great or small, will be extremely welcome. Full particulars of the scheme, together with supplies of cards, may be obtained from the organiser. Completed cards for the 1962-63 season should be sent to the organiser by 28th February, 1963.

The entire collection now amounts to 2708 cards and a complete list of cards for each species will be appended to next year's report. The only nest record received for a species new to the collection was one for the Yellow-crowned Parakeet sent in by Mr. J. R. Jackson. Contributors for the year were:

S. R. Kennington, M. F. Soper, A. Wright, B. L. Enting, J. Cowie, B. R. Keeley, J. C. R. Claridge, D. G. Dawson, J. R. Jackson, D. V. Merton, H. R. McKenzie.

Dr. Soper's contribution again amounted to over 50 cards.

A few general points to conclude. Cards are not required for nests which have not been laid in or for nests which appear to be deserted when found. Please do not use pencil when filling in cards and, before sending in, check carefully for mistakes and to ensure that no information has been omitted.

J. C. R. CLARIDGE, Hon. Organiser



INTERIM REPORT ON THE BEACH PATROL SCHEME — For the Year 1961

The detailed analysis of the year's patrols has taken longer than expected, so once again I must ask you to accept an interim report. It is hoped to have the full report in the hands of the editor in the near future.

The Beach Patrol Scheme has had a very successful year and new records have been established with regard to the number of members taking part (40), the length of coastline inspected (770 miles) and the number of birds found (3,229). The year has been a most exciting one both with regard to the numbers of birds found (an average of 4.2 birds per mile instead of the 1.7 in 1960) and to the occurrence of species that are very rare or new in New Zealand (*P. leucoptera* and *P. longirostris*).

To assist in determining the geographic distribution of the various species, the coastline of New Zealand has been divided into 18 zones, 10 in the North Island and 8 in the South. Last year patrols were reported from 12 of these zones, and already there is evidence of differences between zones with regard to the frequency with which