

THE WEED SOCIETY / OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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In this very late first Report for 1976 several items are covered:-

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Brief comment on Australian Weeds Conference

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This meeting was held on 19th February, 1976 at Sydney University. The following were elected to the several offices:

President:	Mike Barrett
Vice President:	George McMaster
Secretary:	Jack Burke
Treasurer:	Alec McLennon

COMING EVENTS AND NOTICES:

The executive committee has now, after the Australian Weeds Conference, to draft a programme for the year. At this time no firm meeting plans have been made, but two proposals are in hand.

"Weeds of Sydney" - form, venue, audience and date to be decided.

"Symposium on Crop Protection Spraying Equipment"
- possibly in Spring.

"THE AUSTRALIAN WEED CONTROL HANDBOOK" is now available from:

Plant Press,
34 Ipswich Street,
TOOWOOMBA. Q'LD. 4350

for \$4.60 (inc. postage). Please forward cheque etc. with order.

This edition expands the second edition quite considerably and is especially useful to all groups concerned with weed control.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1976 ARE NOW DUE - SEE INSERT FROM TREASURER.

THE WEED SOCIETY OF N.S.W.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31/1/76.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Office Services	418.31	Members' Subscriptions	764.00
P.M.G. Box	18.00	Ordinary	419.00
Audit Fee	10.00	Corporate	345.00
Air Fares (G. Baldwin Weed Symposium 1974)	112.60	Sale of Publications	202.33
Symposium (H.A.C.)	150.80	Symposium (H.A.C.)	271.00
Annual Dinner	250.00	Annual Dinner	280.00
Annual Meeting (1975)	65.00	Annual Meeting (1975)	33.00
Stationery	5.88	Interest (Investment)	86.58
Postage	19.53	Interest (Symposium Account)	15.50
Bank Charges	.30	Interest (Trading Account)	9.61
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure (trans.to Accum. Fund)	611.60		
	<u>\$1662.02</u>		<u>\$1662.02</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31/1/76

ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance as at 15/2/75	
Cash at Bank (Symposium Account)	1.68
Cash at Bank (Trading Account)	208.01
Cash in hand	.71
Investment (N.S.W. Permanent Building Society)	849.38
	<u>1059.78</u>
<u>Add</u> Excess as per Income and Expenditure A/c	611.60
Accumulated Fund as at 31/1/76	<u>\$1671.38</u>

This is represented by:-

Cash at Bank (Symposium Account)	17.18
Cash at Bank (Trading Account)	433.24
Investment (N.S.W. Permanent Building Society) as per certificate	1235.96
	<u>1686.38</u>
<u>Less</u> Subscriptions in Advance	-15.00
Balance as above	<u>\$1671.38</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN ASSET

INVESTMENT (N.S.W. PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY)

Investment (as per Statement of Assets 15/2/75)	849.38
<u>Add</u> Interest to 31/5/75	41.05
Additional investment from funds 4/9/75	300.00
Interest to 30/11/75	45.53
Total Investment as at 30/1/76 as per certificate	<u>\$1235.96</u>

Note: Interest accrued but not taken into accounts
as at 30/1/76 \$17.51

A.B. McLENNAN
Hon. Treasurer.

In my opinion the above Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Assets have been properly drawn up so as to present a true and fair view of the affairs of the WEED SOCIETY OF N.S.W. for the year ended 30/1/76.

C. BARGWANNA - A.A.S.A.(S) - Auditor

NEW MEMBERS

The Society accepted three new members at the last executive committee meeting.

Roger Good - N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service.
Glad you have joined us Roger, hopefully we can help you "weed" your garden.

Robert Plumbe - Lanes Pty. Ltd. Robert is concerned with registration aspects - good to have you with us.

Paul Micham - John Toth wouldn't stop talking so Paul figured that even a chemist could find five bucks to shut him up. Seriously Paul we are pleased to have you with us.

COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN WEED SCIENCE SOCIETIES:

The Australian Weed Conference 1976 is over and those that attended can now return to their normal activities, re-enthused. I think it would be fair to say that the Conference laid a basis for re-appraisal of our individual and joint approaches to our work. That was one highlight of the conference, the second was the final delivery of an Australian body - The Council of the Australian Weed Science Society - not an Australian Weed Society, but I believe a workable organisation.

The most important first work of the Council appears to be a major role in the organisation of the 1979 Asian Pacific Weeds Society Conference. A tentative decision was made at Tokyo in 1975 that Australia would be host nation in 1979, with some reservation on its ability to organise the Conference. We believe the Council can overcome any problems in that regard.

With our penchant for initials every member of a weed science society now has a CAWS - sorry about that.

The various Weed Science Societies or Weed Societies of Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales are the members of the Council. Each member is entitled to two delegates, for this Society they are Allan Mears and Ken Watson. Others on the council are: Victoria, Bill Parsons and Harry Combella; South Australia, Malcom Catt and Brian Pike; Queensland, Bill Haseler (President) and Greg Harvey. The Secretary-Treasurer who has no vote is John Swarsbrick of Queensland.

A constitution of the Council has been prepared and is being ratified. Once it has been through that process it can be made available to interested members.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN WEEDS CONFERENCE:

One gains impressions from Conferences more than solid facts - or is this a burden of getting older. Anyway it is my intention to give some of my impressions particularly for those who did not attend.

1. There is an increasing awareness of people in the weed field extension, regulatory or research, that groups working in national parks, forestry and roads and highways, have different attitudes to the plants we call weeds. However, our expertise can aid them in their work.
2. There seems to me to be a sense of isolationism among weed workers. I believe this to be one of the most urgent problems we face. We need to convince ourselves, and the community, of the value of our work. We realise that other members of the community make different value judgements about these weedy plants, which may be just as valid as ours.
3. There has been little progress, if indeed any, towards developing a method to assess the economics of weed control. Firm statements about weed control in some situations, e.g. pastures are being made. These opinions are qualitative only, not based on quantitative measurements, and are perhaps suspect in many cases.
4. The Melbourne conference was good, it allowed much more time for discussion and the smaller number allowed greater, I think, person to person interchange of ideas.

There were of course many lighter moments, not the least of which was John Swarsbrick's caftan at the dinner.

Ken Watson's remark, "we form an Australian Weeds Council - and would you believe it, the first President is a - entomologist". Funny world isn't it?
