

THE WEED SOCIETY / OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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PRESIDENT Mr. M. W. Barrett

HON. SECRETARY Mr. W. J. Burke

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Price - 10 Cents

ANNUAL DINNER

- WHERE: Len Evan's Wine Cellars (Tasting Room)
16 Bulletin Place
SYDNEY.
(Parking available at Grimes Garage, Arbitration Street)
- WHEN: FRIDAY, 26th November
- TIME: 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
- COST: \$11.00 Single or \$21.00 Double.
This is an all inclusive charge including champagne,
hot meal, wine, dessert, port and coffee.
- R.S.V.P.: See tear-off form at end of Newsletter.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

Life membership of the Weed Society of New South Wales was conferred on Eric Cuthbertson by President Mike Barrett at the General Meeting on 5th October. In congratulating the recipient, the President said that Eric had made a major contribution to Weed Science in Australia and had gained an enviable international reputation as well.

Eric developed an interest in Weed Science during studies on rangeland management at Trangie with the Department of Agriculture and was probably the first person to look at control of Galvanised Burr with herbicides.

Some twenty years weeds research at Wagga followed. Eric has carried out basic studies on two important perennial weeds, Skeleton Weed and Silver Leaf Nightshade. He has been a leader in developing herbicides for new crops such as lupins and oilseed rape, and has taken a keen interest in new techniques such as direct drilling.

Eric Cuthbertson will retire next April after 37 years service with the New South Wales Department of Agriculture.

Eric then addressed the meeting on "Changing Patterns in Weed Research in Australia". A summary of his address will be published in the next Newsletter and the full text in the next issue of the Proceedings of The Weed Society of New South Wales.

INTERNATIONAL WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY (IWSS)

As mentioned in the last Newsletter the IWSS is a newly organised Weed Society which aims to present an overview or general picture of weed science on an International basis. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in weed science, weed control, weeds and closely related topics. The Weed Society of New South Wales have decided to become a member of the IWSS and it is intended to publish relevant details from the IWSS Newsletter in this Newsletter from time to time.

Should you wish any further information about the IWSS please contact the Secretary (Jack Burke).

COMING EVENTS (FROM 1ST IWSS NEWSLETTER)

1976

November 16-18 Meeting of British Crop Protection
Conference - Weeds
Brighton/Great Britain

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February 8-10 Annual Meeting, Weed Science
Society of America,
St. Louis, Missouri. U.S.A.

July 11-17 6th Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference,
Djakarta, Indonesia.

See last Newsletter and contact Dr. Peter Michael (692-1122 Ext. 3214) for further information about the A.P.W.S.C. Conference.

WHO'S WHO IN WEED SCIENCE

HARRY COMBELLACK - President of Weed Science Society of Victoria. Harry is a Group Leader in the weeds research section at the Keith Turnbull Research Station, Victoria. His group is involved with the physiology, ecology, chemical and biological control of noxious weeds.

Prior to his appointment to Keith Turnbull two years ago Harry worked in a research position for a year with Shell and nine years with May and Baker.

MIKE BARRETT - President of Weed Society of Victoria and Senior Market Development Officer of I.C.I. in New South Wales for the past six years.

Prior to his present appointment Mike spent four years at Merrindale on research with I.C.I. and three years with the Scottish Agricultural Industry (I.C.I.) as a Technical Services Officer. Mike is a graduate in agriculture from Cambridge University.

SHORT NOTES

1. Two copies of the 1976 Australian Weeds Conference Handbooks have been supplied to the Society by the C.S.I.R.O. Members can borrow these copies by writing to the Secretary.
2. The Weed Society of Western Australia was formed in July, 1976.

PRESIDENT: Mr. G. A. Pearce,
Senior Weed Research Officer,
Department of Agriculture.

SECRETARY: Mr. P. A. Rutherford,
Weed Research Officer,
Department of Agriculture,
Jarrak Road,
South Perth. W.A. 6151.

3. The Weed Science Society of Victoria have requested that any members who wish to comment on or support "the Enquiry into the future of Weed Science in Victoria" should send their comments to the Committee, c/- The Secretary, Victorian Weed Science Society, Keith Turnbull Research Station, Frankston, Vic. 3166. The Committee of Enquiry has been set up within the Weed Science Society of Victoria to investigate and report on the present status of weeds and weed control in Victoria and to make recommendations regarding any improvements considered necessary. The areas of particular concern are the significance of weeds in Victoria, the present methods of control used, the facilities and services currently available and the current legislation pertaining to weeds and their control.
4. Council of Australian Weed Science Societies (CAWS)
A meeting was held in Melbourne recently and it was proposed that CAWS should run weed conferences every three years. The first conference to be in 1978 organised by the Weed Science Society of Victoria.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

JANUARY - WEED SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
Field Trip to Kosciusko National Park

Mr. Roger Good (National Park and Wildlife Service) is arranging for a three day weekend trip to Kosciusko National Park on January 29th - 31st 1977.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

Friday 28th or Saturday 29th (Morning) - Travel Sydney to Cooma by own transport.

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Saturday 29th - Cooma to Thredbo, inspecting weed problems, roadside stabilization programmes etc.

Sunday 30th - Thredbo to Kosciusko, view alpine flowers and damage problems, scenic walks and night programme at Park Headquarters.

Monday 31st - several alternatives are available:

- (1) Wilsons Valley, Jindabyne, Kiandra, Yarrongo Hilly Caves.
- (2) Wilsons Valley, Guthega and Island Bend Dams, Waste Point, Eucumbene Dam and thence to Sydney.

Estimated cost including 2 nights accommodation, meals, transport from Cooma etc. \$100 - \$150 per two (couple) people.

If you would be interested in going on such a trip please tick the box in the tear off slip and send to the Secretary.

FEBRUARY - Annual General Meeting - date to be advised in next Newsletter.

MAY-JUNE - A talk by Mr. E. Leggett on the use of remote sensing for vegetation surveys (especially weeds).

MID-1977 - A spray application workshop is being organised by A. McLennan.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

May you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and may your weeds flourish or wither whichever case suits your needs.

R.S.V.P.
19th November, 1976.

ANNUAL DINNER

I will be attending the Annual Dinner on Friday 26th November and request

----- Single Tickets @ \$11.00

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Remittance for ----- is enclosed.

Signed -----

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