

who had been to the Biennial Meeting made comments on the need for a separate Society of Archivists, and took action which may well lead to the formation of such a group. Mr. Michael Saclier mentions this in this quarter's "Miscellany".

4. Incoming Executive

The Section will be led by Miss E. Patricia Reynolds, the La Trobe Librarian (State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne) in 1974 and 1975, for during those years Miss Reynolds will be President and General Councillor. Mr. John Thompson is to be the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Thompson is Manuscripts Librarian at the State Library of Victoria. There has not been any change in the Editorship of this journal. The Committee is to consist of:

Miss P. Scott, Messrs. J. Cross, J. Love, M. Saclier, P. Wilson; Miss M. L. Medcalf; and a representative of Tasmania to be selected by the rest of the incoming Committee; in addition, the President, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, and Editor of *Archives and Manuscripts* (Mr. R. Sharman).

5. Outgoing Executive

The former President and General Councillor, Miss M. L. Medcalf, and the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. J. H. M. Honniball, have contributed a great deal to the work and life of the Section, and their service has been much appreciated.

6. Liaison Officers for Archives and Manuscripts

There are to be liaison officers in each Capital City of Australia and its presently largest overseas Territory; these people to be asked to solicit articles for *Archives and Manuscripts*, to suggest the names of persons likely to be willing and able to write suitable articles, and to assist the Editor in seeing that editorial deadlines are met. The Liaison Officers are to be:

Sydney – Mr. G. L. Fischer.

Melbourne – Mr. J. Thompson.

Port Moresby – Miss N. Lutton.

Brisbane – Mr. P. D. Wilson.

Perth – Mr. J. H. M. Honniball.

Canberra – Mr. M. Saclier.

Hobart – Mrs. M. McRae.

Adelaide – Mr. J. Love.

7. Section Dinner

The Biennial Dinner of the Archives Section was held at the Palace Hotel, a venue chosen for its historic importance. Twenty-seven members and their guests attended, and it was a function most keenly enjoyed and appreciated.

8. Tours

Local members of the Section took visitors in four cars to the State's two leading archival repositories – the Commonwealth Archives Office at Karrakatta, and the Battye Library in the State Reference Library, Perth. The comparatively small number of people involved enabled the function to be managed readily, and there was no pressure to hurry or to keep to schedules. The visitors were very appreciative of what they saw.

NEWS NOTES

Archives Authority of New South Wales

Work has begun on the first 12 cells of the new Government Records Repository at Kingswood. Preliminary excavations and filling were completed in August and the Government recently awarded a contract to W. McNamara Ltd. for the construction work.

August was also marked by the publication of the long awaited inventory of the *Colonial Secretary's Correspondence* records. Apart from being extremely voluminous and heavily used these records are perhaps the most important of any held in the Archives Office. The inventory was prepared over a number of years by the Assistant Senior Archivist Mrs. D. Troy.

Queensland State Archives

Recent transfers to Queensland State Archives include:

Queensland Art Gallery – Registers of paintings, correspondence, and other papers 1891-1972.

Glengallen Shire Council (Warwick) – Correspondence 1918-57.

Commissioner of Police – Correspondence and reports on various subjects 1887-1949.

Library Board of Queensland – minutes and agenda (security set), 1958-67.

Police Department – Jundah Station, reports and correspondence 1913-50.

Department of Lands – Land Agent, Nanango, Register of agricultural farms, 1885-1926.

Department of Justice – Election Papers, 1960.

Early in August, Mr. James Bruce, Document Repairer, returned from his visit to the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States, which was made possible by his award from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. When Mr. Bruce has reported formally to the Trust, full details of his findings overseas will be supplied. At present it is sufficient to say that his experience will be of great benefit in Queensland and hopefully to other institutions as well.

Work is proceeding on the supply of 17,000 linear feet of new shelving for the lower ground floor of the building at Dutton Park. The current work program includes the air-conditioning of the photographic area.

Microfilming of Queensland newspapers is proceeding. The following runs are now available for sale:

Townsville Daily Bulletin, 1919-28.

Western Star (Roma), 1890-1929.

Wild River Times (Herberton), 1897-1900.

Cairns Morning Post, 1902-03.

Charters Towers Morning Standard, 1896-1904.

Orders should be addressed to the Archivist, Queensland State Archives, 162 Annerley Road, Dutton Park, Queensland, 4102.

Australian National University Archives

The two positions mentioned in the last *News Notes* have at last been advertised at the time of writing and by publication appointments will it is hoped have been made.

One of these positions is that to be vacated by Mrs. A. D. Kinsman who, when she retires formally at the end of the year, will have completed almost exactly 14 years association with the unit. Mrs. Kinsman holds a B.A. (Hons) in history from London University College and also has qualifications in law from the Law Society, London. Her work in the archives and her knowledge of the records have been invaluable over the years and will be sadly missed by her colleagues as will her kindness, humour and helpfulness.

For medical reasons she will be taking accumulated leave during October, November and December, before formally retiring on December 31. Her colleagues wish her a long and happy retirement as no doubt will those who have worked with her and have been helped by her over the years.

Recent deposits include records of the N.S.W. Combined Colliery Proprietors' Association (or, more properly of its regional predecessors), the Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations, the Queensland Branches of the W.W.F. and the A.F.U.L.E. and additional deposits from the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation, the Federated Ironworkers' Association, the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the Federal Office of the W.W.F.

University of Melbourne Archives

Staffing has increased with the appointment of an additional Assistant Archivist, Dr. J. M. Richmond.

Ways and means are still being sought for a new building for the department. Meanwhile improvements have been made to the main repository, Palmerston Place, Carlton.

Holdings of business records now total some five thousand two hundred metres from over 350 sources. Notable accessions for 1973 include records of South Australian Oil Wells N.L., Fairley Rigby & Co. Pty. Ltd., 1912-1919 (British Solomons plantation owners), Robison Bros. & Co. Pty. Ltd. (engineers – scattered material), Woodall-Duckham (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. (engineers). Work continues on processing the records of Broken Hill South Ltd. for transfer. In addition the records of the Statistical Society of Australia (Victorian Branch) and of the Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division) have been placed with the collection.

Australian Historical Association

At the recent ANZAAS conference in Perth the historians present decided to form an Australian Historical Association on similar lines to the historical associations long existent in England, the U.S.A., Canada and elsewhere. The Association has as its objects: the encouragement of historical study, teaching and research, and it aims to forward the common interests of all historians. Membership is open to all those who support these objectives.

The initial subscription to the Association is \$5 which covers the period until the end of 1974. Application forms may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Dr. T. G. Parsons, School of Historical, Philosophical and Political Studies, Macquarie University, North Ryde, N.S.W., 2113, who will also be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the A.H.A. If you are a historian become a member.

SYDNEY ARCHIVISTS GROUP

Quarterly meetings of this group have continued throughout 1973. In March Mr David Casey of IBM Australia Ltd., led a discussion on "Automation and the archivist"; in June Mrs Ann (Mozley) Moyal, formerly Research Assistant to Lord Beaverbrook, gave a talk on Beaverbrook as a collector of contemporary political papers, and in September Mr Tom Lovett of Lovett Vickery and Associates, Consultants in Records Management, led a discussion on the functions of records managers and archivists. In connection with the last meeting, a questionnaire was circulated by Mr Lovett, and it is hoped that an analysis of the answers will become available before the end of year. A final 1973 gathering of the Group is planned for Tuesday, December 4, 1973, in the form of a buffet dinner. Archivists who may happen to be in Sydney at the time would be welcome to attend (expected charge \$5) and might write to Miss P. Quinn, Archivist, Bank of N.S.W., for more details. Meetings will be resumed in March 1974.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF NEW ZEALAND

Following on from the death of Mr John Pascoe, there was no appointment of a Chief Archivist for some months. Ultimately Miss Judith Hornabrook was appointed to the position. Miss Hornabrook has been on the staff of the National Archives for some years, and her name is well-known to Australian archivists.

Another issue of the *Annual Summary of Work* was expected for distribution soon after the most recent news notes were prepared for *Archives and Manuscripts* (September 1973). The summary refers to staff changes, including the death of Mr John Dobree Pascoe, and the appointment of Mr K. N. Cook as Officer-in-charge of the Lower Hutt Records Centre.

The question of accommodation remains a vital one for the archivists in New Zealand. With the prospect of a large quantity of records arriving at the National Archives in Wellington before the end of 1973, archivists are aware that storage space in the Wellington area will soon be almost full. In Auckland, extensions to the Record Centre have only just been completed. Thus it is hoped that accommodation problems in the northern city have been solved, at least for the present.

Mr R. Griffin has been appointed archivist of the Bank of New Zealand.