

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS

A Note on the Society

Although the Australian Society of Archivists was inaugurated at a meeting in Canberra in April 1975, and although the Society has been the publisher of this journal commencing with Volume 6, Number 6 (February 1976), no formal notification of the Society's formation or exposition of its organization has been made in these pages, and it has been thought prudent to attend to that omission, however briefly.

The inaugural meeting adopted, after making a number of amendments, a draft set of rules prepared by a representative steering committee. The Society is essentially an organization of professional archivists with provision for non-voting associate and institutional membership. In the broadest terms, its objects are to forward the interests of archives and archivists. The day to day running of the Society is the responsibility of an elected Council comprising five office bearers as an Executive with five other Council members. The Council holds office between biennial general meetings of the Society. The inaugural Council elected on 5 April 1975 was as follows:

President: Michael Saclier
Vice-President: Ian Maclean
Secretary: Patricia Quinn
Treasurer: Max Franklin
Editor: Andrew Lemon
Other members of Council:
Gerald Fischer
Lee McGregor
Peter Orlovich
Dianne Patenall
Ian Pearce

Since the Inaugural General Meeting, two Honorary Life Members of the Society have been elected, Mr Robert Sharman and Miss Phyllis Mander-Jones. In September 1976 the Society was admitted as a Category B member of the International Council on Archives.

The first Biennial General Meeting and the Conference of the Society will be held in Canberra in May 1977.

THE VIIIth CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHIVES

A report by Ian Maclean

Being lucky enough to have been invited to serve as a panelist for the first of four so-called 'plenary' sessions of the above Congress, and hence have all expenses paid by the U.S. Government Endowment for the Humanities, I was able to represent the Society (a Category B member of the Council); the Archives Office of New South Wales (to