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Membership of the Society increased by 24 during the year, the total now standing at 181. There were 46 new members, 27 from interstate and 19 from Victoria, and there was a loss of 22 members. Membership figures are as follows:

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The Newsletter has, once again, fulfilled its function admirably, under the editorship of Geraldine Suter. Summaries of the Newsletter appear in both The Indexer and the Bulletin of the Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada, thus taking news of our activities to a wide audience of indexers. The Newsletter is exchanged with 10 other societies, in Australia and overseas, whose interests are related to those of the Society.

Quarterly meetings followed much the same format as in recent years. The Annual General Meeting in February took the form of a dinner, with a minimum of business and a maximum of good fellowship and informal exchange of news and views on indexing. In April, Michael Harrington outlined the problems of indexing Hansard and other government publications. Members attending the third meeting in September were treated to a description of an unusual aspect of indexing, that of fingerprint classification and retrieval of information from records arranged according to the Henry Fingerprint System, the talk given by Senior Sergeant Mark Elwood of the Fingerprint Bureau of Victoria Police. The last meeting in November took the form of a workshop at which matters of practical interest, such as the role of microcomputers in indexing, vied for attention with exotic topics such as the problems of indexing Telecom's Yellow Pages. Our thanks go to Sue Harvey and Karen Borchardt for their work in organising this most successful event. The Executive Committee met eight times during the year and the President wishes to put on record her appreciation of its efforts in the planning and, in many cases, the execution of the Society's program of activities.

There were two short courses in indexing, both departing from the format used in previous years. The first was conducted in conjunction with the A.C.T. Group of the Cataloguers' Section of the Library Association of Australia, the venue being Canberra and the duration the weekend of 4-6 April. The second course was, again, a weekend course, the participants being resident at the Ballarat College of Advanced Education, 4-6 July. Both courses were conducted for the Society by the Department of Information Studies of Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. Members will be canvassed during the coming year to ascertain their preference for the format most suited to their requirements.

The services of the Panel of Assessors were available to the membership; however, not many took advantage of these, only four names being added to the list of Registered Indexers. Members should be fully aware of the advantage, in seeking commissions, of having the status of Registered Indexer and it is to be hoped that more will apply to the Panel for assessment and registration.

There was no award of the Australian Society of Indexers Medal, although 15 indexes were submitted. Regrettably, the panel of judges was not able to make any nomination for the medal as none of the indexes reached the standard required for a prestigious award.
An updated edition of *Indexers Available* was issued and response has been encouraging. Consideration will now be given to the consolidation of this important aspect of the Society's program. Both indexers and employers of indexers will be canvassed for suggestions for improvements in future editions.

An attempt is being made to compile a list of institutions offering courses which include sections concerned with or related to indexing. A questionnaire was sent to about 100 institutions; to date, 30 replies have been received and of these only seven show that relevant courses are being taught. A report on the survey will appear in the *Newsletter*.

The Society has continued its interest in the activities of other relevant organisations, the main one being the Forum of Information Associations, at which the Society is represented by Jennifer Challis.

After long and sometimes agonising deliberations, the Society has unveiled its logo which now appears on its notepaper and publications. The Committee hopes that the design, which is along similar lines to those used by a number of up-market organisations such as IBM, reflects the image of Society wishes to convey to the public at large, that of a body able to cope with the present and ready to move into the future.
### AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF INDEXERS

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

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| On call RESI               | 218.71 |
| Fixed term RESI            | 596.78 |
| Fixed term Colonial Mutual | 500.00 |
| Plus Income                | 1,775.77 |
| Less Expenditure           | 11,653.51 |
| **Total**                  | **$1,939.30** |

#### ASSETS

| Cash in bank                | 607.66 |
| RESI - On Call              | 225.67 |
| - Fixed Term                | 518.33 |
| Colonial Mutual Fixed Term  | 587.64 |
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ARGUS INDEXING PROJECT

The Argus indexing project was featured in the November 1985 issue of the Newsletter. In this issue, Ron Scott, a volunteer worker with the project, gives his impressions of the newspaper in the 1860s.

The project, which commenced in 1984, covers the period 1859-1910 and depends on the work of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Dr John Hirst, History Department, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic. 3083. Tel: (03) 478 3122.

The papers generally contain eight large pages and at first appear uninteresting because of the lack of any sketches or photographs and because of the advertisements which usually occupy the first three pages. However these are but a preface to a wealth of information contained in the long and often caustic editorials, items of current news, legal and council reports, extracts from country papers, letters to the editors, despatches from overseas etc.

I have been working on papers from the latter part of 1869 and, having been a history teacher, find much of it very interesting. My chief impressions are of the protracted Parliamentary debates (which are printed in great detail) particularly in relation to land selection and education; the large number of criminal cases, from petty theft of clothing to double murder; and the number of inquiries held into such matters as the railways, shipping, and the operation of the land regulations. Most papers contain lists of new insolvency cases with their reasons - bad debts, decline in business, sickness in family, want of constant employment, losses on contracts and so on.

This was the time of the Short Hour Movement, particularly in the bakery trade which seems to have been notorious. In a letter to the editor certain journeymen (apprentices?) expressed their gratitude for reforms made by their Fitzroy employer. They had worked 80 hours per week, including 14 hours on Mondays and 17½ hours on Saturdays. Under the new arrangements they were to work only 57 hours per week. Part of their letter reads, 'We commence work every morning at 4 o'clock and we never did, nor under the new system do, any work on Sundays'.
This was also the time of the Saturday Half-holiday Movement. A public meeting chaired by the Mayor of Melbourne, Mr Moubray, and attended by about 1000 people, was reported in the paper on 14 October 1869.

The aim of the meeting was to promote the general adoption of a weekly half-holiday for retail traders and their assistants. The Early Closing Association was critical of the heavy trading that took place on Saturday as this compelled the retail trading community to devote 12-18 hours of that day to toil. One argument used was that it ill-prepared these people for the Sabbath - hence perhaps the heavy representation of clergy, a number of whom spoke in support of this half-holiday.

John Pasoe Fawkner died on the 4 September 1869 and his funeral was held four days later. Considerable space was devoted to his career and to the 1835 expedition which chose the site alongside the Yarra. The Argus had this to say about the controversial question of who was the founder of Melbourne:

Though not the first to land, Mr. Fawkner was the promoter of the expedition. The selection of the site was made according to his instructions, and he was afterwards the most active agent in establishing the settlement. For these reasons he has always been accorded honour as 'The Founder of Melbourne'.

For his funeral, public offices were closed by Government proclamation and thousands witnessed the procession of 228 carriages including 53 public vehicles such as hansom cabs and cars.

In the 1860s, public lectures were used as a means of educating the public. Subjects included the N.Z. Maori Wars, Prehistoric Man and Science and Religion.

Some items are very amusing, such as this report of a wedding from a country newspaper:

In the English church at Portland on Tuesday a young couple from Narrawong, gorgeously arrayed and bent on matrimonial business, presented themselves before Mr. Allnut. Before the ceremony had concluded, that gentleman discovered that the winsome bride was of the babyish age of 19, and that no evidence of father's consent was forthcoming. Here was a dire affair and what was to be done? The father was 11 miles distant and the unsympathising clergyman, with visions of penalties before his eyes, was obdurate. There did not seem to be much margin in the way of time to spare and the bride, with a promptitude that augurs well for her ability to meet emergencies in after life, quickly decided upon a course of action. She immediately despatched her younger brother on a fleet horse for the necessary consent. The young centaur did the 11 miles out and 11 miles back in an hour and a half, over one of the worst roads in the country, spending some minutes executing his business as well. His activity was rewarded by seeing the completion of the ceremony. The united couple departed victoriously from the vicinage of the church, in a coach drawn by 4 spirited nags.

The course of true love never did run smooth!!

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AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF INDEXERS MEDAL

The Australian Society of Indexers will offer in 1987 an award for an outstanding index to a book or periodical compiled and first published in Australia. The award is called the Australian Society of Indexers Medal.

To be eligible for the award, the index must be in print and must have been first published in Australia between January 1, 1985 and December 31, 1986. It must have been compiled in Australia even though the text to which it refers may have originated outside Australia.

Indexers, librarians, authors, publishers, indeed all who are concerned with indexed publications are invited to recommend indexes as contenders for the 1987 award. Recommendations with copies of the works or, if not feasible, essential bibliographical details should be sent to the Secretary, Australian Society of Indexers, GPO Box 1251L, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 by April 30, 1987.

WHY NO INDEX?

The decision to exclude an index is often based on considerations of time or cost. But not always - as shown in these excerpts, sent to us by Ann Taylor and Vera Wicks respectively.

This book has no formal index. Readers and reviewers are not, however, invited to take this as a sign of idleness or lack of scholarly attention on the part of myself or my editors; it has been a deliberate decision. The number of books published by Rosamond Lehmann is quite small, each is mentioned over and
over again in my text and to most of them whole chapters are effectively devoted. This is not a biography; my text is not concerned with places, people or events so much as with themes. Any index which confined itself, in the traditional way, to concrete items, proper names etc., would be too short and uninformative to be of much use; conversely one which attempted, by some means, to recapitulate the true nature of the book's contents would not make much sense except to someone who had already read the book. I have therefore preferred to set out the contents to each chapter rather more fully than is customary in the Contents, in the hope that this will be of sufficient assistance to any reader wishing to look up a specific book or phase of the author's life.

(Gillian Tindall, Rosamond Lehmann: an appreciation, Chatto & Windus, London, 1985.)

I admit I was annoyed because there was no index and I was keen to look up all the places I knew best. But I learnt from a local Suffolk magazine that even this was a carefully considered ploy by this wily master of words. He told his publishers categorically to leave out an index. 'If you have an index all people do is turn to that and look up where they live or where so and so lives and they never read anything. If you don't have an index, then you start reading.' He was right - and what a good read it turned out to be.

(Hammond Innes' East Anglia. Hodder & Stoughton. Reviewed in In Britain vol. 41, no. 11, November 1986.)

BOOK REVIEWS - INDEXES MENTIONED

BEAVIS, Margery & BEAVIS, Betty. Avoca: The Early Years. Reviewed by R.J. Flavell, Genealogist vol. 5, no. 4, December 1986. '... a very good general index.'


'Unlike some conference proceedings, this book does have an index. However, its usefulness is variable. For instance, the user of 'duplex' is directed to see 'full duplex', but not 'half duplex' or 'simplex', both of which appear in the index. The use of 'see' references in a small table seems an unnecessary affectation. Perhaps it is the fault of the editor rather than the indexer, but at least one term, 'wired city' was indexed as being on one page when actually it appeared on the next. The index would have been more useful had the index included a note as to what was to be included.
For example, a one sentence reference to John Naisbitt earned him a place in
the index, but two pages on simultaneous voice and data capability were ignored.'

'Yet that fine sapper's description of his gruesome discovery after a counter-
mine blew in part of the Australian diggings beneath the Turkish line is
quoted in the text, although annoyingly not indexed.'

GROSSMAN, Richard. The other medicines. Pan. Reviewed by Catherine Mason,
Healthright vol. 5, no. 4, August 1986.
'Finally, there is an index, very thorough and useful, although it does use
American spelling conventions, and an annotated book list for further reading.'

GUILLBAUD, John. Contraception. Pitman. Reviewed by Sue Hepburn,
Healthright vol. 6, no. 1, November 1986.
'... extensive index.'

LASSITER, Chris. Review of Amstrad PC 1512, PC Australia December 1986/
'The user manual supplied with the system, although only a photocopy for
education, is excellent. It is comprehensive, easy to read, and well-
indexed. Top marks.'

review no. 86, November 1986.
'... if you don't want to read the whole book, the index is a big help.'

ODENT, Michael. Entering the world. New American Library, New York and
Scarborough. Reviewed by Shane Marsh, Healthright vol. 5, no. 2, February
1986.
'The index is badly organised and inadequate.'

SNYDER, Jim & SHACKLETON, Keith. Ship in the wilderness. Dent. Reviewed
'There is an ample index.

YELELAND, E.M. (ed.) Colonists, copper and corn in the Colony of South
Australia, 1850-51 by Old Colonist. Hawthorn. Reviewed by Graham Field,
Genealogist vol. 5, no. 4, December 1986.
'... a good index.'

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CECILIA GORDON'S BAD LUCK

Members of the Society in Melbourne were disappointed when bad luck denied
them the opportunity of meeting the visiting English Indexer, Cecilia
Gordon. Her husband, John Gordon, had been a staunch friend of our Society
in its early days, helping it to achieve a satisfactory arrangement in
connection with affiliation with Society of Indexers, of which he was the
Secretary.
Cecilia came to Melbourne in November last, planning to go on to other states, to visit friends and see the sights. Unfortunately, soon after arriving in Melbourne, she fell and broke her hip, as a result of this spending much of her time in hospital and the rest recuperating to enable her to undertake the arduous air journey home. She sends greetings to our Society and we hope she is recovering, soon to be her usual sprightly self.

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NOTES AND NEWS

The Records Management Association of Australia is to hold its 4th National Convention in Melbourne from 6-9 September 1987. The Convention will include three workshops:

- Law and the record, covering public access to records, government access to records, records retention laws, privacy etc.;
- Office automation and records management, including records management software, computerised indexing, system integration etc.;
- Records management fundamentals.

For further information contact RMAA 4th National Convention, G.P.O. Box 2270U, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

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Jane Nokes, Corporate Archivist, Bank of Nova Scotia, will speak on automation for archives and records at a seminar organised by the Australian Society of Archivists, Melbourne Branch, at State Bank, corner of Collins and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne, on Wednesday 29 April, 1987. For further information contact The Archivist, State Bank, P.O. Box 267D, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

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Michael Roper, Deputy Keeper of Public Records, London, will be guest speaker at a seminar organised by the Australian Society of Archivists, Melbourne Branch, and the Public Record Office of Victoria. The seminar will be held at 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne on Wednesday 29 April 1987. For further information contact Keeper of Public Records, 8th floor, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

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Thanks to those who responded to our request for contributions to the 'Book reviews-indexes mentioned' section of the Newsletter. If you come across any items which would be suitable, please send them to The Editor, Australian Society of Indexers, G.P.O. Box 1251L, Melbourne, Vic. 3001.
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