



# Royal Society of New South Wales

## Annual Report of Council

### For the year ending 31 March 2012

The Council of the Society for 2011/2012 comprised:

President	Mr John Hardie
Vice Presidents	Prof Heinrich Hora Mr Clive Wilmot Prof Brynn Hibbert
Hon. Secretary (General)	Dr William Kneprath (resigned July 2012)
Hon. Secretary (Editorial)	Dr Donald Hector
Hon. Treasurer	Anthony Nolan OAM Acting until January 2012; Mr David Beale (from February 2012)
Librarian	Mr Anthony Nolan
Councillors:	Dr Frederick Osman Prof Bruce Warren Ms Julie Haeusler Mr Brendon Hyde A/Prof William Sewell
Southern Highlands Rep	Mr Clive Wilmot
Central West Rep	A/Prof Maree Simpson

The Council met eleven times during the reporting period at the Society's Rooms, and in addition several meetings of Council sub-committees were held. Sub-committees for Awards, Activities, Publications and Publicity were active during the term of the Council.

#### **ACCOMODATION**

The Society continues to occupy premises at 121 Darlington Road, Darlington Campus, University of Sydney. The Society would like to express its gratitude to the University of Sydney for its continuing support of the Society's accommodation needs.

#### **LIBRARY**

The Society continues to operate a journal exchange program with some 600 overseas organisations. The exchanged journals are housed in the Dixson Library at the University of New England, which maintains and provides full access to this material. The Society wishes to thank the University for its support of the Society's collection. Further library holdings of the Society continue to be housed in secure warehouse accommodation, and the Society wishes to thank Mr Clive Wilmot for his efforts here.

#### **LECTURES**

The Society held a full program of monthly lectures in Sydney and also presented the Clarke Memorial Lecture for 2011 in conjunction with the School of Geosciences at the University of Sydney, the NSW Division of the Geological Society of Australia and the Australian Academy of Science.

The Clarke Lecturer for 2011 was Professor John F. Dewey of Oxford University and the University of California.

In addition the Society participated in a joint lecture with the Australian Institute of Physics and held the Annual Four Societies Lecture held in conjunction with the Australian Nuclear Association, The Australian Institute of Energy and The Nuclear Engineering Panel of the Sydney Branch of Engineers Australia.

## **FELLOWS**

At the Society's Annual Dinner on Friday 24 February 2012 NSW Chief Scientist Professor Mary O'Kane presented the Society's new Fellows with their certificates. These were:

Professor Jill Trewhella FAAAS FRSN

Professor Noel Hush AO FAA FRS FRSN

The Society is saddened by the recent loss of Professor Jak Kelly, one of its inaugural Fellows and past President of the Society.

## **AWARDS**

Awards for 2011 were presented at the Annual Dinner by the Chief Scientist of NSW Professor Mary O'Kane.

Clarke Medal (Botany)                      Professor Byron Lamont

Edgeworth David Medal                  Dr Trent Woodruff

The Society's Studentship Awards for 2011 were won by Andre Kyme, Benjamin Parker and Amelia Edington. The winner of the Royal Society of NSW/Australian Institute of Physics Postgraduate Award for 2011 was Martin Fuechsle. These awards were presented at a special student presentation evening preceding the Society's Christmas Party on Wednesday 7 December 2011.

## **JOURNAL**

Volume 144 Parts 1-4 of our Journal and Proceedings was published in 2011.

Council wishes to thank the referees of papers offered for publication, as well as all members of the Editorial Board. Several meetings of the Editorial Board were held at the Society's Rooms throughout the year.

## **BULLETIN AND PROCEEDINGS**

The Bulletin and Proceedings of the Society was published monthly during the year, except for December and January. We are indebted to the authors of short articles and for information submitted to the Bulletin and to members who assisted in its preparation and distribution, particularly Mr Tony Nolan and Ms Emily Nolan, and to our Office Managers, Brittany Cooper and Emma Dallas for their support.

The Society wishes to thank Dr Mike Lake for maintaining our website at <http://nsw.royalsoc.org.au>

## **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BRANCH**

The Southern Highlands Branch held 10 meetings during the reporting period that were well attended by members and visitors.

At the request of the Branch the printing and distribution of the Lecture Flyers was conducted by the central office.

The Southern Highlands Branch Committee for 2011/2012 was:

Chairman	Mr Clive Wilmot
Vice-Chairman	Mr Ted Smith
Hon. Secretary	Ms Anne Wood
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Mike Jonas
Publicity Officer	Mr Hub Regtop

The Branch thanks Frensham School, Mittagong, for their generous provision of meeting venues.

## **CENTRAL WEST BRANCH**

The Central West Branch held 5 meetings during the reporting period that were well attended by members and visitors.

The Central West Branch Committee for 2011/2012 was:

Chairpersons	Dr Yann Guisard A/Prof Maree Simpson
Hon. Treasurer	Dr Scott Andrew
Hon. Secretary	Dr Murray Fletcher

## **OFFICE**

The Society is grateful for the work of Ms Brittany Cooper and Ms Emma Dallas, Office Managers of the Society during this period. We are also grateful to Dr Donald Hector and others for their work in upgrading the computing capability and software used in the office.



# **Royal Society of New South Wales**

## **Financial Report of Council**

### **For the year ending 31 December 2011**

Your Council Members submit the following financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2011.

#### **OFFICE-BEARERS**

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Vice Presidents	Heinrich Hora Clive Wilmot Brynn Hibbert
Hon. Secretary (General)	William Kneprath (until July 2011)
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Hon. Treasurer	Anthony Nolan OAM (Acting until January 2012) David Beale (from February 2012)
Librarian	Anthony Nolan

#### **COUNCILLORS**

Frederick Osman  
Bruce Warren  
Julie Haeusler  
Brendon Hyde  
Bill Sewell

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the Society during the year were: organisation of meetings, monthly scientific lecture and publications of the Journal & Proceedings of the Royal Society of NSW as well as a monthly Bulletin.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**OPERATING RESULT**

The loss for the year amounted to (\$14,326) (2010 - loss \$13,034)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Council

**STATEMENT**

The accounts of the Society have been reconciled.

These financial reports are the unaudited financial reports of the Council of the Royal Society of New South Wales for the year ending 31 December 2011.

President John Hardie.....

Hon. Treasurer Anthony Nolan.....

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of .....April 2012, Sydney.