



THE
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Australia.

PERTH DIVISION

Annual Report

for the

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1939

GLEDDEN BUILDINGS,
PERTH.

The Institution of Engineers, Australia

(Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1938.)

PERTH DIVISION.

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE 1939-40 SESSION.

The retiring Committee has pleasure in submitting its report for the 20th Session of the Perth Division of The Institution.

We congratulate Lieut.-Col. G. Drake-Brockman, M.C., M.I.E.Aust., on his nomination as President-elect of The Institution for the 1940-41 Session, and express our appreciation of the honour conferred on him and the Perth Division.

The 19th Annual General Meeting was held at Division Headquarters, Gledden Building, on 27th March, 1939, when the retiring Chairman, Mr. J. W. Young, M.I.E.Aust., delivered his address, "The Problem of Traffic and Road Development in Western Australia," and the following members were declared elected as Officers and Committee for the 1939-40 Session:—

Chairman	Mr. W. A. McCullough
Past-Chairman	„ J. W. Young
Vice-Chairman	„ J. S. Foxall
Vice-Chairman	„ E. H. Oldham
Hon. Secretary	„ J. B. Jukes
Hon. Treasurer	„ A. G. Sloane

Committee: Assoc.-Prof. O. F. Blakey, Dr. A. T. Bowden, Messrs. E. W. C. Godfrey, S. J. Hood, F. M. Kenworthy, H. Middleton.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Eleven Committee Meetings were held during the Session, and the attendance was as follows:—

Blakey, O. F.	6	Jukes, J. B.	11
Bowden, A. T.	2 (a)	Kenworthy, F. M.	9
Davies, I.	9 (c)	McCullough, W. A.	8
Foxall, J. S.	5 (b)	Middleton, H.	8
Godfrey, E. W. C.	8	Oldham, E. H.	11
Grigg, C. D.	8 (d)	Sloane, A. G.	8
Hood, S. J.	5	Young, J. W.	9

(a) Leave of Absence, 9 meetings.

(b) Leave of Absence, 4 meetings.

(c) Asst. Honorary Secretary.

(d) Representative of Juniors & Students' Section.

REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL.

The Councillors for the Division for the 1939-40 Session were Assoc.-Prof. O. F. Blakey and Messrs. W. A. McCullough and J. W. Young. These members have been re-elected for the 1940-41 Session.

Assoc.-Prof. Blakey attended the 81st Meeting of Council held in Sydney in October.

SCRUTINEERS.

The Committee acknowledges with thanks the services of the following members, who acted as scrutineers for the 1939-40 Session:—

Messrs. F. B. Durrant, J. D. Leach and D. A. Ross.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Division at 31/12/39 was as follows:—

Members	29
Associate Members	160
Associates	1
Juniors	38
Students	44
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The following were elected during the year:—

Member:

J. Stevenson Young

Associate:

Member:

Pidgeon, J. A.

Taylor, F. J. N.

Junior:

Halpern, L.

Kilminster, R. W.

Taylor, J. A.

Umschweif, L.

Student:

Clarke, E. S.

Lane, E. H.

McCleery, J. M.

Odlum, A. H. R.

Siggs, E. M.

Young, N. S.

Grade Transfers during the year:—

Assoc. Member to Member:

Foxall, J. S.

Kenworthy, F. M.

McCullough, W. A.

Junior to Associate Member:

Gillespie, J. D.

Klem, C. T.

Lambert, A. E.

Temby, D. O.

Weatherburn, D. C.

Weatherburn, A. K.

White, O. C. C.

Student to Associate Member:

Espie, J. R.

Warman, C. H.

Student to Junior:

Button, R. G.

Simpson, R. C.

Shirley, J. B.

Transfers from other Divisions:—

Associate Members:

Barr, F. R.

McRae, M. P.

Paterson, R. B.

Junior:

Bott, K. G.

Transfers to other Divisions:—

Associate Members:

Cooper, K. L.

Hosking, F. K.

Manners, G. S.

McCay, L. B.

Students:

Beecham, R. A.

Clarke, E. S.

Hill, A. R.

Mills, D. C.

Rutherford, A. D.

ERASURES—

Sheppard, H. J. (A.M.)

McCombe, A. G. (Std.)

DEATHS—

Whitfield, H. E. (M.)

Davis, M. J. (M.)

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The following General Meetings were held during the Session :—

Date	Paper or Address	Author	Att.
24/4/39—			
	Tides at Fremantle	A. Bennett	48
22/5/39—			
	Relaying of the Morawa-Mullewa Section	E. G. Clifford and T. G. Chippington	32
26/6/39—			
	Discussion and Short Papers on "Secondary Industries in W.A."	Members and Chamber of Manufactures	70
24/7/39—			
	Reconstruction of Jetties in the North-West	J. J. G. Punch	25
28/8/39 (a)—			
	Electricity Supply in W.A.	W. H. Taylor	45
25/9/39—			
	Construction of Bituminous Artificial Catchments at Perenjori and Narrogin	W. A. McCullough and J. W. Young	40
23/10/39 (b)—			
	Power	Prof. A. D. Cameron	68
27/11/39—			
	Some Impressions Abroad	J. A. Ellis	70
	(a) This was a joint meeting with the W.A. Branch of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London.		
	(b) This was an invitation lecture at which ladies and members of kindred societies were present.		

The average attendance at the General Meetings was approximately 50.

The Annual Dinner was cancelled owing to the nation being at war.

The Division's representatives have been associated with the following organisations during the Session :—

Committees of the Standards Association of Australia.

Air Raids Precautions Committee.

The Civic and Professional Group Committee of the Ministry of Information.

The Engineering Faculty of the University of W.A.

A committee of the Department of Industry.

A committee was appointed and conferred with officials of the Mines Department regarding the drafting of the proposed Amending Bill to the Inspection of Machinery Act.

FINANCE.

The Auditors' Report, the Annual Balance Sheet and Revenue Account are presented with this report.

AWARDS AND MEDALS.

Congratulations are extended to the following members for the honours conferred on them:—

Mr. K. W. Taplin, A.M.I.E.Aust., was awarded the Gledden Fellowship by the University of W.A. This was the first award of this Fellowship.

Messrs. N. Fernie, A.M.I.E.Aust., and R. J. Keating, A.M.I.E.Aust., have been awarded the Chapman Medal for 1935 (1st award), for their paper entitled, "Continuous Welding of Exposed Mains, as Applied to the Goldfields Water Supply."

Messrs. R. J. Dumas, M.I.E.Aust., and V. C. Munt, A.M.I.E.Aust., have been awarded the Chapman Medal for 1936 (2nd award), for their paper entitled "The Construction of the Canning Dam, Western Australia."

Mr. F. S. Shaw, Stud.I.E.Aust., was awarded the first prize in the Cable Makers' Association Engineering Drawing Competition for W.A.

Mr. V. L. Moore, Stud.I.E.Aust., was awarded the second prize in the Cable Makers' Association Engineering Drawing Competition for W.A.

Mr. K. F. Hudson, Jun.I.E.Aust., was awarded the Juniors and Students' Prize for 1938. This is the second occasion on which Mr. Hudson has been awarded the prize.

LIBRARY.

The binding of Journals has been kept up to date, thirteen new reference books have been added to the library, and an attractive book-plate has been obtained. The Committee hopes that this policy of adding to the reference section each year will be continued.

THE DAVIS BEQUEST.

Mr. M. J. Davis, M.I.E.Aust., who died in May, 1939, bequeathed the sum of £100 sterling to the Perth Division of The Institution. With this generous bequest the Division Committee has purchased a complete 16 mm. Movie Camera and Projector equipment which is to be suitably inscribed with Mr. Davis' name. This equipment will be of great value to the Division in obtaining records of works, exchanging films with other Divisions and professional bodies and for recording the highlights of Conferences and similar Institution activities. Rules for the use of the equipment by members have been circulated.

JUNIORS AND STUDENTS' SECTION.

This Section had a successful year under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Edwards, Stud.I.E.Aust., and a report of their activities is appended.

JAMES B. JUKES.

Hon. Secretary.

JUNIORS AND STUDENTS' SECTION. ANNUAL REPORT.

The Management Committee has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Section during the 1939-40 Session.

The 8th Annual Meeting was held on 21st November, 1938, when the following officers were elected for the 1939-40 Session:—

Chairman Mr. J. J. Edwards
Vice-Chairman Mr. G. L. Cheffins
Hon. Secretary Mr. C. D. Grigg
Committee: Messrs. P. G. Leyden, N. H. Stewart
and H. B. Jarvis

A paper entitled "History of Architecture" was read by Mr. Ilroy, of the Royal Institute of the Architects of W.A. Sixteen members attended.

The 36th General Meeting was held on 8th May, 1939, when Mr. J. J. Edwards read a paper entitled "Road Construction." Eleven members present.

At the 37th General Meeting, held on 12th June, Mr. F. S. Shaw delivered a paper entitled "Analyses of Continuous Structures by means of Models," in the presence of 18 members.

The 38th General Meeting, held on 17th July, was attended by 12 members, when Mr. L. Umschweif read a paper entitled "Timber and its Application to Building Construction."

The 39th General Meeting was held on Monday, 14th August. Mr. F. E. Leahey delivered a paper entitled "Oil Firing Equipment."

At the 40th General Meeting held on 19th September a lecture, illustrated by a series of films, was given by Mr. Butterworth, of the Western Oxygen Company, on various phases of welding. Fifteen members were in attendance.

Although the year started with symptoms of enthusiasm well in evidence, the outbreak of war in September, and the consequent interruptions caused by military camps, etc., was chiefly responsible for a general lack of interest towards the close of the Session. Notwithstanding this, a successful Smoke Social was held at the Engineering School Hall in December. The thanks of the Section are due to Prof. O. F. Blakey, M.I.E.Aust., who made available the Engineering School.

The members of the Section take this opportunity to thank also those members of the Senior Division who gave up their time in the interests of the Management Committee.

C. D. GRIGG,
Hon. Secretary.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

26th January, 1940.

The Honorary Secretary,

The Institution of Engineers, Australia (Incorporated
by Royal Charter), Perth Division,
Perth.

Dear Sir,—

1. We have pleasure in reporting having completed the audit of the books and accounts of the Perth Division of The Institution for the year ended 31st December, 1939, subject to the following remarks. We append hereto the undermentioned statements:—

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1939.

Revenue Account for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

Schedule of Subscriptions in Arrears at 31st December, 1939.

Schedule of Subscriptions Paid in Advance at 31st December, 1939.

2. In accordance with the instruction issued by the Council of The Institution, only subscriptions (50%) actually collected during the year under review have been taken into account. Neither the whole nor any part of subscriptions in arrears at the balancing date have been brought into account, but the amount outstanding is shown as a Contingent Asset in a certificate on the Balance Sheet, and a schedule of these subscriptions is appended. There is another fee due by a member which was not paid by 31st December last and this is included in the certificate and particulars of it are attached.

3. The position in regard to Deferred Subscriptions did not change during the year.

4. We hold a certificate from the Commonwealth Bank of the amount of Inscribed Stock in the name of The Institution on 31st December, 1939.

5. Depreciation has been written off Furniture and Fittings and Library at a rate of not less than 10% per annum.

6. Subscriptions Paid in Advance prior to 31st December, 1939, are shown as a liability in the Balance Sheet, and a schedule of same is attached.

7. Accrued Interest on investments of Inscribed Stock has been brought into account at the balancing date.

8. The Revenue Account shows an excess of Expenditure over Income for the year of £6/1/1, and this has been deducted from the balance of Accumulated Funds. A refund of £7 has been received from the former landlord of part of the cost of a partition, which matter we referred to in our report for the previous year.

9. During the year a legacy was received from the Estate of the late Mr. M. J. Davis of £100 sterling, equal to £125/1/3 Australian currency. This amount has been added to Accumulated Funds. We understand that certain instruments for showing films for demonstration purposes are being purchased with this money and that a record of how the money is expended will be made in the books.

10. In conclusion, we have to state that subject to the comments contained in this report, and subject to the practice which has received your expressed approval, whereby certain items such as Telephone Charges, Interest on Loans, Deposits, etc., have been taken into account for a period of twelve months other than that covered by the Divisional financial year, the Balance Sheet, as appended hereto, is in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true and proper position of the Perth Division of the Institution as at 31st December, 1939, and contains all the particulars required by the Memorandum and Articles of the Institution and the Rules of the Perth Division.

11. We wish to record the satisfactory manner in which the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. A. G. Sloane, has continued to keep the books of the Division and presented same for Audit.

With compliments, we are,
Yours faithfully,

E. & R. STEPHEN HART,

Chartered Accountants (Aust.),
Auditors.



THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, AUSTRALIA (Incorporated by Royal Charter), PERTH DIVISION.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1939.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors	118	18 8	Furniture and Fittings—		
Headquarters I.E. Australia—			Balance at 31st December, 1938	414	18 7
Subscriptions, 50%	76	7 8	Additions for Year	99	12 1
Entrance Fees	3	3 0		514	10 8
Transfer Fees	10	10 0	Less Depreciation	56	17 5
Sale of Publications	5	0		457	13 3
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	90	5 8	Library—		
Subscriptions Suspense Account	16	3 7	Balance at 31st December, 1938	84	0 8
Accumulated Funds—	18	7 6	Additions for Year	22	16 9
Balance at 31st December, 1938	1678	4 9		106	17 5
Add M. J. Davis Bequest	125	1 3	Less Depreciation	9	7 7
	1803	6 0		97	9 10
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income			Sundry Debtors—		
for the year ended 31st December, 1939	6	6 1	University of W.A.	18	17 5
	1796	19 11	Deferred Subscriptions	18	7 6
			Accrued Interest	5	1 7
				42	6 6
CONTINGENT ASSETS.					
Subscriptions in Arrears—			Investments—		
We hereby certify that the value of Subscriptions			Commonwealth Inscribed Stock—		
in Arrears at 31st December, 1939, was as stated here-			1959, 4%	100	0 0
under:—			1954, 3½%	200	0 0
On account of year ended 31/12/1939	155	18 6	1949, 3½%	200	0 0
On account of year ended 31/12/1938	22	11 6	1948, 3%	200	0 0
On account of year ended 31/12/1937	9	11 6	1942, 3¾%	400	0 0
	£188	1 6		1100	0 0
			Cash at Bankers and on Hand—		
			Commonwealth Bank	282	5 8
			Commonwealth Savings Bank	55	0 1
			Cash on Hand	6	0 0
				343	5 9
				£2040	15 4

Particulars of the total involved are given in the schedule appended hereto; 50% of the whole or any portion of such arrears if and when collected shall be due to Headquarters.
There is also an amount of £3/3/- due by a member for Entrance Fee, the whole of which is due to Headquarters when collected.

A. GORDON SLOANE,
Hon Treasurer.
JAMES B. JUKES,
Hon. Secretary.

E. AND R. STEPHEN HART,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.),
Auditors.

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report to the Division Committee under date 26th January, 1940.

A. GORDON SLOANE,
Hon. Treasurer.
JAMES B. JUKES,
Hon. Secretary.

E. AND R. STEPHEN HART,
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This is the Revenue Account for the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1939, referred to in our report to the Division Committee under date 26th January, 1940.

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