

Royal Australasian

Year Ended

Receipts			
Subscriptions	£409	0	6
Donations, etc.—			
Illustrations	£4	8	4
Entomologists' Society	2	15	0
Advertising	1	1	0
		8	4 4
Sales— <i>The Emu</i>	6	12	0
Covers	8	11	0
Check Lists	2	10	0
Postage	1	3	1
Reprints	16	0	
		19	12 1
Interest on £620, 4% Stock . . .	24	16	0
„ „ Savings Bank	1	12	11
		26	8 11
Exchange		8	12 9
Trust Account—			
Interest on £1,070, 4% . . .	42	16	0
„ „ Savings Bank	2	0	
		42	18 0
		£514	16 7
National Bank, Cr., 1/7/1933 . .	86	19	8
Savings Bank, Cr., 1/7/1933 . . .	50	0	0
		136	19 8
Z. GRAY, L.C.A., Hon. Treasurer.		£651	16 3
Melbourne, 2/7/1934.			

Honeyeater and "Hairy" Insects.—Rambling in the timber country near Canungra (South Queensland) my attention was attracted by the behaviour of a solitary specimen of the Black-chinned Honeyeater or "Black-cap" (*Melithreptus gularis*) which was flying against the trunk of a "native apple tree" (*Angophora subvelutina*), digging its bill into the bark, then immediately withdrawing the bill, hastily preening the primary feathers of each wing. It then flew to a convenient branch to inspect the tree again and then repeated the process. Moving up closer to the tree and using my field glasses I could see that each time it flew to the tree and pecked the bark it captured an insect which was apparently in the hairy grub stage and the violent preen-

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Vol. XXXIII, Printing	£218	17	5
Illustrations	141	16	3
Postage, etc.	14	19	6
Sales Tax	1	14	3
Vol. XXXII, for the King . .	7	0	
Reprints	17	0	
			£378 11 5

1933 Congress		6	4	3
Postage, £15/2/3; Typing, £2/7/9; Exchange, £3/9/9; Covers, £8/11/9; Clive Lord Fund, £3/3/-; Commission, £1/10/6; Bank Fee, 10/-; Reprints, 16/6		35	11	6

Trust Account—

Rent	46	10	0
Library	1	2	0
Insurance	2	17	0
Repairs	7	6	
			50 16 6

	£471	3	8
National Bank, Cr., 30/6/1934	35	12	7
Lyre-bird Account, Cr., 30/6/1934	40	0	0
Savings Bank, Cr., 30/6/1934	105	0	0

Audited and found correct. £651 16 3

Melbourne, 2/7/1934. E. W. BUNN, Hon. Auditor.

ing of the primary feathers with the insect in its bill was apparently to get rid of some of the hairs (or webbing if it was a spider), after which the insect was swallowed and the search for more continued. Unfortunately I had no means of reaching that part of the tree being worked by the bird, so was not able to look for the actual insect, and can therefore only conjecture the hairs or cobwebs. As the district is rich in blossom of all kinds at present and a Honeyeater could find abundance of nectar to satisfy the most voracious appetite, the above goes to show how useful these birds are in the destruction of pests. The ingenuity shown in making this particular insect's protection against most birds of no avail, is, I think, quite worthy of record.—GEO. H. BARKER, Brisbane, Qld., 23/10/34.