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**PREVIEW**

## ASEG BRANCH NEWS

### A.C.T.

The Annual General Meeting of the ACT Branch of the ASEG will be held in The Boardroom at the School of Tourism and Hospitality, ACT Institute of TAFE, Reid Campus, Constitution Avenue, Reid at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 2 May, 1990. Unlike previous meetings, drinks will be available after the meeting when the bar at the School is open.

The guest speaker for the meeting will be Robyn Gallagher, CRA Exploration Canberra. The title of her talk will be "Image Processing and Geographic Information Systems for Minerals Exploration".

Following the meeting Robyn will be the guest of the Branch for dinner at the Restaurant within the School of Tourism and Hospitality. This is an excellent venue and costs only \$15 per person for a 3-course dinner. The Branch will supply wines and drinks for the evening. So, if you want an inexpensive night out, in ideal surroundings, with first class company and do your bit to help the education of Canberra's youth, contact me on 249 9401 as soon as possible as numbers are limited to about 30. Spouses and friends are most welcome.

Several positions for the Executive and Committee remain vacant. Over the past few years the Branch has been dominated by seismic geophysicists; if there are any non-seismic people interested in nominating for the Executive, they will be welcomed with open arms.

*Kevin Wake-Dyster  
Hon. Secretary*

### N.S.W.

The Annual General Meeting for the NSW Branch was held on 27 February at the Rugby Club prior to Dr Richard Smith's lecture "Obtaining Conductivity-Depth Sections from Airborne Measurements". The meeting was well attended by members.

The financial accounts were accepted and after a fiercely contested election, the following officers were elected unopposed:

President: Chris Hodge  
Treasurer: Len Diekman  
Secretary: Scott Gagen

The Branch was informed of the departure of Penny Fraser, Branch Organiser, whose invaluable efforts, shown countless times throughout past years and often without proper thanks, will be sorely missed by all concerned. All present at the AGM wished her the best of luck for the future.

The April meeting for the ASEG NSW Branch took place at the Lord Nelson Brewery Hotel in The Rocks. The evening consisted of two lectures:

- Willie Simpson, Editor of Australian Beer Magazine, selected various ales and divulged some of his extensive knowledge of beer and brewing.
- Mike Walcott, seismic acquisition 'Bird-Dog' with a wealth of experience in onshore operations, spoke on "Environmental Aspects of Seismic Acquisition".

The next meeting will be held at the Rugby Club in Crane Place, Sydney on 30 May. Karen Christopherson of Chinook Geoconsulting will speak on magnetotelluric surveying in Papua New Guinea.

*Scott Gagen  
Secretary*



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## QLD

The Branch AGM was held on 6 March. The outgoing Executive reported that the Branch was still in the black and that, despite a shrinking of the industry in Brisbane during 1989, the Branch was surviving.

Following the AGM a talk was given by Roger Meaney, a geophysical consultant, on "Modern Seismic Acquisition in the Carpentaria Basin".

The 1990 Branch Executive is:

President: Henk Van Paridon (Crusader Ltd)  
V/President: Andrew Mutton (CRA)  
Treasurer: Danny Burns (Delhi)  
Secretary: Brenton Oke (Delhi)

*Danny Burns*

## SA

The Annual General Meeting was held on 21 February at the Kings Head Hotel. John Hughes organised the slide show which was even enjoyed by the small minority of attending members who were under 40. Prehistoric scene followed prehistoric scene until it was time to go (to Hindley Street where even more primitive scenes unfolded).

The new committee was introduced at the AGM. The inaugural committee meeting was held at the British. The Wine and Melbourne Cup sub-committees have been appointed.

The 1990 SA Branch Committee is:

President: Jim Frazer (Santos)  
Secretary: Nick Fitzgerald (Santos)  
Treasurer: Peter Dunne (SADME)

Committee:  
Allan Appleton (SADME)  
Alan Anderson (Santos)  
Stuart Brew (HGS)  
Mark Flynn (Santos)  
Neil Gibbins (Santos)  
Robin Gerdes (SADME)  
Peter Hopgood (SSL)  
John Hughes (Santos)  
John Iredale (Santos)  
Doug Roberts (SAGASCO)  
John Saunders (NCPGG)

The April meeting of the Branch was held on 11 April. The meeting was well attended with 45 people signing the attendance book.

John Saunders of the NCPGG gave a presentation on "Seismic data enhancement project" which is currently being conducted by the Centre.

The acquisition phase of this project has just been completed and John gave the attendees some insight into the objectives, methods and problems of this project. We are looking forward to a further talk from John later this year when some results from the processing are available.

*Nick Fitzgerald  
Secretary*

## W.A.

Following the State AGM, the new State Branch committee is as follows:

President: E. Clarke  
Vice President: N. Uren  
Secretary: K. Frankcombe  
Treasurer: M. Brumby

Committee:  
T. Walker  
B. Evans  
G. Bubner  
G. Fallon  
I. Edwards  
P. Harman  
R. Clifton  
R. Williams

A minerals versus petroleum cricket match was held at Port Beach on March 28. The game was a walk or fall over for the minerals team, due in part, I am assured, to the failure of any petroleum players to turn up. A magnificent and very rare trophy will be presented to the minerals captain at the next Technical Meeting which is on May 2.

An oily talk by Norm Uren will be given and a presentation on some of the geophysical exploration of Granny Smith by Greg Hall of Placer. More details in the next WA newsletter.

*Kim Frankcombe  
Secretary*

## PROFILE ON AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FORUM

Below are details on a Forum based on the recent ASTEC Report "Profile on Australian Science". The report assesses the status and potential of Australia's scientific research and gives information on the resources made available to basic science and the ends to which they are directed. It details areas of research strength and relative weaknesses. The Chairman of ASTEC, Professor Ray Martin, has stated that the intention of the report is to stimulate debate about the future directions and requirements of basic research in Australia.

This Forum will enable interested parties to contribute to a discussion of the key issues raised by the Profile and to focus on their implications for specific disciplines. It is being held in the Academy of Science on 1 May 1990 commencing at 9.00 am. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided by ASTEC.

### PROGRAM TUESDAY, 1 MAY, 1990

Chairman: Ray Martin, AO, Professor of Chemistry, Monash University, Chairman of ASTEC

- 10.00 INTRODUCTION - OBJECTIVES OF SEMINAR  
Prof R Martin
- 10.15 PRODUCING THE "PROFILE AIMS & METHODOLOGY"  
J McLeod AO, Professor of Medicine,  
University of Sydney, Chairman - Working Party
- 10.45 MAJOR ISSUES RAISED  
Prof. I Ross, Science Policy Secretary,  
Australian Academy of Science
- 11.15 DISCUSSION
- 12.15 LUNCH

Chairman, Graham Rigby FTS, Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of NSW, Member of the Working Party, ASTEC

- 1.00 PANEL DISCUSSION
- |                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Biological Sciences | Prof A Clark              |
| Physical Sciences   | Prof T Klein              |
| Earth Sciences      | Prof K Lambeck            |
| Engineering         | H Wragge                  |
| Mathematics         | Prof C Heyde              |
| Chemical Sciences   | Prof I Ross               |
| Medical Sciences    | Prof J McLeod<br>J Madden |
- 2.30 DISCUSSION
- 3.30 COFFEE
- Chairman: Professor Ray Martin
- 3.45 SUMMING UP Prof R Johnston
- 4.10 CLOSE

FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING MS MARGARET CAMERON, (042) 26 8866, THE CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL CHANGE, UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, PO BOX 1144, WOLLONGONG NSW 2500

Note: There will be no charge to attend this Forum

## Elizabeth and Frederick White

### CONFERENCES

With the generous support of Lady Elizabeth White BM, BS, and Sir Frederick White FAA, FRS, the Academy conducts a series of research conferences in the physical and mathematical sciences related to the solid earth, the terrestrial oceans, the earth's atmosphere, solar terrestrial science, space sciences and astronomy.

The purpose of the conferences is

- to advance at the most fundamental level the understanding of the subject
- to endeavour to introduce to Australian research new aspects or directions, and
- to encourage participation of overseas scientists.

Up to two conferences of about two days duration are organised each year with a membership of 20-30. A sum of up to \$5 000 is allocated for each conference and the supplementation of this sum is encouraged. The conferences are held in the Academy's Ellerton Becker Building in Canberra on a date agreed upon by the conference organisers and the Academy.

*The initiative, financial responsibility and detailed arrangements for the conference are the responsibility of the organisers and scientific society/organisation which acts as a joint sponsor with the Academy.*

Societies and organisations are invited to prepare proposals for meetings in 1991. Proposals should be submitted on application forms available from the Academy secretariat and should be addressed to:

The Executive Secretary  
Academy of Science  
GPO Box 783  
Canberra ACT 2601  
Telephone enquiries: Faye Nicholas  
(062) 47 5777

Closing date for applications is 31 July 1990

Australian Academy of Science



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Federal Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists was held at the Raffles Hotel, Applecross in Perth on Wednesday 28 February.

The following were named by the Nominating Committee and elected unopposed:

President:	Brian Embleton
1st Vice President:	Mike Sayers
2nd Vice President:	Greg Steemson
Treasurer:	Craig Dempsey
Secretary:	Andre Lebel

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



by G.J. Street

At the last Annual General Meeting the previous President, Eve Howell, reported that her year of office was taken up with the transfer of the Executive from Adelaide to Perth.

The past year has seen a continuation of the transfer but also a consolidation of our efforts towards efficiently running the real business of the Society. We have increased our efforts therefore in the publication of technical material, running of technical meetings and in general promotion of the profession.

From our experience the transfer from State to State is not a smooth transition. We have developed systems and databases such that this will be easier in the future. I believe, however, that the Executive should remain in Perth for another two years before moving to Melbourne. I will be recommending this to the incoming Executive.

Some of the achievements of the year were:

- The 7th ASEG Conference and Exhibition was run at the Hilton Hotel in Melbourne during September. The event was highly successful and the Conference Committee, led by Tom Eadie and Peter Grant, are to be commended for running an extremely professional convention. Nothing, it appeared, was left to chance and all events ran with smooth precision. The turnout of in excess of 400 delegates was pleasing considering the efforts that

some of you had to make to get to Melbourne during the pilot's strike.

- "Exploration Geophysics", the bulletin of the ASEG, has continued in publication throughout the year and, by now, all members should have received all issues up to Volume 20/3. Volume 20/4 should be out shortly and subsequent to that issue we should be able to remain on schedule for the next 18 months. The Editor, Don Emerson and Publisher, Terry Crabb are to be commended for their efforts.

We have been making efforts to have "Exploration Geophysics" included in the SEG cumulative index. Roger Henderson and Norm Uren made representations on our behalf at the SEG meeting in Dallas and it appears we have reached consensus with the SEG on this matter.

The continuing success of the Bulletin depends on the participation of the membership. For our small size I believe that we do amazingly well in terms of the number of papers published. We need to continue the effort and this means not only in publishing your own work but also in encouraging others to publish or perhaps smoothing the way for your company employees.

- "Preview", our bimonthly newsletter, has continued to be upgraded under the Editor, Anita Heath. It is good to see the occasional article or letter from members.
- The ASEG Research Foundation is now a reality. We have formally been notified by the Australian Taxation Office that we are an "Approved Research Institute". This means that all donations are 100% tax deductible. We hope that awards will be made for projects either in the second semester 1990 or for 1991.
- The preparation of the first ASEG monograph "Australian Oil and Gas - Case Histories" is well underway and will probably go for printing in late 1990.
- Awareness of the problems in scientific education has increased during 1989. The Student and Academic Liaison Committee has been revitalised under Brian Evans and a charter prepared. The committee met at the ASEG Conference in Melbourne and it is hoped that there will be a more co-ordinated effort in the future towards geophysics education in universities.
- The Federal Executive has been aware of the need to promote geophysics as a

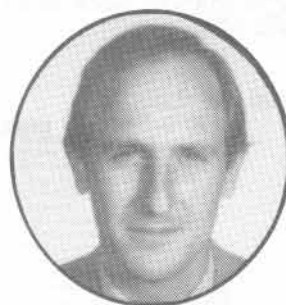
profession to school students. Some research efforts have been made in this direction and a career outline has been placed in the national job guide produced by the Australian Department of Education. Further work needs to be done on promoting geophysics directly through its introduction into the school syllabus.

- The membership database has been continually upgraded during 1989 and subsets of the database have been distributed to State branches. All non-financial members have been deleted from the database.
- The major work of the Federal Executive continues to be the supervision of conferences. While it is not the job of the Executive to interfere with State Conference committees it is felt that there is a certain formula and standard that the membership has come to expect from an ASEG conference. The meeting of the ASEG Council in Melbourne made it very clear to the Federal Executive that they were expected to be vigilant in ensuring that the standards of the conference in both technical and financial terms was not degraded.

A conference advisory manual has been prepared by Steve Mudge which contains the general formula which we expect to be maintained. The Federal Executive should continue to carefully monitor the progress and decisions of future conference committees.

I would like to thank all members of the Federal Executive, Chairmen of Standing Committees and the honorary editors for their continuing hard work and support during the year. In particular, I would like to pay tribute to Bill Peters who will be standing down as Treasurer this year. Bill has had a continuing involvement with the ASEG for the past six years, first as Treasurer on the State branch committee, then on the Perth Conference Committee and, for the past two years, as Federal Treasurer. He leaves the committee with the Society in better financial shape than it has ever been. Bill's service and advice to the ASEG on financial matters has been invaluable.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



by C.E. Dempsey

As Secretary of the Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists Federal Executive for 1989, I herewith present the following report to members concerning

the affairs and activities of the Society for the year ended 31 December 1989.

### 1988/89 Office Bearers

President	Greg Street
Past President	Eve Howell
1st Vice President	Mike Sayers
2nd Vice President	Greg Steemson
Hon. Treasurer	Bill Peters
Hon. Secretary	Craig Dempsey
Hon. Asst. Secretary	Anita Heath
Hon. Editor	Don Emerson
Public Officer	Steve Greaves/ Lindsay Ingall

### Standing Committee Chairmen

Conference Advisory	Steve Mudge
Corporate Affairs	Lindsay Ingall
Geophysical Activity	Roger Henderson
Honours & Awards	Lindsay Ingall
Publications	Terry Crabb
Technical Standards	Don Pridmore/ Paul Wilkes

### Student/Academic Liaison

Brian Evans

The following nominations have been received for the Executive Committee for the year 1990:

President	Don Emerson
1st Vice President	Mike Sayers
2nd Vice President	Greg Steemson
Treasurer	Craig Dempsey
Hon. Secretary	Andre Lebel

The following have accepted the responsibilities of:

Hon. Asst. Secretary	Anita Heath
Hon. Editor	Don Emerson

### Membership

The membership database programme was updated during the year so that it is now possible to divide the membership by State. With this new facility we hope to forward upgraded membership lists to the State Secretaries three times a year.

During the year, a list of unfinancial members was published in Preview and those listed who did not take the opportunity to become financial were taken off the database.

As at 28 February the financial membership is:

Active and Associate	636/159
Corporate	31
Honorary	7
Student	51
Total	884

The breakdown of membership for each State was:

ACT	68
NSW	212
QLD	94
SA/NT	105/6
TAS	7
VIC	100
WA	178
Overseas	85
Sea	29
Air	

### Branches

During the year the State Branches were led by:

State	President	Secretary	Treasurer
ACT	P. Napier	K. Wake-Dyster	M. Sexton
NSW	C. Hodges	S. Gagen	L. Diekman
QLD	D. Burns	K. Driml	H. Van Paridon
SA/ NT	J. Hughes	M. Flynn	P. Dunne
TAS	R. Richardson	D. Leaman	R. Richardson
VIC	P. Grant	C. Gumley	J. Cull
WA	E. Clarke	T. Walker	M. Brumby

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

By W.S. Peters

Financial Year 1/1/89 to 31/12/89

As a company limited by guarantee, the ASEG is obliged under the Companies (NSW) Code to prepare audited annual accounts and to present these accounts along with the auditor's report at the AGM.

The Federal Executive is well established in Perth now, with an efficient Secretariat and computer database system. As a result things have run fairly smoothly throughout the year. Minor changes were made to the database software to allow automatic issuing of receipts and also to allow easier subsetting and updating of individual State databases.

Slee and Stockden Pty Ltd continue to be our accountants and they have prepared the accounts attached to this report. These accounts are subject to audit by our auditor, Colin Johnson. The audit will be late. This is mainly due to delays incurred because of the poor response from several sections of the ASEG to repeated requests for financial information. ASEG office bearers carry out their duties on an entirely voluntary basis and this is something for which the membership is grateful. Accepting the responsibility of office, however, does impose an obligation to carry out those duties as well as possible and the delays mentioned above are unacceptable.

The ASEG's accounts now include all State Branches, Publications, the two memorial funds, and the conferences. This is a change decided upon last year to give a truer (and more legal) reflection of the ASEG's finances. The Grahame Sands and Laric Hawkins Memorial Funds are held in trust and not used for normal operations. These accounts have balances of \$33,040 and \$962 respectively as at 31/12/1989.

It should be noted for comparison purposes that the last financial year (1988) was for a nine month period only. The more significant items apparent from the accounts are:

### 1. Profit and Loss

Income of \$195152 compares with \$115630 last year. The main increase is the profit from the Melbourne Conference (\$68344). The dues income varies because of the payment period overlapping the financial years. Advertising revenue has significantly increased. Some of this probably reflects the collection of overdue debts from the previous year.

Expenditure was \$138136 compared with \$80109 in 1988. The main increase in expenditure is publications costs of \$74389 which includes the Melbourne Conference volume.

Our profit for the year was \$57016 compared to \$35521 in 1988.

## 2. Balance Sheet

Our net assets have risen from \$176897 in 1988 to \$233913 in 1989. This increase is largely due to the conference profits. Of these assets, about \$213000 is held as cash mainly in high interest bearing accounts. As the ASEG is exempt from income tax, we are thus benefiting from the prevailing high interest rates.

## 3. General

The Melbourne Conference resulted in a significant profit of nearly \$68,000. This will significantly strengthen the resources of ASEG. This profit is particularly welcome after the Adelaide loss and the Melbourne Conference Committee are to be congratulated on showing us how to run an excellent conference and make a profit.

The overall financial position of the ASEG is very sound. There may be the temptation by some to criticise the high level of cash reserves and to say the dues should be reduced or similar. This would not be wise in my opinion as it has been shown that large financial losses can be incurred. There is, however, no need for dues increases in the foreseeable future and there is scope for some financial support for worthwhile ASEG projects if required.

New standardised cash books have been issued to all State Branches to improve accounting efficiency and to guide incoming Treasurers.

The Secretariat at the Chamber of Mines continues to be efficient and cost effective. Paula Sinclair is to be congratulated for another year of efficiently and courteously handling dues, correspondence, deposits, filing, helping to publish Preview, etc.

This is my last year as Treasurer and I thank the members of the outgoing Federal Executive for their friendship and advice over the years. I wish the new Treasurer every success in unravelling what I have left him!

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**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

Note	Year Ended 31.12.89	Nine Months Ended 31.12.88
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Dues	29,848	54,763
Wines and Ties	-	1,045
Non-member Subscriptions to Exploration Geophysicists	11,491	5,011
Advertising	32,014	6,218
Interest	16,460	9,161
Misc Receipts S.A. '88	-	-
Conference	783	-
Profit on Victoria '89	-	-
Conference	2 68,344	-
State Branch Revenue	3 16,396	19,615
South Australia	4,379	5,501
Queensland	5,439	6,947
New South Wales	15	108
Tasmania	4,624	4,669
Western Australia	76	1,358
A.C.T.	5,283	1,234
Victoria	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	195,152	115,630
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting Fees	5,113	2,200
Audit Costs	25	2,000
Awards - Students	28	50
Bank Charges	1,209	933
Book Purchased	-	10
Capitation Fees	7,740	7,881
Computer Expenses	890	720
Depreciation	363	552
Filing Fees	77	-
Loss on S.A. '88 Conference	-	4,555
Loss on Sale of Satchells	3,689	-
Legal Expenses	1,595	1,646
Postage, Stationery, Sec. etc	5,623	4,585
Plant Written Off	-	210
Publication Expenses	74,389	17,893
Registered Office Fee	150	-
Social Func, A.G.M. Costs	-	-
& Ties	2,040	200
Subscriptions	1,355	1,025
State Branch Expenditure	4 13,627	19,173
South Australia	4,031	5,208
Queensland	5,953	4,272
New South Wales	3,650	4,241
Western Australia	457	505
A.C.T.	3,558	2,250
Victoria	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	138,136	80,109
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	57,016	35,521

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**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

	Year Ended 31.12.89	Nine Months Ended 31.12.88
	\$	\$
Operating Profit	57,016	35,521
Income Tax Attributable to Operating Profit	-	-
Operating Profit After Income Tax	57,016	35,521
Retained Profits at 1 January 1988	141,893	106,371
Retained Profits at 31 December 1989	198,909	141,893



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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

Note	Year Ended		Nine Months	
	31.12.89	31.12.88	31.12.89	31.12.88
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash	6	82,734	72,881	
Receivables	7	20,000	47,091	
Inventories	8	-	7,000	
Other	9	154,396	57,066	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>257,130</b>	<b>184,038</b>	
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Plant and Equipment	10	-	363	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>257,130</b>	<b>184,401</b>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Trade Creditors and Accruals		23,217	7,504	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>23,217</b>	<b>7,504</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>23,217</b>	<b>7,504</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>233,913</b>	<b>176,897</b>	
<b>MEMBERS EQUITY</b>				
Reserves		35,004	35,004	
Retained Profits		198,909	141,893	
<b>Total Members Equity</b>		<b>233,913</b>	<b>176,897</b>	

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

	Year Ended	Nine Months
	31.12.89	31.12.88
	\$	\$
(b) <b>Queensland</b>		
Meetings	790	788
Capitation Fees	930	1,575
Annual Dinner	1,929	2,530
Interest	500	274
A.S.E.G.	30	334
Sponsorship	200	-
	<b>4,379</b>	<b>5,501</b>
(c) <b>New South Wales</b>		
Capitation Fees	-	3,738
Functions	4,107	1,920
Bank Interest	1,092	819
Video Tape Sales	240	470
	<b>5,439</b>	<b>6,947</b>
(d) <b>Tasmania</b>		
Capitation Fees	-	102
Interest	15	6
	<b>15</b>	<b>108</b>
(e) <b>Western Australia</b>		
Annual Dinner Receipts	309	1,335
Seminar/Meetings	213	176
Capitation Fees	1,500	1,036
Interest	1,053	72
Sale of A.S.E.G. Ties	-	150
Transfer from Investments	1,300	2,000
Wine Sales	64	-
Sponsorship	185	-
	<b>4,624</b>	<b>4,669</b>
(f) <b>A.C.T.</b>		
Capitation 1987/88	-	511
Capitation 1988/89	-	700
Bank Interest	76	27
Sale of A.S.E.G. Ties	-	120
	<b>76</b>	<b>1,358</b>

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(a) **General Principles of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and have not been adjusted to take account of either changes in the general purchasing power of the Australian dollar or changes in the prices of specific assets except to the extent that the revaluation of certain assets, as noted in the accounts, partially reflects such changes.

(b) **Depreciation**

Non-current assets other than freehold land and buildings are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using either the straight line method or diminishing value method of depreciation.

**2. PROFIT ON VICTORIA 1989 CONFERENCE/CONFERENCE FUNDS HELD**

Funds banked Cash Management Deposit Account	63,000
Interest Earned on Cash Management Deposit Account	10,772
Debtors (Funds still outstanding)	4,600
	<b>78,372</b>
Less Cheque Account Overdrawn	2,528
Accounts Not Yet Paid	7,500
	<b>68,344</b>

**3. STATE BRANCH REVENUE**

	Year Ended	Nine Months
	31.12.89	31.12.88
	\$	\$
(a) <b>South Australia</b>		
Annual Dinner Receipts	-	1,415
Seminar/Meetings	-	2,624
Wine Sales	13,044	13,766
Capitation Fees	-	1,080
Interest	184	230
Sponsorship	3,082	500
Donations	86	-
	<b>16,396</b>	<b>19,615</b>

**AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS**  
(Incorp. in N.S.W. and Limited by Guarantee)

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

	Year Ended	Nine Months
	31.12.89	31.12.88
	\$	\$
(g) <b>Victoria</b>		
Annual Dinner	480	175
Capitation	581	920
Interest	1,162	44
Donation	-	95
A.S.E.G. Wavelet Workshop	3,060	-
	<b>5,283</b>	<b>1,234</b>
<b>4. STATE BRANCH EXPENDITURE</b>		
(a) <b>South Australia</b>		
Annual Dinner	-	1,375
Meetings	1,185	4,099
Wine Purchases	11,896	12,768
Awards	100	50
Printing and Stationery	48	298
Bank Charges	353	583
Subscriptions	45	-
	<b>13,627</b>	<b>19,615</b>
(b) <b>Queensland</b>		
Meetings	1,399	1,545
Annual Dinner	2,470	2,928
Bank Charges	5	18
Printing, Stationery & Stamps	57	417
A.S.E.G. Ties	-	300
Awards	100	-
	<b>4,031</b>	<b>5,208</b>
(c) <b>New South Wales</b>		
Functions	5,542	4,166
Bank Charges	26	6
Miscellaneous	385	100
	<b>5,953</b>	<b>4,272</b>

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

	Year Ended 31.12.89	Nine Months Ended 31.12.88
	\$	\$
<b>(d) Western Australia</b>		
Annual Dinner	543	2,100
Meetings	692	700
Printing, Postage & Stationery	627	792
Bank Fees	5	8
A.S.E.G. Ties	-	200
Purchase of Two Prof. Screens	-	441
Wine	433	-
Transfer	1,300	-
Awards	50	-
	<u>3,650</u>	<u>4,241</u>
	*****	*****
<b>(e) A.C.T.</b>		
Branch Meetings	199	159
Christmas Dinner	-	142
Postage & Stationery	98	75
A.S.E.G. Ties	-	120
Bank Fees	3	2
Golf Prize	7	7
Student Support	150	-
	<u>457</u>	<u>505</u>
	*****	*****
<b>(f) Victoria</b>		
Annual Dinner	791	171
Meetings Kelvin Club	1,198	901
Membership Kelvin Club	430	420
Student Prizes & Sponsorship	800	190
Postal Box Hire	70	66
Bank Fees	7	2
R J Hames	-	500
Farewell Function	237	-
Courier	25	-
	<u>3,558</u>	<u>2,250</u>
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**5. INCOME TAX**

The company has been granted exemption from income tax by virtue of Section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

	Year Ended 31.12.89	Nine Months Ended 31.12.88
	\$	\$
<b>7. RECEIVABLES</b>		
Sundry Debtors	20,000	47,091
<b>8. INVENTORIES</b>		
Stock - Satchells for 1989 Conference	-	7,000
<b>9. OTHER</b>		
A.N.Z. Trustees Deposit	71,986	-
Funds on Deposit - Aust Fixed Trust	-	50,000
Advances - State Branches		
South Australia	66	66
Victoria	7,000	7,000
New South Wales	7,000	-
Funds Held by Conference	68,344	-
	<u>154,396</u>	<u>57,066</u>
	*****	*****
<b>10. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Plant and Equipment At Cost	2,197	2,197
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	2,197	1,834
	<u>-</u>	<u>363</u>
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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1989**

	Year Ended 31.12.89	Nine Months Ended 31.12.88
	\$	\$
<b>6. CASH</b>		
National Bank Publication Account	1,987	2,414
A N Z Bank Account	3,021	2,325
"Grahame Sand Award for Innovation in Geoscience"	33,040	28,400
"Laric Hawkins Memorial Fund"	962	954
<b>BRANCH ACCOUNTS</b>		
<b>South Australia</b>		
Bank Account	4,329	1,561
Investment Account	1,200	1,200
<b>Queensland</b>		
Bank Account	1,648	1,299
Investment Account	3,000	3,000
<b>New South Wales</b>		
Cheque Account	2,333	2,847
Investment Account	7,000	7,000
<b>Tasmania</b>		
Bank Account	425	410
<b>Western Australia</b>		
Bank Account	454	704
Investment Account	10,014	8,790
<b>A.C.T.</b>		
Bank Account	1,020	1,380
Petty Cash on Hand	-	20
<b>Victoria</b>		
Piccol Credit Union	9,791	8,670
State Bank	2,510	1,907
	<u>82,734</u>	<u>72,881</u>
	*****	*****

**DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE**

RETURN OF SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS ENDED 31 / 12 / 89 FILE NUMBER

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS FOR USE BY MEMBERS NOT ENGAGED IN HIGH PRIORITY PRODUCTION AND OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. ZAPAVENT'S SIGNATURE

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET	UNIT		Original Cost	Folio Value	DEPRECIATION ETC (Column 5)		Date	CGR	ADDITIONS		Date	State or TERRITORY	Folio Value	Folio Value	Purchase Price	Date
	Profits	Losses			Depreciation	Amplification			Value	Value						
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	2,197															
* Show change per folio of an increase or decrease against the total † See Section 58(2A) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 for details of the treatment of assets in the event of a disposal ‡ For more information on depreciation, contact the Australian Taxation Office, or any one of them																
NET DEPRECIATION																
NET DEPRECIATION	2,197															
AMOUNT CLAIMED FOR DEPRECIATION																

## GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORT

By R J Henderson  
Chairman

This year as Chairman of the ASEG Geophysical Activity Committee, I attended the annual meeting of the SEG Activity Committee, held in Dallas in October. I was appointed a member of this committee so that I could better serve the SEG in terms of the Australian activity. I hope members agree that recent SEG Geophysical Activity reports better reflect the true picture with regard to Australian geophysical activity. There is still the difficulty of getting an adequate response to questionnaire mailing list up-to-date and appropriate.

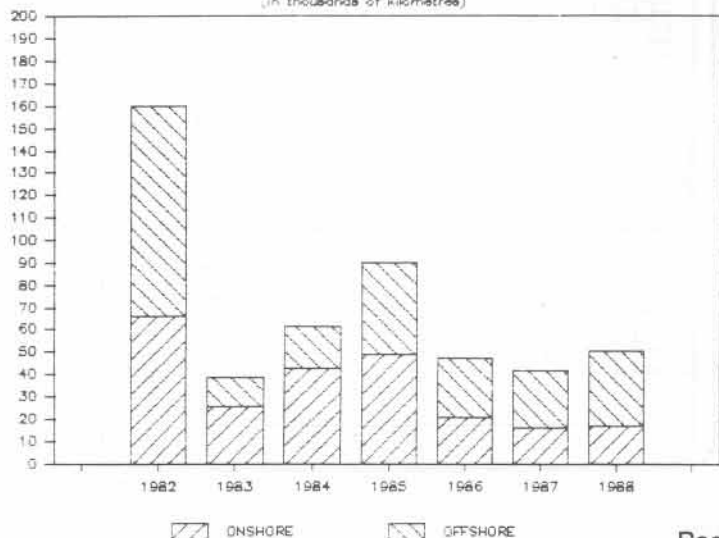
It was interesting to hear the Chairman of the SEG Activities Committee report at the meeting, that the information provided by their committee is eagerly sought by persons not only in the geophysical community but from the media, investment analysts and the like.

The ASEG Committee continues to rely on the published statistics for seismic exploration and personal knowledge for the airborne activity. It seems that the ground exploration activity is too small and/or conducted by a small number of contractors, who find themselves too busy to respond to the questionnaire for use to obtain statistics in this area.

A plot of the seismic activity over the past seven years was published in a recent issue of Preview. (Copy below). From this, it was apparent that onshore activity had fallen markedly over the past three years but offshore seismic was on the increase. Airborne activity in 1989 would appear to have maintained the level of recent years but almost all was related to mining. The use of airborne geophysics for petroleum exploration, by private contractors, has fallen to almost zero.

### AUSTRALIAN SEISMIC ACTIVITY

(in thousands of kilometres)



The surveying carried out by the BMR would appear to be satisfying the requirement in this area.

Ground techniques have shown an increase in demand for electrical and electromagnetic methods of late, presumably due to the upsurge in interest for base metals. On many occasions throughout 1989, there were not enough electromagnetic instruments to fully satisfy the demand.

### CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

By L.N. Ingall - Chairman

Stephen Greaves resigned in October 1989 as Chairman of the Corporate Affairs Committee and as ASEG Public Officer. This was a consequence of his move to New Zealand to work for Petrocorp Exploration Limited. We thank him for his sterling efforts on behalf of the ASEG.

Following these resignations the Federal Executive appointed Lindsay Ingall to the vacant positions.

We report that the two amendments to our Articles of Association passed at the AGM on 4 May 1988 were formally approved in May 1989 by the NSW Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. Members will recall that one amendment related to the implementation of an ASEG Research Foundation and the other to a change of our financial year to conform with the calendar year.

The ASEG holds a licence pursuant to Section 66 of the Companies (New South Wales) Code enabling its registration as a company without the addition of the word "Limited" to its name. A provision of the licence is an exemption under Section 66(5) from the necessity of lodging annual returns and of returns of particulars of directors, principal executive officers and secretaries.

In September 1989 the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs wrote to us requesting a statement confirming our eligibility to continue to hold the licence and our exemption status. We have supplied this information and currently await confirmation of our status quo.

On another matter, we were advised in early February by the National Companies and Securities Commission that their Policy Statement on Experts' Reports on Mining and Petroleum Securities and Properties is close to being issued.

## SELBY FELLOWSHIP



The fellowship is financed through the generosity of the trustees of the Selby Scientific Foundation.

### PURPOSE

Fellowships are awarded to distinguished overseas scientists to visit Australia for public lecture/seminar tours and to visit scientific centres in Australia.

Fellows are expected to increase public awareness of science and scientific issues and accordingly will be outstanding lecturers to the general lay public.

### CONDITIONS:

Fellowships are tenable for visits of not less than two weeks and not more than three months. Overseas and local air fares and a daily allowance are provided.

### AWARD:

Fellowships are awarded and the length of tenure determined by the Council of the Academy on the recommendation of its Public Lectures Committee.

### NOMINATIONS:

Nominations are invited for the Selby Fellowship in 1991. Nominations are confidential and should include a detailed curriculum vitae and a proposed itinerary. Nomination forms are available from the Academy secretariat and should be addressed to:

The Executive Secretary  
Australian Academy of Science  
GPO Box 783  
Canberra ACT 2601  
Telephone enquiries: Faye Nicholas  
(062) 47 5777

**Nominations close on 30 June 1990**

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

By T.N. Crabb

Members of the Publications Committee for this year included:

T. Crabb Chairman  
D. Emerson Editor  
A. Heath Preview Editor  
M. Asten Guest Editor - Melbourne Conference  
J. Denham Guest Editor - Melbourne Conference  
T. Tyne Guest Editor - Sydney Conference  
J. Dooley Guest Editor - Engineering Workshop  
E. Howell Guest Editor - Special Publications  
M. Middleton Guest Editor - Special Publications  
M. Sayers 2nd Vice President

Graphic Services Pty Ltd continued as our printer this year and printed the two issues, Volume 19/4 and 20/1-2 during the period April 89 through December 89. Volume 20/3 was released in February 1990 and the amount listed below includes an estimate of \$2040 for mailout charges.

Vol	Date	Release	Cost	Cost/Pge
18/3	Sep87	Nov87	9122.72	85.26
18/4	Dec87	Jun88	7833.93	139.89
19/1-2	Mar88	Feb88	36437.39	91.09
19/3	Sep88	Mar89	8816.37	137.75
19/4	Dec88	Jul89	9880.82	152.01
20/1-2	Mar89	Sep89	47188.17	136.38
20/3	Sep89	Feb90	11497.00	179.64

*Note that these costs do not include advertising income.*

Prices per page for the 64 page standard issue appear to reflect a concerning 8% to 17% increase over the years 1989 and 1990 respectively and will need to be monitored.

The delay of approximately six months with issues continues. Graphic Services received the bulk of Volume 20/4 manuscripts in mid January, the publication date for this issue will probably be May. However, this may change during 1990.

Jim Dooley has accepted the Guest Editors position for the issue on Engineering Geophysics and as a consequence this double issue will be published as Volume 21/1-2, hopefully in June. Issues 3 and 4, Volume 21, will be made up of assorted papers with Volume 22/1-2 being the Sydney Conference issue, will need to be published in January 1991.

Brackett Secretariat continued as the ASEG publisher and made efforts to follow up advertising revenue collection and missing non-member subscribers. At a meeting in Melbourne of the Publications Committee in September 1989 it was

agreed that no advertising will be run in future issues without prepayment or a standing order - thus minimising future advertising revenue loss.

Don Emerson has again agreed to stand as honorary Editor of Exploration Geophysics through 1990 and the debt the Society owes Don for his labour over the years is immense.

### HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

*By L.N. Ingall - Chairman*

Committee members are

Lindsay Ingall  
Barry Long  
Bill Peters

The most notable event was the 7th ASEG Conference held in Melbourne in September 1989. The ASEG Honours and Awards presented at the Conference were detailed in Preview Number 22 dated October 1989. In summary they are:

ASEG Gold Medal:

Kenneth McCracken

Honorary Membership:

Kenneth McCracken  
Keeva Vozoff

Grahame Sands Award:

Not presented

Laric Hawkins Award:

G.R. Pettifer et al.

Best Paper Presentation:

P.M. Smith & M. Whitehead

Best Petroleum Geophysics Paper

G.M. King & S. Endersby

Best Mining & Engineering Geophysics Paper:

O. Olsen et al.

Best Exhibit:

Sierra Geophysics Inc.

Nominations for the SEG Honours and Awards for 1990 closed on 7 January 1990. The various Honours and Awards are described in Preview Number 19 dated April 1989. In November 1989, we wrote to all State Branch Presidents with a request for nominations, however, none were received by the closing date.

### CONFERENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

*By S. Mudge  
Chairman*

The Conference Advisory Committee (CAC) for the past year comprised the following:

Steve Mudge (Chairman)  
Roger Henderson  
Greg Street  
Barry Long  
Greg Steemson (Federal Executive Liaison)

Barry Long will step down in 1990 to chair the Gold Coast '92 Conference whilst Reg Nelson and a member of Melbourne '89 Committee (to be confirmed) will join the CAC for 1990-91.

#### MELBOURNE '89 (September 1989)

The 7th ASEG Conference and Technical Exhibition was staged at the Hilton Hotel in Melbourne during 24-29 September 1989. The event attracted 396 registrants and 42 exhibitors occupying 51 exhibition booths, this was despite the protracted airline pilots' strike at the time. Seventy five (75) technical papers were presented under the theme "Prediction with Precision". The event showed a profit of \$68,000, after payment of publication costs and reimbursement of seed funding to the Federal Executive.

Co-Chairmen Tom Eadie and Peter Grant and their Committee are congratulated for staging a highly successful event. They submitted a comprehensive report on the conference to the Federal Executive in February 1990.

#### SYDNEY '91 (17-21 February 1991)

The 8th ASEG Conference and Technical Exhibition will be a joint meeting with the Geological Society of Australia at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour. This will be the first joint geophysical/geological conference held in Australia and will be the premier Australian geoscience meeting for 1991.

Co-Chairmen Wes Jamieson and Tim Pippett are leading a very capable committee to organise this the biggest exploration geoscience meeting ever seen in Australia. Planning is well underway and present indications suggest that more than 100 exhibition booths will be occupied by a wide variety of exhibitors offering services to the exploration industry.

## Gold Coast '92 (September/October 1992)

The 9th ASEG Conference and Technical Exhibition will be held at Conrad's Hilton/Jupiter's Casino on the Gold Coast, Queensland, in 1992. Barry Long is presently organising a committee for this event. Final date will be set shortly.

### General CAC Matters

I am pleased to report that during the year the CAC produced the ASEG's first comprehensive Conference Guidelines Manual. It contains vital information like the timing of activities during a conference planning period and summarizes the wealth of experience gained from all previous conferences. The manual also records important conference statistics. It is presently being updated with the results of Melbourne '89 and the revised edition will be available late March 1990.

The CAC is a very active committee. We have maintained constant communication with the current conference organising committees and the Federal Executive. The CAC role as a continuous link with past and future conferences and the Federal Executive has proved to be both essential and beneficial in order to maintain and develop a high level of professionalism in the content and conduct of the ASEG's premier event.

### ASEG STUDENT/ACADEMIC LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

*By B J Evans*

The draft Charter has been circulated to all members of the Committee. The initial response was favourable, with the exception that some Committee Members felt there was excessive emphasis on industry involvement and that geophysics teaching should be broader ranging. The Charter will be finalised in the not too distant future.

### SEG PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

*By L.N. Ingall*

There has been nothing more to report since the activities report presented in Preview Number 22 dated October 1989.

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

*By P G Wilkes*

Items under current consideration by this committee are:

- Radiometric calibration pads and test areas.
- ASEG-GDF format for located data tapes for airborne geophysical data.

Items we expect to include in future work are:

- Standards for transfer of data on optical discs
- Standards for transferring gridded data files
- Calibration facilities for resistivity logging

Paul Wilkes took over as Chairman of this committee in February 1990.

### Detail:

#### RADIOMETRIC CALIBRATION FACILITIES:

A sub-committee comprising:

Bruce Dickson	CSIRO, Sydney
Brian Minty	BMR, Canberra
Don Pridmore	World Geoscience, Perth
Steve Webster	Austirex, Sydney
Paul Wilkes	ECS, Perth

was formed after the 1988 Adelaide ASEG Conference. The brief was to conduct a feasibility study to consider and make recommendations to establish radiometric calibration facilities in Australia, suitable for airborne gamma-ray spectrometers. This sub-committee produced a draft report which was presented at the 1989 ASEG conference in Melbourne. The summary from this report is reproduced here:

#### SUMMARY -

*"This report contains recommendations for establishing radiometric calibration facilities in Australia. These are required in order to produce more accurate radiometric maps, to facilitate making composite radiometric maps from multiple surveys and for testing improved instrumentation.*

*The facilities proposed are:*

- *Two sets of transportable calibration pads suitable for calibrating ground and airborne spectrometers. One set comprises 4 pads each 1m x 1m x 0.3m.*

By R J Smith

- Test strips which can be overflowed by geophysical aircraft. These strips would be sampled geochemically and by calibrated ground spectrometers to determine the concentration of Potassium, Uranium and Thorium.

Measurements over the pads provide accurate stripping ratios required for data processing and comparison data between different systems. The test strips provide height correction coefficients, and sensitivity figures to relate counts recorded at survey altitude to concentrations of Potassium, Uranium and Thorium in the ground.

Two sets of pads are proposed. One set should be located at Jandakot Airport, Perth and the second set at an airport in Eastern Australia, probably Canberra or a Sydney airport (Bankstown?).

The pads should be purchased ready made from Canada. The total costs of purchase, transportation and positioning of the pads should be approximately \$30,000 - \$35,000."

This report was favourably received and may receive financial support from BMR and the various State Geological Surveys. Alternative sources of funding are also being canvassed, eg. AMIRA. In the meantime, Aerodata has recently purchased a set of pads and these have recently arrived in Perth. ASEG may wish to consider purchasing these from Aerodata and providing a service to users of airborne and ground spectrometers. We recommend purchase of a second set for use in eastern Australia, to be located either in Canberra (BMR) or Sydney. Current price for one set is Can\$11,000.

The second phase of the proposal is to establish dynamic test strips which can be overflowed by geophysical aircraft. These strips require ground spectrometer measurements and geochemical sampling to establish ground concentrations of Potassium, Uranium and Thorium.

#### ASEG-GDF FORMAT LOCATED DATA TAPES:

Various users require the use of this format but its use appears to be rather small at present. It appears that the various suppliers of these tapes do not produce identical formats!

We need to review various standards for located data tapes and recommend whether we continue with ASEG-GDF format.

The ASEG Research Foundation formally came into existence when an inaugural committee meeting was held on September 25, 1989 during the Melbourne ASEG Conference. A committee has been formed, consisting of:

R.J. Smith	Chairman
J. Cucuzza	Secretary
N. Hungerford	Treasurer
S. Mudge	
D. King	
P. Gunn	
J. Denham	
D.W. Emerson	
P.K. Fullagar	
S. Hearn	
B.J.J. Embleton	
E.A. Howell	
D. Boyd	
P.W. Priest	

Although formal application was made to the Australian Tax Office in Canberra requesting acceptance as an Approved Research Institute, and this acceptance has been approved by CSIRO (the accrediting organisation) we still have no response from the ATO. We do not expect any further problems and final approval should be forthcoming in the near future.

A request for donations to the ASEG Research Foundation was attached to the ASEG Subscription renewal form sent out late in 1989. The initial response has been encouraging and several hundred dollars have been received so far. When final approval of ARI status is received, approaches will be made to companies for more substantial donations. The ASEG itself is expected to support us financially and we also expect significant support from some other professional societies.

It is now too late to establish the type of support that we plan for future years, in 1990. Nevertheless, if approval from the ATO is granted in the near future, and if significant funds can be gathered then some minor support could be initiated in 1990. The major unknown before us is the amount of tangible (financial) support we can attract. Moral support is in plentiful supply but we must soon test the real commitment of our supporters.

Approaches have been made to SEG, AIMM and SADME, since tax deductibility is not an issue with these groups. AIMM have declined to support us as they are channelling support into scholarships. SEG and SADME have not formally replied but their response is not encouraging.

## THE DAY THE EARTH SHOOK

(Reprinted with kind permission, GeoNews.  
Article by G. Rockett, cartoon by S Hudson)

At 2.40 pm on January 24, 1990 an earthquake shook the small town of Meckering, 150 km east of Perth. The quake measured 5.5 on the Richter scale, with a focus 5.75 km below the surface. The epicentre was estimated to be 10 km SSW of the townsite. The Meckering area has been monitored continuously since the disastrous quake of 1968, and small movements have been common place but the recent quake was the most significant to date. Although in the order of 50 times smaller than the 1968 quake, the disturbance was still very noticeable in Perth.

The recent earthquake was the same magnitude as the Newcastle quake on December 28, 1989 yet nowhere near as damaging. One reason suggested for this is the different rock densities. Newcastle lies on loosely consolidated alluvium, whereas Meckering is on granite. The epicentre for the Newcastle quake was estimated to have been directly beneath the Central Business District. There is uncertainty in this estimate because the nearest seismograph to Newcastle was in Sydney, over 100 km away. As no movement had been recorded in the Newcastle area since 1925, a seismograph had not been installed!

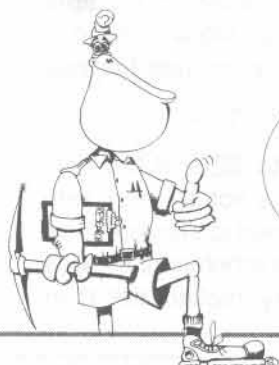
In the Department of Geology at the University of Western Australia, the Meckering quake was felt strongly by people on the first and second floors.

The Museum's seismograph recorded the earthquake and copies of the seismogram are available from the Curator.

Other seismograms available from the Museum are for the:

San Francisco quake	18/10/89
Solomon Islands quake	28/10/89
Japan quake	2/11/89

A copy of the Newcastle earthquake seismogram recorded by the Adelaide Seismic Observatory is also available.



I feel the earth move  
under my feet - - -

## SOUTHERN GEOSCIENCE CONSULTANTS

8 Kearns Crescent,  
Ardross, Western Australia 6153

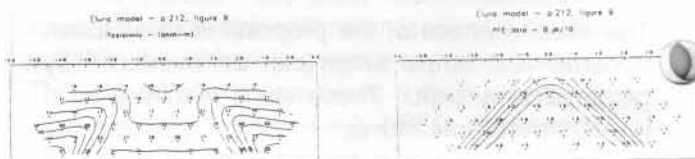
### PC-IP AN INTERACTIVE DIPOLE-DIPOLE MODELLING PROGRAM

\*\*\*\*\* PC-IP \*\*\*\*\*

The software is based on Rijo's finite element algorithm.

Features of the software include:

- interactive operation
- model input via polygon vertices
- multiple bodies of arbitrary cross section
- allows topographic variations
- screen/printer pseudosections of apparent resistivity, pfe and metal factor
- output xyz files in a format suitable for input to SURFER (Golden Software) for contouring etc.
- runs on any IBM compatible with 640k RAM available
- run times are less than 3 minutes on a 386 machine with a math co-processor
- multiple help screens
- full colour



The software is available as a single machine licence (\$1,800) or a multiple machine licence (\$5,500).

Examples of simple models from the Elura Volume are shown in the accompanying figures.

Enquiries should be directed to:  
**Southern Geoscience Consultants**

Tel: (09) 364 2707  
(09) 364 7693  
Fax: (09) 316 1624



**PRESS RELEASE**

The Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists (ASEG) has formed the ASEG Research Foundation to boost Australian research into exploration geophysics.

Funds are to be raised by donations from individuals, companies and professional societies (eg ASEG) and will be used to support graduate studies in exploration geophysics, primarily at B.Sc. Hons or M.Sc. level, in Australian tertiary institutions. Mr Bob Smith, Chairman of the Research Foundation, said that this is a level at which funding is difficult to obtain and yet where support is necessary if such research is to continue.

He added that research funds will go directly to support projects in order to maintain applied objectives and hence make them more useful to industry.

The ASEG Research Foundation has recently become an Approved Research Institute, as defined by Income Tax Assessment Act 573A and all donations to the Foundation of \$2.00 or more, are now tax deductible.

Some donations have been received already and they will be more actively sought now that tax deductibility is assured.

Mr Smith said, "We anticipate that the leverage obtained in this way will have considerable impact. We aim to attract and keep good students in exploration geophysics and at the same time ensure that they attempt worthwhile and practical research projects of direct interest to industry. Extra funding available through the ASEG Research Foundation should enhance the value of the projects undertaken.

Further to those names published in the February issue of Preview, the following people/organisations have contributed to the ASEG Research Foundation:

- J.I. Denham
- CSIRO Division of Exploration Geoscience
- G. Thomas

We thank you for your support.

**NEW NAME FOR INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC GROUP**

Horizon Exploration Limited, the international seismic contractor and a member of the Simon Group, is to be renamed Simon-Horizon Limited.

The change of name, which takes effect from 1 January 1990, reflects the positive links between Horizon's worldwide operations and other group companies.

From the same date, most of Horizon's overseas operations and joint ventures will also be using the Simon-Horizon name and all will trade under the common umbrella of Simon Geophysical Services.

In the USA, Geo-Search Corporation of Midland and Dallas, Texas which has been a Simon company since 1985, will merge with the Horizon subsidiary HEX Inc of Houston, Texas. The merged company, to be called Simon-Horizon Inc, will provide an integrated US based seismic acquisition and processing company with access to the additional resources of both Simon-Horizon Ltd and the Simon Group.

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## LETTERS

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**Letter from R B Kirk, BHP Petroleum to G J Street, former President, ASEG in response to his article 'Geoscience in Schools'.**

Dear Sir

I read your recent article with interest - it echoes thoughts that have been bothering me.

I think the idea of a State Committee is a good one and I would be interested in helping in the following capacity.

I envisage something along the lines of two or three 'roving teams' in each State. One team would be petroleum oriented, one mineral oriented and one engineering/groundwater etc. My main interest is in petroleum and this team would send to secondary schools:

- a geophysicist
- a geologist
- a reservoir engineer(?)

Each person would give a talk, which must include some hands-on experience. A drill bit, core cuttings with microscope, forams, oil-in-a-bottle, seismic records, a geophone, seismic lines to 'interpret' in class etc, should be provided to let the students get involved. Companies such as BHPP, have audio visuals which could be used - such as the Jabiru and Challis developments.

Each team would visit several schools and teacher feedback would be required to monitor, and adjust the presentation where necessary.

With respect to "Job Guide" what about including a phone number next time to the President who will then direct the enquiry to appropriate members to talk to students.

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**Letter from S Nixon, Managing Director, Earth Resource Mapping to A Heath, Preview Editor**

Dear Ms Heath

This is just a short note to thank you for including the highlight regarding Earth Resource Mapping sponsorship of the ASEG Preview, February 1990, on the front cover.

We have already received positive feedback from advertising in Preview.

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**A Reply to R Henderson, from M Asten and J Denham, Guest Editors, Exploration Geophysics, on the Melbourne Conference Issue of Exploration Geophysics**

Mr Henderson (Preview, February 1990) expresses surprise that the conference issue (Exploration Geophysics, Vol. 20, nos 1/2) contains so many half-page abstracts, and blank pages. He is correct in his assumption that the issue was intended to contain "only refereed papers" and that is precisely what occurred for the 61 papers included. Where papers submitted did not meet editorial standards, publishing deadlines or referees critiques (14 papers) the short abstract was included and identified as such in the list of contents to ensure that future bibliographical indices would correctly distinguish between the two groups.

The use of expanded abstracts was excluded for the same policy reasons outlined by Mr Henderson. It is open to debate whether the short abstracts should be swept to the back of the conference issue, or published separately, but the view of the committee was that conference attendees and potential readers would be better served by a single volume which categorized papers by subject.

The occasional blank pages result from the use of separate double-sided pages for each published paper, a procedure which has the dual advantage of facilitating typesetting due to each paper being a separate entity and facilitating the production of variable reprint orders for the separate papers.

Production of a text-book on the model of "Proceedings of Exploration 87" would have been nice, but a corresponding two-year delay in publication of the Conference Issue may have generated alternative concerns.

We firmly believe that conference issues should continue to be issues of Exploration Geophysics, provided the level of refereeing used for the Adelaide (1987) and Melbourne (1989) conferences is maintained. A review of back issues of Exploration Geophysics shows that its strength lies in the conference issues; much material from industry published under the incentives and deadlines of a conference would not (does not) see publication elsewhere.

We agree with Mr Henderson's observation on the desirability of numbering advertising pages separately from indexed contents. This is normal practice in Exploration Geophysics (see eg. September 1989 and December 1988 issues) but was not followed in the conference issue due to a printer's error.

## MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new members who have joined the Society:

Member	Category	State
Christiaan Buechner	Student	NSW
Steven Pickering	Associate	WA
Troy Peters	Associate	QLD
Olusoga Adepoju	Student	NSW
Michael Dentith	Associate	WA
Campbell Mackey	Student	WA
V Rao Kunduri	Active - Canada	

### Unknown addresses

We do not have the correct addresses for the following members. Can you help?

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