

Department of Victoria for their help through Miss Watson, for the use of films and equipment, deserve our gratitude. Finally the members themselves, those who provided transport to and from Mt. Beauty for our visitors, as well as those who drove members to Albury when they left early to catch planes, buses and trains, goes our deep appreciation. To the members themselves go our grateful thanks for helping to make the Mt. Beauty Field Outing such a memorable one.

Ina Watson,
Roy Wheeler,
Organizers.

OBITUARY

Captain G. I. D. Hutcheson

Much regret was caused in various parts of Australia by the sudden death, on September 1, 1965, of Captain George Ian Dewart Hutcheson, of Sydney, one of the nation's most eminent engineers and industrialists, and a popular figure in ornithological circles.

Captain Hutcheson, who was born at Coleraine, Victoria, on June 9, 1897, was educated in Adelaide, graduated Bachelor of Engineering with first-class honours, and joined the Royal Australian Navy as an engineer sub-lieutenant. He was present at the surrender of the German Fleet at Scapa Flow. Subsequently he filled various important positions, including Director of Naval Engineering, and, on retiring from the R.A.N., became managing director of Cockatoo Docks and Engineering Company Pty. Ltd. At the time of his death he was chairman of directors of Vickers Australia Pty. Ltd.

Outside his national and industrial positions, and offices in educational associations, Captain Hutcheson's chief interest was bird-study. He and his wife, Elaine, rarely missed a meeting of Sydney members of the R.A.O.U., and both made frequent journeys, in various States, to extend their well-founded knowledge of ornithology. Especially did they observe, near their week-end cottage in the Gosford district, the ways of Regent Bower-birds. A thoroughly companionable man, Captain Hutcheson was well known to many naturalists, all of whom sympathise warmly with his widow.

—A.H.C.