

SOCIAL SCIENCE
RESEARCH COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA

Annual Report

1956

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THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA was established in 1952. The objectives of the Council, as defined by its Constitution, are:

- To encourage the advancement of the Social Sciences in Australia.
- To act as a co-ordinating body for promoting research and teaching in the Social Sciences.
- To foster research and the publication of studies in the Social Sciences.
- To encourage the formation of national bodies in the Social Sciences.
- To be the national member of international bodies concerned with the Social Sciences.
- To act as a consultant and advisory body.

The postal address of the Council is Box 4, G.P.O., Canberra, A.C.T., and the office is at present located at the Australian National University.

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Report for 1956

During 1956 the Social Science Research Council of Australia continued its main activities of assisting research workers in the social sciences, encouraging publication of finished research work and facilitating travel to meetings of social scientists in Australia.

MEETINGS

The Executive Committee met twice in Canberra, on March 16 and October 5, 1956, and the Research Committee met on October 4, 1956.

A special meeting between representatives of the Finance and Executive Committees and the Trustees to consider the future financial requirements of the Council was held in Sydney on March 2, 1956. The Membership Committee met in Melbourne on December 8, 1956.

The full Council met in Sydney on May 16, 1956 and office-bearers were elected at this meeting. As usual, this meeting was held in conjunction with the session of the Australian National Advisory Committee for UNESCO. An innovation this year, however, was the inclusion in the programme of meetings at which papers were delivered by persons whose research had been assisted by the Council,⁽¹⁾ and a symposium on Industrial Relations⁽²⁾ with the object of ascertaining the nature of research being undertaken and of stimulating further interest in a field which the Council felt to be of major interest to Australia.

INCORPORATION OF THE COUNCIL

It was resolved at the Council meeting in May to seek incorporation and a drafting committee with Professor Beasley as convener was appointed to prepare the necessary documents. The Secretary was authorised by the Executive Committee which met on October 5 to take all necessary steps, at the first available opportunity in 1957, to obtain incorporation of the Social Science Research Council under the Associations Incorporation Ordinance 1953-1956 of the Australian Capital Territory. The Council resolved that the question of seeking a Royal Charter and further discussion concerning categories of membership (e.g. Fellows and Associates) should be left open until the matter of incorporation had been dealt with.

MEMBERSHIP

The Council recorded with deep regret the death of Professor S. F. Nadel, in January, 1956.

The resignation of Professor J. K. Gifford, Department of Economics, University of Queensland was accepted during the year.

Mr. John Passmore, now Reader in Philosophy, Australian National University, was accepted into membership as he had been a foundation member of the Australian National Research Council prior to his appointment as Professor of Philosophy at the University of Otago, New Zealand.

⁽¹⁾ On this occasion the following papers were read:

Mr. P. Pentony, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Canberra University College, on "Some aspects of the relations between home environment and the social behaviour of the pre-school child".

Dr. A. Birch, Lecturer in Economic History, University of Sydney, on "The port of Sydney and its hinterland in the second half of the nineteenth century".

⁽²⁾ The speakers invited by the Council to open the discussion were Professor K. F. Walker, Department of Psychology, University of Western Australia, and Dr. E. Sykes, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Queensland.

In accordance with the resolution of the Council at the May, 1956 meeting, nominations for new members were considered by the Membership Committee and a postal ballot held in October resulted in the election of nine new members, bringing the total membership to fifty-seven.⁽³⁾

The Membership Committee at its meeting on December 8 considered rules of procedure for the selection of new members, and will report on its discussion at the next full Council meeting.

Subscriptions were placed on a calendar year basis to bring them into line with the audit and operation of the books of the Council.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION MATTERS

The major activity of the Council during the current year was again the distribution of funds from the Carnegie Corporation and the Commonwealth Government.

1. CARNEGIE FUNDS

In October, 1956, the Research Committee met to consider eighteen applications for research grants. On its recommendations, the Executive Committee then approved eight new research grants (total allocation £3550) and has since approved a further grant of £700, bringing the total number of research workers assisted since the Council's foundation to twenty-two. This represents twenty-five grants and does not include three grants approved but not used.

Details of the new grants together with a full statement of previous allocations and expenditure from Carnegie funds is found in Appendix I.

As the activities of the Council in this field are of fairly recent origin much of the research sponsored by it has not yet been completed or published. Reports on the progress of research are now being collected on a systematic basis and the current position in regard to published reports arising out of projects assisted by the Council is given in Appendix III.

2. COMMONWEALTH FUNDS

In June, 1956, advice was received from the Acting Prime Minister that the Commonwealth Government had agreed to renew the grant to the Social Science Research Council of £3500 a year for three years. This will enable the Council to continue its programme within the four broad fields for which the first Government grant was used, viz: (1) office and secretarial expenses; (2) providing travel assistance for social scientists; (3) subsidies to learned journals; and (4) publication assistance for manuscripts.

(1) Office and Secretarial Expenses

With the expanding activities of the Council it became necessary to provide office assistance for the Honorary Secretary and Mrs. Margaret Gibb was appointed in January, 1956 as Assistant Secretary on a part-time basis. The Council wishes to record its appreciation of Mrs. Gibb's work throughout the year.

The establishment of an office required the purchase of essential equipment, particularly a typewriter. However, expenditure on office equipment has been slight so far, as office space and other essential items are generously provided by the Australian National University and not charged to the Council.

(2) Travel Assistance

In addition to the normal travel facilities provided for members of Council attending official meetings, the Executive Committee agreed to make a special

⁽³⁾ The new members are starred (*) in the Membership List on page 16 of this report.

grant of up to £400 to assist the organisation of a seminar on Industrial Relations Research to be held in Canberra in January, 1957, at which university research workers together with employer and employee representatives are invited to hold discussions with Professor Clark Kerr of the University of California.

The Council also provided a small grant to enable Professor Gordon Greenwood of the Department of History, University of Queensland, who was currently on leave in the United Kingdom, to attend the Third World Congress of Sociology in Amsterdam in August, 1956.

(3) Subsidies to Learned Journals

The Council again adopted the view that ensuring adequate channels of publication for research was one of its most important activities, and continued its support of the **Australian Journal of Philosophy**, **The Australian Geographer**, **Historical Studies**, **Oceania** and the **Sydney Law Review**. Details of payments are shown in Appendix II.

A further grant of £350 was approved for **Oceania** and the whole question of subsidies to journals on a long-term basis will be considered in 1957.

(4) Publication Assistance for Manuscripts

Conflict of Expansion and Stability by Sir Douglas Copland and Mr. R. Barback. The grant to assist this publication was approved in 1955 and it was thought the book would have appeared in 1956, but because of the absence overseas of the authors and the ensuing difficulties of proof correction, publication has been delayed and the book should now appear early in 1957.

The 1926 Referendum and the Fall of the Bruce-Page Government by Mr. A. Wildavsky and Miss D. Carboch.

At its meeting of October 5, 1956, the Executive Committee considered four manuscripts but a firm decision was made only regarding the publication of the book by Mr. A. Wildavsky and Miss D. Carboch.

The Committee agreed to make an outright grant of £200 towards the publication of this work, together with a guarantee of £500 to be held for eighteen months and the Secretary was instructed to negotiate an agreement with F. W. Cheshire Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, on a basis similar to that of the Copland-Barback study. It is hoped that this work will appear in 1957.

AUDIT

Mr. P. W. Brett, Accountant at Canberra University College, accepted the office of Honorary Auditor to the Social Science Research Council in May, 1956, following the resignation of Mr. T. M. Owen.

Mr. Brett has audited the books of the Council up to December 31, 1956.

FINANCE

In October, 1956, the Trustees converted the holding of £5000 Commonwealth securities due on November 15, 1956 into 4% securities due May 15, 1958.

Financial statements for the year are given in Appendix IV.

APPENDIX I.

CARNEGIE FUNDS

RESEARCH GRANTS ALLOCATED DURING 1956

Recipient	Research Project	Amount of Grant	Payments made during 1956	Unpaid balance carried forward into 1957
		£	£	£
Miss R. Atkins, Lecturer in Government N.S.W. University of Technology.	Local Government in Sydney.	300	150	150
Mr. K. D. Buckley, Lecturer in Economic History, University of Sydney.	Agrarian development in N.S.W. and Victoria, 1840-61.	750		750
Dr. W. J. Campbell, Senior Lecturer in Education, University of Sydney.	Social change in a rural community with particular emphasis upon the effects of TV and the implications for education.	250	125	125
Mr. E. C. Chapman, Lecturer in Geography, University of New England.	Seaports, port hinterlands and the coastal shipping trade of eastern Australia during the present century.	250		250
Mr. S. Encel, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, Canberra University College.	Survey of senior executive and professional employees in Australia.	250	125	125
Professor C. A. Gibb, Department of Psychology, Canberra University College.	Dynamic dimensions of the family group.	500	250	250
Dr. I. G. Meddleton, Department of Education, University of Queensland.	Investigations into the incidence of high-grade trainable subnormal children who are not normally provided for in ordinary primary or post primary schools.	750	375	375
Associate Professor C. C. Renwick, Acting Head of the Department of Arts, Newcastle University College.	Flood history and flood loss survey, Hunter Valley.	500		500
Mr. T. G. H. Strehlow, Reader in Linguistics, University of Adelaide.	Study of the social organisation of the Aranda and neighbouring tribes in Central Australia. (Second grant).	700		700
		£4250	£1025	£3225

APPENDIX I. (Continued)

GRANTS ALLOCATED PRIOR TO 1956

Recipient	Research Project	Amount of Grant	Payments made		Unpaid bal. carried fwd. into 1957
			Prior to 1956	During 1956	
		£	£	£	£
Professor H. Arndt, Department of Economics, Canberra University College.	Study of present day Australian capital market.	350*			
Mr. J. D. Bailey, Post-graduate student, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.	A study of British investment in Australia by way of debentures and deposits with Australian financial institutions, 1870-1900.	600	300	300	
Dr. Alan Birch, Lecturer in Economic History, University of Sydney.	Study of economic and social history of Sydney in the 19th century.	750	400	350	
Rev. J. T. R. Border, Rector, St. Paul's Church of England, Canberra.	History of the Church of England 1824-1874.	200	100	100	
Dr. H. C. Brookfield, Lecturer in Geography, University of New England.	The growth, composition and distribution of the population of Cairns-Hinchinbrook area, Queensland.	250		125	125
Dr. B. Cameron, Associate Professor of Economics, Canberra University College.	Investigation into the structure of Australian industry	(1) 700 (2) 850	700	850	
Dr. R. H. Day, Lecturer in Psychology, University of Sydney.	Investigation of human skills.	300	300		
Mr. B. Fitzpatrick, 22A Clendon Road, Toorak, S.E.2., Victoria.	Political, social and economic history of Australia from circa 1890.	(1) 700 (2) 350	700	350	
Mr. J. Ginswick, Senior Lecturer in Economic History, University of Sydney.	The origins of the Australian Gaslight Company, 1836-1851.	800*			
Mr. L. F. Goldie, Senior Lecturer in Law, Canberra University College.	The continental shelf doctrine.	150	150		
Professor G. Greenwood, Department of History and Political Science, University of Queensland.	Documents in Australian foreign policy since 1900.	100	100		
Mr. M. Hodan, Assistant Research Officer, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Canberra.	An economic analysis of Australian agricultural marketing.	700	641.13.4	58. 6.8	

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Recipient	Research Project	Amount of Grant	Payments made		Unpaid bal. carried f'rd. into 1957
			Prior to 1956	During 1956	
		£	£	£	£
Dr. D. P. O'Connell, Reader in Law, University of Adelaide.	The law of the marginal sea.	75		75	
Professor O. A. Oeser, Department of Psychology, University of Melbourne.	An empirical investigation into role theory.	300	300		
Mr. P. Pentony, Senior Lecturer in Psy- chology, Canberra University College.	Social development of the pre-school child.	400	400		
Mr. T. G. H. Strehlow, Reader in Linguis- tics, University of Adelaide.	Pre-white organisation of Aranda tribe and effect of contact with white settlers.	250	250		
Mr. C. A. Valentine, Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Australian National University.	Social and religious change among the Nakanai.	200*			
		£8025			
	Less 3 grants not taken up	1350			
		£6675	£4341.13.4	£2208. 6.8	£125
	Total Research Grants made during 1956			3233. 6.8	
	Plus exchange paid on Ginswick cheque			7.6	
				£3233.14.2	
	Refunds during 1956:				
	L. F. Goldie, unused balance of research grant			93. 0.0	
	J. Ginswick, grant not taken up			425. 0.0	
				£518. 0.0	

*Indicates grants not taken up.

APPENDIX II.

SUBSIDIES PAID FROM COMMONWEALTH FUNDS*
GRANTS TO LEARNED JOURNALS

Name of Journal	Amount of Grant	Payments made	
		Prior to 1956	During 1956
	£	£	£
Australasian Journal of Philosophy	600	450	150
Australian Geographer	400	200	200
Historical Studies	450	350	100
Oceania	(1) 250	250	
	(2) 350		350
Sydney Law Review	250	250	
	£2300	£1500	£800

GRANTS APPROVED IN AID OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Mr. G. P. Sutcliffe	Monograph: Task Variability and the Level of Aspiration	Contribution of £280 paid December, 1955 to cost of publication by Melbourne University Press as Monograph No. 2 of Australian Journal of Psychology, October, 1955.										
Sir Douglas Copland and Mr. R. H. Barback	Conflict of Expansion and Stability	Book should appear in 1957. Guarantee to be held for eighteen months. Maximum liability £1,158 to decrease according to the following schedule:										
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Mr. A. Wildavsky and Miss D. Carboch	The 1926 Referendum and the Fall of the Bruce-Page Government	Agreement to be negotiated with F. W. Creshire Pty. Ltd. £200 outright grant, guarantee of £500 to be held for eighteen months.										

* This excludes administrative, meeting and travel expenses, etc., which are also met from Commonwealth Funds. Details of these are given in the financial statements, Appendix IV.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF RESEARCH PROJECTS ASSISTED BY THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

- Dr. Alan Birch With J. F. Blaxland, The Historical Background, pp. 11-53, in **South Pacific Enterprise: The Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd.**, Angus & Robertson, Sydney, 1956.
The Sydney Railway Company 1849-1855, to be published in **Royal Australian Historical Society Journal**.
- Rev. J. T. R. Border Pamphlet, **The Founding of the See of Goulburn**, St. Mark's Library Publications, No. 1, Canberra, 1956.
- Dr. B. Cameron **Australian Transaction Table**, Roneod for private circulation, Canberra, 1956.
- B. Fitzpatrick **The Australian Commonwealth**, F. W. Cheshire Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, 1956.
- M. Hodan Economic Problems of Australian Dried Fruit Marketing, **Australian Quarterly**, Vol. XXVIII, Part 3, 1956, pp. 86-92.
- P. Pentony Home Environment and Nursery School Behaviour, **Australian Journal of Psychology**, 1956, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 61-65.
- T. G. H. Strehlow Pamphlet, **The Sustaining Ideal of Australian Aboriginal Societies**, Hawthorn Press, Melbourne, 1956.

APPENDIX IV.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRUST ACCOUNT

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending December 31, 1956

	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank, January 1, 1956:									
Carnegie Funds	2387	1	11						
Commonwealth Funds	5891	14	0						
Other	529	8	0	8808	3	11			
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1956 Carnegie Grant				3551	12	2			
Refunds of Research Grants				518	0	0			
Half-yearly Commonwealth Grant				1750	0	0			
Membership Subscriptions				37	19	0			
Bank Interest				124	17	9			
Discount on Commonwealth Loan				25	0	0			
Commonwealth Loan Interest				75	0	0			
Exchange on cheques					1	0			
Social Science Abstracts				3	2	6			
Grants Research as shown in Appendix I							3233	14	2
Grants Journals as shown in Appendix II							800	0	0
Grants Travel							44	8	6
Transfers to Working Account							1450	0	0
Investment in Government Loan							4950	4	3
Balance on hand, December 31, 1956:									
Carnegie Funds							3222	19	11
Commonwealth Funds							397	1	3
Other							795	8	3
				£14893	16	4			
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APPENDIX IV. (Continued)

WORKING ACCOUNT

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending December 31, 1956

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance as at January 1, 1956	149	17 10	Travel and Accommodation	464	7 3
Bank Interest	3	11 2	Salary — Mrs Gibb	319	10 0
Transfers from Trust Account	1450	0 0	Office Expenses	92	10 0
			Petty Cash	25	0 0
			Printing and Stationery	20	12 7
			Subscription to International Sociological Association	13	3 6
			Other Expenses	27	11 4
			Balance as at December 31, 1956	640	14 4
	£1603	9 0		£1603	9 0

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

DECEMBER, 1956

- ALEXANDER, F., Professor of History, University of Western Australia.
ARNDT, H., Professor of Economics, Canberra University College.
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FIRTH, G., Professor of Economics, University of Tasmania.
FITZGERALD, C. P., Professor of Far Eastern History, Australian National University.
*FLEMING, J. G., Professor of Law, Canberra University College.
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O'NEIL, W. M., Professor of Psychology, University of Sydney.
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PASSMORE, John, Reader in Philosophy, Australian National University.
PATON, Sir George, Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne.
PREST, W., Professor of Economics, University of Melbourne.
*RADFORD, Dr. Wm. C., Director, Australian Council for Educational Research, Melbourne.
ROBERTS, Professor S. H., Vice-Chancellor, University of Sydney.
SAWER, G., Professor of Law, Australian National University.
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*SPANN, R. N., Professor of Government, University of Sydney.
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STONE, Julius, Professor of Law, University of Sydney.
STOUT, A. K., Professor of Moral Philosophy, University of Sydney.
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WALKER, K. F., Professor of Psychology, University of Western Australia.
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* Indicates elected to membership during 1956.

