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COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, 1962-63

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FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The Social Science Research Council is the national organisation of Australian social scientists. It was founded on 21st August, 1952, and incorporated as an association on 3rd June, 1957. According to the Rules adopted by Council at its meeting in Canberra on 6th June, 1957, the objects of the Research Council are:—

- (i) to encourage the advancement of the social sciences in Australia;
- (ii) to act as a co-ordinating group for the promotion of research and teaching in the social sciences;
- (iii) to foster research and to subsidise the publication of studies in the social sciences;
- (iv) to encourage and assist in the formation of other national associations or institutions for the promotion of the social sciences or any branch of them;
- (v) to act as the Australian national member of international organisations concerned with the social sciences; and
- (vi) to act as consultant and adviser in regard to the social sciences.

(The rules are printed in full in Annual Reports of the Council up to 1961).

The Council has been an affiliated member of the International Sociological Association since its inception, and has been regularly represented at the triennial congresses of the Association.

The Council's activities are supported by an annual grant of £5,000 from the Commonwealth Government, and to assist in its launching the government grants were generously matched by annual grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York for a non-recurrent five-year period. The dual flow of funds in

those years enabled Council not only to experiment with varied annual programmes, but also to place some funds in a reserve which has been carefully husbanded for the financing of larger projects organised by the Council itself. This side of the Council's work has been actively developed in recent years, as described in the Annual Report under the heading of Major Research Projects. It is much to be hoped that the Commonwealth and Carnegie benefactions will come to be supplemented by financial support from non-official bodies and individuals in Australia.

Apart from major projects, the Council's current activities include the award of grants (other than personal sustenance) to individual research workers; the award of supplementary travel grants for research in South-east Asia; subsidies to assist the publication of learned journals and books in the social science field; and publication from time to time of consolidated bibliographies of research in the social sciences in Australia. Individual research grants are made at the October meetings of the Research and Executive Committees; South-east Asia travel grants at the May meetings of the Executive Committee; and other awards are decided at the Executive meetings in May and October of each year.

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MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

The role of women in Australia. The report to the Council by Mr. Norman MacKenzie, embodying the results of this first major project initiated in 1958, together with the associated study of the legal status of women in Australia by Dr. Enid Campbell, of the University of Sydney, were published as a book on November 1, 1962, by F. W. Cheshire Pty. Ltd., with a financial guarantee by the Council. The book, entitled *Women in Australia*, has been favourably reviewed in the daily press and journals of opinion; there has not been time for reviews to appear in the learned journals.

Income taxation in Australia. A progress report on this second project was received at Council's annual meeting from Professor

R. I. Downing, Chairman of the Project Committee, who also presented some preliminary conclusions based on the study in his Presidential Address to Section G of the A.N.Z.A.A.S. Congress in Sydney in August, 1962. The Address represented Professor Downing's personal views; a full report from the Committee is expected in March, 1963 for presentation to the next annual meeting of Council.

Future projects. The Research and Executive Committees have prepared a list of seven major areas of research which they consider worthy of investigation or support by the Council. These are: health services in Australia; problems of old age and the aged; training and re-training for employment; aboriginal welfare in urban and other settled areas; university structure and organisation; re-appraisal of Australian foreign policy; and urbanisation and decentralisation in Australia. Some of these areas are already, or are expected shortly to be, receiving substantial attention from other bodies as well as individual research workers. From within the broad areas mentioned, the Executive has recommended for immediate attention by Council as subjects for possible major projects the following: planning for metropolitan development in Australia; the social sciences in Australian universities; aspects of health administration; and training and re-training of skilled labour. Following an initiative from the Myer Foundation of Melbourne, the Executive Officers of Council are consulting with representatives of the Foundation on possibilities of co-operation between the two institutions in promoting one or more of these projects, and in furthering their work generally.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GRANTS

The Research Committee at its meeting on October 24 considered ten applications for research grants and, on its recommendation, the Executive Committee approved seven grants to a total of £2,570. Conditional approval was given for an eighth grant, subject to consultation with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies which found itself able to accept full re-

sponsibility for a grant in this case. The following table shows the amounts and purposes of the grants awarded.

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED DURING 1962

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Research Project</i>	<i>Amt. of Grant</i>	<i>Paymts. made during 1962</i>	<i>Unpaid balance c.f. to 1963</i>
		£	£	£
Dr. F. H. Bauer, Lecturer in Geography, University College of Townsville.	History of White Settlement in Northern and Central Australia	620	—	620
Mr. J. T. Damm, Lecturer in Psychology, University of Queensland.	Sociological survey of Mt. Isa, and study of "talent erosion" in W. Queensland	500	250	250
Dr. H. J. Fallding, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of N.S.W.	Continuation of studies on the family in the community	125	—	125
Dr. K. S. Inglis, Visiting Fellow in History, Research School of Social Sciences, Austn. National Univ.	Historical study of Christianity and Society in Australia	75	—	75
Dr. J. A. Keats, Reader in Psychology, University of Queensland.	Studies in learning theory and social structure	250	150	100
Dr. G. M. Neutze, Lecturer in Economics, School of General Studies, Austn. National Univ.	An economic evaluation of decentralisation policy in Australia	750	375	375
Prof. K. F. Walker, Dept. of Psychology, Univ. of Western Aust.	Effect of supervisor-staff relationships on job satisfaction and efficiency	250	125	125
		<u>£2,570</u>	<u>£900</u>	<u>£1,670</u>

Of those persons awarded research grants in previous years, part of whose grants was carried over into 1962, Mr. B. J. MacFarlane, University of Queensland, was able to finance his project from other sources, and refunded to the Council the instalment of £100 already paid to him. Other grants in force during 1962 were:—

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED PRIOR TO 1962

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Research Project</i>	<i>Amt. of Grant</i>	<i>Payments before 1962</i>	<i>Payments during 1962</i>	<i>Unpaid balance c.f.</i>
		£	£	£	£
Mrs. K. O. Holgate, Lecturer in Political Science, School of Gen. Studies, Austn. National Univ.	Study of the six State divisions of the Liberal Party of Australia	150	100	50	—
Mr. R. B. Joyce, Senior Lecturer in History, Univ. of New England.	Biography of Sir William MacGregor	150	—	150	—
Miss I. McBryde, Lecturer in History, Univ. of New England.	Archaeological survey of aboriginal sites in northern N.S.W.	300	150	150	—
Dr. R. M. Martin. Lecturer in Political Science, Monash University.	A history of the Australian Council of Trade Unions	400	—	400	—
Mr. C. P. Mountford, Hon. Associate in Ethnology, South Aust. Museum.	Expedition to study art of sacred objects, record designs and collect myths and ceremonies (aboriginal)	150	75	75	—
Mrs. C. J. Soper, Research Assistant, Dept. of Pol. Science, Univ. of Melbourne.	Comparison of voting in Australian Federal and State elections and referenda since 1937	200	—	100	100
		<u>£1,350</u>	<u>£350</u>	<u>£925</u>	<u>£100</u>

The total expenditure on individual research grants during 1962 was £1,825, and the amount carried forward to 1963 was £1,770.

SOUTH-EAST ASIAN RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS

In 1962 the Council increased from two to three the number of grants offered to supplement other funds available to applicants for travel and incidental expenses involved in post-graduate research in South-east Asia. The grants are of not more than £150 a month, or £600 in all, and the area for which they are available includes the countries on the south-east borders of Asia from the Indian sub-continent to Japan, inclusive, and also Indonesia and the Philippines, but not New Guinea or the Pacific Islands.

TRAVEL GRANTS AWARDED IN 1962

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Research Project</i>	<i>Amt. of Grant</i>	<i>Paymts. made during 1962</i>	<i>Unpaid balance c.f. to 1963</i>
		£	£	£
Dr. R. S. Mathieson, Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, Univ. of Sydney.	The Economic Geo- graphy of Pakistan's Marine Fisheries	300	—	300
Dr. D. P. Singhal, Sen. Lecturer in Indo- Pakistan History and Culture, Univ. of Queensland.	A History of the Indian Peoples	400	400	—
Mr. D. H. Whitehead, Lecturer in Economics, Univ. of Adelaide.	Government promotion of economic development in North Borneo, Bru- nei and Sarawak	300	—	300
		<hr/> £1,000 <hr/>	<hr/> £400 <hr/>	<hr/> £600 <hr/>

SUBSIDIES TO LEARNED JOURNALS

Council's objective in assisting the publication of research is furthered partly by supporting learned journals which find it difficult to meet costs while maintaining high academic and production standards. In such cases, of course, Council is concerned to ensure that the journal is economically managed and that all

reasonable efforts have been made to increase its revenue from other sources. The following table shows the subsidies granted and payments made for this purpose in recent years:

<i>Name of Journal</i>	<i>Year of Grant</i>	<i>Payments in 1962</i>		
		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Commitments</i>	
		£	£	£
Australian Journal of Social Issues	1962	150	150	—
	1963	150	—	150
Australian Journal of Statistics	1962	100	100	—
	1963	250	250	—
Australian Outlook	1962	250	—	250
	1963	250	—	250
Business Archives and History	1962	150	150	—
	1963	150	—	150
	1964	150	—	150
Institute of Australian Geographers' Journal	1962	200	200	—
	1963	200	—	200
	1964	200	—	200
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		£1,950	£850	£1,100

PUBLICATION ASSISTANCE FOR MANUSCRIPTS

Two applications for assistance were under consideration during 1962. The Executive Committee decided to negotiate with publishers, and if necessary to offer a subsidy, for the publication of a book on "Piracy and Politics in the Malay World" by Dr. P. N. Tarling, Senior Lecturer in History in the University of Queensland.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Executive Committee decided to begin preparatory work on compiling a third issue of the Council's *Bibliography* of social science research, to cover the period 1960-1963. The previous issues covered the periods 1954-1957 and 1957-1960 respectively. Copies were circulated to members of Council, social science departments in Australian universities, university and public libraries in Australia and New Zealand and selected university libraries in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Copies of these Bibliographies are available from the office of the Council for the following charges (post free): 1954-1957: 5/6 (Australian), 5/6 (Sterling) and \$1.00 per copy; 1957-60: 12/6 (Australian), 12/6 (Sterling) and \$2.00 per copy.

PUBLICATIONS SPONSORED OR ASSISTED BY THE COUNCIL

Report on Major Research Project

Norman MacKenzie: *Women in Australia*, F. W. Cheshire Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, 1962.

Publications arising from Research Grants to date

Dr. S. Encel: 'Recruitment and Careers of Higher Government Officials', *Public Administration* (Sydney), Vol. 18, No. 1, 1959.

'The Political Elite in Australia', *Political Studies*, Vol. 9, No. 1, 1961.

'Political Leadership in Australia', *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, Vol. 1, No. 2, 1962.

Dr. K. S. Inglis: 'The Australian Catholic Community', Ch. 1 in H. Mayer (ed.), *Catholics and the Free Society*, (Melbourne, 1961).

Mr. R. G. Neale: 'India', Ch. VIII in *Australia in World Affairs*, 1950-1955, (Melbourne, 1957).

Indian Council of World Affairs, *Foreign Affairs Reports*, (New Delhi), Vol. VII, No. 6.

Australian Institute of International Affairs, *Australia's Neighbours*, 3rd Series, No. 84.

Dr. D. P. O'Connell: 'The Law of the Marginal Sea', *British Year Book of International Law*, 1958.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Professors G. Greenwood and P. H. Partridge were re-elected as Council's representatives on the Association Council for 1962-1965, with Dr. J. Zubrzycki, of the Department of Sociology, Australian National University, as alternate representative for 1962. Dr. Zubrzycki attended in this capacity the Fifth World Congress of Sociology in Washington, D.C., from September 2 to 8, 1962.

MEMBERSHIP

According to Rule 3(2)(a) of the Council's Rules, "persons who are deemed to have achieved distinction in one or more branches of the social sciences may be elected to membership of the Council if (i) they are nominated by one member and seconded by two other members and (ii) they are recommended by the Membership Committee after investigation of their eligibility and (iii) they receive the support of a majority of the members for the time being at a postal ballot." A list of members of the Council as at December, 1962, appears on pages 18 and 19 of this Report.

Dr. R. M. Berndt, Reader in Anthropology, University of Western Australia, was elected to membership during the year. The resignation of Professor I. F. Pearce, who had accepted a Chair in Economic Theory at the University of Southampton, was accepted with regret.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Council is increasingly called upon to advise government departments and other institutions on a variety of matters associated with social science research. The following are examples of recent activities of this kind:

Current research on health and welfare of aborigines. In 1961, following a conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers responsible for aboriginal affairs, and while the Institute of Aboriginal Studies was in its formative stage, the Department of Territories asked Council to prepare a conspectus of research in progress in this field in Australia. Reports were obtained from all academic, and some other, research workers engaged in aboriginal studies and forwarded to the Department.

International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. At the request of the Editorial Board of the proposed new edition of this Encyclopaedia, Council submitted in 1962 a short list of names of eminent social scientists in Australia and New Zealand (deceased, or alive and born before 1890), whose biographies it recommended for inclusion in the new edition.

R. B. Bennett Commonwealth Prize. The Australian Government was asked in 1962 by the Commonwealth Committee of the Royal Society of Arts to recommend a suitable recipient for this prize, which is offered every three years for an outstanding contribution to the promotion of the arts, agriculture, industry and commerce in the Commonwealth and overseas. Along with cognate bodies in Australia, Council was approached by the Commonwealth Office of Education and submitted a nomination.

Australian UNESCO Committee for Libraries. At the request of the Australian National Advisory Committee for UNESCO, Council appointed a representative to a Review Committee to advise on the reconstitution of the UNESCO Committee for Libraries, whose function is to advise the Australian Government on the UNESCO programme in the library field.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending December 31, 1962

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P. W. BRETT, A.C.I.S., Hon. Auditor.

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N. G. BUTLIN, Treasurer

February 4, 1963

*See Table III for complete details of expenditure Role of Women Project.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending December 31, 1962
(Paid through Working Account)

N. G. BUTLIN, Treasurer

February 4, 1963

P. W. BRETT, A.C.I.S., Hon. Auditor.

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The books and accounts of the Social Science Research Council of Australia Incorporated have been audited in accordance with the rules of the Council. In my opinion this statement is a true and correct record of the transactions shown in the books and accounts examined by me.

February 4, 1963

P. W. BRETT, A.C.I.S., Hon. Auditor.

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

DECEMBER, 1962

- ALEXANDER, F., Professor of History, University of Western Australia.
ANDREWS, John, Professor of Geography, University of Melbourne.
ARNDT, H. W., Professor of Economics, Australian National University.
BALL, W. Macmahon, Professor of Political Science, University of Melbourne.
BARNES, J. A., Professor of Anthropology, Australian National University.
BEASLEY, F. R., Professor of Law, University of Western Australia.
*BERNDT, Dr. R. M., Reader in Anthropology, University of Western Australia.
BORRIE, W. D., Professor of Demography, Australian National University.
BOWEN, I., Professor of Economics, University of Western Australia.
BURTON, H., Principal and Professor of Economic History, School of General Studies, Australian National University.
BUTLIN, N. G., Professor of Economic History, Australian National University.
BUTLIN, S. J., Professor of Economics, University of Sydney.
CAMERON, B. D., Professor of Applied Economics, Australian National University.
CLARK, C. M. H., Professor of History, Australian National University.
COOMBS, Dr. H. C., Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia.
COWEN, Z., Professor of Law, University of Melbourne.
CRAWFORD, Sir John, Director and Professor of Economics, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University.
CRISP, L. F., Professor of Political Science, Australian National University.
CUNNINGHAM, Dr. K. S., Gillian Road, Mt. Waverley, Victoria.
DAVIDSON, J. W., Professor of Pacific History, Australian National University.
DOWNING, R. I., Professor of Economic Research, University of Melbourne.
DUNCAN, W. G. K., Professor of Political Science, University of Adelaide.
ELKIN, A. P., Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, University of Sydney.
FITZGERALD, C. P., Professor of Far Eastern History, Australian National University.
GEDDES, W. R., Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Sydney.
GIBB, C. A., Professor of Psychology, Australian National University.
GREENWOOD, G., Professor of History and Political Science, University of Queensland.
HANCOCK, Sir Keith, Professor of History, Australian National University.
HARPER, N. D., Associate Professor of History, University of Melbourne.

* Indicates elected to membership during 1962.

HASLUCK, Hon. P., Minister for Territories, Parliament House, Canberra.

HOGGIN, Dr. I., Reader in Anthropology, University of Sydney.

HOWIE, Duncan, Professor of Psychology, University of New England.

KARMEL, P. H., Professor of Economics, University of Adelaide.

LA NAUZE, J. A., Professor of History, University of Melbourne.

LAWTON, G. H., Professor of Geography, University of Adelaide.

MATHEWS, R. L., Professor of Commerce, University of Adelaide.

MELVILLE, Sir Leslie, Chairman, Tariff Board, Canberra.

MORRIS, Dr. Norval, Director, U.N. Training and Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan.

O'BRIEN, Archbishop Eris, P.O. Box 42, Canberra.

OESER, O. A., Professor of Psychology, University of Melbourne.

O'NEIL, W. M., Professor of Psychology, University of Sydney.

PARKER, R. S., Reader in Political Science, Australian National University.

PARTRIDGE, P. H., Director and Professor of Social Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University.

PASSMORE, John, Professor of Philosophy, Australian National University.

PATON, Sir George, Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne.

PREST, W., Professor of Economics, University of Melbourne.

RADFORD, Dr. W. C., Director, Australian Council for Educational Research, Melbourne.

RICHARDSON, E. B., Managing Director, Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Sydney.

ROBERTS, Professor S. H., Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Sydney.

ROWAN, D. C., Professor of Economics, University of Southampton.

SAWER, G., Professor of Law, Australian National University.

SCHONELL, Sir Fred, Vice-Chancellor, University of Queensland.

SHATWELL, K. O., Professor of Law, University of Sydney.

SPANN, R. N., Professor of Government, University of Sydney.

SPATE, O. H. K., Professor of Geography, Australian National University.

STANNER, Dr. W. E. H., Reader in Comparative Social Institutions, Australian National University.

STONE, Julius, Professor of International Law and Jurisprudence, University of Sydney.

STOUT, A. K., Professor of Moral Philosophy, University of Sydney.

SWAN, T. W., Professor of Economics, Australian National University.

WALKER, K. F., Professor of Psychology, University of Western Australia.

WARD, J. M., Professor of History, University of Sydney.

WHITE, H. L., Librarian, National Library of Australia, Canberra.

WILSON, Sir Roland, Secretary to Commonwealth Treasury, Canberra.

WRIGHT, R. D., Professor of Physiology, University of Melbourne.

