

Minutes of the 14 Annual General Meeting of the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (Inc.), held in the Sydney Cove Room, Hilton International Hotel, Sydney, New South Wales on Sunday 6 September 1987.

Present: Lydia Preiss, Harry McCarthy, Ian Godfrey, John Davies, Tamara Lavrencic, Jackie McNaughton, Kerry McInnes, Ian Cook, Heather Mansell, John Olive, Jan Lyall, Kay Soderlund, David Butcher, Dara Rome, Nancy Mills Reid, Michelle Berry, Karen Coote, James Elwing, Pat Townley, Julian Bickersteth, Ina Koneczna, Ian MacLeod, Colin Pearson, Marg Alexander, Mark Stryker, Alan Phenix, Stewart Laidler, Tony Chadwick, Graham Whale, Bronwyn Ormsby, Phil Venn, Leigh McCawley, Huat Lai, Helen Halley, Patricia Stokes, Judy Paneros.

1. Opening of meeting.

The meeting was opened at 4.20 pm by the President, Colin Pearson.

2. Apologies.

Antonia Syme, Rose Peel, Debbie Breen, Eric Archer, Anne I'ons, Chris Adams, Jennifer Edwards, Wendy Dodd, Josephine Carter, Bill Hesloe, L Mc Gregor, Sue Walston, Thea Exley, Peter Medley.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 13.

It was agreed that the minutes of the 13th AGM held 12 August, 1986, in Adelaide be accepted as a true and accurate record.
(Res 87/1) D Rome/J Lyall, carried.

4. President's Report.

Presented by the President, Colin Pearson.
It was agreed that the President's report be accepted.
(Res 87/2) I MacLeod/ I Cook, carried.

5. Secretary's Report.

It was agreed that the report presented by Colin Pearson, on behalf of the Acting Secretary Marg Alexander, be accepted.
(Res 87/3) D Rome/ M Stryker, carried.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Presented by the Treasurer, Ian MacLeod. It was agreed that the report be accepted.
(Res 87/4) T Lavrencic/H Mansell, carried.

7. Auditor's Report.

The Treasurer presented the Auditor's report. It was agreed that the report be accepted.
(Res 87/5) M Stryker/K McInnes, carried.

8. Appointment of Auditor for 1987/88.

The Treasurer proposed that the firm of Bradshaw, Judd and Collins, Chartered Accountants, be reappointed as Auditor's. It was agreed that the appointment continue for 1987/88.
(Res 87/6) I MacLeod/M Alexander, carried.

9. Reports from Local Divisions.

ACT presented by Dara Rome.
Report accepted by resolution 87/7, M Alexander/L Preiss, carried.

NSW presented by Antonia Syme.
Report accepted by resolution 87/8, R Peel/K Soderlund, carried.

9. Reports from Local Divisions (Cont'd)

OLD presented by Tamara Lavrencic.
Report accepted by resolution 87/9, I MacLeod/D Rome, carried.

SA presented by John Olive.
Report accepted by resolution 87/10, H Mansell/ I Cook, carried.

VIC - Apologies, written report to follow

WA report presented by David Butcher.
Report accepted by resolution 87/11, I MacLeod/I Godfrey, carried.

10. Election of Incoming Council.

Nominations for the following positions were received prior to the meeting and nominees were deemed to be elected.

President	- Colin Pearson
Vice President	- Ian Cook
Secretary	- Marg Alexander
Treasurer	- Ian MacLeod
Ordinary Member	- Tamara Lavrencic
Ordinary Member	- John Olive
Ordinary Member	- Chris Payne
Publications Officer	- Heather Mansell

Further Nominations were called for from the floor and received as follows:

Senior Vice President	- Kay Soderlund (Cook/Lyall)
Vice President	- Alan Phenix (Soderlund/Laidler)
Ordinary Member	- Mark Stryker (Laidler/Coote)
Ordinary Member	- James Elwing (Davies/MacLeod)

These candidates were elected unopposed.

11. Special Business.

11.1 Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics has been accepted, published and distributed to all members and further copies have been made available for distribution at the ICOM Conference.
Colin Pearson requests feedback to upgrade and make changes if necessary.

It was reported that the History Trust of South Australia has adopted the Code and the the Trustees of the Western Australian Museum have considered the Code of Ethics and subject to some clarification it will be adopted as binding on that Institution.

11.2 Professional Accreditation.

The Accreditation Panel has met. Their report and recommendations have yet to be discussed by Council. Proposals will be sent to members for comment via the ICCM Newsletter and the matter will hopefully be finalized at the next AGM.

11.3 Membership Fees.

The Treasurer recommended that in 1988/89 membership fees be increased as follows:

Ordinary Member	\$35 (from \$25).
Student Member	\$20 (from \$15).
Instit. Member	\$80 (from \$60).
Life Member	\$560 (from \$400).

(Res 87/12) MacLeod/Cook, carried.

11.4 ICCM Name Change.

At a recent Council meeting it was decided the Australia/n should be added to the ICCM name.
Recommended I Cook/ D Rome.
Discussion followed in which several names were put forward for consideration. Those which were considered most suitable were Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (Inc.) AICCM
or the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (Inc.) Australia.
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A motion to put the question to the membership by postal vote was defeated. It was moved that the name be changed to Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (Inc.)
(Res 87/13) I Cook/ K Soderlund, carried.

Associated with this topic, the President, Colin Pearson recommended that all State Divisions should consider becoming Incorporated, as the National body is only incorporated in the ACT. To date the South Australian Division has become incorporated, details of which can be obtained from John Olive.

11.5 1987 ICOM CC Conference.

Karen Coote requested that members assist at the ICCM desk during the conference.
Members of ICOM Conservation Committee have the right to vote for the Directorate Board.

11.6 1988 Conference.

Council has proposed that the 1988 conference be held in the ACT, because of failure to organize the previously planned conference in Sydney.
ACT Division Council have met and suggest a National, but not International meeting, of three days duration.
The theme of the conference is - the future direction of the ICCM and the conservation profession. The conference committee proposes workshops rather than papers.
(Res 87/14) Pearson/Rome, carried.

Discussion followed regarding the inclusion of a Conservation Management program. It was suggested that this should be held in Adelaide at another time.

11.7 1989 Conference.

Discussions between Victorian Division and Australia/ICOMOS have resulted in plans to hold a joint conference. This will cover the area of historic houses and their contents.

12 OTHER BUSINESS .

12.1 Historic Record Search

The Australian Bicentennial Historic Record Search and ICCM have jointly produced a pamphlet, "Caring for your Historic Records".

12.2 Salary Structure - Work Standards.

Sue Walston has carried out a survey in New South Wales, and a report on work standards and job descriptions for conservators will be published in the near future.

12.3 Pilot National Data Base.

Ian Cook has been developing a National Conservation Data Base. A report will be put to the next ICCM Council meeting. Ian Cook reported that this project is not in competition with the Getty Conservation Data Base. Ian will circulate a prospectus nationally later in the year.

12.4 WA Country Conservator.

Ian Macleod reported that the Country Cosnervator program is now terminated. When the State budget is announced, it is hoped that a curator, conservator and administrator will be funded to carry on this work.

12.5 Tax Deductability for Receipt of Gifts.

Colin Pearson reported that this matter is still being investigated. Shane Simpson has been approached for legal advice. The Australian Society of Archivists has applied to the Taxation Department for sales tax exemption for goods used in conservation of archival material and is awaiting a reply.

12.6 CCAE Training Course Anniversary.

Colin Pearson reported that the CCAE Conservation Training Course will celebrate its tenth anniversary in 1988. Some function will be held to mark the occasion.

13 Date and Venue for next AGM.

To be determined. AGM will be held in conjunction with the 1988 conference in the ACT.

14 Close of Meeting.

The 14th AGM of the ICCM closed at 6 pm. The President thanked those who had attended.

INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL (INC)

President's Report to the 1987 Annual General Meeting

ACM 13 - 1987.

Following on from the very successful ICCM Annual Conference in Adelaide, the major activity has been directed towards the organisation of the ICOM Committee for Conservation Triennial Meeting in Sydney. I would like to thank in particular, Sue Walston, Karen Coote, Graham Whale, and the New South Wales Division members for their splendid efforts in the local organisation of the Meeting, also Josephine Carter and Pat Townley for organising the Poster Session, and to the Divisions and also individual ICCM members who helped raise funds and also in just attending the meeting. There will be approximately 400 delegates, and everything points towards a most rewarding meeting. As you know this is a unique opportunity, not only to meet overseas conservators but also to show the rest of the world the high standards of the conservation profession in Australia.

Due to work commitments, Helen Weidenhofer had to step down from her position of ICCM Secretary. We are grateful for all the effort she has put into the daily administration of the ICCM. Margaret Alexander was co-opted onto the ICCM Council and has taken over as Acting Secretary and again we thank Margaret for her help at a most difficult time. In Adelaide, Ian Cook, Director of the State Conservation Centre, has provided facilities to enable us to employ a secretarial assistant. This appointment is not only to help with daily administration of the ICCM, such as membership and book orders, but also to help with the production of the ICCM Bulletin. This appointment has taken a load off the shoulders of ICCM office bearers who, as you know, all work on a volunteer basis. I would like to thank, in particular, Heather Mansell, for the many hours she has put into the production of the Bulletin and in maintaining its high standard.

The other major activity of the ICCM has been the meeting of the Accreditation Panel with resultant recommendations for the criteria of Professional Membership of the ICCM. Unfortunately the Council Meeting scheduled for a week ago had to be cancelled and Council has therefore not had the opportunity to discuss the recommendations. This will mean some delay in the establishment of a professional category of the ICCM.

The cancelled meeting also meant that a range of other important matters could not be discussed. It is hoped that the incoming Council will be able to hold a meeting within the next two months to catch up on ICCM business.

I would like to conclude by thanking Council members and in particular the executive - not of course forgetting our treasurer who keeps the cash flowing year after year, and to our advantage. Thank you also to the Divisions and their Councils. This is where the hard work is done and the future of the conservation profession lies.

Dr. Colin Pearson
President

I have been acting as secretary since the end of May 1987. Helen Weidenhofer had found the steadily increasing workload of secretary too demanding and reluctantly resigned. As has been experienced in previous years the location of the ICCM post office box in Canberra and secretary in another state, has created frustrating delays in the processing of memberships, publication orders and general correspondence. Since June this year a paid secretarial assistant has been operating from the State Conservation Centre of South Australia. There are a few problems still to resolve but generally it is proving very successful.



Marg Alexander
Acting Secretary.



INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL (INC)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER TO THE AGM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1986/1987



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The past year has been one in which the cash flow of the Institute funds saw major ebbs and flows. The initial payments to the part-time secretariat at the S.A. State Conservation Centre have been made and it is anticipated that with the centralization of records for both membership and for publishing activities errors will be minimised. Inspection of the audited accounts shows that our gross income from subscriptions was down by \$2500 compared with the previous year - this anomaly has been largely offset with the receipt of late renewals for 86/87 since the end of the period under review. Capitation levies were disbursed in total at the end of the financial year rather than in December and May because of delays in internal accounting procedures. It would be appreciated if members receiving monies from the ICCM could bank their cheques as soon as possible - one division took seven months to deposit a cheque. Apologies are extended to members over the profound irritation caused by several batches of cheques that were lost in the Canberra post office for six months!

The small income from sales of publications is mainly due to backlogs in processing orders for past issues of the Bulletin. It will be noticed that the cost of producing the Newsletter has remained much the same after deducting inflationary trends in printing and postage - congratulations to our team in Victoria. The major increase in payments has been in the production of the Bulletin - a total of \$21,000 compared with \$13,500 the previous year. It must be noted that the main reason for the difference is due to the fact that Heather Mansell has caught up with the publishing backlog - last years conference proceedings are now ready.

Simple arithmetic shows that with a total net income of \$12,100 from subscriptions and sale of publications and an expenditure total of \$34,150 the ICCM is not in a healthy financial situation.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u> (rounded off)	
Net subscriptions	\$11,700	Bulletin	\$21,000
Sale of publications	400	Newsletter	2,000
		Travel	1,800
		Secretariat	3,300
		Honorarium (Secretary)	1,000
		Postage, etc.	2,400
		Miscellaneous	1,100
TOTAL	\$12,100	TOTAL	\$32,600

Profits from the Adelaide conference of \$19,800 have been earmarked for the secretariat (\$13,300) and to assist in production of the conference proceedings. It is planned that the subscriptions be increased to \$35 ordinary, \$20 student and Institutional \$85 for the period 1988/89, until further review. It must be remembered that we cannot rely on the profits of conferences to fund the general level of services to members. The proposed new subscription rates are in the line with similar organizations.

Ian MacLeod
Honorary Treasurer, ICCM Inc.

The Members
The Institute for the Conservation
of Cultural Materials Incorporated.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the balance sheet of the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials Incorporated as at 30th June 1987 and the related statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended. Our audit work in relation to subscriptions received was limited to the amounts recorded in the books of the Institute since it is not practicable for us to circularise possible contributors or perform other auditing procedures to ensure that all subscriptions have been received.

In our opinion, subject to the limitation in the scope of our audit noted above :

1. the accounts of the Institute are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Institute as at 30th June 1987 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
2. the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Institute have been observed.

Yours faithfully
BRADSHAW JUDD & COLLINS
Chartered Accountants

M.P. COLLINS - Partner

PERTH, WA
27th August, 1987

I.C.C.M. (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1987

	Note	1987	1986
INSTITUTE FUNDS		\$25,128	\$46,672
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Represented by -			
CURRENT ASSETS :			
Cash at Bank			
- operating account	80		6,406
Cash on Deposit			
- operating deposits		21,723	11,062
- prize fund		1,000	1,000
- Country Conservator Account	6	-	23,696
Interest Accrued		930	1,426
Conference Advances	3	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>
		\$25,733	\$47,090
Less -			
CURRENT LIABILITY :			
Audit Fees Accrued		450	250
Subscriptions in Advance		<u>155</u>	<u>168</u>
NET ASSETS		\$25,128	\$46,672
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The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

I.C.C.M. (INC.)
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1987

	Note	1987	1986
NET PROCEEDS (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES :			
Subscriptions	1	\$11,753	\$14,106
Publications	2	(22,634)	(14,787)
Conference		19,888	6,447
Prizes	4	20	20
Country Conservator Activities		-	-
Donations and sundry		<u>166</u>	<u>100</u>
		\$ 9,193	\$ 5,886
		=====	=====
OTHER INCOME :			
Profit on 1984 NSW Conference		-	4,013
Grant received	5	-	2,500
Interest on operating accounts		2,391	1,132
Foreign Exchange gain		-	190
		<u>\$ 2,391</u>	<u>\$ 7,835</u>
		=====	=====
OTHER PAYMENTS :			
Advertising		(95)	-
Accounting and Audit		(450)	(250)
Bank Charges		(38)	(76)
Travel		(1,863)	(2,251)
Postage, printing and stationery		(2,472)	(1,923)
Sundry		(10)	(492)
Secretariat Assistance		(3,336)	(500)
Secretary's Honorarium		(1,000)	-
Legal Fees		<u>(168)</u>	<u>-</u>
		\$ (9,432)	\$ (5,492)
		=====	=====
PLUS GRANTS RECEIVED, net			
- Country Conservator Account	6		<u>23,696</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER (EXPENDITURE)		2,152	31,925
less: Prior Period Adjustment			
Country Conservator Account	6	<u>23,696</u>	-
		(21,544)	31,925
INSTITUTE FUNDS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		<u>46,672</u>	<u>14,747</u>
INSTITUTE FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		\$25,128	\$46,672
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I.C.C.M. (INC.)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1987

	1987	1986
1. SUBSCRIPTIONS :		
Subscriptions were received as follows :		
Ordinary	(305) \$ 7,625	(386) \$ 9,896
Student	(28) 420	(40) 600
Institutional	(85) 5,100	(93) 5,580
Air Mail Surcharges and Foreign Exchange gain	352	-
	<u>13,497</u>	<u>16,076</u>
Less :		
Capitation levies to States		
VIC	(247)	(390)
NSW	(534)	(660)
WA	(168)	(214)
ACT	(337)	(373)
QLD	(181)	(202)
SA	(122)	(131)
Net subscriptions received	<u>\$11,753</u>	<u>\$14,106</u>
	=====	=====
2. PUBLICATIONS :		
Receipts :		
Special Publication	10	20
Canberra '76 proceedings	-	10
Rock Art '77 proceedings	14	111
Disaster planning	51	252
Bulletin	291	1,303
	<u>\$ 366</u>	<u>\$ 1,696</u>
Less Payments :		
Printing	\$(23,000)	\$(16,483)
Net loss on publications	<u>\$(22,634)</u>	<u>\$(14,787)</u>
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3. CONFERENCE ADVANCES

Prepayments were made in 1985 for two conferences as follows :

	1987	1986
1986 Institute conference in South Australia	\$ -	\$ 1,500
1987 International Council of Museums conference in New South Wales	2,000	2,000
	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>

4. PRIZES

Interest	\$ 120	\$ 120
Prize - awarded	100	100
	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>

5. GRANT RECEIVED

The Institute received a grant from the Federal Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment during the year ended 30th June, 1986. This grant was used for the production of an Ethics codebook during the year ended 30th June, 1987 and no further grant was received during this year.

6. COUNTRY CONSERVATOR ACCOUNT - GRANT FUNDS FULLY EXPENDED

The grant was administered by the W.A. Museum on behalf of I.C.C.M. (Inc.) - W.A. Division. The grant was not used for the purposes of the I.C.C.M. (Inc.) nor was it owned by the I.C.C.M. (Inc.). Accordingly, prior period adjustments have been made.

INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL (INC)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. INC.PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1986-87 has seen two major achievements for the S.A. division. The first was the 1986 ICCM conference, which was very successful in both professional and financial terms. The organizing committees are to be congratulated for their substantial efforts.

The second major achievement has been the implementation of an ICCM sponsored CEP program, entitled Conservation Community Service. This program seeks to provide information services to the general public, assist in the ICCM publications activities and to upgrade the conservation treatment database in South Australia. Five people commenced employment in this program on the 24/8/84. The grant has a value of \$70,000.

Working space, facilities and administrative support for this program have been kindly provided by the State Conservation Centre of South Australia.

In order to comply with the CEP secretariat regulations for community organizations to receive grants, the ICCM South Australian division was required to become an incorporated association. In order to satisfy the Corporate Affairs Commission, some minor modifications to the recommended by-laws for local divisions were necessary. Incorporation was granted on 30th July 1987.

John Olive,



President.

This year has been a very busy one for the NSW Division. We have met ten times and enjoyed talks covering a wide range of topics. We have conducted two very successful workshops: A two day seminar given by Bob Futernick on "The uses of the vacuum suction table in paper conservation" and an intensive five-day workshop given by Dr Walter McCrone on "Microscopy, Its application in Conservation". Special thanks to Susie Bioletti for her organisational skills, and to Wild Leitz for their sponsorship. "Conservation on the Move" workshops and seminars (five to date, and two remaining,) have been tirelessly organised by Rosemary Peel and her team. The response has been excellent. Conservation awareness in NSW is definitely increasing rapidly.

The Mobile Laboratory of the Regional Galleries Association of NSW has been on the road for six months now, throughout NSW and is being very well received. Likewise, the workshops seminars and visits of the Museums Association, continue to be successful around the state.

Special thanks must go to the ICOM 87 Organising Committee, for their efforts towards the Sydney Conference being held at the Hilton Hotel. Around 470 delegates have enrolled to date. Special thanks to Sue Walston, Karen Coote, and all the staff of the Australian Museum for their hard work.

The continued support of the Art Gallery of NSW, the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, the Australian National Maritime Museum and the Australian Museum, in providing venues for meetings, mailing services and the time of their staff is gratefully acknowledged.

Rosemary Peel and Karen Coote have decided to take long service leave from the NSW Committee after many years of hard work. Special thanks to them for their commitment.

Kay Soderlund is the Chairperson again this year, with Sue Gatenby secretary, Graham Whale treasurer, Mark Stryker newsletter editor, and Sue Frost, Julien Bickersteth and Sharon Towns as committee members. Antonia Syme is NSW representative on the national council.

Antonia Syme.

ICCM - Queensland Division
ANNUAL REPORT
1986-1987

For reasons unknown, there has been no general meeting since December, 1985. The committee elected at that time included Harry Haxton as Chairperson, Neville Agnew as Secretary, Dan Robinson as Treasurer and ordinary members, Graham Reynolds, Larry Casey, and Pamela Whitlock. In October 1986, the secretaryship passed to Tamara Lavrencic as Dr Agnew had many pressing commitments. One can only assume that it has generally been the secretary's job to arrange all the meetings and thus the general meeting and the annual election were lost in the transfer. This will be remedied at a meeting to be held in December this year. It is hoped that the committee members, whether new or existing, will take a more active role in the organisation of local activities, and to this end it is proposed that the committee members meet more regularly to stimulate some inspirational topics for future meetings.

A financial statement issued by Dan Robinson on September 1, 1987 gave the following figures:

INCOME

\$17.00 Transferred from the ICCM
\$14.51 Interest
\$31.51 Total

EXPENDITURE

\$54.26 Secretarial and meeting costs
\$ 0.35 Federal tax on debits
\$54.61 Total

Balance at July 1986 \$425.34
Balance at June 1987 \$402.24

Meetings have included a demonstration of the Polyweld machine at Conservation Resources (March 1986), a tour of the facilities at the Queensland Art Gallery (October 1986), a Xmas party at the residence of Tamara Lavrencic, a look at the facilities and type of work done at the Australian Archives (February 1987), a tour of the Queensland Museum (April 1987) and a demonstration of wet mounting maps at the Fryer Library. (July 1987). Attendance has generally been fairly good (15 or more) except for the Xmas party which attracted the grand total of 4 members! (Obviously not a very festive bunch). Two meetings proposed for September and a later month in 1986 had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. These were weekend tours of the Abbey Museum and the St Helena Penal Ruins. Demonstrations seem to attract the larger crowds, and the most success has

been found when meetings are held at 6.30 pm during the week.

One of the few issues tackled (during tea breaks after tours) was in regard to regional conservators. Most members felt the increasing demand for a regional conservator (as well as for more private conservators). As Secretary, I undertook to write to the Local Government Association suggesting that they consider funding such a position to work in cooperation with the Regional Galleries of Queensland, but there seems to be little interest. It is hoped that some cooperative volunteer will be located to further examine the possibilities.

As Secretary I also sent out letters to various organisations and institutions requesting funding for a daily ICOM Conference newsletter, with no success. This concept was not a popular one with the Queensland members, who generally felt that the money, if found, could have been much better spent, and that the printing costs were excessive.

The current membership is about 42 which is a decrease by 10 to 11 members. As it is known that two of the members are not included on the most recent list, it is to be wondered just how accurate those lists are.

Tamara Lavrencic

Tamara J Lavrencic
Secretary, ICCM-Qld Division

ICCM ACT DIVISION - REPORT FOR 1986/87

The year has been successful, with a slow start, but got busy from the beginning of 1987. The average attendance at each meeting was 20-25 people.

With the support of the good team of Council and other members, it has been a pleasure for me to have worked as president of the ICCM ACT Division in the past year and to report to you the successful year we had.

The Council took office after the election at the AGM on Thursday 31 July 1986. We had several Council meetings through the year to discuss matters related to ICCM and to plan for the meetings which were as follows:

- August 1986 Workshop at the Australian War Memorial on Environmental Control by Tim Padfield visiting conservator from the Smithsonian Institution.
- September 1986 "Treasure of the Bodleian" by Michael Turner, Head Conservator, Bodleian Library, at the Menzies Library, ANU. ICCM members were invited as guests by the Menzies Library Friends.
- November 1986 Mad Hatters' Christmas Party at Marg and Ken Alexander's House.
- February 1987 Talk on the policy and development of the National Museum of Australia by the Director, Dr Don McMichael, and private viewing of the exhibition at the Museum Visitors Centre.
- March 1987 Talk by Jill Sterrett on the topic of "Gum arabic as a binder in watercolour paints and a preliminary investigation into the factors that may induce its insolubility in water".
- April 1987 Inspection of the new facilities of the Conservation Centre at the National Library of Australia.
- May 1987 Informal seminar on Preservation Micro-filming

I sincerely thank all the Council Members who have been very supportive throughout the year and have given their time generously to the promotion of the ICCM's objectives in the ACT.

The Council felt that the number of people attending the meetings was rather low, considering that we have over one hundred members in the ACT. To improve this, a new meeting program will be tried for 1987/88, which is to have an informal seminar on conservation problems to cater for professional conservators on the second week of each month as well as a meeting on a more general topic during the last week of the same month. The informal seminar is aimed at getting together conservators to share problems and ideas. It remains to be seen how successful this program will be.



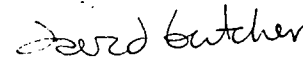
Dara Rome
President

ANNUAL REPORT OF ICCM (WA DIVISION) 1986/7

This has been a relatively quiet year for the WA Division with only two public meetings being held. In September Tom Perigo spoke on "Stimulated community learning about environmental issues" on Rottnest Island and in April Gordon Hudson spoke on the conservation of Ian Fairweather's "Ave Maria". A successful christmas party was held at Sylkva Bass' house in December.

General poor attendance at meetings and a feeling that it was increasingly difficult to find new topics to attract public interest led the committee to consider a different approach in the coming year. Two things were thought to be important: one was to have fun and the other was to organize meetings and seminars for the professional development of conservators. This is not to say that public meetings would not be organized, but that this would only happen in response to a perceived need rather than attempting to draw in the public.

Meanwhile the newsletter has been given a facelift and the new committee looks forward to a fun-filled and educational 1987/8.



DAVID BUTCHER
VICE PRESIDENT (1986/7)

4 September 1987

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ICCM VICTORIAN DIVISION REPORT 1986/87

1986/87 has been something of a disappointing year for the Victorian division. Although numbers have grown slightly, the active membership has dwindled. There has been encouraging signs with the growth of membership from younger people, most of whom wish to make a career in conservation. However, many of these members are not staying in Victoria, but are moving interstate or overseas to study.

Despite this, the division has had some interesting meetings, including a joint meeting with the Victorian Bookbinders Guild, a look at restoration work done at a historic home in Melbourne, and a large open meeting for museum professionals on security.

Because of the Victorian division's commitment to the National Newsletter, the local newsletter has unfortunately taken a back seat and is produced very irregularly. This may have contributed to the lessening of attendance at meetings. The committee is looking to issue the newsletter on a more regular basis this year.

All in all, it was a quiet year, but members of the new committee are looking forward to a more productive year in 1987-88.

Felicity Martin - President
Debbie Breen - Secretary
Lou Young - Treasurer
Eabs Burgemeestre - Committee member