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I trust that this Newsletter reaches you before you depart for Conference in Timaru.

Firstly I must apologise for the delay in publishing this pre-conference edition. As you will notice, not all branch reports appear. If yours is one of those, I am sorry I could not wait any longer.

This issues includes the following:

Branch Reports
Treasurers Report and Balance Sheet
Nominations for National Office (as at 16 April, 1989)
A.G.M. Minutes, New Plymouth

A.G.M. Agenda) Reprinted to include
Presidents & Secretary's Annual Reports) all reports etc. into
Remits) one issue.

At the time of writing, 60 subs still remain outstanding.

Please post through to Murray without delay. Thanks.

Nominations for National Office (as at 16 April, 1989)

National President:

D. Brown - Northern South Island and Others
J. Craw - (withdrawn) Northern South Island, Northland, South-
land and Others

Vice-Presidents:

Jack Crow - Northern South Island, Northland and Others
Peter Ingram - South Auckland
Bob Blick - Northern South Island
Keith Herbert - Wairarapa Branch

National Secretary:

Eric Eden - Northern South Island and Southland

National Treasurer:

Murray Turner - Northern South Island and Southland

Editor:

The Institute of Noxious Plants Officers Inc.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1988

Mr. President and Members:

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to report to you and present you with a satisfactory balance sheet.

The Institute's finances remain buoyant with net assets totalling \$21,000 plus which represents an asset of approximately \$125 per member.

The Institute is in the fortunate position of having its total operating costs approximately equalling income from subscriptions and nearly the entire surplus of \$2,543 coming from investment interests.

Even although the Institute appears to be enjoying a period of financial solidity, members should not be complacent about the speed that funds could dwindle should the unsuspected occur.

Consideration should be given to the fact that interest rates have been halved and it is likely that incidental costs will rise; accordingly I will be recommending to the A.G.M. that we endeavour to maintain our income/expenditure at its current level.

The position of Institute Treasurer is far more demanding than I ever realised, involving many hours of work. I have enjoyed the challenge and have agreed to offer my services for a further term should the A.G.M. approve.

M. McD. Turner,
NATIONAL TREASURER.

THE INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1988

	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
<u>OPENING BALANCES</u>		
Bank of New Zealand Cheque Account	1,602.07	15,132
Bank of New Zealand Deposit Accounts	15,780.87	-
	17,382.94	15,132
<u>PLUS INCOME</u>		
<u>Subscriptions</u>	5,174.80	4,594
Protect Advertising	-	300
Conference	-	29
Bank Interest	2,505.76	1,846
<u>Sundry Items</u>		
Donation	220.00	100
Sale of Weed Books	11.55	23
Petty Cash Refund	47.04	-
Transfer from Term Deposits	-	16,000
<u>Total Income</u>	7,959.15	22,892
	25,342.09	38,024
<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>		
<u>Honoraria</u>		
Secretary	500.00	400
Treasurer	450.00	350
Editor	200.00	150
	1,150.00	900
<u>Printing and Stationery</u>		
Name Tags, Conference	-	142
Miscellaneous	593.42	25
	593.42	167
<u>Protect</u>		
Printing Charges	874.50	1,296
Sundries	143.63	198
	1,018.13	1,494
<u>Executive Expenses</u>		
Travelling Expenses	85.00	1,361
Accommodation	525.60	247
Sundry	191.51	91
	802.11	1,699
<u>Office Expenses</u>		
Legal and Accounting Fees	110.00	40
Petty Cash Secretary	-	150
Petty Cash Treasurer	-	100
Typing Treasurer	30.00	30
Insurance and Maintenance Office Equip.	114.12	52
Postages	125.00	170
Private Services and Sundries	698.10	320
Bank Interest and Service Fees	37.59	-
	1,114.81	862
<u>Banking</u>		
Transfer to Conference Account	-	300
Transfer to Term Deposits & Auto Access	-	31,000
Loan South Auckland Branch	635.00	-
	635.00	31,300
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	5,313.47	36,421
<u>Closing Balances</u>		
- B.N.Z. Cheque Account - O/D	(32.09)	1,602
- B.N.Z. Deposit Accounts	20,060.71	-
	\$20,028.62	\$ 1,602

THE INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1988

	<u>THIS YEAR</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Current Paid	4,227.80	3,761
Arrears Paid	210.00	300
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	4,437.80	4,061
 <u>Protect</u>		
Advertising	-	300
Sales	-	-
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	-	300
 <u>Conference</u>	-	28
 <u>Bank Interest Received</u>	2,505.76	2,627
 <u>Sundry Items</u>		
Donation	220.00	100
Sale of Weed Books	11.55	23
Sundry	47.04	-
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	278.59	123
 <u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	 \$7,222.15	 \$7,139
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THE INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - CONTINUED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1988

	<u>THIS YEAR</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>
<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>		
<u>Honoraria</u>		
Secretary	500.00	400
Treasurer	450.00	350
Editor	200.00	150
	<u>1,150.00</u>	<u>900</u>
<u>Printing and Stationery</u>		
Letterheads and Certificates	-	-
Name Tags, Conference	-	142
Miscellaneous	593.42	25
	<u>593.42</u>	<u>167</u>
<u>Protect</u>		
Printing Charges	874.50	1,296
Typing Charges	-	-
Editor's Petty Cash	-	-
Magazine Subscriptions	-	-
Postage	-	-
Sundries	143.63	198
	<u>1,018.13</u>	<u>1,494</u>
<u>Executive Expenses</u>		
Travelling Expenses	85.00	1,361
Accommodation	525.60	247
Sundry	191.51	91
	<u>802.11</u>	<u>1,699</u>
<u>Office Expenses</u>		
Legal and Accounting Fees	110.00	40
Petty Cash Secretary	-	150
Petty Cash Treasurer	-	100
Typing Treasurer	30.00	30
Insurance and Maintenance Office Equip.	114.12	52
Postages	125.00	170
Private Services and Sundries	698.10	320
Bank Interest and Service Fees	37.59	-
	<u>1,114.81</u>	<u>862</u>
<u>Banking</u>		
Transfer to Conference Account	-	300
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>4,678.47</u>	<u>5,422</u>
<u>SURPLUS TO ACCUMULATED FUND</u>	<u>\$2,543.68</u>	<u>\$1,717</u>

THE INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1988

	<u>THIS YEAR</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		
Balance 1 January, 1987	18,913.94	17,196.57
Plus Surplus for Year	<u>2,543.68</u>	<u>1,717.37</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 DECEMBER, 1988</u>	<u>\$21,457.62</u>	<u>\$18,913.94</u>
 <u>INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
B.N.Z. - Cheque Account	(32.09)	1,602.07
- Term Deposits	8,403.48	7,310.63
- Auto Access	11,657.23	8,470.24
Subscriptions in Arrears	302.00	330.00
Loan - South Auckland Branch	<u>635.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	20,965.62	17,712.94
 <u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Subscriptions in Advance	<u>1,068.00</u>	<u>359.00</u>
	19,897.62	17,353.94
 <u>Plus Fixed Assets</u>		
Typewriter	1,400.00	1,400.00
Briefcases	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
	1,560.00	1,560.00
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$21,457.62</u>	<u>\$18,913.94</u>

THE INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS INCORPORATED

NOTES TO ACCOMPANY ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER, 1988

NOTE 1

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING PRINCIPALS

The attached Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statements of Standard Accounting Practice issued by the New Zealand Society of Accountants.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following particular accounting policies which have a significant effect in the results and financial position have been adopted in the Accounts.

Investments

Investments have been recorded at cost.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There are no changes in accounting policies during the year under review.

NOTE 2

There were no commitments for capital expenditure at 31 December, 1988.

NOTE 3

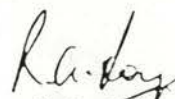
There were no contingent liabilities at 31 December, 1988.

AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

THE INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS INCORPORATED

I have examined the Statement of Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet together with the Books and Records of the Institute and obtained such information and explanations as considered necessary.

I am of the opinion that the attached Financial Statements present fairly the state of affairs of the Institute as at 31 December, 1988 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.


R.A. ROY
 AUDITOR
ALEXANDRA

B.Comm A.C.A.

14 MARCH, 1989.

The Institute of Noxious Plants Officers Inc.

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LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE 1988 FINANCIAL YEAR

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Particulars	Code
910491	State Insurance	114.12	Insurances	D4
910492	D. Brown	85.00	Travelling Expenses	E1
910493	Eltham Dist. Council	65.00	Accommodation	E2
910494	Wellington D.N.P.A.	50.80	"	E2
910495	D. Brown	13.80	Sundry I.P.D.O. meeting	E3
910496	N.Z. Post	70.00	P.O. Box Rental - Ostend	D11
910497	" "	100.00	" " " - Blenheim	D11
910498	D. Brown	500.00	Honorarium - Nat. Sec.	A1
910499	R. Merrilees	450.00	" - Nat. Treasurer	A2
910500	Blenheim B.C.	22.87	Photocopying - Exec. meeting	E3
910501	Hubbard & Co.	110.00	Auditing Charges	D1
910502	C.F. Hastings	30.00	Typing Charges - Nat. Treas.	D10
910503	Kevin Worsley	94.84	Sundry - Tolls etc.	
			Nat. Pres.	E3
910504	Eric Eden	200.00	Honorarium - Nat. Editor	A3
874531	N.Z. Post	25.00	P.O. Box Rental - Clyde	D13
874532	N.Z. Weed & Pest Soc.	30.00	Annual Subscription	D11
874533	John Swan & Co. Ltd.	27.70	Rubber Stamps	D6
874534	Furn-Pak N.Z. Ltd.	110.00	Transport Field Day Display	D7
874535	Waimea County Council	711.70	Protect Printing	C2
874536	Waikato " "	360.40	Cost Share - Nat. Field Day	D11
874537	Southland " "	163.70	Attendance I.P.D.O.	
			Conference - K. Crothers	E2
874538	Keith Crothers	20.00	Expenses I.P.D.O. Conference	E3
874539	Vincent County Council	246.30	Attendance I.P.D.O.	
			Conference - M. Turner	E2
874540	M. Turner	40.00	Expenses I.P.D.O. Conferenc	E3
874541	Admark Industries Ltd.	593.42	"Ask Us" Stickers	B6
874542	Waimea County Council	306.43	Newsletter Copying & Postage	E2 & C8
874543	National Treasurer	100.00	Petty Cash, Postage, etc.	D13
874544	Sth. Auckland Branch	635.00	Suspensary Loan	F3
874545	Banks Peninsula DNPA	50.00	Refund on F/D Display	D12

INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS

MINUTES OF THE 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
THE COUNTRY LODGE, HENWOOD ROAD, BELL BLOCK,
NEW PLYMOUTH ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 1988 COMMENCING 8.40 A.M.

OPENING:

The President (K. Worsley) declared the 39th Annual General Meeting open and in session with 91 members in attendance.

APOLOGIES: K. Massey, R. Dodd, R. Hodgson, B. Menzies, T. Hartley
P. Hatton, L. Scott, R. Iremonger, G. Foster,
R. Van Zoelen, M. Shepherd, T. Regan, B. Hough,
W. Stahel, P. Barlow, E. Gard, A.G. Leighton,
P.F. Morgan, A.J. Healy, R. Wilson, R.S. Campbell,
J. Doyle, R.E. Thompson, C.D. Edminston, and
L. McDermott.

J. McNaught moved, seconded M. Ferguson that the apologies be sustained. CARRIED.

MARK OF RESPECT:

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for the following members.

D. Carnegie, and L. Menzies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

K. Crothers moved, seconded D. Collins that the Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting be taken as read and confirmed. CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

E. Eden moved, seconded J. McNaught that the following applications for full membership be approved.

H. Gillum (Harold)	Hawera District Council
D. Pooley (Des)	Whakatane DNPA, Whakatane
L.J. Geddes (Jo)	Franklin DNPA, Pukekohe
J.W. Ross (John)	Ellesmere DNPA, Leeston
C. Edminston (Clyde)	Otamatea DNPA, Paparoa
G.J. Wrightson (Graeme)	South Auckland DNPA, Manukau
R. Mallinson (Richard)	Rangitikei DNPA, Marton

CARRIED.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

It was moved M. Kreft, seconded J. Craw that the following applications for Honorary Membership be approved.

E. Bolton (Edward)
G. Burnside (Geof)

Rodney DNPA
Manukau City Council

CARRIED.

RESIGNATIONS:

P. Ingram moved, seconded J. Stachurski that the following resignations be received with regret.

J.D. Davidson
C.M. Jeffrey
T.W. Payne
D. Carnegie
J. Challis
H. Neale
S. Dulieu
G. Burnside
H. Herbert
M. Bolton
H. Burgisser

Manukau DNPA
Piako DNPA
Hamilton City DNPA
Christchurch DNPA
N.P.C. Wellington
Ruakura Research Station, Hamilton
Taumaranui County Council
Manakau City Council
Dannevirke County Council
Thames Coromandel District Council
Hawera District Council.

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORTS:

(a) NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S :

K. Worsley moved, seconded R. Morgan that the National President's report be received.

J. Craw moved, seconded P. Ingram that the report be adopted.

CARRIED.

(b) NATIONAL SECRETARY'S :

D. Brown moved, seconded J. McNaught that the National Secretary's report be received.

J. Craw moved, seconded P. Ingram that the report be adopted.

CARRIED.

(c) NATIONAL TREASURER'S :

R. Merrilees moved, seconded D. Collins that the National Treasurer's report and balance sheet be received.

It was moved by W. Dickins, seconded J. McNaught that the report and balance sheet be adopted.

CARRIED.

I. Frizzelli asked about the float given to Conference Branches. M. Turner indicated that it was normal for the float to be paid back. E. Eden advised that the North South Island Branch did not have a float.

(d) NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT :

E. Eden moved, seconded P. Chapman that the Newsletter Editor's report be received.

D. Rhodes moved, seconded P. Ingram that the report be adopted.
CARRIED.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1989 :

K. Crothers moved, seconded J. Clapham that the subscriptions for 1989 be as recommended by Executive.

Noxious Plants Officers and Associate Members	\$30.00
Honorary Members	\$12.00
	CARRIED.

CONFERENCE FEE 1989 :

J. McNaught moved, seconded F. Marsh that the Conference fee for 1989 be Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) as recommended by the Executive.
CARRIED.

On the motion put one voted against.

I. Frizzell spoke against the Conference Fee being so high.

F. Marsh replied that these fees go towards running the Conference and that by doing so will enforce that it remains a Noxious Plants Officers Conference.

HONORARIUMS :

(a) NATIONAL SECRETARY :

M. Kreft moved, seconded by W. Dickin that the National Secretary's honorarium remain the same as last year as recommended by the Executive.

National Secretary	Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
	CARRIED.

(b) NATIONAL TREASURER :

R. Merrilees moved, seconded by J. McNaught that the National Treasurer's honorarium also remain the same as last year.

National Treasurer	Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$450.00)
	CARRIED.

(c) NEWSLETTER EDITOR :

P. Ingram moved, seconded D. Babe that the following recommendation from the Executive Committee be adopted.

That the Newsletter Editor receive an annual Honorarium of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)	CARRIED.
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VENUE FOR 1991 CONFERENCE :

K. Crothers advised that the Otago Southland Branch had put forward a proposal to host the 1991 Conference. The venue decided upon was Lincoln College, Christchurch.

K. Crothers moved, seconded J. Craw that the 1991 Conference be held at Lincoln College, Christchurch, further that the Conference be held in the first week of the May School Holidays.

Concern was expressed that the change of Conference dates may set a precedent and cause difficulty with travelling arrangements.

J. Craw replied that the same procedure will be adopted for the 1990 Conference to be held in Waikato.

N. Daniel still opposed holding Conference in School Holidays.

There being no further venues forthcoming the motion was CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS :

PROXY VOTES:

N. Daniel moved, seconded J. McNaught that the fourteen proxy votes be received.

SCRUTINEERS :

F. Marsh moved, seconded J. Stachurski that J. Cherry and G. Ward be appointed scrutineers.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT :

The following nominations for the position of National President were received.

D. Brown	--	R. Broadhurst nominated, seconded J. McNaught
J. Craw	--	P. Joynt nominated, seconded K. Crothers

Each nominee spoke to his nomination.

As a result of the ballot, D. Brown was declared National President.

J. McNaught moved, seconded J. Hunter that the voting papers be destroyed.

VICE PRESIDENTS :

The following nominations were received.

J. Craw	--	K. Crothers nominated, seconded P. Joynt
J. McNaught	--	P. Ingram nominated, seconded C. Stark
E. Eden	--	M. Kreft nominated, seconded D. Collins

E. Eden withdrew his nomination.
There being no further nominations a vote was taken to select
Senior and Junior Vice Presidents.

J. Cr  w was elected Senior Vice President
J. McNaught was elected Junior Vice President.

NATIONAL SECRETARY :

The following nominations were received for the position of
National Secretary.

E. Eden -- D. Collins nominated, seconded P. Ingram
K. Crothers -- A. Feaver nominated, seconded R. Read

There being no further nominations. As a result of a ballot E. Eden was
declared National Secretary.

NATIONAL TREASURER :

Two nominations were received for the position of National
Treasurer.

M. Turner -- K. Crothers nominated, seconded M. Kreft
R. ~~Craw~~^{McLaw} -- R. Blick nominated, seconded G. Foster

There being no further nominations M. Turner was elected National
Treasurer.

BALLOT PAPERS :

J. Stachurski moved, seconded D. Rhodes that all ballot papers be
destroyed.

The President congratulated those elected to various positions.

REMITTS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

REMIT ONE - NORTH SOUTH ISLAND BRANCH :

" The Executive to review the objects of the institute as set out
in the Constitution and Rules to incorporate disciplinary
proceedings when considered necessary of members by the Executive."

Remit one submitted by the North South Island was withdrawn.

REMIT TWO - MANAWATU / WEST COAST BRANCH :

"That the Institute bestow honorary membership to the Noxious
Plants Officers Association of New South Wales."

F. Marsh addressed members on the above matter and the proposed motion
was read.

N. Daniel spoke against the motion, he was of the opinion that the matter should be brought up each year.
J. Crow and F. Marsh replied.

The following notice of motion was moved F. Marsh, seconded J. Salmon.

That the Institute bestow associate membership to the Noxious Plants Officers Association of New South Wales at no cost.

further the following notice of motion to ammend Rule 4 (d) by inserting the words " or organisation "
was moved by F. Marsh and seconded by J. Salmon.

Amendment 4 (d) reads as follows:

"In addition to the above the Associate Membership may at any time be bestowed by the Executive upon a person or organisation who shows special and active interest of the Institute or its affairs, provided that any such resolution of the Executive when conferring this status of associate membership shall not operate until confirmed by a general meeting.

Associate membership shall carry with it all the obligations and the rights of any ordinary member of the Institute other than the rights of nomination or voting or eligibility for election to the Executive."

After a vote was taken the motion was adopted and CARRIED.

An unanimous vote was recorded.

J. Cherry expressed a vote of thanks to the Institute on behalf of the New South Wales Noxious Plants Officers Association

REMIT THREE - MANAWATU / WEST COAST BRANCH :

"That the rules of the Institute be changed to allow any Officer who holds a warrant of appointment under the Noxious Plants Act 1978 be entitled to full membership of the Institute by deleting the words "Associate Membership" from Clause 4 (e) and the deleting of Clause 4 (d).

The Manawatu / West Coast Branch withdrew their remit.

REMIT FOUR - OTAGO SOUTHLAND BRANCH :

"That the Institute write to the Local Government Association requesting they give serious consideration to support the DSIR's (Botany Division) proposal for an annual fee of One thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) plus GST being for plant identification services for DNPA's and their Officers.

K. Crothers spoke on the above remit, and F. Marsh advised that K. Thomas will undertake to carry the Institutes request to the Local Government Association.

K. Crothers moved, seconded M. Turner that the remit be adopted.
CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

(a) NOXIOUS PLANTS COUNCIL : FUNCTIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
COMMITTEE

R. Blick expressed concern that the Noxious Plants Classification Committee to his knowledge had not met for two years yet there were new weeds being classified and asked that perhaps the Field Officer present could explain.

The Field Officer, G. Strickett, replied. At the conclusion of the discussion R. Blick recommended that no further action be taken.

(b) NATIONAL FIELD DAYS DISPLAY :

The following extract from the Executive Committee minutes was read by the Secretary together with the Committees recommendation.

"J. McNaught advised that it had been elected to have another Display at the Field Days and that this year they did not have the same site as they have elected to be under canvas. Further, South Auckland region has called for donations of \$150.00 from regional DNPA's also the Noxious Plants Council has been approached for financial assistance."

Recommendation :

"That the Institute pick up any shortfall that the Noxious Plants Council does not meet subject to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

D. Fullerton urged the Institute to consider giving more than the five hundred dollars recommended by the Executive Committee.

Following lengthy discussions it was moved J. McNaught, seconded K. Herbert that the Institute pick up any shortfall that the Noxious Plants Council does not meet, subject to a limit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

CARRIED.

(c) HIREAGE OF DISPLAYS :

Considerable discussion took place with the envisage placed on the cost of hireage to DNPA's who did not contribute to the initial project.

The following recommendation from the Executive Committee was read "That any branch could hire at a charge of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) plus freight noting that the insurance is paid by the Institute."

J. McNaught spoke against the above recommendation and moved on behalf of the South Auckland branch the following.
That the South Auckland Branch recommends to the Institute that those authorities who have not made a contribution towards the initial cost of the Field Day equipment be charged one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and meet the freighting cost to that Authority, also and for future use by those Authorities no further charges will be incurred.

Those Authorities who have contributed shall only incur freight charges."

K. Crothers seconded the motion.

The President stated that the Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) hire charge was an ongoing charge which would help maintenance costs.

The following amended motion was moved F. Marsh, seconded J. Craw
That the display be hired for Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) plus freight to any person or groups of persons who wish to hire the display from the Institute.

The substantive motion was put and CARRIED.

The question then arose as to who will be charged with the responsibility of the display and the debting of accounts from those Authorities wishing to hire it.

It was moved D. Brown, seconded R. Morgan That the display care be under the custody of the South Auckland Branch and the debting to be undertaken by the National Treasurer.

CARRIED.

(d) NON ATTENDANCE AT NELSON CONFERENCE:

N. Mickleson questioned the method used by the Executive and felt that the three Officers in question should have been approached prior to the action taken.
The letter in question written to the Authority concerned was read.

(e) MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES:

G. Ward made reference to a letter dated 14 April 1988 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to Local Government outlining MAF's position in regard to all matters relating between the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Local Government.

It was suggested that each branch obtain from the Secretary a copy of the letter to take back to its members.

(f) DEPT OF CONSERVATION - CROWN LAND:

Concern with the changes that have been made in regard to Crown Land and the Department of Conservations control of the Noxious Plants on those lands was expressed by members.

G. Strickett was asked questions and replied as a Field Officer, and addressed Conference on the policy of latent Noxious Plants.

(g) SPEAKER'S PAPERS:

J. Craw brought to the Institute's notice the importance of Speaker's papers being submitted to the organising Committee prior to Conference.

D. Collins replied and N. Daniel made comments.

(h) CLARIFICATION OF THE FIELD OFFICERS ROLE:

M. Holden asked the Field Officer whether the Field Officers worked for the Noxious Plants Council or had there been a transition, if so when did this occur? G. Strickett replied that he is employed to be a Field Officer to the Noxious Plants Council and contracted to MAF.

(i) EXECUTIVE TRAINING OFFICER'S

The Executive Training Officer presented his report.

(j) T.C.I. TUTOR'S REPORT:

The T.C.I. Tutor presented his report.

(k) AUSTRALIAN TRIP - DU PONT:

J. Craw gave a report.

(l) BRANCH REPORTS:

R. Broadhurst moved, seconded J. Salmon that the Branch reports be published in the next Newsletter.

F. Marsh moved, seconded M. Ferguson that in future Branch reports be published in the Newsletter prior to Conference.

(m) VOTE OF THANKS:

J. McNaught on behalf of the Institute extended a vote of thanks to the President.

Appreciation was shown in the usual manner.

The President (K. Worsley) replied and thanked the National Secretary and F. Marsh for their assistance over the years. Further vote of thanks was extended to R. Merrilees National Treasurer and the Minute Clerk (Mrs S. Ingram).

There being no further business the meeting closed 12.07 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1988/89

It is with pleasure that I present my Annual report.

At the 1988 Conference in New Plymouth when asked by the "news media" how I felt the Conference had gone, I said that if nothing else it was hoped that this Conference had allayed some of the fears that Noxious Plants Officers had about their futures. Whilst that may have been the case then, things have certainly changed since with the introduction of Local Government reform.

Of prime importance to this Institute during the latter part of the year has indeed been Local Government Reform. This Institute with considerable input from all members forwarded to the Local Government Commission a submission in November. At the time of writing this report, no clear policy had been made by the Commission on the future of noxious plants administration, and it is with this uncertainty the final outcome is awaited.

The Institute sought a meeting with the Local Government Commission but it was felt that little would be achieved, however, an approach was made to the National Transition Committee for a meeting and it was hopeful that this might take place.

At the beginning of last year the Institute was invited to put forward its comments to the Ministry for the Environment on the pesticides issues and options report. The submission was presented and we now look forward to receiving the report and to having some further input into the future use of pesticides in this Country.

In 1987 the Institute met with officers of the Pest Destruction Officers Institute with the view to amalgamation of the two Institutes. It had been intended to have another meeting towards the end of last year but with the outcome of local government amalgamation being uncertain, it was with mutual agreement decided to leave any future meetings until things were more definite.

No further information has been received with regard to the Lincoln seminar on amalgamation of pests and noxious plants control but it is understood that again local government reform has meant this being placed on hold in the meantime.

My thanks to Peter Ingram for representing the Institute at the Chemical Applicators Conference, Murray Turner and Keith Crothers representing the Institute at the Pest Control Officers Institute Conference. Kevin Worsley for his work on the Training Committee

and latterly the Moderating Committee. Keith Crothers and Jack
Craw for their work in getting together the submissions on local
government reform and pesticides use respectively. Eric Eden for
his hard unrewarding work in keeping the Executive and members
well informed of happenings within the Institute and to the
Executive generally for your work behind the scenes during the
year.

Finally, to those attending this Conference I wish you all an
enjoyable time and that by your being here, it will be well
worthwhile.

D J Brown
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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 1988-89

The following is my report for the 1988-89 financial year.

In compiling this my first Annual Report I wish to acknowledge the tremendous support that I have received during the year.

Considerable time has been spent in trying to keep Institute members advised of the proposed changes in Local Government reform. My thanks goes out to Keith Crothers who at very short notice tabulated and prepared our submission to the Local Government Commission. While all may not agree with some aspects of the report members must gain some satisfaction in the fact that we responded to the Local Government Commissions request for submissions. Unfortunately we were not able to meet with the Local Government Commission to discuss members concern over the employment of officers. By the time you read this report David Brown and myself will have been to Wellington to meet with Mr Archer from the National Transition Committee. We will, through Mr Archer be attempting to set up a meeting with the full transition committee and a delegation from the Institute.

Membership over the last twelve months has shown a slight decrease with eight resignations and only four applications.

It was with regret that we heard of the passing away of Bert Garnity and Samuel Neill (life member).

Members through necessity may need to give some consideration to redefining branch boundaries. One suggestion has been that branches be formed along the lines of the regional areas proposed by the Local Government Commission.

By conference, five issues of the newsletter will have been sent out throughout the year. Having established a successful format I now feel it maybe time to pass over the editors position to someone else. Anyone interested please contact your Executive member.

My thanks must also go to David Brown, Kevin Worsley and Murray Turner. Without their direction and guidance the position of secretary would have been that much more difficult. I have enjoyed the challenge and look forward to the opportunity to continue for another year.

EJ Eden
NATIONAL SECRETARY

REMIT 1 OTAGO / SOUTHLAND

"That the National President of the Institute give first consideration to holding any future emergency meeting of the National Executive in Wellington".

Explanation

In the past difficulties have been experienced with members catching connecting flights to alternative venues.

All members are able to fly and assemble in Wellington by 9.30 a.m. and return the same day thus saving expensive accommodation costs.

It is suggested the venue for any such meeting could be held at the Local Government Training Officer or even the Airport Lounge.

Refer Constitution and Rules, Section 11D Page 8.

REMIT 2 OTAGO / SOUTHLAND

"That the Institutes donation of \$50 for the Ladies programme at Annual Conference be increased to a maximum of \$150".

Refer Constitution and Rules, Section 21 Page 12.

Explanation

Self explanatory; a matter of eroding inflation.

REMIT 3 NORTHERN SOUTH ISLAND.

This branch seeks to have the rules and constitution reviewed at the next A.G.M. with reference to membership.

Reasons

With the reorganisation of local government some officers job descriptions and employment criteria may have changed.

Although these officers could still have a strong interest in noxious plants work their time spent may be very low thus making them not eligible for membership.

NORTHLAND

Membership of the branch has remained stable over the last year although much concern has been levelled at the situation at Hokianga, with no N.P.O. employed. M.A.F. - N.P.C. have taken little interest in this, yet it is known that Class A plants and Target plants are in Hokianga area.

Members of the branch have felt the pressure of the uncertain future with all the changes happening or about to happen, like:

- Local Government Reform submission caused some considerable split in branch.
- Ministry for the Environmental: Pesticide Use, Issues and Options. Jack Crow did a great job on this.

By conference the Pesticide Use draft will be out for submissions, as will the draft on the new Noxious Plants Act for submissions.

Publicity and extension work by branch members involved, newspaper columns, A. & P. shows and Easter Show by the Auckland area D.N.P.A.'s and N.P.O.'s which involved a 12 day marathon effort.

Special Projects and Training Projects carried out by branch members during the year were, Manchurian Wild Rice control, Nassella Tussock clearance, Latent Plant Identikit, Code of Practice for the use of herbicides in amenity areas.

Many new Salvinia and Water Hyacinth sites were discovered plus two other new plants which may end up added to the Latent Plant list. Also further target plant finds, showing N.P.O.'s worth at the ground root level.

Most D.N.P.A.'s and N.P.O.'s especially around Auckland have been involved in the anti-pesticides issue, with the result of controls on spraying for each Local Authority and chemical used by them.

Even a banning of chemical usage on Waiheke Island.

Meetings were held at Takapuna in June, at Dargaville in October and at Rodney in February.

Guest speaker at Takapuna was Mr. N. Rasmussen from the Ministry for the Environment and at Dargaville Bob Cathcart the General Manager of the Northern Regional Council. At the Rodney meeting Pest Destruction Supervisors were in attendance as well as M.A.F. - N.P.C. Field Officer Doug Robertson.

Non-Noxious plants coming under roadside clearance work are pampas, wild ginger and privet.

Following a busy year branch members have maintained a positive attitude amongst all the change around, and have kept the flag flying with publicity and extension work plus new plant finds.

I would like to thank the Northland Branch Members and their employers for their support throughout the year.

D.S. RHODES,
NORTHLAND BRANCH EXECUTIVE

INSTITUTE NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS

HAWKES BAY - EAST COAST BRANCH REPORT

1988-89 has been another difficult year for noxious plants officers, with job uncertainties and amalgamations very much to the fore.

It is with some trepidation that we await the outcome of amalgamations and regional council policy. The possibility that there may be a reduction in noxious plants officers numbers, cannot be ruled out. This in itself has made life fairly difficult, with officers not knowing whether or not they will still be employed at this time next year.

Two meetings were held during the year both of which were well attended.

Membership of our branch has now dropped to 10, with Walter Stahel having been appointed to Tauranga.

Officers in the Gisborne region have had an eventful year in the wake of cyclone Bola. Their jobs have been an amalgamation of proliferated duties, chief butcher of impounded stock, chief culler of assorted dogs, under secretary to offensive deposits, apprentice huntaway of roadside stock and occasional noxious plants duties. This shows the versatility of the noxious plants officer.

Noxious plants in this area are now showing up in places where they have never been seen before.

Those property owners that can afford to do so are controlling plants where possible, others are sitting tight and allowing land to revert to Gorse, Blackberry, thistles and Manuka.

R. PACKE,
CHAIRMAN

22 MARCH, 1989

ANNUAL BRANCH REPORT - TARANAKI BRANCH - PAM MORSHEAD

The Branch has had a relatively quiet year since the Conference at New Plymouth - recovering!

Only four meetings were held during the year, because of all the extra conference organising meetings in the preceding 12 months.

Milton Kreft left our ranks as an N.P.O. in June but continued as executive member until the end of the year. Now at the crack of dawn Milton is down at the track watching his beloved race horses at work. We hope you enjoy your enforced retirement Milton.

Jack Hunter has been hospitalised for some weeks with sciatica problems. We all wish you a speedy recovery Jack.

The sudden death of Tom Coupe came as a great shock to us all.

Nearly all north island members travelled to Tokaanu in August for the I.W.D launch of Grazon and Tordon D.K.N.F. I think I can say a great time was had by all.

In early November we had a visit from Judy Grindell to inspect Cinnabar moth and Flea beetle release sites.

At the Egmont sites only one flea beetle larvae and one batch of Cinnabar moth eggs were found in the cage. Luckily enough moths hatched later in November to take centre stage at two, two day A. & P. shows. These were our major events for the year with considerable work in organisation and manning these displays. Weed identification competitions sponsored by local nurseries and garden centres proved very successful with plenty of contestants at both shows. This aspect will be continued in future years.

The "Ask Us" stickers also proved very popular and in fact we had to limit the numbers given out to make our allocation last over the four days.

The weather conditions were such that the Cinnabar moths hatched in quantity in mid December. David Bayly was kept busy feeding those in the cage, but by mid January they'd had enough and started to pupate. Some caterpillars escaped and wintered over in the area close to the cage. One Cinnabar moth was seen a kilometre away, so the climate can not be too bad. We are hoping for a longer feeding season next summer.

Local Government reform continues to be unsettling for members with some Councils in our area continuing to fight amalgamations.

Hopefully the next few months will see matters finalised.

In conclusion I wish all members well in the coming year.

INSTITUTE OF NOXIOUS PLANTS OFFICERS

NORTH/SOUTH ISLAND BRANCH

BRANCH REPORT

Two meetings were held this year; one was a combined meeting with the Canterbury Branch in August, in conjunction with the Ivon Watkins Dow field day for the introduction of Grazon; the other was our Annual General Meeting held at Lake Rotoiti.

Alan Roberts, Grey County Council, retired this year after many (how many?) years of loyal service to the Branch. This Branch was heavily involved in decision making for the Executive's Local Government Re-organisation submissions and we extend our appreciation to Keith Crothers for the excessive input he had in getting the submissions collated and off the ground.

Our Branch is in the process of updating a register of all our older members; many of whom have done sterling work for the Institute over the years, but now are virtually unknown especially to many of the newer members. Once all this information has been collated it will then be distributed for general viewing.

ROGER BROADHURST,
EXECUTIVE MEMBER

31 MARCH, 1989

ANNUAL REPORT - CANTERBURY BRANCH

MARCH, 1989

The Canterbury Branch has held five meetings since the last Conference.

In August a joint meeting was held with the northern South Island Branch. This meeting followed on from I.W.D.'s "Grazon" afternoon and evening, which was enjoyed by all, with entertainment being provided by John Hore-Grenell.

It was pleasing to note that while all N.P.O.'s present enjoyed themselves, with some rather late getting to bed, not one stepped out of line. Unfortunately the same could not be said for some of the contractors.

The Branch membership stands at 30, with 20 N.P.O.'s, 4 D.S.I.R., 2 M.A.F., 1 Nassella Tussock Ranger and 3 retired members.

Field days have been limited, although some members took the opportunity to visit "Home Bush", one of Canterbury's historic sheep runs owned by the Deans family and situated in the Malvern County.

Members from outside the Nassella Tussock Board's area also enjoyed a field trip to North Canterbury to view the Board's area and learn how they have coped with the problem.

A considerable amount of members' time has been taken up with organising the Conference and the Branch hopes the Conference will be a success and be enjoyed by all delegates and visitors.

Please remember to bring plant samples for Arthur's weed identification session.

Once again the Branch held a successful weed display at the Christchurch show, which was well attended by the public, rural and urban. Through negotiations with A. & P. Association, the Branch no longer has to pay for the site, which reduces the cost of operating the display. The whole project is funded by the Canterbury Councils and costs between \$900 - \$1,000 to operate.

D.S.I.R. Botany Division, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, and two members attended the official opening of the Herbarium wing at D.S.I.R., Lincoln, last November.

Several members also attended the botany workshop on plant identification and the launching of "Flora of New Zealand", Volume 4, later the same week.

Like everyone else, all members are waiting anxiously for the final outcome on Regional Government reform and how it will affect their future. Hopefully by Conference time we may know a bit more regarding the future of noxious plant control throughout New Zealand.

R.W. BLICK,
CANTERBURY EXECUTIVE MEMBER

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND BRANCH

REPORT TO 1989 CONFERENCE DELEGATES

It is most pleasing to be able to report that the Otago/Southland Branch has seen the last twelve months out with no changes to its membership in that period. It has indeed been some three years now that our membership stabilised.

The Branch normally holds its Annual General Meeting in September or October, but decided to delay it until February of this year when we gathered at the Branches Station in the Skippers area of the Queenstown/Lakes District Council.

We had occasion to meet as a Branch on two other dates, one in August at Gore and the other in October at Balclutha. In addition to the meetings there was a wealth of regular newsletters to keep members informed of both local and national issues.

The first issue to involve our Branch was that of "Pesticides Use". In response to a request from our Senior Vice-President Jack Crow a Branch submission was made and forwarded to Jack. He is to be congratulated for the effort put into completing the document on the Institute's behalf and we are eagerly awaiting the outcome.

Of course the "BIG" issue of the year would undoubtedly be that of "Local Government Reorganisation" and the subsequent "TRANSITION" that we are all undergoing at present. I can barely recall a day going by in recent months when the issue has not been brought up in discussion. It has turned us all inside out many times over and subjected many an officer to additional work for our respective employers. It has disturbed not only our public life, but also our private lives.

The catch word of the time is definitely "TRANSITION". If you have not already undergone a "transition" then you are almost certainly about to do so. It has no respect of age, service nor loyalty.

I was given the dubious honour of compiling and writing the Institute's submission on what it (the Institute), foresaw as being the best for noxious plants control in the local government reorganisation. There has been little feedback on the final submission although I acknowledge that it may very well not have been well received by some officers and/or their employers.

To counter that dissatisfaction, every DNPA and its officer/s have had the opportunity to make a separate submission to the Local Government Commission in January of this year. I hope that each officer in this Branch utilised that opportunity.

There is still much to do in the months ahead and I hope that we can all work together for the common good.

Our Branch was asked by the National Executive to prepare a Conference Job Description and Branch Executive Guidelines. Everyone within the Branch made a contribution I extend my thanks to Murray Turner for his initiative and input into that project. I believe the final product was a worthy effort and I hope that the Institute sees fit to follow both sets of guidelines.

Murray Turner was elected to the office bearing position of National Treasurer at last year's conference. That decision has already seen the benefits in the appointment and I hope the Institute will continue with his services, not only for his financial ability but general all-round commonsense at Executive level.

I believe just about each member of this Branch has gone a few rounds with Department of Conservation over the crown grant problem and the result of the pressure place don the Department was the appearance of monies to carry out some work. Yet another topic that I am sure will not go away and will undoubtedly occupy our time more than not.

The same can be said of the problem that has developed with disused railway lines and in some instances, the main trunk lines also. We must endeavour to keep that pressure on and work together on these matters.

The Institute has been well served by its new Secretary throughout the latter part of 1988 and earlier this year. Thanks Eric for keeping up the good standard that Institute members expect. You have also made a good job of the Editorship, but alas it would seem the same old problems abound in this area as you will no doubt elaborate on at Conference.

This years DRG Canon Awards saw last year's Du Pont Award of Eric Eden's achieve a highly commended prize. Congratulations Eric - well done. David Fullerton of Waikato also made an application and while not in the final list of prize winners I am looking forward to hearing more about the video and static display that the submission was based on. Well done David.

The 1989 Du Pont Award has gone to Dick Healy representing the South Auckland Branch. The winning project is for the production of professionally designed and constructed display stands for use by Branches and DNPA's throughout New Zealand. I look forward to learning more in Timaru.

All of the Otago/Southland Branch should be in attendance at Timaru; a time that we all look forward to, so here's hoping for a good conference hosted by our "sister" Branch. After that is dispensed with it will be the turn of our "buddy" Branch, Northland to host next year's conference in Hamilton, and after that we will host one at Lincoln. We must remain optimistic that conferences and training seminars will continue.

I have now completed my longer than normal term as Branch Executive Member and have handed the reins of our Branch affairs over to Peter Ayson who I hope you will see a lot of in Timaru. Otago/Southland members seem to have something of a penchant for keeping the National Executive honest and ticking over, not to mention ruffling a few feathers. I expect Peter and the rest of the Branch will continue with that fine tradition.

In the meantime I look forward to renewing old acquaintances at Timaru and perhaps also establishing some new ones.

KEITH CROTHERS,
SOUTHLAND D.N.P.A.

FURTHER NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

VICE PRESIDENT

KEITH CROTHERS - SOUTHLAND BRANCH