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The aims of the society are to provide opportunities for members to meet in conference, at field days or socially, to exchange information, ideas and experiences relating to grassland.

Other aims of the society are to advance the investigation of problems affecting grassland husbandry and to encourage the adoption into practice of results from research and practical experience. The society holds an annual conference, publishes a quarterly newsletter, holds field days and is establishing regional branches.

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PREFACE

The composition of pasture is vitally important in order to maximise meat or wool production from grazing livestock. It is appropriate that the theme of the Society's Third Annual Conference is "Pasture Composition and Productivity". The Conference speakers include an interesting mixture of practical farmers, who will relate their own experiences, as well as some very competent agricultural specialists. The means to best balance the various inputs of seed, cultivar, fertilizer and weed control etc., as well as pasture management, will be examined and reviewed. This should be of great interest to farmers wishing to maximise dollar returns from pastures.

Your Committee and the Conference sub-committee, led by David Kemp and assisted by Jack Warner, have been very active during the year; their activity should ensure a very successful conference. The support of the Society by its members is the only way the Society can exist. It is pleasing to be able to advise that membership now exceeds 500 which was our three year target. We are also in a sound financial position. However the continuing and future growth and successful development of the Society is totally dependent upon the involvement of members.

The formation of a Southern Tablelands Branch with Stephen Millar as President and Peter Simpson as Secretary, was a major step forward in February last. We need to establish more branches and further increase membership. Would you please give some thought to what you can do to help achieve either of these objectives?

We have been most fortunate and are very grateful to have the support of the N.S.W. Department of Agriculture and its officers. Sponsorship by commercial organisations has done much to help the Society hold its Conferences as well as to be in a sound financial position. Their contribution is thankfully acknowledged.

Members of the Society each receive a copy of the Newsletter which is published quarterly. We are most appreciative of the efforts of Ray Ison our Editor, in achieving regular publication. He needs help in the form of articles and ideas and can be contacted at the School of Crop Sciences, University of Sydney, Sydney 2006 or telephone (02) 692 3368.

After three years as President, the Constitution of the Society very sensibly requires that I retire. I do so in the knowledge that my successor will take over a very worthwhile organisation which should be able to continue to grow and to satisfy a need, as evidenced by this Conference, of the agricultural community. The new president will also have the support of a most dedicated group of officer bearers.

Finally the Committee thanks you for attending the Conference. We hope that you will join in both the formal and informal discussion and we trust you will enjoy the proceedings and find them stimulating.

Peter Wrigley,  
President.

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