

## NEWS

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### 1974 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

This year's symposium will be held from Tuesday 19 November to Thursday 21 November at the University of Otago, Dunedin. Accommodation for visitors will be provided at reasonable rates in University College, one of the newest hostels at Otago. Catering will be by the hostel and also by the University Union.

Papers, which will be precirculated by the organizers, have been invited in the following fields:

- Hydrological processes;
- Instrumentation and data collection;
- Water quality;
- Water resources development.

In addition, a special session is planned to discuss the water resources of the Clutha River catchment and their development.

Deadline for submission of titles and abstracts of papers was 15 May, though it is possible that late contributions would be considered.

An ambitious programme of extra-conference activity has also been planned. Included are the traditional "pipe-opener", a Symposium Dinner, a Ladies Programme, and two post-conference tours.

Tour A will be for one day (Friday 22 November) and will cover the Taieri Plains – flood protection works and plans; Waipori River – recreation and hydro-electric power generation; Taieri and Waipori uplands – city water supply, land development, afforestation, and Deep Stream Representative Basin.

The estimated fare is \$3.00 per person, and the tour will end at Dunedin Airport in time to catch flights north.

Tour B is for three days (Friday 22 November through to Sunday 24 November), and will extend to Lake Manapouri (West Arm and Doubtful Sound included), Lakes Te Anau, Wakatipu, and Hayes, and the Clutha Valley from Queenstown through Cromwell and Alexandra, to Balclutha. A number of experts will be on hand to discuss topics of interest at appropriate points en route. This is an area of controversy and change in the field of water

resources. Brings your wife and take a weekend off to see something of Otago and Southland.

Estimated fare is \$60.00, and this tour will also end at Dunedin Airport in time to catch the last flights north on Sunday.

All members will have received a copy of the First Circular. More of the same, or further details, may be obtained from:

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#### CHANGES FROM THE 1973 A.G.M.

At the 1973 annual general meeting, held during the Lincoln symposium, two of the Hydrological Society's longest-serving office holders retired from their respective positions.

Cornelis Toebes, President since the Society's founding in 1961, has been replaced by Geoff Ridall, hydrologist with the Waikato Valley Authority. As most people know, Kees has been the main driving force in the Society for the past 13 years, and we acknowledge that debt. Incidentally, the change coincides with a change of employment for Kees: he has left the Water and Soil Division of the Ministry of Works and joined a firm of consultant engineers to work in the fields of water resources, watershed management, and environmental impact reporting—both nationally and internationally, of course.

The other change involves the Journal of Hydrology: Pat Grant, the foundation Editor, has resigned and his place is taken by Dave Murray, a lecturer in the Department of Geography at the University of Otago.

To lose both these stalwarts simultaneously could have been more than the Society could withstand, and so the meeting promptly elected both to serve as members of the Committee.