

AISLING SOCIETY OF SYDNEY

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The Annual General Meeting of the Aisling Society of Sydney was held in the Library of the Irish National Association Cultural Centre, on Wednesday 23rd February, 1972 at 8 p.m. Election of Officers for 1972 resulted as follows:

President:	Rev. Michael J. O'Sullivan
Vice-Presidents:	Rev. F. X. O'Brien, S.J. (Life Vice-President) Mr. James A. Meagher (Life Vice-President) Mr. Vincent Pike Mr. Brendon O'Connell
Hon. Secretary:	Miss Mary M. Hegarty (leave granted April to September)
Hon. Treasurer:	Miss Maureen McLoughlin
Assist. Secretary:	Miss Ann Feely
Council	Rev. Patrick O'Rourke, P.P., Miss Gwen Gilligan Miss Carmel O'Connor Mr. Patrick Doyle Mr. Bill Gough

The Annual Report and Hon. Treasurer's Statement were taken as read, all present having copies, and adopted. A very happy hour was then spent in listening to Miss Glenys Casson singing.

Our eighteenth St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Kei-Ron, Waverley, on Sunday 19th March, 1972, was most successful. 103 members and friends honoured the day, host and chairman being our President, Rev. Michael J. O'Sullivan. He proposed the toast "The Day We Celebrate", and Dr. Plunkett Sweeney proposed "The Aisling Society". A delightful musical programme was arranged by Mrs. Pat Longstaff.

In April 67 members attended a theatre party, to see Miss Siobhan McKenna in "Here Are Ladies", and to meet her after the show.

Rev. Patrick O'Rourke, P.P., addressed the May meeting on the life and work of the distinguished musician Sean O'Riada, and played a tape of his most famous work "Mise Eire". In June films kindly supplied by Aer Lingus and of interest to all were shown.

At the September meeting a welcome home was given to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Mary M. Hegarty, to Mrs. Nora Cupitt, and to Dr. Plunkett Sweeney, all recently back from Ireland. Mrs. Cupitt's vivid description of her reception by the aged and august President de Valera was particularly warmly applauded.

Mr. John Lawton, First Secretary of the Embassy of Ireland, and Mrs. Lawton were guests of honour at our Christmas Party at Kei-Ron. 86 members and friends were happy to meet them and enjoyed a very good party.

Welcome new members this year are: Rev. Dean David Cremin, Dr. John McPhillips, Miss Christine O'Loughlin, Miss Catherine Ryan, Mr Frank Simons. Mr. Michael Sexton of Aer Lingus has left us for Canada.

We record with regret the sudden death of Mrs. Mollie McMillan (nee Bell), for years Secretary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Auburn. Her warm personality, efficiency, and kindness are well remembered there. Many friends mourn her loss.

We end by thanking all speakers and artists who have made our meetings instructive and enjoyable.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

MARY M. HEGARTY.
Hon. Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1972.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Opening Balance at 6th January	6.56	23.08	Postage - Stationery	68.46	47.80
Subscriptions received	238.50	305.00	Printing	116.05	110.32
Interest Received	1.25	5.96	Rent of Rooms	68.50	42.00
Suppers	7.70	-	Suppers	.82	7.04
			Entertaining Guest Speakers	8.45	8.95
			Advertising	6.00	-
			Secretarial Expenses 1970/71	40.00	-
St. Patrick's Night Dinner	643.00	757.50	Cost of St. Patrick's Night Dinner	637.60	739.00
Theatre Party	195.10	201.00	Cost of Theatre Party	160.95	157.50
Christmas Party	456.00	602.00	Cost of Christmas Party	447.70	650.00
Coach Picnic	96.00	-	Coach Hire	116.10	-
Play "Home is the Hero"	43.50	-	Cost of Play	45.00	-
Raffle	51.10	-	Closing Balance 31st December	23.08	131.93
	<u>\$1,738.71</u>	<u>\$1,894.54</u>		<u>\$1,738.71</u>	<u>\$1,894.54</u>

HON. TREASURER: MAUREEN McLoughlin

AUDITOR'S REPORT: The above Statement of Receipts and Payments is in my opinion a correct statement according to the books.

SENAN J. RYAN, F.C.A.

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as amended.