

AISSLING SOCIETY OF SYDNEY

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ANNUAL REPORT 1973.

The Annual General Meeting of the Aisling Society of Sydney was held in the Library of the Irish National Association Cultural Centre, on Wednesday 28th February, 1973 at 8 p.m.

The Election of Officers for 1973 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. Brendan O'Connell
Hon. Secretary:	Miss Mary M. Hegarty
Hon. Treasurer:	Miss Maureen McLoughlin
Assist. Secretary:	Mrs. Ann Feely
Council:	Rev. Patrick O'Rourke, P.P. Miss Gwen Gilligan Miss Carmel O'Connor Mrs. Anne Stevens

The Annual Report and Hon. Treasurer's Statement were taken as read, all present having copies, and adopted. Mr. James Deegan, President of the Irish Australian Society gave us an interesting talk on present-day Ireland.

Our nineteenth St. Patrick's Day Dinner, at Kei-Ron, Waverley, on Sunday 18th March, 1973 was most successful. 105 members and friends honoured the day, our host and chairman being our President Rev. Michael J. O'Sullivan. Guest of honour was Rev. Neil Collins representing His Eminence Cardinal Freeman. The toast "The Day We Celebrate" was proposed by Mr. Brendan O'Connell. An enjoyable musical programme featured Glenys Casson, Tom McTaggart and Sean Gilroy.

In April Mr. John Mulcahy, editor of "Hibernia", leading Dublin newspaper of comment, spoke on "Ireland To-Day". In May over 60 members attended a theatre party to see O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock" very well staged by the Genesians.

Rev. Francis A. Mecham M.A.S.T.L., rector of St. Michael's College, University of Sydney gave a lucid and detailed exposition of "The Present Situation in Ireland" at our June meeting. Also in June Aisling was well represented at a dinner party given by Mrs. Anne Stevens to raise funds

for the Michael Collins Memorial Foundation.

At the August meeting Mrs Mary O'Connell spoke on "Maud Gonne, Beauty, Rebel, Feminist", and read some of the Yeats poems that she inspired. This was a notable address. Our member Mr. Sean Gilroy also played "The Travellers" record of Irish traditional music produced in Sydney by E.M.I. - an historic event in the recording field.

Mrs Mary Lee gave a delightful talk in September on "Waterford Glass, its History and Making", illustrated by pieces of this beautiful glass.

Mr. John Lawton, First Secretary of the Embassy of Ireland, and Mrs Lawton were guests of honour at our Christmas party at Kei-Ron. 85 members and friends were happy to meet them, and enjoy a very good party.

Welcome new members this year, Miss Dorothy Payten, (Australian Manager of Aer Lingus), Mrs Mary Farrell, Miss Mary Mangan, Mr. Ted O'Leary, Miss Alice Piert, Mrs Anne Rosenmai, Mrs Anne Stevens, Mrs Eleanor Samuel, Miss Shirley Waring.

Our membership stands at present at 72.

We offer very sincere congratulations to newly-consecrated Bishop David Cremin, and wish him many years of fruitful work.

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.

February, 1974.

THE AISLING SOCIETY OF SYDNEY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 14TH JANUARY, 1974.

<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 31st December	23.08	131.93	Postage - Stationery	47.80	62.61
Subscriptions received	305.00	285.00	Printing	110.32	123.89
Interest received	5.96	6.24	Rent of Rooms	42.00	44.00
			Suppers	7.04	1.20
			Entertaining Guest Speakers	8.95	-
			Advertising	-	4.00
			Secretarial Expenses	-	20.00
St. Patrick's Night Dinner	757.50	750.00	Cost of St. Patrick's Night Dinner	739.00	762.50
Theatre Party	201.00	119.00	Cost of Theatre Party	157.50	88.40
Christmas Party	602.00	632.00	Cost of Christmas Party	650.00	645.50
			Closing Balance 14th January, 1974.	131.93	172.07
	<u>\$1,894.54</u>	<u>\$1,924.17</u>		<u>\$1,894.54</u>	<u>\$1,924.17</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.