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**CANBERRA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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**15th
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 28, 1948.

CANBERRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COUNCIL FOR 1947-48

President: Malcolm J. Moir.

Past President: W. G. Woodger

Vice Presidents: A. T. Shakespeare, H. L. Ganter.

Hon. Secretary: O. J. Woodger

Hon. Treasurer: C. F. Jarratt (S. M. Iles from October 9).

Hon. Auditors: Allard, Way & Hardie,

Elected Members:

P. P. Cox, E. O. Gumley, R. R. Genge, K. H. Oliphant, B. R. Roberts, K. Crapp, R. Rowe.

Sectional Committee Nominated Members:

L. Sakell (Confectioners, Greengrocers and Cafe Proprietors), P. McGirr (Basic Foods), F. Strudwicke (Firewood and Fuel Merchants), C. D. Burrows (Building and Allied Trades).

15TH ANNUAL REPORT

To be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of Members of the Canberra Chamber of Commerce at the Gloucester, London Circuit and Mort Street, Canberra City on Thursday, March 4, 1948, at 7.15 p.m.

TO MEMBERS:

Your Council has pleasure in submitting the 15th Annual Report of the Canberra Chamber of Commerce for the year ended February 28, 1948.

Membership

The membership of the Chamber reached a record of 153 during the year 1947-48. However Canberra's potentialities have not been exhausted by any means, so all members are appealed to seek the enrolment of non-members of their acquaintance.

Tourist Bureau

Donations from members and Queanbeyan traders totalled £203/14/6, thereby allowing the payment of the pre-war £200 subsidy to the Tourist Bureau. The activities of the Tourist Bureau are expanding rapidly. Tourist traffic through Canberra has reached a new peak in recent months with an inevitable benefit to the Canberra business community. It is hoped therefore that Tourist Bureau donations will increase in the coming year and that many members, old and new, of the Chamber will include contributions towards this subsidy, no matter how small, when paying their next annual subscription with the view to an increase in our subsidy in the future.

Canberra Expansion

While the period under review has witnessed considerable activity in Government housing and the population with its concomitant demands has continued to increase, the Chamber has been disappointed by the obstacles that continue to prevent its members expanding their services to the Canberra community. Not only has

business development been obstructed by building restrictions, and private housing enterprise retarded by the degree and types of restrictive Government controls, but private enterprise has been prevented from embarking on the planning of future activities and services by the continued reluctance of the Government to make known the objectives or details of Canberra planning and development programme. As the year ended it became evident that while the Canberra administration is far behind in fulfilling Canberra requirements, it in turn is being hampered by lack of recognition by the Government of the necessity of adequate staffing of the Canberra sections of the Department of the Interior. No action has been taken to offer leases in the Brisbane buildings or other permanent business areas, but the needs of small businesses are being forced to express themselves in unesthetic and unnatural surroundings under permissive occupancy tenures. Instead of permitting business development to occur naturally and to develop free competition, the growth of Canberra is being forced to follow the monopolistic pattern of Government ownership and control. Until local business people are enabled to increase the city's amenities, the attraction of additional people to build and service it will remain difficult. In fact, the melting away of the contingents of immigrant workers that has occurred in the past year is being repeated in the case of Australian workers induced to come here. This Chamber has always stood for the rights of private enterprise in a democratic country and it deplores the ever growing trend towards Nationalisation and Government control which is exemplified so strongly in Canberra.

Temporary Buildings

The rash of temporary buildings—camps, hostels, office blocks, etc., spreading over Canberra's fair face is to be deplored. Expediency is the excuse—but Government shortsightedness is the cause. This Chamber, in the years gone by, has implored the administration to plan ahead, to build for the future and to give the residents a voice in the planning and administration. But the pleas have always fallen on deaf ears. Now is the time to re-open the campaign for a citizen's voice—through a Legislative Council, representation in Parliament and representation on the various bodies exercising control over the city's present and future destinies. Without such voice, successive Governments will continue to flounder as they have in the past, never looking ahead and for ever in a muddle; and Canberra will become hideous, with shacks and sheds at every turn. This Chamber has fought for this voice; may it continue to do so until success is achieved.

Satellite Shopping Centres

Although the public have not been taken into the confidence of the administration, as is usual, a decision to institute a number of satellite shopping and community centres in Canberra would seem to have been taken. Narrabundah is to have the first shop. Of course, as Canberra continues to grow, the establishment of such facilities will become inevitable. But had the facilities at the existing three shopping centres been allowed to expand in a normal fashion and the bus service developed with less-circuitous routes and with feeder services to reduce travelling time from the outer suburbs to the present shops, the real need for new shopping centres would not yet exist. Canberra is bound to spread over a large area and small shopping centres must come; but their development to the detriment of the existing centres will seriously retard the realisation of shopping facilities commensurate with Canberra's

prospective population and importance. When more shops are required it is the contention of this Chamber that private enterprise should be given the opportunity to build them.

Food Rationing

Throughout the year, and with varying success, this Chamber has instituted and supported efforts to improve local restaurants' rationed food quotas. In view of Canberra's peculiar character as a focus for ever increasing seasonal and sessional invasions, this Chamber feels that the Rationing Commission has not dealt in every instance fairly with the applications put before it.

Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs

Many efforts have been made during the past year to make it possible for perishable foodstuffs to be transported to Canberra by road to reduce deterioration. These efforts, which have not yet been crowned with success, are still continuing.

Sealing of Roads

Representations have been made to the administration for the sealing of more streets in residential areas, particularly in localities where private enterprise has been chiefly responsible for development. Consideration is promised for these representations.

Technical Education Advisory Committee

Your Council has taken the lead in the matter of the formation of a Technical Education Advisory Committee similar to that functioning in other cities and has invited the collaboration of the Trades and Labour Council of the A.C.T.

Use of Government Cars

In view of the petrol position, your Council has asked for a careful check to me made on the running of Government vehicles to ensure economy with them, commensurate with that imposed on the private business man.

Sectional Committees

No new sectional committees have been formed in the past year.

Hon. Secretary

Due to the heavy increase in the activities of the Chamber and additional duties thereby imposed on him, your Council decided during the year to grant an honorarium to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. O. J. Woodger, and takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the unflinching services he has rendered to all sections of the Chamber.

Hon. Treasurer

Regret is expressed at the loss to Canberra of a good citizen and to the Chamber of a splendid Hon. Treasurer, in the person of Mr. C. F. Jarratt, who was transferred from Canberra during the year. However, we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. S. Iles, Mr. Jarratt's successor, as Hon. Treasurer in his place.

Attendance at Meetings

Ten Council meetings were held since the last Annual General Meeting and attendances were as follows: Moir, 5 (absent through illness for 3); Shakespeare, 8; Ganter, 10; Woodger, 10; Jarratt, 3 (resigned September 4); Cox, 5; Gumley, 9; Genge, 3; Oliphant, 6; Roberts, 5; K. Crapp, 9; Rowe, 10; Sakall, 8; Strudwicke, 5; McGirr, 6; Burrows, 7; W. G. Woodger, 1; Iles, 5 (elected October 9)

Malcolm J. Moir,
President.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1947-48

- Allard Way and Hardie
Arcade Groceries
Acacia Cafe
- *Bakers Distributors Ltd.
*Blue Moon Cafe
Brown, R.
Braddon Motors
Barakat, C.
*Beauchamp House
Bouchier, J. S.
Bank of Australasia
Bank of New South Wales
Briton's Glass Supply
Burrows and Lowes
*Barton House
Bain, R.
Brodie's Service Station
Burden, W.
Bareham, H. F.
*Crapp, R. E.
Corsini, T.
*Chaffer, C. E.
*Cox, P. P.
*Cleary, J. E.
*City Butchery
*Costetos, J.
*Cassidy and Notaras
*Churchill, C. R.
*Civic Jewellers
Constance, C. B.
Crapp, K.
Carling, A.
Cusack, G.
Cusack, S.
*Cook, K. C.
Commercial Banking Co.
of Sydney.
*Capital Cordial Coy.
*Cassidy, J. T.
Canberra Fibrous Plaster
Works Pty. Ltd.
Canberra Fish Supplies
*Chapman J. L.
Canberra Men's and Boys'
Store
*Chandler, E. and C.
Canberra Broadcasters Ltd.
*Canberra Steam Laundry
Ltd.
Constantine, N.
*Capitol Canberra Picture
Theatre Ltd.
*Canberra Dairy Society Ltd.
Cavanagh, G. R.
*Campbell, G. A.
Clarke, R. E.
Commercial Bank of Aus-
tralia Ltd.
*Davies and Bailey
Donaldson, A. and M.
*Dwyer, L. J.
- *Driver, A.
*Davies, J. L.
Docker Pty. Ltd., E. C.
Davies and Hall
Esmonds Motors Ltd.
*Federal Capital Press of
Aust. Ltd.
*Federal Meat Purveyors
Frawley Brothers
*Freeman, A. C.
Faux, A. M.
*Fornier, C.
Fredricksen, S.
*Fredricksen, S.
*Gorman, B.
*Greig, D. L.
Gavrily and Notaras
*Gumley, E. O.
Goodlands Ltd.
Gilmour, W. M.
Genge, R.
Ginn, W.
Harris and Co., K. G.
*Highgate Cafe
*Hotel Wellington
Hailey, J. J.
*Hughes, L.
*Heaney, R. G.
*Hotel Canberra
Harris and Co., E. C.
Hawke, L. D.
*Hughes' Woodyard
Hartge, V. P.
*Hotel Civic
*Ingram and Son, A.
James, Dr. J. A.
Kilmartin, G. J.
Kalligeris, K.
Kennard, C. R.
*Kingston Cafe
Kaye, F. G.
Kinnane, P.
*Leo's Cafe
Lange, D.
Ladd, H. E.
Meyer and Clare
*Mildner, D. and M.
*Munro D.
Marshall, H. J.
Margitis, V.
Moir & Sutherland
McKinstrey, W.
McIlvenie, W.
- *Nish, J. A.
Neeld, J.
O'Brien and Co.
O'Brien, H. F.
*Ogilvies
Oliphant, K.
Phippard, S. R.
*Perry, W. J.
Pantapoulos, N.
Phillips A. F.
Pitt, G.
Prowse, Mrs. T.
Perriman, I.
Queensland National Bank
Ltd.
*Roberts, B. R.
*Reilly, J. B.
*Royal Insurance Co. Ltd.
*Rowe, Roy
Reece, E.
Richardson and Goodhew
Samios, T.
*Snow Ltd., E. R.
*Scott, G. C.
*Stacey Pty. Ltd., S.
Smith, D. C.
*Strangman, R.
Studmans
*Stone, H.
Shoobert Bros.
Shannon, J.
Scougall, C.
*Thompson, C. P.
Tobler and Co., C.
*Top Hat Cafe.
Taylor, S. O.
Treweske, L.
Tully and Strudwicke
Thompson and Sons, Pty.
Ltd.
*United Insurance Co.
*Verity Hewitt
Woods, Allan
*Woodgers and Calthorpe
Ltd.
Williams, C.
Whyte, R. T.
*Withall, L.
Woolworths Ltd.
*Young Pty. Ltd., J. B.
*Contributor to Tourist
Bureau Fund.

NON-MEMBER CONTRIBUTORS TO TOURIST BUREAU FUND

- Bundy Pastoral Coy.
Canberra Shops Ltd.
Collett, A. H. (Qbn.)
Clayton, F. A. (Qbn.)
Dent Estate
Dentoncan Ltd.
Duffield Estate
Glen Mervyn Pty. Ltd.
Federal Finance Co.
Kingston Shops Ltd.
Laristan Building and
Investment
Myuna Pty. Ltd.
Oakley and Parkes
Queanbeyan Chamber of
Commerce
Richardson, H. J. (Qbn.)
Snow, R. and J. (Qbn.)
Tether, Mrs.

CANBERRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 29th February, 1948.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance on hand at February 28, 1947:			Advertising and Printing	29	19 1
General Fund	105	18 2	Stamps and Stationery	9	15 1
Less Account Tourist Bureau	50	8 6	Honorarium—Secretary	52	0 0
			Donations:		
Commonwealth Bonds	55	9 8	Canberra Technical School	5	5 0
	40	0 0	Food for Britain	5	5 0
Members' Subscriptions	95	9 8*	Appeal	5	5 0
Interest on Commonwealth Bonds	161	14 0	Canberra Kennel and Dog Trial Association	3	3 0
Food for Britain Appeal—Collections	1	11 6			
Transfer from Tourist Bureau Account (excess payment for 1946)	387	3 9	Annual Dinner Expenses	13	13 0
Donations—Tourist Bureau	50	8 6	Typing Charges	18	14 6
	203	14 6	Bank Charges and Exchange	10	0 0
			Petty Expenditure	11	0
				9	6 10
			Food for Britain Appeal	143	19 6
			Transfer to Tourist Bureau Account	387	3 9
			Balance on hand at 29/2/48:	203	14 6
			General Fund	65	4 2
			Commonwealth Bonds—Balance at 28/2/47	40	0 0
			Bonds purchased during year	60	0 0
				165	4 2
				£900	1 11

CANBERRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—TOURIST BUREAU ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Donations:			
Canberra Members	188 14 6	Subsidy to Tourist Bureau	100 0 0
Queanbeyan Traders	15 0 0	Transfer to Canberra Chamber of Commerce—General Fund. Excess payment 1946	50 8 6
		Bank Charge	5 0
		Balance on hand at 29/2/48	53 1 0.
	<u>£203 14 6</u>		<u>£203 14 6</u>

We have checked the above Statement of Receipts and Payments with the books of account and vouchers of the Chamber of Commerce for the year ended 29th February, 1948, and we are of the opinion that such Statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Chamber according to the best of the information and explanation given to us and as shown by the books of the Chamber.

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H. B. ALLARD, WAY & HARDIE,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.),
Honorary Auditors.

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