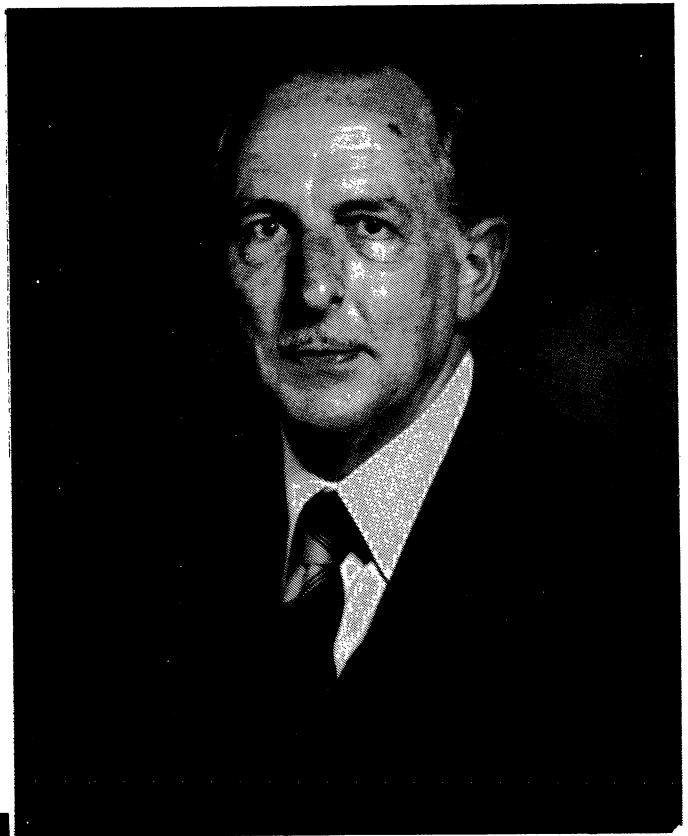


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In presenting this special issue of the A.C.P.C. Forum covering our constitutional requirement to publish annually our total National Membership Register of all known members of the Council (as well as particulars of all incoming Branch Committees, Branch Chairpersons, Annual Reports and Co-opted Members Reports – if they come to hand in time for publication herein), it will be noted that our level of total membership appears to have risen from 402 members as at 30 September, 1979 (see page 5, Vol2 No.5 of 1979 A.C.P.C. Forum), to that of 525 as at this date.

Regrettably, some 93 of our financial members for the year 1979/80, and who were recorded in last year's Register have so far failed to renew their membership for 1980/81 – even though they have received three separate reminder notices to do so prior to our "going to press" with this issue. It must be appreciated that we cannot publish relevant particulars of such membership, whether same be Ordinary Membership or Organisation Membership if such members have failed to renew their financial status with the Council as at this date.

I know that the Secretariat will continue to look forward to receiving the 1980/81 subscription from such members in the very immediate future and, once received, I am further sure that our Executive Director, John Purcell, will make every effort to publish a separate list of late renewals and or new membership for 1980/81 in a subsequent issue of the A.C.P.C. Forum.

For those of you who remember what you read in these periodic words from the President, what I am about to stress is, unfortunately, nothing new. It is, however, a matter of extreme and vital urgency.

On looking back through past issues of the A.C.P.C. Forum I noted the frequency with which my predecessor, Mr. Justice Muirhead, was constrained to plead the urgency and the importance of increasing the membership of the Australian

Crime Prevention Council. As the foregoing statistics show there has been a significant increase since 30 September, 1979. Almost entirely this is the result of the successful campaign conducted by the Victorian Branch to recruit new members. I am most impressed with the manner in which that Branch has set about, with so much enthusiasm and success, recruiting new members. The brochure used by that Branch in their membership drive is direct and to the point. John Purcell has forwarded copies of this brochure to all Branches.

I can not stress too strongly how very urgent this matter is. In the past month or so it has been my duty to write to The Honourable the Attorney-General in Canberra and The Honourable the Attorneys-General in all of the States begging for increased grants to finance the work of the Council. I am, therefore, most anxious of the need on the part of the Council and all those interested in its future to increase our membership in order that we many, to that extent, demonstrate that we are worthy of continued financial support from the various Governments upon whom we rely.

I suggest that the membership drive is not necessarily limited only to State Branches. I would urge every member of the Council and every reader of the Forum actively to concern themselves with increasing our membership. If every individual could bring in another member we would have cause to rejoice.

I now look forward to each and every recipient of this issue of Forum causing the printed application form contained herein to be completed by a friend or associate and thence forwarded direct to the Secretariat for processing during our Management Committee Meeting on 19 December, 1980.

(Judge) R.W. GRUBB
National President