

### OBITUARY: BRIAN ROSS WHITE

Brian White was born in 1926 at Kadina, South Australia, where he spent his school days. After moving to Adelaide he graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1947 as a Bachelor of Science. His early career took him into the Mines Department and the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories.

As the owner of five acres and two cows he then turned to the dairy industry and accepted a position with the Department of Agriculture at the Northfield Research Centre in 1963. During the next seventeen years until his death he assisted in the establishment of the centre, became involved in dairy research, in particular with calves, and was Acting Officer-in-Charge.

His ornithological interest began in 1971 when, with his family, he attended a Spring School run by the Adult Education Department of the University of Adelaide at Lake Eyre.

Then a succession of Spring Schools reinforced his interest and in 1973 he became a member of the South Australian Ornithological Association.

This Association has sustained a great loss through Brian's death. Although his contribution to ornithology was mainly as an administrator (without whom an organisation cannot function effectively), his scientific approach in research and his keen interest in birds would no doubt have furthered the aims of the S.A.O.A. in other ways, had he lived.

As Honorary Secretary from 1976 to the time of his death in October 1980 he carried out the duties of that office with great efficiency and good will. He will be remembered with affection by all with whom he came in contact.

The Association extends its sympathy to Mrs Lorraine White and Marian White.

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