who give their services, sometimes at the expense of other interests, for the cause of this Society.

I wish to record the invaluable efforts of our Secretary, Alison Popay, who edits, co-ordinates etc the printing and publication of the Proceedings within strict time limitations, as well as having a family.

In addition, the work of Helen Dick as treasurer, especially with the increasing number of publications for sale and the introduction of G.S.T. to everything, is quite onerous, and I sincerely acknowledge that contribution.

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The 1986 annual conference was held in Palmerston North, 12-14 August. Between 80-100 people attended most sessions to hear 54 full papers presented. The content and format of research notes was changed this year and 14 of these were presented in an evening poster session. This appeared to be a success with people appreciating the high standard of the posters.

At the Annual General Meeting, Alan Upritchard was elected an Honorary Member and presented with some books in recognition of the enormous contribution his book 'New Zealand Common Weeds in Colour' has made to the Society.

Dr Spencer Hartley was also presented with a book from the Society in appreciation for his work in producing another edition of the Index to Proceedings.

At the AGM some discussion took place on the use of Trade Names in the presentation of papers. It was decided that Trade Names could be mentioned once in the verbal presentation of papers.

Membership of the Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Nelson and Canterbury branches remains stable. Throughout the year these branches organised a number of seminars and field days in their areas.