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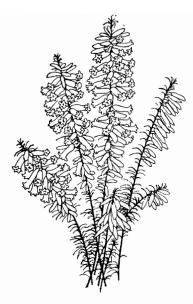
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# PREFACE

This seventy-eighth edition of the Victorian Year Book again aims to present as comprehensive a picture as possible of life in Victoria today. Growth and change continue in the community and the Year Book's aim is to depict major phases of activity and to outline the significant trends which have become apparent.

To do this, continuity—especially of statistical information—must be preserved so that the Year Book's function as a tool of reference can be maintained unimpaired. At the same time, new developments necessitate new articles and the revision of older ones. With obvious limitations of size to be borne in mind, this means that some earlier articles often have to be omitted for a few years, eventually to be brought back into the text (in a revised form) at a later date. Whenever this needs to be done, reference is made to the previous editions where the article appeared last.

The Year Book presents statistical information about Victoria of a comprehensive nature. For the specialist reader, the Office publishes, and frequently expands, its wide range of publications (listed in Appendix F). These publications incorporate the steadily increasing amount of statistical information and are available on application as shown.

Many of the results of the 1961 Census have now been published and the relevant information has been included in the appropriate parts of the Book.

The material in the Year Book has been carefully checked throughout, but I would be grateful to be advised of any defects in the text.

Readers requiring the main statistical information of the Year Book in a concise form are referred to the Victorian Pocket Year Book which is usually published in July of each year.

In view of the number of persons and institutions involved in the preparation of the Year Book, I have expressed my thanks to them in detail in the following pages.

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