

Correspondence

Dear Editor,

Formation of the Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society.

'An important milestone in Australian meteorology was reached on 18 December 1972 when the Australian Branch of the Royal Meteorological Society was formally inaugurated at a gathering of almost 100 Australian Fellows, friends and representatives of kindred societies and organisations in Melbourne.'

P. Price. *Aust. Met. Mag.*, March, 1974.

The letter, from which the above quote was taken, describes the formation of the Australian Branch of the Royal Meteorological Society. Even at the time of the formation of the Australian Branch, it was envisaged that an Australian Meteorological Society might be formed at some time in the future.

It is therefore appropriate that, at the time of the Australian Bicentenary, another important milestone will be passed with the establishment of the Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (AMOS) and the dissolution of the Australian Branch at the beginning of 1988.

The AMOS will take over the activities and functions of the Australian Branch, with a broadened scope to include oceanography on an equal basis with meteorology. The primary aim of the Society will be 'to promote, develop and disseminate knowledge of meteorology, oceanography and related subjects'. The Council of the AMOS plans, with the help of members, to build on the sound foundations provided by the Australian Branch to create an active and interesting new Society. The first conference to be sponsored by the AMOS, the Second Australian Conference on Air-Sea Interaction, will take place in Merimbula in February, 1988, and arrangements for another conference, the International Conference on Tropical Meteorology in Brisbane in July, 1988, are nearing completion.

Further information about the AMOS and membership details can be obtained from

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