

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

CHURCHILL NATIONAL PARK

ROWVILLE, VICTORIA

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Mrs H. Coulson,
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Dear Mrs Coulson,

The information you have asked me for may not be given quite in the order in which you set it out but briefly it is as follows :-

On 6th March, 1950 I joined the Committee of Management of the Park in place of Mr. J.P. Bungey as representative of the Brighton District Boy Scouts.

Dr. A.G. Scholes took over the Hon. Secretary's position after the first Secretary Mr. C.H. Irish died about 30th August, 1945. He resigned as Secretary on 9th February 1953, and that is when I took over. Owing to continued indifferent health Dr. Scholes resigned from the Committee last year.

From the Minutes and reports in the files it would appear that the late Sir James Barrett, C.H. Irish and E.J. Pemberton were the three people responsible for having the area proclaimed as a National Park. Sir James Barrett was at one time Chairman of the National Parks Committee, the Town Planning Association and the Playgrounds Association. He was Chancellor of the University from 1935-39 also President of the Royal Empire Society and responsible for the formation of the Bush Nursing Society and many other organisations for the benefit of the Community as a whole.

In short the story went round that if Sir James was not connected with an organisation or an appeal it might just as well close down.

He no doubt acted in his capacity as Chairman of the National Parks Committee in connection with the Churchill Park. It would also appeal to him in connection with the Playground Association and the Town Planning Association.