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The reduced size of the Journal is due to Government regulation. Its extreme lateness is due to pressure on the Editor's time, which, as most readers will know, was considerably taken up with the defence of freedom of discussion against the attacks of certain *dévois* and legislators. The Editor still hopes that the three numbers of the present volume will have been issued by the end of the year or shortly thereafter.

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**Congress Size.** WW2 results in the absence of interstate visitors. The program is reduced to two papers.

The Annual Congress of the Association was held in Sydney University on Saturday, October 23rd. Papers were read on "Logical Positivism", at the Morning Session, by J. A. Passmore and on "The Servile State", at the Afternoon Session, by John Anderson. (Articles based on these papers appear in this issue of the Journal.) Both meetings were well attended and productive of vigorous discussion; but the enforced absence, under present conditions, of visitors from other States is greatly to be regretted.

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**Office Bearers.** Due to an inability to meet, roles are not filled in the early 40s.

### 1944

**Canberra Branch forms.** **Quentin Gibson** is the inaugural President.

**Australian Branch of the British Philosophical Society** forms.

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Editor **Tasman Lovell** is the inaugural President.

CANBERRA BRANCH.  
A LOCAL BRANCH of the Association has been formed at Canberra, and a provisional committee has been elected. The officers are Mr. Q. B. Gibson (President), Mr. D. A. T. Gasking (Vice-President) and Miss Pam Macphail (Secretary-Treasurer). Anyone desiring to participate in the work of the Branch or seeking further information may write to the Secretary (P.O. Box 168, City, Canberra, A.C.T.).

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BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.  
FORMATION OF AN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

UNDER the chairmanship of Professor H. Tasman Lovell, an Australian Branch of the British Psychological Society has recently been established. Its objectives include the advancement and diffusion of a knowledge of pure and applied psychology, the setting up of high standards of professional education for psychologists, and the maintenance of strict rules of professional conduct. The Branch provides for five grades of membership, of which three—Associate, Fellow and Honorary Fellow—are a guarantee that those members achieving them have acquired full professional standing.

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**Congress.** After a hiatus, interstate attendance resumes.

### 1945

**Congress** is held in Canberra at the **Canberra University College** (later Australian National University). A Congress rotation then develops between Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.

**Newcastle Branch forms.** Under **W.H.C. (Harry) Eddy** the branch organises public lectures and events with the Workers' Educational Association (WEA). Activities include meetings of members, residential schools and establishing an organisation of philosophy teachers.

### 1947

**Journal Name Change**

- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

TITLE OF JOURNAL.  
The Executive, in consultation with members of Council in other centres, has had the title of the JOURNAL under consideration. It was feared that there might be confusion between the existing title and that of "The Australian Journal of Psychology", to be issued by the Australian Branch of the British Psychological Society. The Executive has decided to alter the title of this JOURNAL to "The Australasian Journal of Philosophy", and the present issue will be the last under the old title. The name of the Association remains unaltered.

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**Newcastle Branch** holds public lectures on 'Man and Morals' and in 1948 on 'Sex and Man'.

NEWCASTLE LOCAL BRANCH.  
A series of four public lectures on "Man and Morals" was successfully held in July, in co-operation with the Northern District Branch of the W.E.A. The lectures attracted large audiences and stimulated keen interest in ethical problems.  
The programme was as follows:  
July 7—Rev. T. A. Johnston, S.J., M.A.: "Presuppositions of Morality".  
July 11—Professor W. M. O'Neill: "The Psychological Bases of Morality".  
July 18—Rev. W. G. Coughlan, B.A.: "Modern Man in Search of Moral Convictions".  
July 24—Professor John Anderson: "Ethics and Education".

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A SPECIAL residential Conference on Methodology will be held at the W.E.A. Summer School, Newport, N.S.W., from 31st January to 7th February, 1947. Accommodation is limited, and those members who are desirous of attending should notify the Secretary of the Association, Mr. J. L. Mackie, Department of Philosophy, Sydney University, as soon as possible. The cost for the week will be £2 10s. for each person.

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### 1949

#### Conference on Philosophy May Be Held Here

The annual conference of the Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy might be held in Newcastle next year, the senior staff tutor of Newcastle branch of the W.E.A. (Mr. H. Eddy) said yesterday.

The association, which produces the Australian Journal of Philosophy, edited by Mr. J. A. Passmore (senior lecturer in Philosophy at Sydney University), drew its membership, not only from university graduates, but from all interested in philosophy.

Mr. Eddy said there was growing interest in philosophy in Newcastle. The present W.E.A. course of 20 lectures on philosophy had 45 members, from members of the association who attended.

The branch of the Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy in Newcastle would resume meetings at the W.E.A. rooms in September, Mr. Eddy said. The W.E.A. was now planning a course on the philosophy of Plato.

On Saturday, July 10, a welcome will be given to the new staff tutor, Mr. W. Gibson. Part of the evening will be devoted to a reading of the Shaw play, "Candida," which is being produced by Mr. Oliver Holt.

Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, 5 July 1948

**Congress** is held in Newcastle at the Workers' Educational Association Rooms.



Harry Eddy's room during the 1949 AAP Congress, Newcastle. Standing: Ray Walters, Ruth Walker, Milo Roxon, Sandy Anderson, Harry Eddy, David Hector Monro, Barbara Roxon, John Mackie. Sitting: John Anderson, Unknown, Tom Rose.

University of Sydney John Anderson Archive.

### 1951

**Newcastle Branch** holds residential conferences at **Newport and Nelson's Bay** in the late 40s and early 50s on 'Methodology', 'Freudian Theory', 'Attitudes', 'Logical Positivism' and Philosophy, Politics, Morals and Literature.

#### Philosophy School At Nelson's Bay

Newcastle branch of the Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy will hold a residential school at Nelson's Bay this weekend.

Discussions will be on papers by Miss W. B. Anderson (philosophy and politics), Mr. W. A. McRae (philosophy and morals), and Mrs. M. L. Eddy (philosophy and literature). Mr. W. H. C. Eddy will sum up.

Mr. S. G. Alley, psychologist at the Newcastle Technical College, began an experiment in "teen-age" education last year in the W.E.A. Rooms.

The "teen-agers" were senior scouts and their friends, including young women.

The experiment, to be continued this year, resulted from a request by the Boy Scouts' Association to the W.E.A. for an educational programme suitable for its older members and their friends.

Mr. Alley undertook the job as tutor for the Newcastle Department of Tutorial Classes (University of Sydney). He will give an account of the work in a broadcast from 2HD at 4.45 p.m. to-morrow.

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