NOTICE OF 52ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for 1978 will be held in the Museum Education Building, North Terrace, Adelaide on

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1978 AT 8.00PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Monday, 28 November 1977. Copies of these minutes are attached.
3. Annual Reports from the Secretary and Treasurer to be received, Copies of these reports are attached.
5. Presidential address to be given by Mr. R. Ellis. The title of his paper will be:

'Aboriginal Cultural Resource Management and the Amateur'

6. The next Ordinary Meeting of the Society will be held on Monday, 26th March 1979.
7. Supper will be served after the meeting. Tea and coffee with biscuits.

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OBITUARY - PROFESSOR T.G.H. STREHLOW.

Council and members of the Anthropological Society of South Australia were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Life Member and distinguished Australian scholar Professor T.G.H. Strehlow on Tuesday, 3rd October 1978.

Professor Strehlow had, only the week previously, accepted Life Membership of the Society and honoured members by an address entitled:

"In The Beginning."

This address was the last to be given by Professor Strehlow before his untimely death.

Professor Strehlow was born in 1908 at Hermansburg, Central Australia, where his father, Carl Strehlow, was in charge of the Lutheran Mission. He lived at Hermansburg until the age of 14. During that time he acquired a facility in the Aranda language which was later to provide him with an important aid and insight for his extensive anthropological research and writings.

Following his father's death in 1922, T.G.H. Strehlow moved to Adelaide where he attended Emanuel College and the University of Adelaide. He returned to Central Australia to work with Aranda and Loritja peoples between 1931 and 1934, travelling extensively to remote areas of Central Australia on camel guided by his Aboriginal friends and informants. In 1934 he was appointed Assistant Lecturer in English Literature. Between 1936 and 1942 he worked as Patrol Officer and later as Deputy Director of Native Affairs in Central Australia. Following war service he was appointed research fellow in Australian linguistics and lecturer in English at the University of Adelaide.

Between 1949 and 1957 he was Research Fellow of the Australian National University and undertook post-graduate studies and extensive lecturing tours at London University and Universities on the Continent. During 1953 and 1965 he conducted extensive research which resulted in the accumulation of thousands of feet of movie film and extensive notes on the Aranda and peoples of Central Australia. He was later appointed Reader in Australian Linguistics and finally to a personal professorial chair as Professor of Australian Linguistics.

Professor Strehlow published a number of important works. His early "Aranda Traditions" has been established as a classic in Australian anthropological literature. This was followed by a number of articles and pamphlets, including his famous article "Personal Monotemism in a Polytomic Community". His most recent publication was the extensive work entitled "Songs of Central Australia". His account of his father's important work at Hermansburg and his death in 1922 in "Journey to Horseshoe Bend" ranks among the classics of Australian literature.

In recent years following his retirement from the University of Adelaide, Professor Strehlow was actively engaged in research and the writing up of his results. He was supported by the Strehlow Research Foundation of which both he and his wife were Directors. During his life-time Professor Strehlow achieved international recognition for his deep and personal knowledge of Central Australian Aboriginal traditions as well as his extensive writings and researches.

Council and members of the Anthropological Society extend their sincerest sympathy to Professor Strehlow's widow and family. The loss of Professor Strehlow has been a significant blow to Australian anthropological research.