NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be held in the Museum Education Building, North Terrace, Adelaide, at

8.00 P.M. on Monday 24 March, 1975

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. President to welcome members to start of 1975 session.
3. Minutes of Meeting held Monday 28 October, 1974 to be confirmed. Copies of these minutes are attached.
4. New Members.
   Mr. Ken Cotton
   Dr. Miroslav Prokopec
   Mrs. Wietse Lado
   Miss Alison Lea
   Mr. Ivars Krastins
   Miss Penelope Roberts
   Mr. Peter Davis
   Mr. Lyndon Bensch
   Mrs. Geraldine Power
   Mr. Thomas Power

5. Papers & Journals

The following papers and Journals will be tabled at the meeting.

'Tantara' 
'"revue de la societe Listoire de madagascar - antananarivo No. 2.'

Publicaciones Del Museo Arqueologico De La Serena
Archaeological Investigations at Molpa, Sand Diego County, California by D.L. True, C.W. Meighan and Harvey Crew.

Mankind Vol. 9 No. 4 December, 1974


Mouton Forthcoming Books. Livres en Preparation 1974

Recent publications in 'Social Sciences' summer 1974.

S.A. Naturalist Vol 49. No. 2 December, 1974

Anthropological Society of Victoria Newsletter No. 124

Anthropological Society of Queensland Newsletter November, 1974

Anthropological Society of W.A. Vol. 11. No. 8 November, 1974

Vol. 11. No. 9 December, 1974

Anthropological Society of N.S.W. Newsletters 1974/4 and 1975/1

Film Australia Newsletter Vol 5. No. 5 October, 1974

Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs, Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 9 December, 1974

Anthropology Archaeology Folklore Kraus Reprint.

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OBITUARY

BARRETT

B.D.S. 1939
M.D.S. 1949  F.R.A.C.D.S.

Appointed Reader in Prosthetic Dentistry, 1951
Attended Prince Alfred College

It is with regret that we announce the death of Dr. Murray James Barrett, who died in Adelaide on Monday 24 February, 1975 at the age of 58.

He served in R.A.A.F. during the Second World War as a dental officer attaining the rank of Sqnrm-Leader. In private dental practice until 1951 when he became the first full-time member of staff of the Dental School.

His significant contribution to teaching in the University was accompanied by a tremendous dedication to research in the field of dental anthropology, particularly in relation to Australian Aborigines.

The entire field of anthropology has benefited from his work which received international attention. Murray was a past-president of the Anthropological Society of South Australia, an Elected member of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, and a member of the international forum- Current Anthropology. He was the source of inspiration to numerous colleagues and students. Visitors from Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Japan, and the United States of America have been attracted to the Dental School work carried out by Murray Barrett. The material that he collected is well known throughout the anthropological circles and will continue to attract many eminent research workers. This work has been recognised by supporting grants from the National Institute of Dental Research of the U.S.A. (a singular honour and compliment), and The Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. As a result of these studies, Murray was the author or co-author of over 50 publications.

His anthropological and dental research studies required frequent visits to the Commonwealth Government settlement at Yuendjemu in the Northern Territory. Murray was accepted as a member of the Waibiri tribe, and loved to be amongst his Aboriginal friends. Members of the tribe, when in Adelaide, were welcome visitors and guests at his home.

Amongst his other achievements, he was President of the Australian Dental Association, S.A. Branch, in 1954, Federal Councillor of the Australian Dental Association in 1953 54 The Secretary of the Australian Dental Congress in 1959. In this latter appointment, it is acknowledged that he bore the burden almost alone. He was responsible for the organisation and running of this Congress which included the participation of the World Health Organisation.

As well as activities of a purely dental nature, he provided the Anthropological Society and the Board for Aboriginal Studies, of which he was the Chairman, with a great deal of material in relation to aboriginal culture. Many of the movie films he made are treasured by anthropologists and reside in museums throughout the world.

As Chairman of the Department of Restorative Dentistry since 1971, he has organised and led the Department through its developing period. In particular his ability to organise teaching programmes and clinical rosters by means of computers has meant tremendous savings in time and labour.
Murray served on many University Committees, either by Council appointment of election by his piers. He had the facility of viewing matters in an objective and unbiased way which made his opinion valued by all who knew him.

He served as the University Council nominee on the Dental board of S.A. since 1964. Again his opinion was valued by the Board and he was responsible for guiding many of the innovations which the Board has introduced over the last few years.

He played a very large part in the planning and organisation of building the new Dental School and Dental Department building.

It was a tribute to this organisational ability that his colleagues in the Faculty of Dentistry recently asked him to take charge of the Committee to study the feasibility of the proposals made to alter the curriculum of the Dental Course. His grasp of detail, breadth of vision and great experience would have proved invaluable in directing this study. It was further hoped by his colleagues that he would direct the implementation of the new curriculum.

His premature death (at the age of 58) is a great and unexpected blow to his numerous friends and colleagues, to the University and to the many organisations to which he gave freely his energy and experience.