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GENERAL INFORMATION

SYMBOLS

The following symbols, where used, mean:

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|---------|---|
| ASIC | Australian Standard Industrial Classification |
| n.a. | not available |
| n.e.c. | not elsewhere classified |
| n.e.i. | not elsewhere included |
| n.p. | not available for separate publication but included in totals where applicable |
| n.y.a. | not yet available |
| p | preliminary — figure or series subject to revision |
| r | figure or series revised since previous issue |
| .. | not applicable |
| — | nil or rounded to zero |
| — — | break in continuity of the series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures) |
| (H) | located in Hobart Statistical Division |
| (S) | located in Southern Statistical Division |
| (H) (S) | parts in both Divisions. |

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Where reference is made to Acts of the Commonwealth or State Parliaments, the year quoted refers to the year in which the principal Act was passed; all subsequent amendments are inferred.

VALUES AND MESURES

Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) and/or cents (¢). Metric units have been substituted for imperial units. The use of dollar currency and metric units has not been confined merely to tables; for the sake of uniformity, they have also been introduced into historical texts.

LOCAL NAMES OF CERTAIN REGIONS

Tasmanians describe certain regions in a manner confusing to strangers; nevertheless this book employs local usage in most contexts. The chief peculiarities are:

North-West Coast: The *north* coast from approximately Port Sorell, west to Cape Grim is called the *North-West Coast*.

North-East Coast: The *north* coast from approximately Low Head, east to Cape Portland is called the *North-East Coast*. With most of the north coast referred to as either 'north-west' or 'north-east' the term 'north' is rarely applied to this coastal region.

West Coast: The Tasmanian *West Coast* may also refer only to the mining settlements of Queenstown, Rosebery, etc. In other contexts, the user may be thinking of inland mountains and rainforests rather than of a coastline.

Midlands: The true *Midlands* are probably the Central Plateau but the Tasmanian term means the rural area east of the Plateau and lying along the axis of the Hobart-Launceston road (the *Midland Highway*).

PREFACE

In this 1986 edition, the Tasmanian Year Book has undergone substantial change, not only in its visual presentation but in its content as well. The changes have been made to broaden the Year Book's appeal. It places most emphasis on recent events — particularly the 1984–85 period. Although some historical background is provided, the aim of its authors has been to broadly cover current social and economic life in Tasmania. The statistical tables are not as comprehensive as they have been in previous editions; readers wanting detailed information will therefore need to consult particular statistical bulletins published by the Bureau of Statistics. References to these bulletins are provided at the end of each chapter. In most cases these sources will also provide more up to date information. The text and tables in the Year Book are supplemented by numerous maps, graphs and diagrams.

Owing to the magnitude of the task involved in fully revising the Year Book, some topics have not been included in this edition. This includes for example, fisheries, private finance, and the arts. It is intended that these and other areas will be covered in future editions. The authors are also aware that further improvements can be made to the topics already covered, and in that sense this issue is regarded as a prototype for other enhancements in future editions. Comments will therefore be very welcome, including suggestions on topics that it is important to cover in the future. Offers to draft articles on particular topics will be especially welcome.

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The Tasmanian Office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics provides an Information Service which, on request, supplies available statistical information and publications. All publications of the ABS and other statistical material are included in the office library which is open to the public for reference purposes. Businessmen, manufacturers, primary producers, government authorities, students and the public generally are invited to make full use of these services. Anyone requiring advice on which statistics are available or which publications may be of most use to them, or indeed on how to interpret the statistics, is invited to telephone the Information Officer on Hobart 209 409.

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