

42nd ANZAAS CONGRESS  
PORT MORESBY, T.P.N.G.

The 42nd ANZAAS Congress will be held in Port Moresby, August 17-21, 1970. The holding of such a large gathering in a town with a population of 50,000 and with limited facilities of accommodation has raised a number of problems which cannot readily be solved. It is possible, to overcome this problem, that ANZAAS will be able to charter a ship with approximately 750 berths, which would more than double the accommodation available in Port Moresby and at the same time serve as a conference centre during the Congress week. It would, however, also make for a longer and more expensive round trip for those who selected to travel to and from the Congress by ship.

The organisers of the Congress have asked to be informed by those people wishing to attend and of the type of transport and accommodation they require.

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GIANT PETREL

A Giant Petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*) tagged in March 1969 on Signy Island (South Orkney) Antarctica (60° 43'S, 45° 36'W) was recovered on June 27, 1969, off Albany, Western Australia (35° 08'S, 117° 57'E). The bird was caught by a fisherman in the presence of Mr. J.P. Robins, Fisheries Research Officer, and then released. When tagged by the British Antarctica Survey the bird was a nestling.

Bird tagging or ringing began in Denmark in 1898 and is now practised all over the world. It has established many remarkable facts about the movements and length of life of wild birds.

Most of the ringing is carried out by amateur ornithologists who have received special training for the work. Sometimes they fit the ring while the bird is still a nestling; this has the advantage that we know the exact age and birth-place of the bird. Only a small proportion of the ringed birds are found again, so every recovery is of value.

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