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(Front endpaper) Tower Hill in its pristine condition as painted by Eugène von Guérard in 1855. The painting was commissioned by James Dawson of Kangatong and now hangs in the Natural History Centre at Tower Hill.

Ministry for Conservation

(Back endpaper) Tower Hill. An aerial view painted by Robert Ingpen in 1970 when the effects of revegetation were as yet barely evident.

Ministry for Conservation

(Frontispiece) Savannah woodland at Inverleigh, west of Geelong.

Country like this open savannah woodland at Inverleigh, west of Geelong, attracted early settlers because it grew food for stock and was easy to clear for crops. Large areas were modified by grazing and later cleared for crops. As a result, only a few living remnants remain today in a condition similar to that which existed before European colonisation. In 1824 the explorers Hume and Hovell who crossed the Murray River near the present site of Albury and then travelled south-west to Corio Bay, would have passed through similar country near Port Phillip Bay. Manna Gum, River Red Gum, and Black She-oak are the main tree species of this habitat, while Kangaroo grass, Spear grass, and various sedges dominate the ground flora. More than 150 species of native plants can be found; a few, such as the Little Sword-Sedge, are uncommon. Koalas and eastern grey kangaroos still inhabit the area.

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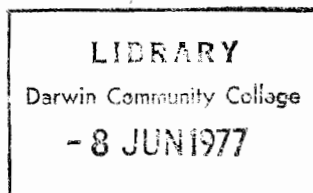


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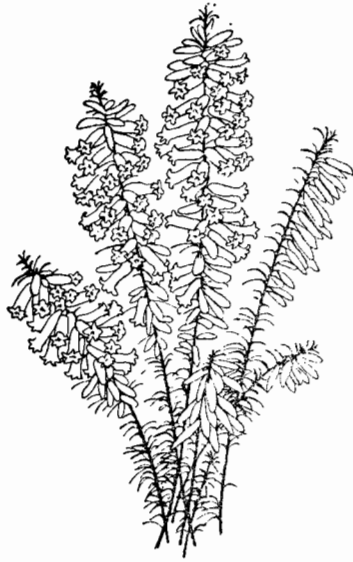
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The form of the Pink Heath, *Epacris impressa* Labill., was proclaimed on 11 November 1958 by the then Governor of Victoria, General Sir Dallas Brooks, to be the Floral Emblem for the State of Victoria. This plant was chosen as the result of a number of surveys made throughout Victoria by the Field Naturalists' Club of Victoria, the Tree Planters Association of Victoria, and kindred organisations and the metropolitan press, over a period of some twenty years.

PREFACE

This ninetieth edition of the *Victorian Year Book* marks several new departures. Quite apart from the introduction of the new type size and the consolidation of the contents into twenty-nine chapters, this edition introduces a new series, "Victoria's Environment and Man", and starts a major revision of the *Year Book*.

The times we live in are characterised by rapid economic and social changes. It has always been an objective to record in the *Year Book* in a readable and impartial manner not only the changes apparent in Victoria but also the underlying, on-going activities of the community. This has necessitated a progressive rewriting of much of the text, which will take several years to complete. In addition to Chapter 1, Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 27, and 28 have been either rewritten or extensively revised in this edition.

During recent years there has grown a fundamental interest in, and concern for, the environment in which we live and the new series of articles mentioned above will attempt to trace the evolution of Victoria's environment and its interaction with man. This approach was first discussed by the Editor with Sir Keith Hancock, K.B.E., as long ago as 1970. After examining the various possibilities of doing this, it was finally decided to devote each article in the series to a major topic with regional emphasis wherever appropriate. This should ensure a comprehensive treatment in keeping with the *Year Book* perspective and is described in the first two pages of the text.

Accordingly, this first article on Victoria at the time of settlement is an introduction to succeeding articles which it is hoped will describe the development of Victoria's rural and urban environment and its interaction with man. The series will range over several years.

Although this edition contains much rewritten text, every effort has been made to maintain the continuity of statistical tables unimpaired and to add new tables as appropriate. Select bibliographies of Bureau publications have been inserted at the end of certain chapters, while retrospective references back to the first of the new series of *Year Books* in 1961 have been retained. However, these exclude references to the 1973 centenary edition, whose coverage touched virtually every subject in the *Year Book*.

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