

FOREWORD

Substantially the present number of *Explorations* completes the record of the papers given at the colloquium on the France-Victoria Connection held at Monash University on 31 May and 1 June 1985. However, a couple of authors still hope to revise their texts, which will therefore appear in later issues of the magazine.

It is now clear that *Explorations* can look forward to a secure future as an official publication of the Institute for the Study of French-Australian Relations. After planning and negotiations in the second half of 1985, the Institute has begun its existence formally in 1986. Although its address is for the time being c/o Department of French, Monash University, the Institute groups representatives of the various teaching institutions and societies concerned in Victoria with Franco-Australian relations. A full account of its organization and plans will be published in number 4 or number 5 of *Explorations*. In the meantime an inflow of individual subscriptions and a generous gift of \$500 from the Melbourne branch of the Banque Nationale de Paris are making it possible to envisage some interesting activities and projects to further knowledge of the complex history of Franco-Australian connections since 1788.

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