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A Further Donation from a Life Member of the Society

Bernard (Bernie) Kernot has been a long-time member and Life Member of the Society, and was its Secretary in the early 1970s. In appreciation of the aims and activities of the Society, he has made an unrestricted gift of \$1000 in support of its purposes. The Council has agreed to add his gift to the developing fund designed to support NZ graduate scholars' research in Oceania.