Women in Agriculture and Business
of South Australia Incorporated

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2018

2018 Management Team – Nadene Jericho (Mallee), Lee Russel (Central), Narelle Scott (Limestone Coast), Sally Packer (Eyre Peninsula), Sandra Young (State President)

RIVERTON, Oct 28th 2017 WAB Centenary Celebrations

State President's Report 2017/2018

2017 was WAB's Centenary and I am very proud to have been made President immediately after celebrating this momentous occasion in Riverton, where it all began 100 years before. The first branch started on 30th October, 1917 and WAB celebrated this event on 28th-29th October 2017 with a weekend full of joyous events. The Saturday Conference was opened by the Governor of SA, His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC and we heard from several dignitaries from Government. A popular segment was "Conversations with WAB" where Adair Dunsford expertly interviewed 4 WAB members who reminisced about how they became involved in WAB and what they liked about it.
A workshop on agricultural and other apps by Linda Eldredge coincided with a bus trip to the Waterloo Wind Farm in the afternoon.

Linda Eldredge, Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston, Mayor Allan Aughey OAM, Elizabeth Calvert (State President), the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC Governor of SA, Sandra Young (President-Elect), the Hon. Geoff Brock MP

Saturday Dinner entertainment began with a skit, "The Monthly Meeting of Oodnawoopwoop WAB – Sept 1967"by Cindy Crowden and 8 friends from Clare. The dinner speaker was Fiona McIntosh, a local popular novelist and a cake, made and decorated by Beryl Clothier, was cut by Merle Hoffmann. The winners of the art competition were announced and an auction of the table decorations, created & donated by Beth Gale, was conducted in aid of ACWW.

Sunday began with an ecumenical church service at the Riverton Anglican Church with a beautiful choir and prayers read by WAB members. The Pioneer Gardens was the venue for the unveiling of an interpretive sign of WAB's history, the planting of the last 2 roses ("Spirit of Rural Women") in the WAB rose bed, created by Ross Kemp, and the unveiling of a decorative seat nearby. A photo of the first WAB Branch Members was presented to the Riverton History Centre.

Overall, it was a very successful event and my thanks go to all the members of the 100yr Committee for their hard work and dedication.

100yr Committee – Jeni Jones, Adair Dunsford, Glenice Bourne, Elizabeth Clavert, Lynette Staude, Thelma Newman, Jane Smith, Janet Hall, Sandra Young (Chair)
Missing –Barbara Schaefer, Dianne Hamlyn, Helen Colliver

Since the celebrations, I have taken the role of State President, Secretary and Treasurer to save costs and several secretarial duties have been delegated to coordinators and portfolio holders and 2 new portfolios have been created – Web-site and Facebook.

I have tried to make WAB more visible in our state by having an up to date web-site (with thanks to Jane Smith), a dynamic Facebook page (with thanks to Sally Grundy), presenting WAB's history at the NCWSA's History Festival (with thanks to Thelma Newman) and by being present with a colourful stall at the Kapunda Farm Fair and Cleve Field Days. Our membership is slowly growing in individual branches, but unfortunately 3 branches have closed since the last annual report, Wattle Range (donated $1,500 to the Wattle Range Community Centre), Mundulla and Tanunda.

2017-2018 WAB BRANCH AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
Regions	4	6	6	6	6
Branches	15	18	20	21	22
Members	213	267	259	299	332
Associate members	14	6	4	11	28
Supporters	4	5	4	5	11
Affiliate	0	0	0	0	0
Management Team/Council	5	5	5	5	4

Theme, Country of Study and Project

Our theme, Climbing Mountains, was embraced in so many ways, with some very interesting stories of not only physically climbing mountains, from Mt Everest to smaller peaks in NZ, but also of numerous personal mountains being climbed to overcome difficulties or pursuing their dream.

Argentina was the country of study this year and we learnt the history of the movement of Germans and other Nationalities from their homeland to Argentina, bringing with them a diversity of languages, food and culture.

Each branch chose their project for the year with local fundraising efforts to help charities that meant something to each individual branch. At the AGM, held on 30th October, 2017, at Riverton, a motion was passed to reinstate a state-wide project starting from 2018/19. For the past 5 years the branches decided their own projects and it was interesting to see the wide range of organisations that have been supported by WAB members. In some cases the projects, being local, meant that the WAB branch was further recognised as being active supporters of their local community.

PROJECTS AND FUNDS RAISED BY BRANCHES 2017/18

BRANCH	BRANCH PROJECT	MONEY RAISED
CHARLTON	Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation for Palliative Care/ Home Hospice	1,577
CUNLIFFE	Stamp Out Suicide	700
COONALPYN	Endometriosis	400
KALANGADOO	Royal Flying Doctor Service– Mt Gambier Support Group	100
LOCHABER	Blue Hope Naracoorte Men's Shed P & A Society	200 50 50
MUNDULLA		
ON-LINE	KickStart for Kids	1,690
PARINGA	100 year of WAB and roses planted in WAB Rose Garden, Paringa Memorial for deceased WAB member	500
PATHAWAY		
PINKAWILLINIE	Uniting Kimba Silo Lights	200
ROSEDALE/SANDY CREEK	Gawler Health Foundation	200
STEWART RANGE	SA Volunteer Fire Fighters Museum	300
STRATHALBYN	2 Roses *(Spirit of Rural Women)* and plaque to Alexandrina Council and planted in Strathalbyn War Memorial Gardens	447
TANUNDA		
WATTLE RANGE	Royal Flying Doctor Service – Mt Gambier Support Group	467
WIRREGA	Ovarian Cancer	500
WEPOWIE/BOOLEROO		
YURGO	Karoonda Area School & Community Swimming Pool	1,000
		$8,381

Regional Conferences

I attended three regional conferences for 2018 at Padthaway, Karoonda (hosted by Yurgo) and Arno Bay (hosted by Pinkawillinie). Central Region didn't hold one this year but I am hopeful that we will see one next year. The speakers, as usual, were really interesting and we all expanded our knowledge of Argentina and have found out how exciting climbing mountains can be, physically and emotionally. We learnt much from many other sources as well, reflecting the innovative and well planned events. Conferences are a much loved part of WAB not only for our members but also for partners and friends.

Sponsorship and Supporters

We are proud to have Bank SA as our Gold Sponsor and the Management Team would like to thank Peter Panas and his team for being so generous. We have 4 supporters (Hon. Michelle Lensink MP, Angela Dunsford, Hon. Steven Griffiths MP, & Hon. Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP) and we thank them wholeheartedly for their confidence in WAB. This has helped us with running costs and has helped to keep our subscriptions to members low.

For the 100 year celebrations we had numerous extra sponsors and supporters

TYPE	SPONSOR	AMOUNT
Major	PIRSA	$10,000
Gold	Fairfax Media	Advertising
Silver	Office for Women	$1,000
	National Drones	$1,000
Bronze	Hon. Geoff Brock MP Member for Frome	$500
	Hon. Adrian Pederick MP Member for Hammond	$500
	Vennings Engineering	$500
	Wirrega WAB	$500

Valued sponsors for the 100yr celebrations – Barbara Schaefer, Pinkawillinie WAB, Lochaber WAB, Kalangadoo WAB, Charlton WAB, Padthaway WAB, Jeni Jones, Cicely Bungie, Hon. Peter Treloar MP, Herb Society, Hon. Tony Pasin MP, Hon. Steven Griffiths MP, Mini Jumbuk, Hon. Rebekha Sharkie MP, Coonalpyn WAB, Paringa WAB, Stewarts Range WAB, Tanunda WAB, Yurgo WAB, Nelshaby WAB, Hon. Rowan Ramsay MP, Hon. Nick Champion MP, Hon. Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP, Jane Smith, Jenny Hocking, Margaret Blumson, Barb & Lucky Millard, Yvonne Lacey, Thelma Newman, Liz Calvert, Sandra Young, Landmark Riverton, Taylors Wines, Beerenberg Farm, Four Leaf Milling.

Consultative Committee

The Management Team have not felt the need to consult with this committee this year as we have more portfolio holders (some from this committee) and 4 regions are covered by the management team, so that we have a good representation already.

We thank the remaining members of the consultative committee, Adair Dunsford and Pat Hamilton.

Hosting of ACWW World President

I had the privilege of hosting Ruth Shanks AM, World President of ACWW (Assoc Women of the World), in May, when she came to SA for a week. Together with CWA of SA, we had events in Tanunda and Penola where Ruth was a guest speaker. In my region, I also took Ruth to meet up with members of CWA and WAB on a more casual basis twice in Mount Gambier and once in Millicent. Ruth enjoyed her stay and was pleased to be able to bring the ACWW message to us at the local level. We are now more informed and hopefully it will boost contributions to CFF in the future. $270 was raised at Penola for ACWW through a silent auction and raffle.

Ruth Shanks AM at Penola

Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast Grant

I am thrilled that WAB is the recipient of a grant of $2,500 from Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast. We will be organizing 4 regional events on Domestic Violence at Kimba, Clare, Keith and Naracoorte in Oct/Nov this year. This will be informative not only for our own members but also for our communities and will help us to be responsible citizens. The main speaker is Ivan Phillips from Port Lincoln who has been campaigning for many years and who has a passion to make our society more aware and responsive, as he lost a daughter to Domestic Violence.

The WAB Management Team

It has been a great pleasure to work with the new 2017- 2018 Management Team, under a new model. The division into 4 regions, each with a Coordinator, has worked very well. With 2 new members on the Management Team, we have had fresh energy and new ideas, which has stimulated us all. We have had rejuvenation of WAB forms and Handbooks (about to come out) in order to streamline paperwork and a slow conversion to digital has saved time and money.

Delegation of some of the secretarial duties to the portfolio holders has really helped my combined role and will make my second year easier.

I would like to thank the 4 other members of the Management Team and the 7 Portfolio Holders for their dedication to WAB and their support and encouragement. I look forward to another year of working with all of them to enhance our members' WAB experience and to help grow WAB.

Sincerely,

Sandra Young
State President

WAB Merchandise Officer's Report

Over the last year there has been little activity in the Merchandise Department.

We still have Centenary glasses for sale and Lochaber Branch has notebooks that may be purchased.

If there is interest shown in a particular item that you consider would be of interest to members or as gifts for speakers let me know and I can investigate. Some branches use the glasses as gifts for speakers now and it is one way of spreading the name of WAB around. I have considered tea towels but they are costly to purchase and most people have a dish washer now. There are several businesses that sell items cheaper than we can purchase them, hence the lack of merchandise held.

Thank you for the support that has been given to purchasing merchandise in the past. It does help when the profit made can be used for general use in WAB.

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT – WAB (AUDITED ACCOUNT)

Opening Bank Balance 30.6.2017		**$301.92**
RECEIPTS		
53 glasses	424.00	
1 notebook	8.00	
31 USB sticks	248.00	
Merchandise sold at Centenary Celebrations	489.00	
Bank Interest	0.67	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$1,169.67
EXPENDITURE		
25 Alder Notebooks – Alder	197.73	
50 USB Sticks	349.50	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		$547.23
Closing Bank Balance 30.6.2018		**$924.36**

Glenice Bourne
MERCHANDISE OFFICER

WAB International Officer's Report

During the last twelve months, WAB has enjoyed celebrating its 100 years of learning and working for our Rural Communities, here and abroad.

We were very excited that our own Australian World President of ACWW, Mrs Ruth Shanks of Dubbo, N.S.W. was to be with us at the Celebrations in Riverton, S.A. in late October. Invitations were sent out to all members to have an informal dinner at the Hotel with Ruth, to welcome her. Unfortunately, due to the sudden illness of Greg, her husband, she was unable to attend to help us enjoy the special time. We were all most disappointed but understood.

However, this year Ruth has made a tour of S.A. and many of our members were able to catch up with her and hear of all the great things that have been happening with ACWW.

One of the important tasks that ACWW has undertaken worldwide is the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women, for the International Forum on Rural Women. Every Rural Woman should take part in this survey if they can. Visit www.ifrw.org.uk and fill out the survey.
It is very important that Women in Rural Communities are fairly represented, and ACWW can best represent us all with the knowledge they need.

Three members from Cunliffe Branch and two from Tanunda's Branch were able to attend the meeting at Tanunda together with branches of C.W.A. in the Barossa region to hear Ruth and get to know her well. Ruth told us about the travelling she undertakes and the fact that fortunately for her, she doesn't suffer from Jet Lag on her return to Dubbo. Other members heard and met Ruth at Penola and Mt Gambier, and also Adelaide.

Also in the news was the change of address of ACWW's Head Office. The offices are much larger, the fees are less and the rooms are more convenient for their working, and Board meetings.

Ruth also informed us about the coming 29th Triennial World Conference which is to be held in Melbourne from 4th to 10th April 2019. This will be a wonderful chance to see ACWW in action, and to meet fellow Rural Women from all over the World.

The following year, the South Pacific Area Conference will be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Gail Commons, our S.P. Area President has given some of the details of this conference in her report of activities on our behalf during the last year.

This year our membership has fallen in numbers, due to closing of some Branches and the aging of members, too. However we have six Branches who are members, which means that many of our members learn of ACWW through this membership. I was very fortunate this year that when it was

time for the memberships to be paid to London via Bank transfer, the rate between the Australian Dollar and the English pound went up, and so a saving on paying fees was made. Also the Bank didn't charge the large transmission fee.

Lochaber Branch has this year completed the Women Walk the World venture by members travelling to Robe and doing a sightseeing walking tour. They raised $107 and learned much at the same time. The members' photo was taken by the memorial to the Chinese Gold miners who walked from Robe all the way to the Victorian Goldfields, so there was a common theme!! I encouraged them to send a report to the Head Office and so a reply came that they will be in the "Countrywoman" magazine when Women Walk the World are featured. Well done Lochaber!!

The donations towards Coins for Friendship are also down considerably this year. I hope that more will come in the new financial year. Tanunda Branch which has closed, gave its' closing Bank Balance towards "Coins" If you would like to become a member of ACWW please contact me.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS OF SA INC. (AUDITED ACCOUNT)

Opening Balance as at 1.07.2017		**$419.69**
INCOME		
Donations from Centenary Celebrations including table decoration auction	352.60	
Membership Fees including 6 branches	2,863.00	
Walk the World for ACWW – Lochaber	107.00	
Coins for Friendship to 30.6.18	272.13	
Bank Interest	0.36	
TOTAL INCOME		$3,595.09
EXPENDITURE		
Transfer Memberships, CFF, exchange rate	2,853.99	
Walk the World for ACWW – Lochaber , 2017	113.38	
Bank fees – transfers x2	64.00	
Postage for Centenary Invitations	40.00	
ACWW South Pacific Travel Fund donation	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		$3,171.37
Closing Bank Balance as at 30.06.2018		**$843.41**

COINS FOR FRIENDSHIP for 2017/2018 (Most were received after 30.06.18)

Charlton	80	Rosedale/Sandy Creek	50
Coonalpyn	50	Stewarts Range	40
Cunliffe	43	Strathalbyn	50
Kalangadoo	50	Tanunda (Closing balance)	42.13
Lochaber	150	WAB On-Line	
Padthaway	200	Wepowie/Booleroo Centre	
Paringa	60	Wirrega	100
Pinkawillinie	319	Yurgo	80

TOTAL $1,314.13

I wish all members a successful year of WAB and hope that Good Health will be with you all.
Helen Colliver,
INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

WAB News Officer Report

This year all WAB newsletters have been sent to members in digital form with the exception of two branches who do not have access to computers and these are sent in print form.

I am not certain of cost over the years but the saving in postage and printing must be considerable. That said, I wonder if members enjoy their digital edition – some feedback would be appreciated.

I have tried to ensure that the newsletter is user friendly but if there are suggestions for improvement please let me know. I have had comments that members only read their branch reports and judging by some other comments, I suspect that most 'skim read'; maybe a shorter version would be preferable.

Thank you to all branch representatives who send in their reports – I do enjoy reading about all the interesting activities that branches are doing and often other branches gain ideas for programming.

Lee Russell
WAB NEWS EDITOR

WAB Historian Report

I offered to put together a Pictorial History of WAB Activities about 12 months ago.

The first 50 Years was completed in time for the WAB 100 Years celebration at Riverton end of October.

To date we have orders for 31 USB copies with 5 of those orders being pre-paid, for which I thank you.

I am making a big effort to complete these orders as soon as possible and hopefully by the AGM.

WAB has enjoyed a very rich and interesting history over the last 100 years and it is a privilege to be able to share this with you.

Yours in WAB friendship
Thelma Newman
WAB HISTORIAN

WAB Awards/ Membership Officer Report

The past year has been about the slowest for me since I took on the position of Awards Officer in 1999, with only fourteen nominations being processed.

I would like to thank Branch Secretaries for sending the application forms to me giving me sufficient time to complete the certificates and return them to the Branch or to Sandra for presentation at Conferences. This has been most appreciated and the new system seems to be working smoothly.

2017/2018 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

5 YEARS

Hels Heddle, Padthaway
Elizabeth Mickan, Charlton

10 YEARS

Barbara Shirras, Pinkawillinie
Diane MacDonald, Pinkawillinie
Carol Rowett, Wirrega
Josephine Arney, Wirrega
Joanne Finlayson, Wirrega
Betty Hack, Stewarts Range
Patricia Forrest Charlton

LIFE MEMBER (20years)

Janet Higgs, Lochaber
Carolyn Staude, Wirrega
Phyllis Salmon, Wirrega

40 YEARS

Patricia Kernot, Stewart Range

50 YEARS

Ramona Perry, Kalangadoo

Wishing everyone good fellowship for the coming 2018/9 year.

Janet Cummings
WAB AWARDS / MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

WAB Finance Report 2017/2018

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE & BUSINESS of SA Inc

BANK SA SOCIETY CHEQUE ACCOUNT		
Opening Bank Balance as of 01.07.2017		**$13,594.27**
RECEIPTS		
Membership Levy	7,950.00	
Associate Members	60.00	
100yr Conference Registrations	13,958.00	
ACWW Event in Penola Registrations	744.00	
Sponsorship	5,000.00	
100 year Donations	4,225.00	
Supporters	400.00	
Royalties for sale of Roses	385.00	
Coins for Friendship	1,595.00	
Bank Interest	1,119.68	
Internal Transfers	38,640.74	
Sundries	67.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**$74,144.92**
PAYMENTS		
100yr Conference Expenses	33,301.80	
2018 State Conference Expenses	450.00	
ACWW Event in Penola	764.00	
Management Expenses	5,704.13	
CFF	1,595.00	
Administration	5,932.12	
Office	844.70	
Petty Cash	267.70	
Bank SA fees (to close an account)	15.00	
Affiliate Fees	385.00	
Insurance (2 years)	1,810.48	
Sundries	690.65	
WAB News	742.50	
Internal Transfers	25,000.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**$79,872.58**
Closing Bank Balance as of 30.06.2018		**$7,866.61**
BUSINESS ACCESS SAVER ACCOUNT		
Opening Bank Balance as of 01.07.2017		**$3,431.78**
Receipt – Bank Interest	8.79	
Internal Transfer	-3,440.57	
Closing Bank Balance as of 30.06.2018		**NIL**

TERM DEPOSIT…..860		
Opening Bank Balance as at 01.07.2017		**$35,200.17**
Bank Interest	50.67	
Internal Transfer	-35,250.84	
Closing Bank Balance as of 30.06.2018		**NIL**
TERM DEPOSIT …..460		
Opening Bank Balance as of 01.07.2018		**NIL**
Internal Transfer	25,000.00	
Closing Bank Balance as of 30.06.2018		**$25,000.00**
ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 30TH JUNE, 2018		
Society Cheque Account at call	$7,866.61	
Term Deposit	$25,000.00	
NET BALANCE OF ALL FUNDS	**$32,866.61**	

PAID SECRETARY HOURS Admin: 141.25 hours 100yr Work: 314.75 hours

HONORARIUMS State President $3,000 ($1,000 still to be taken);
EP and Central Coordinators $1,000 each; Mallee and Limestone Coast Coordinators $500 each

WAB Management Team and Portfolio Holders 2017/18

Sandra Young	WAB State President, Public Officer, National Council of Women Delegate, Administration & Finance Officer (Treasurer) – WAB Head Office
Elizabeth Calvert	WAB Immediate Past President
Lee Russell	Central Region Coordinator, WAB News Officer
Sally Packer	Eyre Peninsula Region Coordinator
Narelle Scott	Limestone Coast Region Coordinator
Nadene Jericho	Mallee Region Coordinator
Glenice Bourne	WAB Merchandise Officer
Helen Colliver	WAB International Officer
Thelma Newman	WAB Historian
Janet Cummings	WAB Awards / Membership Officer
Jane Smith	WAB Web-Site Officer
Sally Grundy	WAB Facebook Officer
Sally Grundy & Roz Rowett	WAB On-Line Branch Facilitators

Our Vision

Women in Agriculture and Business of SA Inc. (WAB) is a peak rural organisation creating confident skilled women recognised for their leadership and contribution to vibrant and sustainable communities.

Our Mission

To facilitate a range of activities through a state-wide network which supports, encourages and develops women with rural, agricultural and business interests, in their role as key decision makers and facilitators in rural communities and in primary industries.

Aims and Objectives

- To encourage interest and participation in activities of rural people and organisations, especially in primary industries.
- To promote goodwill, friendship and understanding among members.
- To provide effective leadership to link Women in Agriculture and Business and Agricultural Bureau activities through the membership network.
- To generate opportunities for educational, cultural and technical advancement to members, combining with other rural organisations where appropriate.
- To encourage and foster the ability of women to take a shared responsibility for the community in which we live – from local to world level.
- To press for recognition of the needs and worth of rural people at all levels of government.
- To promote and support the preservation of our environment and ecology and care for the land.