

UNVEILING OF THE WAB BANNER

On Thursday 17th January, 2019

At the Office of the Hon Tim Whetstone MP

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

Level 10, 1 King William St, Adelaide

The Hon Vickie Chapman MP, Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Member of the Executive Council, unveiled the Women in Agriculture & Business of SA 's large banner at the office of the Hon Tim Whetstone MP, who was an apology for the occasion.

Quotes from **Deputy Premier and Attorney General, Hon Vickie Chapman MP:**

"For over 100 years, South Australian Women in Agriculture and Business has been a significant part of our agricultural history in this state and I'm proud to be a member of this organisation and pleased to see it continue its role into the future"

"It was a pleasure to host an afternoon tea with members for WAB to see the beautiful hand sewn banner being displayed in Minister Whetstone's office."

"I was contacted by the WAB regarding an appropriate location to display the 80th anniversary banner and given the history of the agricultural towns and districts portrayed, I thought it was appropriate to be housed in the office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development"

"I am sure everyone agrees this banner is a fine example of the history of the involvement of women in agriculture in South Australia."

Quotes from **Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Hon Tim Whetstone MP:**

"I am delighted to display the WAB 80 year anniversary banner in my office, it has been a wonderful point of conversation for visitors, many who are involved in agriculture and live in regional communities"

“WAB is the oldest rural women’s organisation in Australia with a state-wide branch network across the regions of Central, Eyre Peninsula, the Limestone Coast and the Mallee.”

“The State Government recognises the vital role women play in agriculture.

“We have a proud history of agriculture in South Australia, from the establishment of the Roseworthy Agricultural College as the first dedicated agricultural teaching college in Australia, to our current cutting-edge research and development programs being undertaken - particularly at the Waite research precinct”

Present were Scott Ashby, Chief Executive, PIRSA; Jo Collins, Director, Agriculture, Food & Wine, PIRSA; Sandra Young, State President of Women in Agriculture & Business of SA; Bradley Perry, Adviser –Agriculture, Food and Ag Tech, Office of the Hon Tim Whetstone; Joyce Chapman, delegate of WAB to National Council of Women of SA and husband, John; Helen Rogers, Associate Member of WAB and husband, Garth; Janet Hall, WAB On-Line member.

Sandra talked about WAB celebrations in the past including the 80th anniversary in 1997, at which the large banner (4m x2.5m) was launched. (see separate report with her speech).

The party admired the beautiful banner and enjoyed afternoon tea together.

Haig Wilkins, Senior Asset Management Officer, PIRSA, had spoken to the WAB members earlier about how the large banner had been cleaned by Mary Jose from Fabric of Life of North Adelaide and mounted onto a frame by using a Kedar flexible rod and stitched into the full perimeter of the banner, performed by Signarama, Adelaide.

Meg Partridge, Senior Business Officer, PIRSA, who used to be an administrator for WAB, joined the party for afternoon tea.

Sandra Young

State President of WAB of SA

