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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

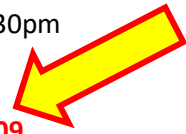
WAB Annual General Meeting – Sunday 90 August 2020 at 2.30pm via Zoom meeting

Have you made plans to attend yet?

1. Join the meeting from home by clicking the link below (in red) or
2. Contact your Branch Secretary or Regional Co-ordinator if you wish to get together with other members
3. **Please click the link below soon after 2pm**, so the meeting can start on time at 2.30pm

Click this link to join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84025352061?pwd=Z3JOc1JWdWVMZElnaDFDa2RtQ0cvQT09>



If prompted, input the following:

Meeting ID: 840 2535 2061

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Also: Please send me an email at wabinsa@gmail.com to register your interest so we know how many will be attending. I will also email you the link to join the Zoom meeting prior to the meeting together with instructions on how to join a Zoom meeting.

- Unfortunately, I will not be able to assist with individual connection issues, please contact your branch secretary
- Everyone will be muted when entering the meeting room and for the duration of the meeting. Unmuting will occur if/when appropriate
- You can use the Chat panel to comment. Sally Grundy, as co-host, will manage the Chat Panel
- There will be one nominated spokesperson for each branch, please ensure we can see you in the Zoom meeting room (on the laptop screen)
- Voting (if required): there will be one vote per Branch and this will be communicated by the nominated branch spokesperson

Following the AGM, Guest Speaker Alice Arbuckle will speak about Guide Dogs SA/NT as this organisation is WAB's project for 2020-2021



GUEST SPEAKER

Alice Arbuckle, Community Fundraising Co-ordinator
Guide Dogs SA/NT

Looking forward to "seeing you" on the virtual AGM

A reminder that WAB members must comply with the COVID Safe Plan for the venue that you are using plus ensure that you keep 1.5m apart and allow 2m² space for each person at the inside venue. COVID-19 restrictions do not apply to meetings/events held in private homes.
Remember also, no shared food and BYO cups, crockery and cutlery
Wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser

Thank you for your compliance – we are all in this together!

BE CONNECTED COMPUTER TRAINING FOR OVER 50'S

Now that COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed a little, Be Connected courses have recommenced.

- ✓ **Paringa** branch members met at the Chaffey Community Centre in Renmark, along with Nadene Jericho, Mallee Regional Co-ordinator for 3 days. They learnt new skills plus they have arranged to have ongoing training provided by some of their branch members.
- ✓ **Cunliffe** Branch's training took place at Wallaroo, again they all learnt something new while enjoying the networking opportunity.
- ✓ **Charlton** Branch training is commencing shortly at the Senior Citizen's Club in Port Lincoln.

As I travel around the State, I am enjoying meeting branch members and I appreciate the warm welcomes.

Renmark

L-R: Jocie, Sandra, Claire, Mary,
Teresa, Narelle (standing), Sally,
Elaine, Jenny, Di
Not pictured: Nadene



Wallaroo

L-R: Pam, Rob, Liz, Elaine (standing) Dulcie
Not pictured: Claire, Julie

Stay well, stay safe and stay warm
Yours in WAB friendship
Narelle Scott, State President



Free, independent and confidential
support for landowners.



**Need impartial help with understanding resources
exploration, mining and quarrying activities?**

New service to help landowners understand exploration, mining process

Landowners, farmers and community members across regional South Australia have access to a new free, factual and impartial service to help them with queries on resources exploration and mining.

The new Landowner Information Service is an initiative of the Government of South Australia, delivered by Rural Business Support (RBS) and supported by the primary production and resources sectors.

It will provide easy-to-understand information to individuals or businesses affected by activities conducted by resource companies. Its focus is to help landowners and community members make informed decisions through access to information about their options, rights and responsibilities.

The LIS is completely impartial ... it is all about helping you understand the often complex technical and legal processes involved. It is delivered by RBS – experienced providers of trusted, confidential and independent help.

Contact the Landowner Information Service by email LIS@ruralbusinesssupport.org.au or call 1800 836 211. For more information, visit www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au/LIS

As restrictions have eased all Branches have enjoyed meeting together again, catching up and hearing how members used their time while in lockdown, holding the branch AGM and planning meetings for the next WAB year.

CENTRAL REGION

No report

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Charlton: Our mystery new member who was profiled in the last newsletter is Chris Phyllis – I do apologise Chris for not including your name, an oversight which was picked up by one of our member's husband and pointed out to me: Lee.



MALLEE REGION

No reports

LIMESTONE REGION

Kalangadoo: enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea in Debbie's cosy wood fire heated room. We discussed the WAB Archiving Policy and it was decided that Debbie and Sandra would sort out the archives in the cupboard at the Kalangadoo Institute Hall.

During the shutdown, some of us did more crocheting and more sewing than usual, making pouches for Australian native animals injured by the bush fires and making face masks to go to PNG for the pandemic. For others it was very much the same as usual on the farm but without any travelling

A thought for present times as the Corona virus rules our lives -----

Life is full of challenges, and it is how we approach a challenge that determines how we live our lives.

Lochaber. *At our combined June /July meeting and we drafted a programme for 2020/21 with input from all members. It was lovely to have everyone involved, so it was decided to combine the AGM and program meeting again next year.*

Padthaway: In February Glenda Grady suggested knitting or donating beanies, scarves or gloves to the bushfire victims of Kangaroo Island. This call of help went out to all WAB members and Padthaway members plus some donations from Charlton saw a total of about 100 items sent to fire victims. We thank those who contributed to this worthwhile cause and we hope we have put a smile on their faces to know that someone out there is thinking of them. [\(Photo of Padthaway members with their knitted items was in the last newsletter\)](#)

Padthaway WAB Members on CD! A new version of the Women in Agriculture and Business SA song has been recorded in Naracoorte.

Two Padthaway members, Beth Ortlepp and Chloe Williams have sung the traditional song accompanied by Naracoorte pianist, Marion Orton and been captured on Compact Disc (CD) by Narelle Scott.

Narelle said the recording had been prompted by her visits to WAB branches around the State and she saw the need for a CD version of the song for ease of use.

Beth is a member of the Naracoorte Singers and Chloe was trained by Penola music identity, Pamela Walker and has performed in the Coonawarra. A grand piano was used for the backing music.

WAB adopted the song in September 1955. It is sung at official WAB events. It begins "From the near and distant farmlands..." and the tune is recognisable as the melody of The Seekers song, *The Carnival is Over*.

Padthaway WAB goes to Serbia. Member Narelle Scott was awarded her 5 year membership. Congratulations Narelle.

We enjoyed Serbian main courses starting with a lovely Serbian soup and finishing with a Serbian celebration cake for the Branch 55 birthday.

One of our members read a story about Serbia which we all found very interesting. Many countries border Serbia; the cabbage is their national vegetable; the terrain of the country has everything from plains, lakes, forests and mountains; while bears, wolves, and lynx roam free in national parks and their national animal is the grey wolf. Plums are the second-largest crop grown in the world, their favourite national drink being plum brandy. The river Danube flows through Serbia and is 387 km long.

During the lockdown State President, Narelle, created zoom coffee mornings which was open for any WAB member to connect online, coffee at hand, and have a quick chat with others from all over country SA. Narelle organised a theme for discussion, ranging from "What are you doing to keep busy to what have you achieved during the lockdown?"

In July Natasha Mills, our guest speaker joined us and spoke about her life growing up in Papua New Guinea. As our branch is connected to ACWW and the South Pacific Conference was to be held in Papua New Guinea when the coronavirus lockdown cancelled the conference until next year. We wanted to learn more about this country. Natasha lived in the Highlands in the town of Kompam in the Enga Province of PNG where the countryside is very beautiful, lush, fertile and is very remote being about 4 hours to the nearest large city of Mount Hagen. The tribe's in the country still have their disagreements at times. The native people live a very humble lifestyle. Natasha misses the PNG rain, they have 2 seasons wet and dry. When it is wet it rains and when it is dry it rains. Her Father Doctor Mills helps run a medical compound where people come for their healthcare. They can walk for days or come by handmade stretcher walked in. They do have an airstrip but landing is very precise. Natasha started off being home-schooled until their own international school started which is now run by her mother. Currently she is attending university in Townsville while both her parents still live and work in PNG with her 2 younger siblings.



Jenny Alexander, Natasha's Nanna Judy, Natasha, Ursula Riggs and Meryl Greivson at the Padthaway meeting.

Padthaway branch is pleased to introduce another new member.
Meet **Jenny Alexander**

On a sightseeing trip in 2009 to Robe I was passing through Naracoorte with my husband Bob and saw a block for sale. What a wonderful place to retire we thought!! as we were living in Adelaide. We were right. What followed was a shed then the house which we designed from a cottage we stayed in in Kenmare Ireland. What we hadn't foreseen were the wonderful neighbours that we have grown to love and appreciate. Together we have a little block that I have some pet sheep and my husband has his fruit trees, vegetable garden and chooks. We love living on the edge of town and love the country lifestyle. The block is a work in progress. One of our neighbours asked us to come along to WAB and the rest is history.



Ursula Riggs a new Padthaway and On-Line Member of WAB



I was born and grew up in Switzerland. I came to Australia in 1973, therefore I call myself Australian – my husband Peter says I am a certified Australian, (I have a citizenship certificate). After I married we lived for 20 years in WA where I became a station hand doing most of the jobs on cattle/sheep and cropping properties. I did draw the line at using a hand piece! We have two children, our son is in Adelaide and daughter in Melbourne. In 1996 we moved to a property in the mid north of SA and later to Langkoop in Vic. Where we were until we retired to Naracoorte. In amongst it all I had several jobs working in administration and while in the mid north I became a book keeper, studying accountancy at TAFE. How I got involved with WAB was Beth Gale roped me in, but I have had a good time. I was looking for something that gave me a bit of people contact and being able to learn new skills is a definite bonus. I had always thought that WAB was for younger people only who were actively involved in Agriculture or Business but I am happy that I was wrong.

Wirrega: have organized an interesting new programme and look forward to local speakers, visiting a recycling business at robe and walking around the local recreation lake for “Women walk the world” as well as garden and museum visits.



How is your WAB centenary rose?
Has it flowered and thrived and is it looking like this? (not at present as it is pruning time!) Send a photo when your rose is in bloom.

WAB thank Bank SA and appreciate their ongoing sponsorship



ACWW

Thank you to all Branches who have sent donations for CFF. It is not too late for those Branches who still wish to donate.

Some Branches have rescheduled the fund raiser WOMEN WALK the WORLD. Perhaps your Branch would like to participate?

You can be sponsored or take a collection from members as you walk the street, the beach, across the paddock or through the scrub. A fun day out. Please forward your donation to me at Box 286 Naracoorte 5271 marking it Women Walk the World.

The Head Office in London is still closed and all staff are working from their homes. The latest Country Women magazine has been produced on line. This can be viewed on the ACWW website acww.org.uk/docs/countrywomen

During November I will be sending out ACWW membership reminders to Branches and members. Membership is due before end of December.

Stay safe and well

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**NEXT EDITION OF THE WAB NEWS WILL BE DUE OUT IN September 2020 –
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