



Women in Agriculture and Business
of South Australia Incorporated

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 30 June 2020



Participating in WAB's first ever virtual Annual General Meeting on 9 August 2020 were members from Online, Coonalpyn, Cunliffe, Charlton, Kalangadoo, Wirrega, Padthaway, and Lochaber branches. Guest presenter was Alice Arbuckle, Guide Dogs-SA (bottom left)

State President's Report 2019/2020

WAB branches

	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
Regions	4	4	4	6	6	6
Branches	11	15	15	18	20	21
Members	176	198	213	267	259	299
Associate members	5	11	14	6	4	11
Supporters	3	4	4	5	4	5
Affiliate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Management Team/Council	5	5	5	5	5	5

Theme, Country of Study and Project

Branch	Amount Raised \$
Charlton	200.00
Coonalpyn	250.00
Cunliffe	130.00
Kalangadoo	100.00
Lochaber	400.00
Online	15.00
Padthaway	200.00
Paringa	200.00
Rosedale/Sandy Creek	25.00
Wirrega	100.00
Yurgo	100.00
Raffle at AGM	259.85
TOTAL	\$1,979.85

❖ *Regional Conferences*

No Regional Conference/Gatherings were held this year due to the disruption caused by COVID19 restrictions.

❖ *Sponsorship and Supporters*

We are proud to have had Bank SA as our Gold Sponsor and WAB would like to thank Les Ryan and his team for being so generous. We had 4 supporters (Angela Dunsford, Hon. Peter Treloar MP & Hon. Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP) and we thank them wholeheartedly for their confidence in WAB.

❖ *WAB Administration*

Throughout this year I have maintained the voluntary role of WAB Admin, doing secretarial duties.

❖ *The WAB Management Team (MT)*

I thank Nadene, Sally, Sandra and Yvonne for their time and commitment to WAB and for their support. I also thank the Portfolio Holders for their dedication to their valued roles in WAB.

The Merchandise Officer's position was made obsolete early in 2020 as the demand for promotional items from branches had diminished. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Glenice Bourne who retired in 2019 after many, many years of carrying out this role. Glenice was dedicated to providing friendly and professional assistance to branches and carried out these duties impeccably. Thank you Glenice.

The 2 WAB Handbooks were updated and distributed in 2019 – the WAB Management Team Handbook (with roles of each member and the Portfolio Holders) and the WAB Branch Handbook. These Handbooks are continually being updated by the MT, making them a valuable resource to members and branch executives. These handbooks are available for all to read on the WAB webpage wabsa.com.au

The new Promotions Officer portfolio which was created in 2019 to help relieve the State President's role has been filled by Helen Colliver of Cunliffe Branch. The State President is the public face of WAB and attends official functions when they can, with the Promotions Officer assisting.

January 2020 brought good news that WAB had been successful in obtaining four \$2,000 Activation Grants to participate in *Be Connected*, one for each Region. *Be Connected* is a Federally funded government initiative to assist Over 50s to "Get Online". Four WAB training laptops were purchased and I headed to Kalangadoo Branch who agreed to be the first branch to undertake the computer training. Following on, Lochaber and Padthaway branches participated in the training program.

Then in March 2020, Coronavirus 19 had spread to South Australia, causing WAB operations to be halted immediately. This was to comply with social isolation restrictions that were implemented and enforced by State and Federal Government authorities. Senior Australians were the group that were most at risk of being affected by this serious virus causing respiratory complications.

All of a sudden, Government Authorities directed members to stay at home to reduce the chance of contracting the potentially deadly virus. As three branches had been trained in how to use Zoom to make video calls, "*Let's do coffee!*" was born. Each fortnight, members in Limestone Coast Region met online for coffee and a chat which quickly became a social event. This was our way of keeping in touch with fellow members, making sure everyone was doing okay under the circumstances.

These coffee meetings were then extended to members of all WAB Regions which proved to be an excellent tool to meet far away members "face to face". It was during the coffee meets, that I conducted training sessions on the advanced features of Zoom, showing members how they can use video conferencing with their own families to keep in touch. As South Australia had no new cases of COVID-19 for 7 months, our last *Let's do coffee!* meet was held on 21 October 2020 with an extremely interesting virtual presentation by Sally Grundy on *Birdlife on Mundoo Island*, her home.

The 2020 State Gathering also had to be postponed to 2021 due to the uncertainty of travel arrangements following the impact of Coronavirus. Therefore WAB held its first ever virtual AGM via Zoom video conferencing facilities on 9 August 2020. Small groups of members gathered together to join the meeting enjoying a social get together. 27 members attended, which was very pleasing despite the challenges.

In closing, WAB has had stable membership with new members joining branches during the past year. WAB members need to continue to embrace the digital world in which we are living, or they will be left behind. All members should contribute to the growth of WAB, it may be as simple as "would you like to come with me to a WAB meeting?" We have all worked hard to sustain a vibrant organisation for rural women, let's all help to keep it going.

Sincerely,



Narelle Scott
State President

WAB International Officer's Report



INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT – WAB (AUDITED)

Opening Balance as of 01.07.2019 **\$685.45**

Receipts

Coins for Friendship	1,079.00	
Memberships	803.00	
Coins for friendship for 2019-20	265.00	
Bank Interest	0.58	
Total Receipts		\$2,568.03

Expenses

ACWW for CFF and Memberships	2,107.00	
International Transfer Fees	32.00	
Total Expenses		\$2,139.00

Closing Balance as at 30th June, 2019 **\$429.03**

Audited and found to be correct – Glenice Bourne.

Jan Boord
WAB International Officer
Lochaber Branch

WAB Historian Report

First of all, it has been an honour to serve as WAB Historian for the past 11 years. I still remember Adair Dunsford asking me at the Hawker State Conference if I would accept a nomination to replace her as WAB Historian.

As I have always loved History, it wasn't difficult to accept this position and take up the challenge. In this age of modern technology, I chose to produce a Pictorial History. Following the WAB Centenary State Conference held at Riverton in 2017, I have filled prepaid orders for the first 50 Years and the Centenary Celebrations and need to complete the 2nd 50 Years, which continues to be a work in progress.

Health, age and memory issues have come to visit, but I am determined to complete that which I promised.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Thelma Newman
Historian - retiring

WAB Delegate Report

I represent WAB at NCW-SA meetings which I thoroughly enjoy and attend any meetings on behalf of WAB, when requested.

Joyce Chapman
WAB Delegate

WAB Website Report

I have enjoyed the challenge of keeping the website updated with relevant information and I believe we have a site that we, as an organisation, can be proud of.

It is a site that provides a bigger picture of what WAB does for the general public.

It is also a site that should be used by all WAB members to access current information about events and news and for the resources, forms and publications that are required to run a Branch. These resources are regularly updated to provide current information. I encourage all members to access the site to see what information is there.

My thanks to State President Narelle Scott and Eyre Peninsula Co-ordinator Sally Packer who have provided me with updated information from Management Team meetings.

Jane Smith
Webmaster
On-Line Branch

WAB Social Media Report

Facebook page: Women in Agriculture and Business SA Inc

Due to the reduced number of WAB branch face to face meetings and events as a result of COVID-19 rules and regulations our Facebook page has been a little slim on updates.

Zoom meetings have become the "norm" for many groups around the world and WAB embraced that platform for meetings.

We currently have 158 "Followers" and are working towards increasing our numbers by promoting our Facebook Page at every opportunity.

Our most popular post for this year was Lochaber branch guest speaker, Steph Brooker-Jones - South Australia's first female wool classer!

Our WAB State Conference in August 2019 was a popular post with many photos of guest speakers and attendees.

Facebook continues to be a popular platform to share our activities and we look forward to more of our branch members embracing this form of communication.

Please 'Like' and 'Follow' our page and submit photos and details of upcoming branch events or past events.

Sally Grundy
Social Media Manager
Online Branch Co Co-ordinator

2019/2020 Membership Awards

5 year	Yvonne Warner - Charlton Lyn Siviour - Charlton Jeanette Pearce - Charlton Narelle Scott - Padthaway
10 years	Heather Everingham - Paringa Lorraine Pinyon - Paringa Elaine Leedham - Paringa Sandra Daniel - Paringa
Life – 20 years	Helen Mitchell - Charlton Claire James - Paringa Di Scheiner - Paringa
30 years	Cynthia Semmler - Rosedale/Sandy Creek Pauline Davids - Rosedale/Sandy Creek Sylvia Modra - Charlton Yvonne Low - Charlton
40 years	Glenys Calderwood - Charlton Helen Lutt - Wirrega
50 years	Lee Russell - Charlton Sally Packer - Charlton
60 years	Raelene Bussenschutt - Cunliffe Phyllis Paine - Rosedale/Sandy Creek

Janet Cummings

WAB Awards / Membership Officer

WAB Treasurer's Report 2019/20

WAB had a very good year financially due to the following:

1. State President Narelle Scott acquired \$10,000 in grant money through the Be Connected and Get Online Week Federal Government programs
2. Bank SA sponsorship of \$5,000
3. Generous donations by three of the guest speakers at the 2019 State Conference
4. Renumeration from the sale of the WAB roses (final payment)
5. COVID lockdown and restrictions allowing more online communication and less travel for the Management Team

It has been an unusual year.

Administration expenses increased due to updating technology and hosting Zoom sessions. We are now set up to face any similar disaster as our computer skills have increased as well as our equipment, thanks to our computer savvy President.

The funds raised by branches for 2019-2020 project totalled \$1,979.85 as indicated in the table presented. This was a particularly good effort considering fundraising events had to be stopped abruptly 9n March 2020. At the 2020, AGM, it was agreed to subsidise the total to \$2,500 to be sent to ACWW for a Sustainable Water, Sanitisation and Energy project.

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

HONORARIUMS

State President \$3,000

Eyre Peninsula Coordinator \$750

Central, Mallee and Limestone Coast Coordinators \$500 each

SUMMARY OF WAB FINANCIALS 2019-2020		ACTUALS
Society Cheque Account 105-159 #52040		\$
Opening balance as at 1 July 2019		\$13,418.33
RECEIPTS		
Membership levy	7,070.00	
Badges	169.00	
Associate Members	150.00	
Supporters	400.00	
Conference registrations	1,921.40	
Ales	15,000.00	
Project – MS	2,813.30	
Coins for Friendship from Online members	60.00	
Project ACWW	1,104.85	
Bank	621.70	
Internal transfers	925.66	
Rose Sales Donation	585.00	
Donation	455.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$31,275.91
PAYMENTS		
Conference expenses	6,925.43	
Management expenses	4,282.00	
Be Connected Grant expenses	5,424.50	
Publicity	206.99	
Website	616.00	
Project – MS	4,350.00	
Badges	219.50	
Postage, printing and stationery	973.73	
Petty cash	12.50	
Affiliate fees	295.00	
Insurance	798.20	
Admin expenses	1,050.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$25,153.85
Profit/Loss for the year 2019/20		
CLOSING BALANCE		\$19,540.39
		Bank balance as at 30/6/2020
TERM DEPOSIT460		
Opening balance for year 2019/20	\$25,000.00	
CLOSING BALANCE as at 30/6/2020		\$25,000.00
NET BALANCE of all funds		\$44,540.39

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS OF SA INC

BUDGET FOR WAB 2020-2021

		BUDGET
RECEIPTS		
Sponsorship	Bank SA	2,000
Membership levy	Branches 124 x \$45	5,580
	Branches 36 x \$35	1,260
	Associates 8 x \$15	120
Supporters	3 x \$100	300
Interest Bank SA		620
Be Connected Grant	Excess	1,000
Sale of equipment	From Be Connected program	1,000
	TOTAL INCOME	11,880
PAYMENTS		
Management expenses	Honorariums	6,000
Insurance		800
Publicity		500
Events		500
Stationery		600
Sundries		300
Petty cash		100
Website management		600
Affiliate group fees	ACWW, NCWSA	300
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,700
NET POSITION		
Profit for the year		2,180
TERM DEPOSIT		
Business cheque account		25,000
TOTAL FUNDS		\$27,180

WAB TERM DEPOSIT 053-403 #6628460

SUMMARY 2019-2020

Opening balance as at 1 July, 2019 \$25,000.00

Investment period

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Interest</i>
22 January, 2020	22 January 2021	1.45%	
Transferred to cheque a/c	22 January 2020		612.50

TOTAL INTEREST

\$612.50

NOTE: Interest revenue is paid into account 105-159 #52040

Closing balance as at 30/6/2020

\$25,000.00

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION



2019 – 2020

ACCOUNT TYPE - SOCIETY CHEQUE ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT NAME – Women in Agriculture & Business of South Australia Inc.

BSB 105 159

ACCOUNT NUMBER 00052040

I, Margaret Gray, certify that I have examined these records together with the receipt books, bank statements and other financial records as presented and consider these to be a true and correct financial statement of the account.

Signed *M. Gray* Date *21-7-20*



2019 – 2020

ACCOUNT TYPE - TERM DEPOSIT

ACCOUNT NAME – Women in Agriculture & Business of South Australia Inc.

ACCOUNT NUMBER 053 4036628460

I, Margaret Gray, certify that I have examined these records together with the bank certificate and paperwork as presented and consider these to be a true and correct financial statement of the account.

Signed *M. Gray* Date *21-7-20*

Sandra Young
WAB Treasurer

WAB PROJECT FOR 2020/2021 GUIDE DOGS SA/NT

Branches are encouraged to resume fundraising now COVID-19 restrictions have relaxed



Guide Dogs SA/NT offer a full range of specialist support to enhance your independence and wellbeing, no matter your age or level of vision. These include:

- **Adult Mobility:** develop skills to get around your home and community safely and with confidence
- **Children's Services:** whatever milestones your child or teen wants to achieve so they can feel happy and confident, our vision specialists can offer training, encouragement and support
- **Low Vision Services:** receive specialist assessments, support and advice to ensure your lifestyle and environment are optimised to suit your level of vision
- **Occupational Therapy:** work with Occupational Therapists to identify personal goals and learn practical skills to achieve them. These can include cooking, caring for your family, living independently, and managing your own financial transactions
- **Assistive Technology:** access Assistive Technology training to make life easier. Whether it's your smartphone or a specific aid like GPS devices, improve your confidence with technology that suits your needs
- **Leisure & Lifestyle Services:** connect with others, make new friends, access peer support groups and socialise with the community through our Leisure & Lifestyle Services
- **Neurological Vision Service:** if you've experienced a change in vision through accident or injury to the brain, explore new skills for new life circumstances with our Neurological Vision Service. Maximise your remaining vision, learn to move through different environments and communicate with people in the community



Narelle Scott
State President, Acting Limestone
Coast Region Co-ordinator



Treasurer WAB Head Office
Public Officer, National Council
of Women Delegate



Nadene Jericho
Mallee Region Coordinator



Sally Packer
Eyre Peninsula Region Coordinator
and Online Branch



Yvonne Correll
Central Region Coordinator

WAB
Management
Team
2019/2020



Jan Boord
International Officer



Jane Smith
Webmaster



Lee Russell
News Editor



Thelma Newman
Historian



Janet Cummings
Awards / Membership
Officer



Sally Grundy
Social Media Manager



Joyce Chapman
WAB Delegate

WAB Portfolio
Holders
2019/2020

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.

