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WAB MEMBERS enjoying Meetings, Fellowship, Celebrations



Learning and Outings at the beginning of a New Year



Lochaber



Yurgo





Our Back to Front



Following our engagement last November, I wanted to get married at dusk. So Stan set the date Saturday 13th as the weather in March is usually pretty good in South East SA. The weather for the week leading up to Saturday was sunny and quite hot then the forecast came through as rain and wind which Port Lincoln experienced on the Friday. The forecasters were accurate and across the ocean it came, headed for the south east. I focussed on the old time theory that if it rains on your wedding day, this brings good luck. Rain it did until just after lunch, then it blew a gale before settling down just as guests were arriving. I wanted a small family gathering, along with a few close friends, that was casual and friendly. My family were still setting the tables as the guests were arriving and they said that they must have looked a sight, chasing plates and serviettes blowing across the lawn! They pegged down sheets over the tables to keep everything in place. Then it settled down somewhat for us to enjoy the company of our families and friends.

I had prepared an Aussie style 3 course meal, the main being corned beef with white sauce, my favourite. Everyone enjoyed the food served on square bamboo plates and bamboo cutlery – no washing up!

As the sun was setting the ceremony commenced, with formalities conducted by family friend and Celebrant Terry Brown of the Padthaway Uniting Church, who kindly came out of retirement to conduct our ceremony.

When it came time to cut the cake, the temperature had dropped to 2.6 degrees, much to the dismay of our Queensland guests. We had a gas blower heater, but we really needed 3! It was a night creating happy memories for us all. Thank you to everybody who sent us best wishes messages and cards, you made our day very special.

Warmest regards, Narelle



WAB Matters

Don't forget to mark your diary

Saturday and Sunday 7/8 August, 2021

WAB State Gathering, 2 day bus tour of the south east. As a special offer to members, WAB will be covering the cost of the bus charter, making it a very economical event for all.

That's all for now, look out for more news in my first SP News for 2021, publishing at the end of April.

Yours in WAB friendship
Narelle Scott
State President, WAB

CENTRAL REGION

Cunliffe: In February we met in the Kadina Show Society dining area and welcomed husbands, partners and our guest speaker Brevet Sergeant Alison Hupputz and her partner Peter Anderson. Alison is stationed at Kadina and she gave an insight into her life as a Police Officer. She has come a long way since being a junior officer on the beat in Adelaide. Stationed initially at Adelaide then Darlington, both now closed, and then time in Ceduna and Port Augusta being involved in patrols and family violence. She is now part of the crime investigation team in Kadina and gave us an insight into how and what they collect as evidence when there is a crime or break-in committed. Finger prints, shoe prints and tyre prints to name a few. Pamphlets were available and we were advised to ring 131444 if we needed police. Police stations are very busy places and the 131444 would be answered and directed through to the correct station immediately.

Cunliffe members celebrated their 60th birthday enjoying a meal together at the Wombat Hotel, Kadina with birthday cake for dessert. The birthday cake was made and decorated by Dulcie Baker and cut by foundation member Rose Donaldson and our oldest member Margaret Correll.



Rosedale/Sandy Creek: As this meeting was our theme for this year - “**Back to Basics**” we had a discussion about what old hobbies or interests we had taken up to entertain ourselves in the many quiet hours we were all spending isolated at home. Quite an array of old forgotten activities were revived such as jigsaw puzzles, crosswords, reading, knitting for little prem babies for one member and one member took up a new craft of decorating cards with floral designs made with dough. We all seemed to adapt to a new and slower way of life quite happily.

Our March meeting was on our Country of Study and we all chose to research both Lesotho and Benin. Janet Cummings prepared a read out with an extensive amount of information on both countries. Each member took turns in reading out their section and by doing so, we all gained an understanding of the people, their land, their politics. Lesotho and Benin are quite different countries Lesotho being landlocked, extremely mountainous and with a constitutional Monarch. Benin is a Republic, quite flat and humid with some coastline. Members found interesting facts on both countries either in newspapers or of course the internet. We all ended up with more of an understanding of both countries and very much enjoyed an extremely interesting and informative meeting.

EYRE PENINSULA REGION:

Charlton: members and husbands were welcomed to our first Meeting for 2021 and Mayor Joanne Quigley, (District Council Lower Eyre Peninsula), and Julie Crettenden introduced.

Joanne spoke of her arrival in Cummins on 1.04.1990 with GP husband Gerald, to stay 5 years. They are still residing there having raised 6 children!

Due to no trains since the closure of EP train lines, funding is needed to upgrade roads to cater for the extra grain trucks.

Infrastructure is to be improved with ‘Eyes on Eyre’ at Coles Point, Farm Beach and Fishery Bay following atrocious littering by campers over summer holidays. NYROCA Campsite to be upgraded. Due to Covid-19 the Airport became non-viable but is now improving.

Second Speaker, Julie Crettenden was an Award Winner in Council last year, has a B.A. in Journalism, and worked at Pt Lincoln Times. Julie writes Grant applications and is happy to be contacted for assistance in applying for grants. She encouraged us to have our say about any Council activities, by writing, emailing or phoning. Her motto is: “Don’t do what is best for you. Do what is best for everyone else.”

10 Members and visitors were entertained by Guest Speaker Andrew Christian who has been involved in the Agricultural Industry for 21 years, and also with Abalone and Oysters. Scientists invited Andrew to analyse the advantages of Seaweed, resulting in 2 years of study and being encouraged to apply for a Churchill Scholarship which he won. His Sponsor is Physiotherapist Henry Rischbieth and he was delighted to have such an interesting person encouraging him.

Andrew’s research is about producing particular seaweeds that can be added to cow and sheep feed to reduce their production of methane gas.

There are 2 species of seaweed growing naturally around EP; the cold water variety (Amata) –Lower Eyre Peninsula areas and the warm water species (Taxiforma) – Franklin Harbour, Cowell. Beds of seaweed are mapped and there are stringent regulations about the amount harvested. The seaweed grows attached to ropes or poles underwater. It is then harvested and freeze dried.

Normally a 2 year Scholarship it has been extended another year due to Covid-19 to allow Andrew overseas study and research.

On-Line: Exciting times are ahead (we hope!) with Jan Cummings as our new Facilitator and Mary Wilkinson as her off sider (although Jan prefers that we be known as Joint Facilitators!!). Hopefully, our online discussions will go from strength to strength. The first topic suggested by Jan for 2021 was deemed to be challenging. How can we improve our chances of survival on our roads given what Jan saw as increasing "carnage". Four points mentioned for us to consider were Better Roads, Improved Learner Tuition, Raised Test Standards, Improved Education and Attitudes.

Jan felt that to hold a licence to drive is a privilege and not a right and all drivers should be educated to understand the responsibilities involved. Road conditions are often thought to be a contributing factor when accidents occur but every driver should drive to the conditions. Narelle feels that speed is the cause in a majority of accidents and said that she was often overtaken even when sitting on 110km which is the Speed Limit in this State. A Defensive Driving Course should be compulsory. Sally P asked why everyone was in such a hurry these days and wondered why so many folks get angry, tailgate or use their phones whilst driving. Jenny mentioned that she was very pleased to have done a Defensive Driving Course at which the instructor emphasised the need to assume that other drivers will do something silly - or worse! Also important, put all loose items "in the boot" - being hit from behind by something **inside** your vehicle is not good!

Adair was not sure how one could prevent "moron syndrome" - a term she remembers being used by a policeman after a pile-up at a stop light caused by driver inattention. This also covers using mobile phones, drink/drug driving, not wearing seat belts and driving when fatigued, to mention just a few. To not give in to such moronic behaviour cannot be taught but improved behaviour could be reinforced by increasing the cost of fines for these infringements. Mary mentioned taking an Advanced Driving Course as these often teach drivers, both young and older, to expect the unexpected and cover a number of "frightening" scenarios. Lee said that what disturbed her was the number of unlicensed and unregistered drivers and vehicles, speeding more often than not and having no regard to others sharing the road. They are unlicensed usually because they have been guilty of a previous driving infringement but Lee asked why, with the technology we have today why, why, why can't we prevent these people from "getting behind the wheel"? Is this a pipe dream?

Barb had a look at some statistics and found that males made up 73% of drivers of motor vehicles, cycles and motorcycles who were killed. Insurance premiums reflect this risk-taking behaviour with the safest group of drivers being middle-aged women. Surprise, surprise!! Another suggestion was that all drivers should have a current First Aid Certificate which could be a big benefit if you had to stop and render assistance. Anne recommended an SBS documentary on sleep with hints on staying awake and maintaining energy levels but Anne also thought that elderly drivers should be assessed and mentioned the use of a driving simulator test. Sally G told us that today's driving test is extremely rigorous and her two children will be 20 before they have a full licence. For now it's L plates at 16-17 followed by the P1 for a year, then two more years with a P2 licence with very strict conditions such as zero alcohol levels. Adair reminded us that roads don't kill, drivers kill, and when the Police say that "the message isn't getting through" then the message needs to change.

Our March topic was in a much "lighter" vein and we have been racking our brains to remember funny mishaps. The responses have been a little slow coming in but we've had a few laughs. Jenny remembered a Mother's Day breakfast of Toast with Chutney and cream (Fig jam was her real favourite) and Jan mentioned a 3 year old grandson finding a can of pink paint in the shed and painting pavers, the house wall and himself. Pressure cooking spaghetti caused havoc in one kitchen, pea soup almost hit the ceiling in Roz's kitchen, and the smell of her delicious hot tomato sauce attracted blowies in their hundreds into Anne's kitchen ending up with maggots in the mix. No tomato sauce that year!

Assorted "toilet" mishaps ranged from Joyce enjoying an early glass of wine in a Qantas lounge (at 10.30am!!) then going into the "wrong" room and there meeting a gentleman who hoped he was in the "right" room, to Anne leaving the very small Ladies toilet on a train but taking the toilet roll along behind her tucked into her jeans and unrolling as she walked through the carriage. Sally G "tucked" her \$2 note carefully into her tee shirt having watched older ladies "tuck things" inside blouses and shirts but being a bra-less 8 year old her treasure slid down to the ground and was lost forever. Jane's accidental slip on wet leaves at Carnarvon Gorge resulted in a visit to the Emerald Hospital where 3 innovative student doctors "helped" the resident doctor put a temporary plaster cast on her fractured fibula using Dr Google as their main source of information with plaster everywhere and varying techniques used.

Children (especially boys) love playing tricks on teachers and Sally P told of the mouse running from the top of her boot up under her skirt. Lee said she'd look for her spectacles to check out something a little boy brought to class but he told his Mum (another teacher) that Mrs Russell couldn't find her testicles. Roz recounted a couple of problems with husband using the Weber BBQ - one time it was far too hot and chickens plus foil burnt to a crisp. Adair mentioned

that she has previously run Laughter Workshops and recommended going to www.chy.com.au where laughter therapists Patricia Cameron Hill and Shayne Yates showcase funny jokes. Keep up the contributions everyone.

MALLEE REGION

Coonalpyn: WAB members & several local visitors were treated to a talk by Linny Mpandamabula & daughter Tanzania. Linny & her family are originally from Zambia, Africa & now reside at the Coonalpyn Olive farm with Linny teaching early childhood at the Tintinara Area School.

Linny spoke about her passion for children & education back in her home town in Zambia which led to the opening of her privately funded school - Charity Nursery & Primary School (with the help & support of her family). This school was established in 2000 & is constantly growing every year.

Linny could see the importance of a good education in a happy learning environment but it wasn't always an option for African children. The African children love being at school & learning new things (much more than Australian children!) - this is seen as a huge privilege in Zambia.

Linny & Tanzania concluded their talk with an impressive African drum demonstration which Linny still uses daily in her class at the Tintinara Area School to help calm the children.

Our group gave a monetary donation to Linny to help with the running of the Charity Nursery & Primary School - she was very appreciative & said that this was going to go a long way in helping the school. It will fund one student and also support other needs at the school.

In March our speaker was Deanna Keller, a photographer now based mainly in Adelaide. She is from Tintinara and set up her business locally at first taking wedding and family photos. Deanna is now working in partnership in Adelaide where the work is mostly portraits, particularly corporate. We heard about her journey as a business owner and how she has continued to achieve success.

Paringa: No report. Members are busy preparing for their Regional Meeting on March 30th.

Yurgo: Guest speaker for February was John Pfeiffer, who studied at Regency TAFE to work in a hotel. He later moved to Victoria, when unemployed, and worked as a train driver for 5 years on suburban trains, then 19 years with V-line until it was privatised. He had a box of memorabilia including the cards they had to fill out on each trip. Suicides were a scary part of the job, although he did not have any, one driver friend did.

Yurgo enjoyed their 89th birthday party at Bowhill on March 15th 2021. Members and friends travelled the half hour drive north to the Bowhill General Store and Restaurant on the banks of the beautiful River Murray to celebrate the 89th Birthday of their Branch. Ten of our twelve members attended and invited seven friends to join them for the celebrations.

We enjoyed great fellowship and delicious food on the outside deck of the restaurant with the River Murray meandering close by on a perfect sunny autumn day.



Our Secretary Beryl Clothier had made sixteen jelly cakes, one for each member, all with a tiny pink rose on top and with the WAB symbol and a pink spray of moulded flowers.

President Carlene Schulz welcomed all, including two new members, Elizabeth Hammond and Patricia O'Malley. Beryl gave us a brief history of Yurgo WAB forming in the pioneer days with the members and their husbands travelling over the sand hills on full moon nights to the tiny centre of Yurgo for meetings and fellowship at their respective Men's and Women's Agricultural Bureau meetings. How different life is now!

LIMESTONE COAST REGION

Kalangadoo: Kalangadoo had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch then discussed our WAB project for the year, Guide Dogs SA/NT, how it began in Unley 60 years ago and it takes \$50,000 to train 1 dog. 30 dogs are trained each year, so it takes \$1.5 mill each year to allow families to have a free Guide Dog. We also learnt how the training of dogs for the blind all began. In the 1930's 2 ladies from UK brought in Labradors from Newfoundland to be trained. They were chosen as they were the most family friendly dog. Now the Guide Dogs are used not only for the blind and visually impaired but also for those who are deaf, autistic and children with neurological disorders. It is a well respected organisation and deserve our support.

In February, members met at Sandra Young's home at Southend for a traditional Lesotho meal. First, we had soup called "Butha-Buthe" made with split peas in chicken stock with onions & turmeric. Near the end of cooking, various garden greens were added as well as orange juice (instead of tangerine juice) and topped with yoghurt. For the main course, we had "Lamb and Apricot Sosaties" (stew with spices, onions,



capsicum, zucchini & mushrooms added), tomato salad, egg & cucumber salad,

"Lekhotloane" (bashed beef), "Bete" (beetroot), "Morongo" (potatoes & spinach) & "Chakalaka" (tomato stew). A special drink called "Safari Sunset" was made up in layers starting with pomegranate juice, orange juice, pineapple juice and lastly soda water over ice. For dessert we had an English style upside-down nectarine cake which was served with Roobios tea. It was delicious!

After the massive meal, shared with Rosemary, Sandra's daughter and Alex, Debbie's son, we decided not to go for a walk on the beach after our meeting, as we were quite content to sit and watch a video about Lesotho instead. We had a most enjoyable Lesotho experience.

Lochaber: enjoyed a shared Christmas lunch at the Kincaig Hotel with Padthaway Branch members.

After the meeting local woman, Im Dawson, entertained us with her fruit carving skills. She uses small carving knives and ambidextrous talent to carve amazing designs into an array of fruit, such as watermelon, honeydew melon, apples, carrots and tomatoes. Im kindly donated a basket of her carved fruit to be raffled amongst the members.



For our February meeting we had a day trip to Robe.





*Chris Thornton, Glenice Bourne, Michele Jones,
Elise Lehmann, Milo and Lyn Bellman.*

Our Guest Speaker was Elise Lehmann who was accompanied by her Guide Dog, Milo. Elise lost her sight at age 2 from a brain tumour. Elise went to local schools until her latter high school years, transferring to Seaview High School in Adelaide, where she learnt Braille. She is a very talented lady, entertaining us with some Stand-up comedy. Elise has also tried out for the Paralympics in Goal Ball – a game with a soccer style net and a bell- centred ball. After getting her first Guide dog at 19 she studied Massage in Adelaide and now has her own massage business. Elise and her dog had to be trained to follow the route to her class including how to navigate buses and trains, escalators and elevators. Guide dogs go to foster families for the first 2 years of their lives, then begin training. You must never try to pat, stand, or even try to have eye contact with a Guide Dog while they are in harness, as this distracts him from his duties. However, when Elise let Milo off the harness he went around to everyone for a sniff and a pat.

Our next stop was Transmutation. Owners Brad and Narelle Scott sold up in Brisbane 2 years ago to travel around Australia, until deciding to settle in Robe. Brad was inspired by a You Tube video showing how to 'Turn plastic waste into usable things'. At Transmutation, they use bread tags to make bowls (1870 tags) and serving boards (5500). All tags come from the Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs Charity, where they are sorted into colours. It takes 2.4 tonne of bread tags to make a wheelchair. So far 15 wheelchairs have been made in this manner.

To make the bowls the tags are shredded, cooked in modified kitchen ovens for 45 minutes, 4 bowls at a time, pressed using a car jack, moulded, sanded, then buffed using lambswool.

From humble beginnings in a shed 2 yrs ago, to their own factory, shop door and product going to Country Road among others, Brad and Narelle have done wonders in a short time.



*Narelle Scott from Transmutation
holding bread tags and Meredith
Burge holding a bowl made from the
tags*

Our meeting for March was another road trip, this time to Mt. Gambier.

Our first stop was The Apple Farm at OB Flat. Owner, Kelsie Prouse, served us a delicious morning tea of apple strudel and coffee before speaking about her business.

Kelsie and Troy are not operating the 1000 tree orchard as a commercial enterprise, rather, utilising the beauty of the garden and the extensive dining and kitchen facilities as a wedding and function venue.

The venue is in high demand, with bookings for weddings filled until September-October next year!

Kelsie took us outside to look at the grounds, extensive veggie garden, chickens and their two pigs, named Kevin Bacon and Patsy Swine.

Later we visited the Mt Gambier Old Gaol Community Garden, where we had lunch and our meeting. Sue McPherson, who has been a member of the garden for 5 years, spoke about it and showed us around.

The heritage listed gaol was built in 1866, but is now used as an Air BnB. The old vegetable garden, which was tended by prisoners back in the day, was updated with government funding into a Community Garden.

There are 46 plots each 10 square metres, with a maximum of 2 plots member at \$7.00/plot/month. There are 35 members of 6 different nationalities. Many of the plots have maize, pumpkin and tomatoes amongst other items including sweet potatoes and peanuts. The orchard and herb garden are open to all members.



Sue McPherson with member (and sister-in-law) Jannette Boord in the Community Garden with the Old Gaol wall as a backdrop

Padthaway: Guest, *Kristen Watson, Assistant Retail Manager* at Terry White Chemist, joined the group to discuss the range of services available at the chemist. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge after continually working in the industry for over 17 years.

A range of questions were answered concerning prescriptions, the difference of brand versus generic tablets; the safety net, who could apply and how it works. She also discussed the newer technology of Med Advisor and E scripts. Med advisor is a fantastic tool on the computer where you can pre-order your medication ready for pickup, saving on physical waiting time in the shop. E scripts are also available from some doctors and is used by putting your scripts online to be accessed anywhere via a link on your mobile phone. The chemist staff also conduct free blood pressure and blood sugar diabetes tests.

A beautiful autumn evening on 4th March, Padthaway WAB ladies gathered together at 5 PM at President Beth Gale's home for a quick meeting. Members all spoilt one of our members Narelle who has a print preview wedding next weekend where we wished her all the best. We all shared a pooled tea and were joined by our guest helpers, Tammy Johnson and friend Michelle Stewart who ran a workshop making a macramé plant holder. The plant holder contained about 2 knots but it seemed quite confusing until we got into the swing of things! Some stated it was harder to thread the beads than the actual weaving. There were some close calls of giving up but a lot of help and encouragement for some got them to completion. During this macramé creation, Tammy and Michelle shared their knowledge which was invaluable. Glenda Grady brought her granddaughter Lacey Grist who enjoyed the evening completing her pot hanger. It was a lovely night filled with laughter and chatting. Our quote of the day was; "never give up as great things take time".



Chloe Williams, Beth Gale, Beth Ortlepp, Caroline Williams and Jenny Alexander creating their pot holders.

Wirrega: WAB resumed the year with a meeting in February at the Strawberry Farm at Frances. This was most interesting visit to the paddock to learn of the hydroponic method of cultivation of the strawberries and the problems of producing strawberries for market.

At the conclusion we ventured back to the restaurant and had our meeting over a Coffee with scones, strawberry jam and cream. We were very fortunate to be able to visit as the farm gates have recently been closed due to a restructure.

In March we are doing a day trip to Wistow, including some of our partners to visit the Paech farm homestead, garden and agricultural museum. We will enjoy lunch and afternoon tea while there.

ACWW Report



Thank you to those members and Cunliffe and Lochaber Branches who renewed their membership fees in December.

It was pleasing to forward to Head Office \$4,438.00 in January, consisting of \$1005.00 for CFF, \$2,500.00 Project money and \$200.00 raised for Women Walk the WORLD by Padthaway and Lochaber Branches. The balance being for the 2 Branches and 6 Individual members who renewed their memberships. Thank you to all.

Recently I joined World President Magdie de Kock for afternoon tea on Facebook. A fun activity and Mrs de Kock brought us up to date with ACWW news. As you may realise most of the Head Office members are still working from their homes.

On International Women's Day the South Pacific Area Conference was held online hosted by Area President Mrs Gail Commens.

Glenice Bourne and I travelled to South End and joined Sandra Young in her home to watch the Conference. Other members throughout the State also participated. Thank you Sandra for your hospitality.



There was an animated flag ceremony and Papua New Guinea choir members sang a beautiful song followed by World President Mrs Magdie de Kock who opened the Conference.

Claire Mahon an Advocate for Better Women's Rights to the United Nations from NZ was an inspiring guest speaker. Afterwards we watched the International Women's Day video.

In her report Mrs Gail Commens had sent to Head Office well over \$1,000.00 raised by selling used stamps. Members please continue to save your used stamps and forward them to Gail Commens 289 Commens Lane Junee 2663.

The four resolutions that the societies voted on were all passed and will be presented to the Special World Conference on line in April.

The next South Pacific Area Conference is to be held in Griffith NSW 9th to 13th September 2024.

In light of the unprecedented uncertainties donations and funds have dropped dramatically. World President Magdie de Kock is appealing for members and Branches to donate for the Pennies for Friendship Fund in addition to normal giving by 29th April which is ACWW Day.

Padthaway Branch hold a small trading table at each meeting to boost ACWW funds. Maybe other Branches could do something similar?

This year Women Walk the World day is 29th April.

Any donations of funds can be direct debit into the ACWW Account at your local SA branch. BSB Number 105-159 Acc Number 70240 using your surname or Branch name as reference.

Please advise me at Box 286 Naracoorte 5271 or send a cheque to this address.

Best Wishes to you all,
Jannette Boord WAB International Officer



ARCHIVING OF WAB RECORDS

Management team members have been progressing with the archiving of WAB Historical records using our storage facility conference room at Mt. Barker for sorting as well as taking boxes home to sort between our monthly meetings at Mt. Barker.

The storage facility hire has been extended for another 6 months to allow us to finalise this process.

Days have been spent at State Records checking details of WAB records already stored at the Gepps Cross Research Centre to ensure there is minimal duplication of our records.

We are appreciative of the WAB branch members who have been willing to assist with sorting specific categories of our records.

Over the years information has been sent to our historians from Branches which will not be required to be permanently stored at State Records and through the current Regional Co-ordinators will be returned to the relevant Branches for them to organise historical storage.

Guidelines regarding archiving of Branch records will be prepared and distributed to Branches in due course.

Archiving co-ordinator
Yvonne Correll

NEW MEMBERS FOR WAB -- HOW TO!

The Women's Agricultural Bureau was started at Riverton, S.A., 103 years ago to Educate, support and encourage, and entertain Rural Women and to Lobby for better conditions for Rural Living and the Agricultural Industry. This included Health, Welfare, the environment and managing house and home.

TODAY, as Women in Agriculture and Business we live in a vastly different world, but the Aims are the same. If we, as members feel that we have benefitted from our membership of WAB, then we SURELY must ensure that all the Work and Achievements of those who've gone before us is not wasted.

Today younger Women are able to discover much on the World Wide Web, but it can never replace practical experience or provide Friendship which belonging to an organisation does.

Some of the ways to increase memberships of Branches are not always easy. We often need to look "Outside the Square" and our older members may need to listen again to a Speaker or take part in a programme they've done before, but a small sacrifice just once or twice, can bring great Rewards.

Here are some of my thoughts on going about finding new members:-

1. Make a list of all younger or women not members, in rural industry or business.
 - 1a Don't presume people won't be interested, always invite and let them make that decision.
 - 1b Post Invitations or put in mail boxes, and also put advert in local newspaper.
 - 1c. Do homework on when other organisations meet, Set a date in the Evening to hold a meeting which doesn't clash.
 - 1d. you may find that those who are interested might like to come to day meetings, if you ask in the letter of invitation.
2. If you don't want a late meeting, hold the meeting at 7 p.m. when covid has eased perhaps a tea, or early supper beforehand,
3. Try to have committee meeting before to deal with some of the more everyday business to shorten business portion of meeting.
4. Ask members to provide Recipes and print them, give them to visitors along with details of WAB, including the programme of the Branch or newsletter.
5. They then have something to take home to remind them of the Meeting.
6. Make sure you have a really good Speaker, Chemist, Policeman, Council Chairman, or these days a most interesting Speaker can be the owner of a Restaurant or Hotel to tell how they have changed their management to cope with Covid 19 regulations.
7. Try to plan a few very topical or prominent speakers in the Year's programme to show the activity of your Branch.
8. PLEASE be positive about your plans, and not be convinced you'll fail before you try. Always remember to let your Guests make their own decisions!
9. It helps to be light hearted and Happy, and not too formal- even something amusing by the President to set the mood of the meeting at 'HAPPY' puts all at ease.
10. Sometimes it helps to offer to bring some new people. Often people won't go somewhere for the first time on their own.

As Promotions Officer these are just my own ideas on how you could increase your memberships and friends to your WAB Branch. I would like to hear what you think!

Helen Colliver,

Past State President. Promotions Officer, WAB.



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