

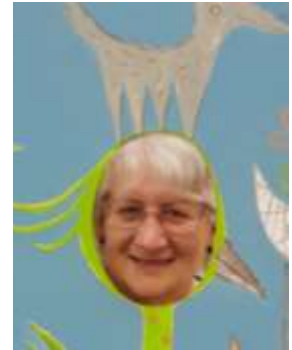


## WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS

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### STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this article on Tuesday, 23 November – Border Opening Day. ABC News articles are quoting that nearly 30,000 travellers from NSW, Victoria and ACT have been approved to enter SA which is great for our State economy. Although some restrictions have been relaxed, we must still take precautions. Restrictions that remain in place are: masks in indoor public settings (shops etc), 30 people at home gatherings, private activity cap of 150; current density and activity requirements.

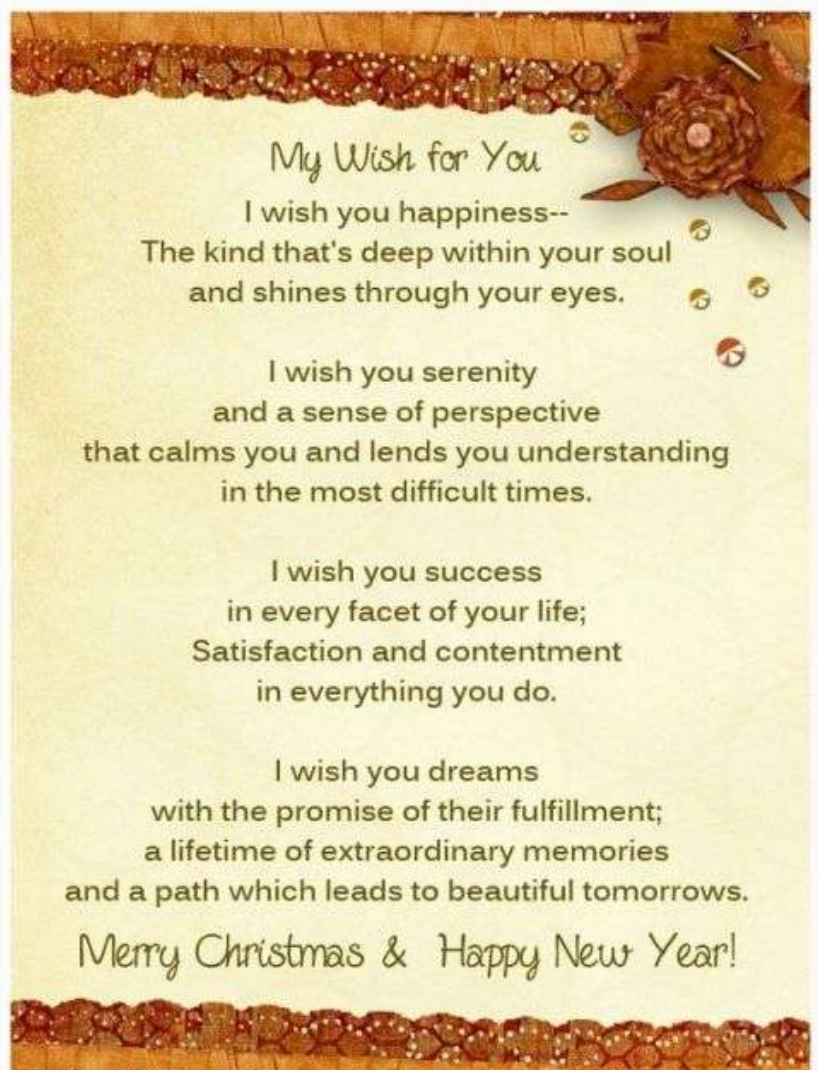


If you travel interstate, you need to complete an application to re-enter SA at EntryCheck SA website. Please note that if you aren't fully Covid vaccinated and you don't have an approved exemption, you will not be permitted to re-enter SA.

There is a video on the WAB YouTube channel, explaining how to comply with the new arrangements. Click on this link to watch [Covid processes Nov2021](#) (you may need to hold Ctrl key then click on this link)

On a more relaxed note, our branch members are planning their Christmas functions. My emu costume isn't finished yet, so no photo to share 😞 watch this space though!

In conclusion, here's my Wish for You:



Looking forward to seeing you again in 2022.

Stay safe

Yours in WAB  
Narelle Scott

Were you aware that WAB is fortunate in having our On-Line Member, Joyce Chapman, representing our organization at the SA National Council for Women? Below is her report which was in the WAB Annual Report and it is repeated here for anyone who may have missed it.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to represent WAB on the National Council for Women SA, they are a passionate and friendly group of women.

During the past year we have advocated on many different topics, Voluntary Euthanasia, Abortion, Domestic Violence, Affordable housing and Coercive control to name a few. Letters are written to politicians and deputations are made face-to-face to do everything we can to make our state a better place to live for women doing it tough.

At this stage I see myself as a delegate but giving my own opinion on issues. If any of you feel strongly about any current issue, please contact me and I am more than happy to advocate on your behalf. The group have been very pleased to have someone representing the rural sector. The second "hat" that I wear is disability, it is great to have a voice in both these areas.

All meetings during 2020 were held on Zoom, effectively we never missed a beat.

### Branch news from around the State

Following from last newsletter when we met all our Branch Presidents, it is the turn of our Secretaries to be introduced!

#### EYRE PENINSULA REGION

**Charlton:** Secretary: Sally Packer



Annette Harder's 60 acre farm on the western fringe of Pt Lincoln was visited by members and friends for their October meeting.

What a busy lady she is, with free range chooks, ducks and geese, 5 or 6 race horses that she trains, camping facilities listed on Wiki Camps, an extensive fruit and vegetable garden area plus a road side stall filled with many varieties of her homemade jams, and relishes and a variety of baked goods, along with fruit and vegetables in season, and eggs. She also sells some produce from the local prison farm, all on an honesty system. We enjoyed a conducted tour around the area then held our meeting sitting in the shade of the gum trees overlooking a panoramic view of Pt Lincoln.

*Our retiring Regional Co-ordinator Sally Packer handed over her badge of office to Sandra Wischki as the new Co-Ordinator for Eyre Peninsula Region.*



The November meeting was a member participation evening when two fun activities resulted in quite a lot of laughter

1. Toilet Paper: Members took the usual number of pieces of paper they used each morning then, rotating around the table, took turns to give one piece of information we may not have known about them for each piece of paper each had taken.

Several interesting facts were revealed including the different places we volunteered, the numbers of grand and great grand children, favourite holiday destinations around South Australia (restricted by the Covid virus), the things that brought members to Lower Eyre Peninsula and the value of the old Hills Hoist

2. Mystery parcels: Committee members had each supplied 3 wrapped articles that were distributed one per member. Members took turns to unwrapped their parcel and speak for about a minute on the article disclosed. Articles described included a serviette ring from a ship that brought a family to Australia, a mug with photos of the first family member to arrive on EP, an individual loose tea holder for brewing a single cup, a multi grip to open bottles and cans, a darning needle and a pin cushion and a piece of wood carving.



*Charlton President Liz Micken, Lee Russell and Sally Packer visited Member Janice Fiegert to present her 50year award. Janice joined the Brooker Branch, then the Port Lincoln Branch before Charlton.*

**On-Line Branch:** We are delighted to welcome two new Members, Pip and Sarah to the On-Line Branch.

As both Mary and Jan are unable to send a report of discussion topics for October and November here is a brief summary.

Firstly 'Ageism' – Prejudice or discrimination against a particular age group, especially the elderly (the official meaning) - brought some varied observations of personal experience and in the workplace.

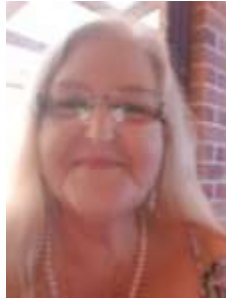
Adair's message is this: Don't be ageist about yourself!

How many times have you said or heard the phrase "I am having a senior moment?" Everyone forgets things sometimes, it is not limited to older people and I find this phrase self deprecating. One I sometimes use: "My hard drive is almost full and retrieval is slow today!"

November brought pages of in depth information, videos and quotes (all very interesting) as well as personal opinions about Climate Change – there were fascinating, worrying facts and figures to consider.

## LIMESTONE COAST REGION

### ***Kalangadoo:***



Secretary, Debbie Guenther

A most informative and interesting time was spent with Peter Savage at the Kalangadoo Railway Museum. There is a lot of railway memorabilia, photographs of Kalangadoo in times past, maps and other relics to explore. Peter told many stories of life as a station master, he being the last of a line of station masters in his family. The Kalangadoo Railway Station was one of the biggest in the state as it catered for transportation of many different materials including timber, potatoes and livestock to the region and also to Portland, Victoria, the nearest international port. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

A detailed plan of the Inaugural 'Scone Day' for Kalangadoo residents was created with members bringing items from their homes to supplement the collection of cups & saucer sets, teapots, etc that Sandra has acquired from Op-Shops and Auctions. Invitations are being handed to/posted to those over 60yrs and retired persons in the town. The number who can attend has to be restricted due to COVID. There will be soft classical music in the background. The tables will have tablecloths and set up with sugar bowls and milk jugs and a flower in a budvase. The idea is to pamper the guests and offer/generate good conversation. There will be a charge of \$5 for bottomless tea or coffee and savoury or sweet scones. If it is a success and the community likes it, we plan to have one every 2 months or so.



*Kalangadoo members and guests enjoying the scones at their Scone Day.*



***Lochaber:*** Unfortunately no reports or photo of their secretary have been received from Lochaber.

***Padthaway:***



Secretary, Chloe Williams

A walk on the wild side and a dip into the cultural life of Millicent was on the agenda for Padthaway Women in Agriculture and Business members recently.

The group travelled by bus through Conmurra and Furner and began the day with a walk and bird watching at Lake McIntyre on the outskirts of Millicent. The Lake is the result of work by the Wattle Range Council which saw the disused quarry filled with water and revegetated with many birds flocking to the lake.



Ant and Hat Martin's Red gum Gallery provided members with plenty to admire. Hat was the tour guide and explained the background of the numerous pieces of red gum, stringybark and other woods and Red gum burls which make for very interesting sculptures. Many of Ant's carvings are public art works commissioned by various councils.

*Left to right; Chloe Williams, Adair Dunsford, Beth Ortlepp, Beth Gale, Nancy Martin, Ursula Riggs*

*Front; Carol Bennier, Chris Wyers, Jenny Alexander, Narelle Brooksby, Della Farewell.*

Librarian Janice Nitschke gave the WAB group an overview of the Millicent Library and Art Gallery. Jam Factory icon, Tom Moore was exhibiting his amazing and imaginative glass ware in the gallery. It is easy to see one of his influences has been the illustrations for the children's books by Dr Zeuss.

Members visited the History Room in the library complex and were delighted to see framed copies of WAB's Aims and Objectives in one of the cabinets donated by a former WAB branch in the area. Mrs Nitschke said library attendance had fallen during Covid-19 restrictions but usage of digital resources had increased by a similar percentage.

Lunch and a browse at McCourt's Garden Centre were followed by a visit to the extensive Millicent Museum run by the National Trust. Volunteer tour guide Chris Parmenter, provided a fact filled and entertaining visit with highlights being the Shipwreck centre featuring the details of the wreck of the *Geltwood* in 1876 and the many restored horse drawn vehicles in the collection including funeral, merchant and marriage carriages.



The group were keen to see the Helen Hughes Costume Collection, which is the result of 90 years of collecting and covers every item of clothing you can imagine. Wedding and evening dresses provide the glamour but the accessories are equally interesting with shoes, hand bags and stockings included. Men's and children's clothes from the 1800s to present day are also represented.

Last stop for the day was Wynn's cellar door at Coonawarra, the oldest in the area built by Scottish viticulture pioneer John Riddoch in 1896. A wine tasting and some purchases concluded the day and the bus trip quiz was finalised with the winner being Jenny Alexander.

In November some of Padthaway members elected to join Lochaber Branch as they visited the caper farm. Liz and her husband Don gave us a very informative talk about the highs and lows of caper growing. This is a very labour intensive product but they have designed the Caper areas accessible so you do not hurt your back. They sell mainly to Sydney which is in very high demand as they like the small size they provide. We were generously offered a taste, and as these are in a brine they are rather salty. The adult capers look like an olive with a stem, sliced was rather an unusual texture almost fig like with a nut flavour. Would be lovely in a salad for example. Thank you to Lochaber for letting us join with you.

Padthaway WAB welcomed Lucy Dodd to talk about her Organic Chicken Business at Lowan Park. Lucy is a local fourth generation Bordertown farmer. Lucy has done many different things, a Double Degree in Business and Art, Masters in Sustainability, working in Environment Department of SA government, living in Brazil for 14 months, and the Natural Resource Management. With the support of her parents she has taken on the challenge of cattle, but mainly works with poultry. She takes pride in raising healthy animals, and values the whole animal and uses every part of them to minimise food waste. Lucy raises about 70 chickens per free range enclosure which she breeds and grows on good quality pasture. These chickens are Cob Hybrid especially bred as a meat bird and has about a 10 week turn around. Lucy, her parents with a few workers manage 250 per week and are hoping to increase their flock. The chicken sheds are moved daily, they fertilise the paddock and you can see where the chickens have been by the growth of grass which of course the cattle enjoy. There are no hormones in the grain feed or sprays on the ground. Lucy uses every part of the chicken even making her own chicken pate, broth and pet treats from chicken feet. The feathers are ground down and made to a protein meal for pet food. Her website; [lucy@lowanparkproduce.com.au](mailto:lucy@lowanparkproduce.com.au) or Ph; 0405005398 for any inquiries and she delivers pre-arranged to Naracoorte.



**Wirrega:**



Secretary: Josie Arney

In October we followed the silvery trail at the Coonalpyn Snail farm. It was a most interesting afternoon learning about the life cycle of the large brown snail. Claudia the owner hopes to eventually grow enough snails to supply the gourmet food market. In the mean-time the farm is visited by people with Dementia who enjoy handling the slow pace of the snails.

The November meeting is taking the Members to Robe, where we visit “Silver Gulls” garden covering a hectare in area. This will be most interesting as the garden is established in the sand dunes. The meeting will take place after Dinner at the Caledonian Hotel, followed by a visit to “Transmutation Station” the recycling of plastic lids and bread tags into household items. Christmas celebrations with our partners will be held in early December at a local hotel.

## MALLEE REGION

### *Coonalpyn:*



Secretary Sue Zacher also a grain truck driver.

This harvest marks her 25<sup>th</sup> year of delivering

Grain to Coonalpyn silos – something she really enjoys

*Coonalpyn:* had a very successful WAB display at the Coonalpyn Show including their Coonalpyn WAB recipe book for sale which has just been reprinted. Many people commented on our Display of Photos with some of our Older Members reminiscing. We had some of our Programs for people to take. All our WAB Members are very involved in the Show.

Our Branch is currently going through the process of working out getting numbers for houses in Coonalpyn – to make it easier for our emergency services to find houses (at the moment the houses aren't numbered).



**Paringa:**



Secretary Sally Black

Picking grapes at Renmark.

For Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, we visited two of the Open Gardens. It was a splendid day although warmed up during the afternoon. We went to Berri to Charlene and Bill Santo's garden, Santospirito. What a lovely spread-out garden, on a large block of land overlooking the mighty Murray River. The mature trees included fruit trees, Drunken Parrot tree (*Schotia brachypetala*) just coming to flower along with a large Native Frangipani tree also in flower. There were large pine trees and other mature trees that were planted before the Santo's arrived. They built the house over thirty-five years and have spent many years planting a huge range of other plants. There were a staggering number of roses, all in full bloom, Irises, natives and salvias, also fruit and citrus trees and an area devoted to Australian native plants featuring many cactus and succulents.

After an enjoyable lunch at the Big River Tavern at the Berri Golf Club we enjoyed a tour of Cynthia and Murray Harvey's Garden Cynamurra at Glossop. Murray took great delight in showing his garden with not only wonderful plantings but an aviary full of very noisy canaries, and his silkie bantams, with the grass species he grows for their fodder. There are also quirky features of an old wooden door covered in keys, teddies and dolls on garden seat. Over the last fourteen years, they have converted lawn into masses of different plantings. Mature pencil pines at the front of the driveway with the sad story of a previous aged owner climbing to the top of a pencil pine for a Christmas tree only to be discovered days later still stuck up there. Unfortunately, she did not survive her ordeal. Yuccas, a couple of fish ponds clivias, philodendrons bromeliads plus several double grafted standard rose bush with two varieties on the one bush



*Di Scheiner, Elaine Leedham, Jocie Cooper, Ruth Christie, Owner of garden Murray Harvey, Lorraine Pinyon, Marg Duggin, guest Bev Hartshorne and Sandra Daniel.*



**Yurgo:**



Secretary, Beryl Clothier.

*Yurgo members enjoying a day out at Lovell's Bakery at Mannum.*



## CENTRAL REGION

**Cunliffe:**



Secretary, Pam Woodward

In October Members were pleased to give a special welcome to Ms Leah Holman, successful Horsewoman, of Kadina, who told of her journey through from inniTal Diagnosis of Breast Cancer, through treatment and managing her Career, to emerging out to be cured and a good Life!

Leah told how she travelled to Adelaide for treatment, rushed home to do her Horse training and competing, back to Adelaide for more treatment, and the tremendous effort needed. The wonderful support of Family and Friends was a large part of being able to manage, along with a strong determination to cope and not be beaten!

Leah said she had learned that two of the most important things to contribute to a great long life were keeping physically active and to good social communicating with fellow Human beings. We were all in awe of Leah's determined success, faced with serious illness. *Member Yvonne Correll thanked Leah for her time and presented a gift from members.*



During the business meeting members learnt about the success and lessons learned in deciding to go ahead with staging the Y.P.Field Days. Co-operation by many people and the wish of locals to see the event succeed had been great encouragement to the Committee and Bureau involved. We were happy with the Programme presented in the General Interest Pavillion and positive comment had been received. President Rosalie Pearce thanked all W.A.B. members for their efforts over the three days and during preparations for the event.

**Rosedale/Sandy Creek:**



Secretary, Claire Steggles

President Janet Cummings welcomed all members and a warm welcome to our State President Narelle Scott and our Speaker for the day, Gary Wharton, to celebrate our 68<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our Roll call for the day was 'a musical instrument' and the most interesting answer was from Narelle as she is interested in the Epigonion (a type of Harp)

Narelle kindly read 'The Aims and Objectives' for us and Gary judged our 'Item for the Month' and our 'Flower of the Month'.

Our Speaker Gary Wharton then entertained us all with a really interesting talk on some of the many subjects in which he is involved. He has a great interest in the Aged Care sector and he volunteers in Nursing Homes where he sings and plays his ukulele. He explained how much he enjoys it and he considers it a privilege to listen to stories of their lives. He used to teach dancing and he and his wife still do line dancing. He is also a DJ and conducts a couple of sessions per week at BBBFM. He is the leader of a ukulele band and they do shows, singing, playing their ukuleles and line dancing. He was very interested in the history of WAB and was amazed at the number of years we have been running and happily sang and played a couple of tunes for us, including 'Happy Birthday' as we cut the birthday cake.

**PAST NEWSLETTERS:**

Gradually we are completing a collection of WAB newsletters thanks to members who have handed on earliest newsletters from their own collections.

We are still looking for the following:

- 1956/57: 13,14
- 1957/58: 18,19,20, 23
- 1960/64: 34,35, 37, 39

Newsletters will be bound into hard cover books to match the existing collection.

Please notify me if you are able to assist.

*Yvonne Correll*

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## ACWW



Thank you to members who have already renewed their ACWW FEES. Don't forget that fees are due before 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY.

I hope that you have all enjoyed the spring rains and good harvest.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful and safe festive season and Blessed year ahead.

Jannette Boord

WAB International Officer

ACWW S.P. AREA PRESIDENT Gail Commens sent this letter to WAB International Officer Jan Boord .....

Dear Members S.A. Women in Agriculture & Business

Thank you for the last couple of your newsletters. I love reading them and look forward to more now that I am on the mailing list. Your articles are varied and interesting and it is so good to read what the members and branches are doing. Keep up the good work ladies.

Thank you for the parcels of stamps that you have been sending and I advise that this year, when funds were very light on for projects, I used \$4868.52 from the stamp fund for a health project in Kiribati and for 5 Fijian fire victims. The stamp fund is to be used at the discretion of the S.P. Area President and I thought these two needs were entitled to the stamp money – that's what it is there for – to be used!

I have just sent a newsletter to London to be distributed to all who are on email in the South Pacific Area. All Area Presidents now have to send their newsletters through Central Office for distribution so I am unable to send them now from my home. If you want to be on my newsletter list and London doesn't have your email, please contact them and ask to be added. [info@acww.org.uk](mailto:info@acww.org.uk)

Following the past 20 months of covid/delta I wish to send to you, well wishes, and pray that we can all now get on with learning to live with this horrid virus. I have been lucky living where I do as it has not impacted on my life (so far). Others have not been so lucky.

My VERY BEST wishes to you and your loved ones for a very Happy Christmas and may 2022 be a better Year than the past.

Father make us kind and wise, so we may come to realise  
That God the Father made us all, the rich, the poor, the great and small  
And in the Father's holy sight, no one is yellow, black or white  
And peace on earth cannot be found until we meet on common ground.  
Great is our gladness to serve God through others  
For our Father taught us we are all sisters and brothers

*Helen Steiner Rice*

*Gail Commens*

Following Gail's letter Jan asked her for more information about the 5 fire victims that she was able to help from the stamp fund.....

Could you please email me a little story about this as I would with your permission like to add it to our next WAB newsletter and that way all our members will read about your good work.

So far those that I have told are pretty pleased and it's reminded them to keep saving their stamps

Thank you, Jan Boord

Dear Janette

There are 5 men from Fiji working at the Junee Abattoirs who send money back to their families in Fiji. They come out here for work on VISA's, however have been here longer because of covid.

The place they were renting had a very bad fire and they lost ALL their belongings including a car.

The owner of one of our Motels found them new accommodation and took them shopping and put all the costs on her personal VISA card.

When I was talking to her to see how I could help she told me what she had done and I said I would cover the cost of the shopping she had done and take the money from the ACWW South Pacific Stamp money Account . We did the rounds of the local Op-shops however because of covid they were closed and didn't have much coming in but did give the little they had.

I have ALL the docketts and paid her \$3363.52

Food & cooking utensils, crockery, cutlery, linen etc. \$1281.81 Toiletries \$368.36

Clothes, work clothes, shoes, laundry items etc. \$1713.35

I think that is very reasonable for 5 men and I have the authority to use money from the stamp account at my discretion.

I have been in the post office when these fellows are sending money back to Fiji on pay days so I know they are here in Australia for their families so I had absolutely no hesitation in saying that ACWW would grant these funds.

I thank all the women who send stamps in, it is amazing how the sales add up and this is just one example of where that money can go.

Gail Commens

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