



# WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS OF SA INC NEWSLETTER NUMBER; 247 May 2023

## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Management Team, which is made up of the Regional Co-ordinators, State Treasurer and myself, met in Adelaide last week for our annual face to face meeting. We travel from all directions to attend and with travel getting so very expensive, we are very thankful to hold all other meetings from the comfort of our homes, via video call (Zoom).

### ***Theme, Country of Study and Project***

This meeting dealt with the usual general business plus two special topics, the first being Theme, Country of Study and Project for 2023/2024. A good number of nominations were received which is very pleasing, but made it a little more challenging to decide. There were multiple Projects nominated which were very close to the heart of members, but we had to choose one that had more than one branch nomination. After much deliberation and discussion, the following was the decision of the State Management Team.

### ***Theme: Rural Women Together***

### ***Project: Foodbank***

### ***Country of Study: Iceland***

- ***Theme:*** There was a common theme in the nominations being “looking after each other” (Rural Women Together, Rural Women cultivating good food for all – Chaos vs Order, Looking after older people living alone). What is this telling us? How can we help? I’m sure you will think of many ways to use this Theme in your programs over the coming 12 months.
- ***Project: Foodbank “One dollar donated, is 2 meals created”***
  - This very much ties in with the Theme
  - Foodbank, a not-for-profit, non-denominational organisation which receives no government funding, believes everyone should have access to good quality food. We’re here for the everyday Australians who are going without.
  - In fact, households with children are 1.5 times more likely to be severely food insecure than the national average.
- ***Country of Study: Iceland*** – a country that not many of us have visited or know very much about



### ***2023 STATE CONFERENCE 9&10 AUGUST, 2023 AT KALANGADOO***

WAB Kalangadoo celebrates their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, the first WAB Branch still operating to achieve this milestone. Congratulations Kalangadoo! Our State Conference will be held over 2 days, the first being the Birthday Celebrations and the second will be AGM etc. including a visit to the excellent, unique Kalangadoo Railway Museum. Accommodation on Wednesday night will be in Mount Gambier, including dinner at RSL and a visit to the Cave Garden to view the Sound and Light Show.

A small bus will depart from Naracoorte for those who prefer transport for the 2 days. Please let me know.

We need expressions of interest ASAP please, so this can be organised.



Stay warm and stay safe!

Yours in WAB

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"I have learnt that the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done"

**Meaning of Place Names come from 'A compendium of Place Names of South Australia' – State Library of SA**

## LIMESTONE REGION

**Kalangadoo:** Aboriginal for big trees in water



**Lochaber:**

Possibly named after a loch in Scotland



In April discussion was held about the loss of our long term fundraising opportunity of folding rates notices. The local council has outsourced it to Adelaide. It seems to be a done deal unfortunately.

We have been fortunate to receive another donation from the Naracoorte News Give Back Scheme.

For our May gathering we visited the Rural Stitch Co. at Bool Lagoon. Kerry DeGaris and her friend Fleur Harlock opened the business about 6 months ago, mainly online, but also open by appointment and on weekends. The business is set up in the former shearer's quarters on Kerry's property Killanoola. It is a beautiful old building, with loads of character.

Kerry has a wonderful display in many rooms of packs and bolts of fabric, kits, quilts, cross stitch threads and packs and lots of other interesting sewing products. The rooms were all set up with beautiful decor.



**Padthaway:** from Aboriginal word *Padthawei*, meaning 'good water'.



### Padthaway goes with Richard James into a World of Gold

We welcomed Richard James as our guest speaker, talking about his hobby of gold prospecting and fossicking. His love of this has taken him too many different places. Being an avid fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman, he can combine all of them together now he has more time since retiring from the manager's position at the Naracoorte Sale Yards. Richard has found that prospecting includes, "All That Glitters Is Not Gold!" He has been in many states including Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia and has found not only gold jewellery but many things ranging from buttons & coins



Adair Dunsford with Richard James and some of the treasures he has found while metal detecting.

from the 1800s, cutlery, military badges, belt buckles, old pound notes (found in a tin lidded jar) and fishing lures. One of his special items is an old tin containing locks of hair. Having a detector he has also found many lost rings for people, one ring he found had been in the ground for at least 40 years and once they go through the tumbler they come out looking brand new. Richard said gold detecting is never disappointing as every time is different. He showed and demonstrated his gold detector - there are many ranges of styles and brands ranging between \$3000 and \$8000, also cheaper options. The price differs as the detectors detect the different underground depths. His preferred detector is minelab. I guess if you don't find anything you put in your fishing rod or have a yarn around the campfire.

### **Padthaway WAB celebrates 58 years in the Naracoorte Garden Centre Cafe**

WAB Padthaway ladies celebrated their 58 year in the new Garden Centre cafe. As it was a birthday theme we felt that we were not too old to play a few games. One was pass the parcel with funny dad jokes and a chocolate treat on each layer. Jenny Hinze was the winner of this. Visitor Fay Longbottom received a free coffee compliments of the cafe. Member Gini Gale had placed a placemat filled with puzzles for everybody. Visitor Flo Blacksell drew out the lucky number while our other visitor Sue Blockley received a plant generously donated by the garden centre. Narelle Brooksby, the Limestone Regional Councillor cut a beautiful carrot cake which was provided by Beth Gale. Sue drew a lucky number for the door prize which was our visitor Chris Fox - so all the visitors had a very lucky day. During a break before lunch members and friends looked around the centre. We would love to thank everyone for coming and celebrating our 58 years and the Padthaway WAB would also like to give a big thank you to the garden centre for letting us hold our meeting in their establishment.



**Wirrega:** Aboriginal name, thought to mean 'dwellers in the open forest'

Wirrega Branch started after "AMP" opened up farming land in the Wirrega District north of Bordertown in the S.E. of the State now known as the "Limestone Coast". The women met on the full moon of every month, so they and their horse could find their way to the hall. Today we have our meetings in Bordertown as most of the members have now retired into Bordertown, but we are all still farmers at heart.



In April, members celebrated "Women Walk the World" with a walk through the Artistic Trail in the Common at Mundulla. All metal structures had been delicately welded by local residents. The meeting afterwards was held at a member's home under the pergola.

This week Members held a very successful Wood Raffle over two days as our annual Fundraiser for WAB donations for the year.

At the end of the month we are learning about Ukraine and of the beautiful country and people before the war. We have selected some short videos on U-tube to learn about Ukraine and how it used to be.



*Members, Lynette Staude, Phyllis Salmon, Carol Rowett and Marlene Wegener standing in front of the entrance art work*



## MALLEE REGION

### *Coonalpyn:*

From Aboriginal  
*Kinalpin* 'place of  
mice excreta'. !



In April Coonalpyn Branch members and one visitor enjoyed a trip to Mypolonga and Murray Bridge. Our first stop was at the Buffalo Dairy in Mypolonga owned by Corey and Mollie Jones, established in 2014, with 28 buffalo and later added more from Darwin, now milking about 100. We spoke about the floods and could see where the water rose and heard about how the water table is so high now that water seeps back after a day of pumping. Most of the river flat is dry now and Corey is hoping to be back on his own farm by September. He had to move twice as the flood waters rose and was lucky to find a dairy that he could use. Corey took us on a tour of the dairy and milk storage vats. The milk goes to Woodside for cheese production, and some goes to Sydney. Corey grew up on his parent's dairy farm and now runs the buffalo dairy on the same property. They have 400 buffaloes, which are currently in different paddocks around Mypolonga. We saw the 'Maternity Wing' buffaloes and the milking herd. Our second stop was Aussie Apricots, also in Mypolonga. We were unable to have a tour, but could buy their excellent handmade dried fruit products as well as other local products.

Going to Murray Bridge to President June's new home for lunch and a meeting we stopped off at IGA to check out the La Vera buffalo cheese they stock.





In May 2023, it was time to celebrate Coonalpyn Branch's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday when members and visitors enjoyed dinner at the Coonalpyn Hotel.

After a delicious dinner we sang Happy Birthday to ourselves remembering the past members of our Branch. The cake was cut and enjoyed for dessert.

***Paringa:***

One version is 'place at the river'



Speaker Cathy Schier told us about the Murray River Trails which operate from Renmark. The walks are about 10 – 12 kms a day for 4 days. There are two guides who take all their needs – first aid, water, and lunches. Each afternoon they have a talk about the river system, birds and local subjects. In the evening they have a 3 course meal with local produce and wines, provided on the houseboat which is also their accommodation. Most clients are from overseas and have done many walks around the world.

***Yurgo:*** is the name of a railway siding which is no longer there. "Yurgo" derived from *jurgo*, Aboriginal for 'a long way'.



## CENTRAL REGION

**Cunliffe:** probably named after Henry Charles Cunliffe-Owen.



## EYRE PENINSULA REGION



**Charlton:** A small area between North Shields and Wanilla. It did have a hall. Origin of name unclear – maybe named after Charlton Marshall, Dorset, England

A visit to the Pt Lincoln RSL Clubrooms and museum proved an interesting venue with local historian Mr Lee Clayton giving an informative address.

He pointed out that the Australian 'army' is a defence force and is therefore correctly called the Australian Defence Force (ADF) trained and tasked with defending our island nation.

Mr Clayton said Australian soldiers are ambassadors, teachers, peacekeepers as well as soldiers. Their role in peacekeeping has been highly significant, serving in more than 50 multinational operations spanning 70 years. The RSL this year are commemorating 50 years since the end of the Vietnam war.

In referencing Australia's 10 year involvement in the Vietnam war Mr Clayton said it began in 1962 with Australian soldiers training Vietnamese troops. This later escalated to the greater involvement of combat troops.

Members and visitors were able to spend worthwhile time in the RSL artefact museum with Mr Clayton, hearing more (including some tales) and asking questions.



*Carolyne Olsen, Mr Lee Clayton  
and Carly Zacher.*



## VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

A better acquaintance with visual impairment was made possible when Lynne Walmsley shared her experience of a life lived with increasing visual impairment.

Accompanied by her husband Ken, Lynne was guest speaker at Charlton WAB, bringing with her some interesting aids which make her life easier. Most importantly her cane (she has one at various points around the house) and which she is very reliant on, a gadget to determine fluid levels in a cup and a knife with parallel adjustable blades for slicing.

Lynne wasn't born blind but she was 'cross eyed'. She managed Primary school reasonably well however Secondary schooling became difficult necessitating oral exams.

Despite increasing limitations Lynne mastered kayaking and rowing a dinghy. She just had to yell hard if in trouble on the water.

Lynne met her future husband Ken through Youth Group and they thoroughly enjoyed dancing together. This was easy for Lynne. Ken has been her best and amazing support ever since.

Raising two daughters, establishing the important support group VIMS in Pt Lincoln, learning and then teaching line dancing and learning to play the flute has enriched her life.

They enjoy caravanning and walking. One notable holiday was to SW Western Australia where they trekked a portion of the Bibbleman Track.

Her visual impairment is now quite marked, she needs help with shopping, and mobility outside the home is difficult.

In closing, Lynne shared three tips when meeting a visually impaired person.

Declare your name. Ask, rather than presume they need help. Always seat them with their back to glare which is the enemy to most eye conditions.



*Yvonne Warner, Ken Walmsley (with knife),  
Lynne, Heather Campbell*

**On-Line:** May topic touched on what we know about the many agencies who help when natural disasters such as earthquakes, cyclones, floods, fire etc occur in countries around the world.

Sally G mentioned UNICEF, Red Cross, Australian Defence Force among others while Sandra has been involved with World Vision for many years. Sandra also spoke about Lutheran World Federation, a relief organization based in Geneva, where some members of her extended family have worked.

Barb H gave us information about a Welsh surgeon, Dr David Nott, who takes unpaid leave and volunteers in areas of war and natural disasters – “he is now widely acknowledged to be the most experienced trauma surgeon in the world”. Barb recommended his book “War Doctor - Surgery on the Front line”.

Our country of study Ukraine brought many responses with all sympathizing with the people and the situation they find themselves in. Many talked of the rich country, the culture and the destruction now inflicted upon it. Joyce did say that her ‘walking friend’ was strongly pro Russian and although she didn’t agree with her sentiments acknowledged that we are free to hold our own opinion.

Sally G included information from her friend in Norway about their care of and for refugees from Ukraine, camps, with all necessities provided, school for the children and some adults. Some are fortunate to be housed in towns with a view to settling permanently.

## WAB ARCHIVES

Our archiving process is nearing completion and we are finalising the last few tasks.

Details have been found of members who paid \$8 at our 100 Year Celebrations at Riverton for Historian Thelma Newman to complete a Power Point Presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 Year History of WAB.

The current USB has information from 1968 – 2017 ‘to be continued’

At this point in time, it seems unlikely that this project will be completed, however if it is undertaken by another party at a later date, it will be offered for purchase at that time.

The MT would like to give members the opportunity to have their \$8 refunded.

Please let me know if you would like a refund.

*Yvonne Correll*

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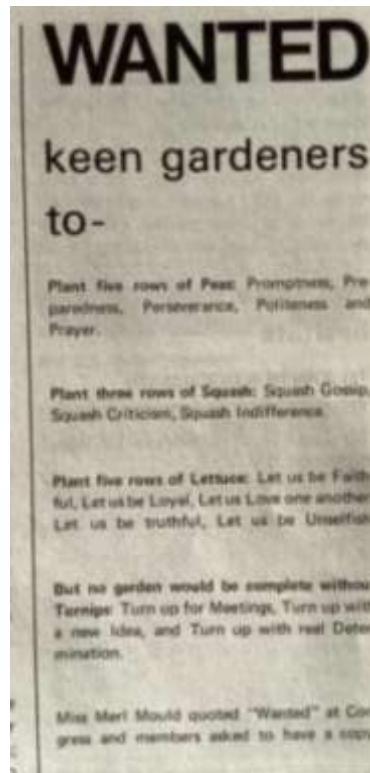


WAB is well represented at the ACWW conference in Kuala Lumpur with members Joyce Chapman, Debbie Guenther and Sandra Young attending.

Photo was taken just before the official opening ceremony – all wearing their special WAB scarves.



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An interesting article found in the Women's Agricultural Bureau News – February 1971

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