



Women in Agriculture and Business
of South Australia Inc

ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022



		
Narelle Scott State President Acting Limestone Coast Co-ordinator	Sandra Young State Treasurer Public Officer	Nadene Jericho Mallee Region Co-Ordinator
		WAB MANAGEMENT TEAM 2021/2022
Sandra Wischki Eyre Peninsula Co-ord/Online	Yvonne Correll Central Region Co-ordinator	

		
Jan Boord International Officer	Jane Smith Web Manager	Lee Russell WAB News Editor
		
Janet Cummings Awards/Membership Officer	Sally Grundy Social Media Manager	Joyce Chapman WAB Delegate
	POSITION TO BE FILLED WHEN ARCHIVING PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY STATE PROJECT TEAM Yvonne, Sandra, Nadene	PORTFOLIO HOLDERS 2021/2022
Helen Colliver Promotions Officer	Historian	

State President's Report

WAB Branch Membership	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Regions	4	4	4	4	4	6	6
Branches	10	11	11	15	15	18	20
Members	133	168	176	198	213	267	259
Associate members	5	6	5	11	14	6	4
Supporters	3	3	3	4	4	5	4
Sponsors	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Management Team	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Theme, Country of Study and Project

Theme: Looking forward with courage

Country of Study: Thailand

Project: Glaucoma

Branches of WAB are to be thanked for their fundraising efforts for the nominated project, Glaucoma.

An impressive amount of \$3,840 was raised during the 2021-2022 year. This proved to be a challenge because of social distancing caused by the ongoing pandemic. Branches are to be applauded for their outstanding efforts in overcoming this challenge. Total WAB Donation: \$3,840

Branch	\$	Branch	\$	Branch	\$
Charlton	1,405	Coonalpyn	140	Cunliffe	650
Kalangadoo	125	Lochaber	200	Online	170
Padthaway	200	Paringa	200	Rosedale/Sandy Creek	100
Wirrega	500	Yurgo	150	TOTAL	\$3,840

Regional Conferences

Limestone Coast Regional Conference was held in Bordertown on 31 May 2021 and hosted by Wirrega Branch. Guest presenters spoke on their local enterprises.

Sponsorship and Supporters

Thanks to Honan Insurance Brokers for their sponsorship during 2021-2022, your support is sincerely appreciated. Thanks also to long term supporters: Angela Willsmore of Good Country Physio, Hon Peter Treloar MP and Hon Dan Van Holst Pellekaan.

WAB Administration

Secretarial duties have been undertaken as part of my voluntary role of WAB Administration.

WAB Management Team (MT)

I wish to acknowledge and thank Sandra Young Treasurer and Regional Co-ordinators Sandra Wischki,, Nadene Jericho and Yvonne Correll for their continued support. Your commitment to WAB is sincerely appreciated.

As this is Sandra Young's last term as WAB Treasurer, I extend my sincere gratitude to the support I, the Management Team and WAB members have received from Sandra. Her guidance has been invaluable.

WAB Portfolio Holders

The following portfolio holders are retiring at the 2022 AGM. They are Jane Smith, Website Manager; Jan Boord, International Officer; Janet Cummings, Awards and Membership Officer; Helen Colliver, Promotions Officer.

The remaining Portfolio Holders: Lee Russell, Newsletter Editor; Joyce Chapman, Delegate and Sally Grundy, Social Media Manager are continuing in their respective roles for 2022-2023 for which I am truly grateful. Your dedication to your role is acknowledged and willingness to continue for another 12 months is appreciated. You make my job much easier, thank you!

WAB Website

Many Branch Executives and WAB members don't appear to be using the resources that are available to them on the WAB Website. Why? You need to remember to use the Website as your first reference point. There's so much information stored there, for your use. Website Manager, Jane Smith and the Management Team work very hard to keep the webpage current with relevant information as well as up to date versions of the most common forms that branches and members utilise. Branch Secretaries are urged to download a form when needed rather than use a stockpile that may not necessarily be the latest versions. Forms on the web are frequently updated to make them as user friendly as possible. Please use this resource that is provided for you. It also costs money to run a website, so let's get value for our money!

Member Insurance

Following a review of member insurance two years ago, it was decided to investigate an alternative provider. On introduction to Honan Insurance Brokers by one of our members, they quoted very competitively on an improved policy giving better cover to our members. After learning more about WAB, Honan saw fit to become a WAB Sponsor. Thank you to Honan Insurance Brokers in Adelaide.

Honan have continued to provide Sponsorship to WAB for which we are very grateful. During this year, we were allocated a new account manager Georgia who has continued providing excellent service to our organisation during these financial tougher times.

2021 State Gathering

The State Gathering was a two day bus tour of the Limestone Coast area. The first day started at Padthaway, then moving south, calling in to see various attractions along the way. The AGM was the final event, being held in Penola. The Saturday dinner in Naracoorte, featured Alex Thomas as guest speaker, focussing on "Plant a seed for safety" – encouraging everyone to stay safe. Members contributed to the evening's entertainment by coming forward to the microphone, sharing jokes or funny times.

In closing

WAB Branches and membership has remained stable during the 2021-2022 year with one branch closing – Rosedale/Sandy Creek. WAB Promotions Officer Helen Colliver has been working hard writing articles for various rural newspapers, with mixed success. Helen made herself available to provide advice to any branch wishing to undertake a membership drive however, interest shown by Branch Executives proved minimal. Helen's commitment and efforts to help WAB grow is very much appreciated. I wish Helen a happy retirement.

Narelle Scott, State President

WAB Awards and Membership

WAB AWARDS 2022		
5 years	Sandra Wischki	Charlton
	Debbie Guenther	Kalangadoo
10 years	Meredith Burge	Lochaber
20 years - Life	Carlene Schultz	Yurgo
30 years	Anthea Stringer	Lochaber
50 years	Beryl Clothier	Yurgo

Narelle Brooksby
Awards/Membership Officer (Relieving)

WAB Website Manager's Report

<http://www.wabsa.com.au>

The WAB website continues to be a great resource for all members. It has been updated regularly when information is provided.

Branch programs are updated as they become available. Newsletters are uploaded regularly with the current editions being readily available on the Home page. All forms required by members can be found on the Resource page as well as the WAB Handbook, the WAB Constitution and other information that contribute to running a successful branch. These resources are regularly updated to provide current information.

I would hope that the site is also being accessed by the general public but it is very difficult to assess the number.

Potential new members should be encouraged to visit the site.

I encourage all members to add the website address to any correspondence. wabsa.com.au
<C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\U7J6K2QS\wabsa.com.au> or the QR code below.

I would like to hand over the position of website manager and would be willing to work with a new manager whilst they "learn the ropes". It is a great way to learn about working with websites – and it's not difficult!



Use this QR Code to go straight to the WAB website – use QR Code Reader app – download from app store

My thanks to State President Narelle Scott and the Management Team who have provided me with information to upload to the website.

Jane Smith, Website Manager

WAB Delegate to NCWSA

Once again it has been a great pleasure to represent WAB on The National Council of Women of SA Inc., it is a wonderful organisation and does amazing work for the women and children of South Australia.

This year we have advocated strongly for affordable housing, it is needed more than ever with the soaring prices of housing and rent at present, everywhere around the state. Many women are homeless and many more are experiencing housing insecurity, it is a huge issue and is one we will not let the government forget about.

We invited Grant Stevens, Commissioner of Police, to speak about Domestic Violence in South Australia. Sadly he said that his whole police force could spend all their time on this problem alone and that Covid19 had only made that very bad situation worse.

We were fortunate to visit Red Cross SA and learn about the valuable work they are doing here in South Australia. The CEO is a young man who grew up in Kimba, Jai O'Toole, and he gave us a great overview of his position and pointed out that their work far exceeds "Bloods and Floods" as is so often thought.

This is 120th year of NCWSA and we are planning to celebrate our long and vibrant history.

Joyce Chapman
WAB Delegate

Treasurer's Report

Our income was higher this year due to new memberships and a greater donation from Honan Insurances than what we had to pay. Thank you to Honan for their generosity and willingness to tailor a policy to suit our requirements.

Our expenses were more this year as it reflected a subsidy of close to \$5,000 for last year's State Gathering and also to cover the costs of not only the rental for the storage of our Archives but also to have some very precious documents bound for their longevity. The archival costs also reflected the acid free paper used for printing, other office costs and travel & accommodation for some of the volunteers. Our financial expense certainly doesn't account for all the hours of dedicated work by Yvonne, Nade ne and myself that has been spent on this most valuable project.

WAB made a substantial donation of \$2,000 to the Tonga Relief Fund after the volcanic eruption and tsunami through ACWW. I'm sure it was greatly appreciated.

This means that we have ended the year with a small bank balance in our cheque account. However, shortly we will supplement that with some money from the Term Deposit Account. We haven't been receiving very much interest (0.38%) for the money in the term deposit account anyway. We now have the opportunity to return the remaining of the term deposit to an account with a higher interest rate – as high as 2.25%.

This is my last year as Treasurer of WAB. I have been honoured to be part of the Executive of WAB for 9 years, but it is time to hand this role over to someone else. I wish the new Treasurer all the best for the future of WAB.

Sandra Young
WAB Treasurer

WAB Promotions Officer

I was pleased to place information about the last State Conference in the various papers around S.A.

However, there have been no other tasks to do since then. Until this conference when I have sent out information about all the activities in which we will be taking part. I was unable to persuade the members of the Rosedale/Sandy Creek Branch to try to find new members in their region. This disappointed me greatly, because if there is no effort made to try, there will be no result!!

Hopefully the state wide papers will print details about this conference in Mannum.

I would like to congratulate all those members who faithfully write up details of their monthly meetings and submit them to their local papers to print. This shows a true regard for their organisation. By doing this, they are learning much, which is what WAB is all about, learning and gaining talent and knowledge. I hope that there will be someone to take on my task, as I tender my resignation of the Position of Promotions Officer.

A sincere thank you to Narelle for her great work as our State President, she puts a great effort into the task and we all appreciate her considerable work on our behalf. Well done, Narelle.

Best Wishes to all members for another great year.

Helen Colliver, Promotions Officer

Society Cheque Account

Society Cheque Account (105-159 Account # 000052040)

Opening Balance as at 1 July 2021		\$	12,075.10	
RECEIPTS				
Membership Levy	\$	7,225.00		
Badges	\$	55.00		
Associate Members	\$	45.00		
Supporters	\$	100.00		
Conference Registrations	\$	3,252.00		
Sponsor/Grant	\$	850.00	Honan Insurance	
Project 2020-2021- Guide Dogs SA/NT	\$	2,258.40		
Project 2021-2022- Glaucoma Aust	\$	1,775.00		
Bank	\$	113.39		
Internal Transfers	\$	2,000.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	17,673.79		
PAYMENTS				
State Gathering 2021	\$	9,406.57		
State Gathering 2022	\$	160.00		
Management Expenses	\$	3,922.50	See below	
Publicity	\$	60.50		
Website	\$	616.00		
Donation	\$	2,000.00	ACWW Sth Pacific Tonga Disaster Fund	
Project 2020-2021 Guide Dogs SA/NT	\$	4,000.00		
Badges	\$	144.00		
Postage, Printing & Stationary	\$	103.45		
Archives	\$	4,608.58		
Affiliation Fees	\$	135.00	ACWW	
Insurance	\$	660.67		
Admin Expenses	\$	1,160.79		
Miscellaneous	\$	270.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$	27,248.06		
CLOSING BALANCE		\$	2,500.83	Bank Balance as at 30/06/2022
TERM DEPOSIT...460				
Opening Balance as at 1st July, 2021	\$	32,500.00		
Transfer to Cheque Account 27th Jan 2022	-\$	2,000.00		
CLOSING BALANCE as at 30/06/2022		\$	30,500.00	Closing on 4/7/22 to redistribute
NET BALANCE of all funds		\$	33,000.83	
Audited by Margaret Gray, Southend, 14/07/2022				
HONORARIUMS				
State President	\$	2,000.00		
Eyre Peninsula Coordinator	\$	1,000.00		
Mallee Coordinator	\$	500.00		
Central Coordinator	\$	422.50		
Sandra Young, WAB Treasurer				
15/07/2022				

WAB Social Media Report *Facebook page: Women in Agriculture and Business SA Inc*

We currently have 262 "Followers" which is 44 more than the same time last year. Our steady growth is encouraging as we spread the word of our Branch activities.

Our most popular post for the year was Day 2 of our August 2021 WAB State Gathering & AGM in Naracoorte, reaching over 1,200 people! This was followed closely by our Day 1 State Gathering dinner, reaching over 858 people. Our posts from the 2 day Gathering had a total reach of 2,920 people.

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.

Our reach can be increased exponentially if you 'Share' our posts to your pages.

Please forward your branch activities with a description of approximately 100 words and photos with captions to me (sally@mundooisland.com.au) to be uploaded to our Facebook page.

Thank you to the branches that forwarded photos of their activities for our Facebook page during the past year.

It is lovely to see the variety of activities undertaken by branches throughout the state. This will assist with our community engagement and spread the word about our wonderful organisation.

Please 'Like' and 'Follow' our page and share our news with others via the 'Share' button.

Sally Grundy, Manager Social Media

State Archiving Project

Management Team members Sandra Young, Nadene Jericho and I commenced working on WAB Historical Records in late 2020. Historian Thelma Neumann retired in late 2020 from this role after 15 years of devoted service to the history of WAB.

A secure storage facility at U-Store-it, Mt. Barker was organised for the large number of archive boxes and WAB equipment that had been stored and accumulated over the years by various Historians at their own premises. This included the use of a conference room that allowed us to work together on planning and initial sorting of records and condensing them to a manageable level to ultimately place in State Records.

Once the initial planning of this project and records were sorted into categories, the group decided that we could more effectively and efficiently sort through the records at home which we have continued to do. The central position and all hours accessibility of U-Store-it, made it very easy for us to operate individually and work through the archiving process. This allowed us to exchange boxes whenever we were in Adelaide for other commitments saving on costs to WAB.

We are now in final stages of sorting and completing the cataloguing of the records.

Thank you to WAB members who have assisted with the sorting process, recording of collated information and providing additional records to complete collections of newsletters and programs. The archiving process has been most interesting looking through the many years of history and activities of WAB.

An Archiving Policy for future years has been developed and will be distributed to all WAB Branches after the launch at 2022 AGM in Mannum. Yvonne Correll, Archiving Co-ordinator

Yvonne Correll, Archiving Co-ordinator

WAB International Officer

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) is a worldwide network of individuals and women-led societies, joined in their passion for empowering women. This network provides friendship, collaboration, and organisation.

- Together, we can give voice to the issues facing rural women, influencing policy at national and international levels.
- Together, we can fund grassroots, women-led projects in developing countries, empowering rural women to make positive and sustainable progress in their communities.
- Together, we can connect women who would have otherwise never met, combating prejudice one friendship at a time.

Thank you to Branches and members who continue to support ACWW. Particularly a huge thankyou to all those who have collected used stamps which I have sent onto Mrs Gail Commens to raise money for the South Pacific Area. Many projects have been funded from the sale of these stamps. Two projects that come to mind are supporting and buying clothes, personal items, household goods and even a car for the Fijian abattoir workers who lost everything in a fire near Dubbo.

\$1501 was sent to Kiribati Irekenroa Country Women Kiribati for health and weight loss program. The women formed netball teams for competitions and for learning good eating and nutrition.

Branches and members sent much needed donations to the Tonga Disaster Fund after the devastating volcano eruption causing much of Tonga to flood. Many families lost their homes and belongings.

In January, I forwarded \$2,269.60 to Head Office which included 9 individual memberships, WAB Inc, 3 Branch memberships and \$885 for Coins for Friendship (CFF). Donations for CFF and memberships are considerably down this year. There are 13 individual members. For just \$70 I urge more Branches to join and support the work of ACWW.

The Countrywomen Magazine is always a good read, full of information on the work of ACWW.

Thank you for your support during my term as International Officer and best wishes to Joyce Chapman who has agreed to take on this role.

Jannette Boord
International Officer

Associated Country Women of the World	
Society Financial Report of WAB of SA Inc	
Year 1 st July 2021 to 30 th June 2022	
Opening Balance 1.7.21	\$411.58
<u>Income</u>	
Coins for Friendship	\$ 715.00
Membership to ACWW	\$ 1203.00
Women Walk the World	\$ 70.00
Raffle	\$ 281.60
	\$ 2269.60
	<u>2269.60</u>
	<u>\$ 2681.18</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Monies to Head Office	2452.16
Income	2681.18
Less Expenditure	- 2452.16
	<u>\$ 229.02</u>
	Closing Bank Balance
	as of 30 th June 2022

Checked & found to be correct - good job you have done, Jan.
Glencoe Bowere

My Family File

A WAB exclusive Resource



How organised are your personal files?

If you were involved in an emergency eg bush fire, are you ready to pick up and go?

Do you have a checklist of what to do or what to take with you if leaving your home?

If you were suddenly unable to take care of banking etc, could a trusted family member or friend know where to find the relevant information?

My Family File is the answer to your questions.

It's a resource that will be available to WAB members, both in electronic format and in paper copy.

Attend the launch via Zoom in the week of 17 October, 2022 where:

- ✓ The resource will be explained
- ✓ List to professional who will offer advice
 - General practitioner, Lawyer, Funeral Director

Details will be published in future editions of SP News

Rosedale/Sandy Ck Birthday



2021 State Conference

Yurgo 90th birthday



2021 State Conference



2021 State Gathering
Limestone Coast



Scone Day Kalangadoo

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.

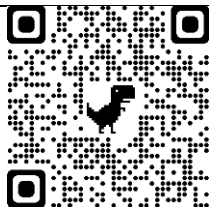
To provide effective leadership to link Women in Agriculture and Business and Agricultural Bureau activities through the membership network.

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.



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