



Women in Agriculture and Business  
of South Australia Inc





# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022/2023**

**MANNUM – STATE CONFERENCE 2022 (BEFORE THE RIVER MURRAY FLOODS)**



		
Narelle Scott State President Acting Limestone Coast Co-ordinator	Nadene Jericho State Treasurer Public Officer	Fiona Armstrong Mallee Region Co-Ordinator
		<b>WAB MANAGEMENT TEAM 2022/2023</b>
Sandra Wischki Eyre Peninsula Co-ord/Online	Yvonne Correll Central Region Co-ordinator	

		
Joyce Chapman International Officer & WAB Delegate	Jane Smith Web Manager	Lee Russell WAB News Editor
		<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDERS 2022/2023</b>
Virginia Gale Promotions Officer	Sally Grundy Social Media Manager	

Historian position to be filled when Archiving Project has been completed by State Project Team  
Yvonne, Sandra, Nadene

## State President's Report

WAB Branch Membership	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Regions	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6
Branches	10	10	11	11	15	15	18	20
Members	136	133	168	176	198	213	267	259
Associate members	2	5	6	5	11	14	6	4
Supporters	1	3	3	3	4	4	5	4
Sponsors	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Management Team	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

### Theme, Country of Study and Project

*Theme:* Increase in cost of living

*Country of Study:* Ukraine

*Project:* Dementia

An impressive amount of \$2,852.70 was raised during the 2022-2023 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: \$2,900.**

Branch	\$	Branch	\$	Branch	\$
Charlton	452.70	Coonalpyn	400	Cunliffe	750
Kalangadoo	50	Lochaber	200	Online	-
Padthaway	200	Paringa	200		
Wirrega	400	Yurgo	200	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,852.70</b>

### Regional Conferences

As Kalangadoo Branch celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday since the branch commenced in 1923, they requested that the Limestone Coast Regional Conference be combined with their celebrations to be held in August, 2023.

Mallee Region held a very successful conference in March, with an excellent attendance by WAB members, affiliated organisations and local residents. Guest speaker was from Food Bank, which is the WAB project for the coming year. I presented to Awards five Coonalpyn members.

### Sponsorship and Supporters

Thanks to Honan Insurance Brokers for their sponsorship during 2022-23, your support is sincerely appreciated. Thanks also to long term supporters: Angela Wilsmore of Good Country Physio.

### WAB Administration

Secretarial duties have been undertaken as part of my voluntary role of WAB Administration however, these will be separated as the Management Team decided to reinstate the position of Administration Officer in 2023-2024 year to reduce the workload on the State President.

### WAB Management Team (MT)

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

### WAB Portfolio Holders

The Promotions Officer Gini Gale is stepping down at the 2023 AGM. Thank you Gini for your efforts.

The remaining Portfolio Holders: Lee Russell, Newsletter Editor; Joyce Chapman, International Officer and WAB 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. Acting Website Manager, Jane Smith with assistance from Sandra Wischki 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! Jane Smith is mentoring Sandra Wischki in learning the skill of website maintenance.

## Member Insurance

Honan Insurance Group have continued to provide insurance to WAB at a reasonable cost, for which we are very grateful.

## 2022 State Conference, Mannum

What can I say? We had excellent attendance in an excellent venue, with excellent guest speakers, with excellent food, with excellent tours and sights to see. We couldn't ask for more. Not long after our conference, the local Council, government resources and residents started building a levy around the town, securing marine craft etc. in readiness for the floodwaters that were flowing down the River Murray after heavy rainfall in NSW and Victoria.

Mannum – we have fond memories of our stay in your town.

## In closing

It is gratifying to say that WAB Branches and membership has remained stable during the 2022-2023 as many members work very hard to keep WAB the excellent organisation that it is and has been since 1917. As I hand over the State President's position to Sandra Wischki, Regional Co-ordinator Eyre Peninsula, I wish you all the best from myself and the Management Team, you will do an excellent job promoting your own personal style.

*Narelle Brooksby*

*State President*

## Treasurer's Report

Our income was lower than last year due to lower membership numbers and we have not received the Honan sponsorship donation as yet. We added \$10,000 from the Term Deposit to supplement the working account. Conference registrations were higher, showing that members value the opportunity to get together.

Expenses were less than the last financial year, mainly due to the lower cost of the State Gathering. We have purchased a new laptop for the Administration Officer (currently State President). Honorariums are shown as Management Expenses. The Archives Project has been completed since the end of June. Thanks to Sandra, Nadene and to Yvonne in particular, for her hard work to find a place for the records and therefore end the monthly payments for storage. This has been a worthwhile project as records are now in safe storage and well documented.

Our Term Deposit is now re-invested at 4% and due on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

I have enjoyed my first year as State Treasurer and look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully Submitted

*Nadene Jericho, WAB Treasurer*

**WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS OF SA INC**  
**REPORT OF WAB FINANCIALS for the Financial Year**  
**01/07/2022 - 30/06/2023**

Society Cheque Account (105 - 159 #000052040)

**Opening Balance as at 1 July 2022**

\$ 2,500.83

**RECEIPTS**

Membership Levy	\$ 5,060.50	✓
Badges	\$ 59.00	✓
Associate Members	\$ 30.00	✓
Supporters	\$ 100.00	✓
Conference Registrations	\$ 4,370.00	✓
Sponsor/Grant	\$ 1,000.00	✓ Week
Project 2021-2022- Glaucoma Aust	\$ 2,020.00	✓
Project 2022-2023- Dementia Aust	\$ 702.70	✓
Bank	\$ 20.73	✓ Term Deposit Interest
Internal Transfers	\$ 30,500.00	✓
Miscellaneous	\$ 494.96	✓ Refund overpayment
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><u>\$ 44,357.89</u></u>	✓

**PAYMENTS**

State Gathering 2022	\$ 3,858.73	✓
State Gathering 2023	\$ -	
Management Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	✓
Get Online Grant Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	✓
Publicity	\$ -	
Website	\$ 550.00	✓
Project 2021-2022- Glaucoma Aust	\$ 3,840.00	✓
Badges	\$ 229.00	✓
Postage, Printing & Stationary	\$ -	
Archives	\$ 2,421.26	✓
Internal Transfer	\$ 20,000.00	✓ Term Deposit Investment
Affiliation Fees	\$ 220.00	✓
Insurance	\$ 693.92	✓
Admin Expenses	\$ 3,183.85	✓
Miscellaneous	\$ 548.14	✓
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u><u>\$ 40,544.90</u></u>	✓

**CLOSING BALANCE**

\$ 6,313.82

Bank Balance as at 30/06/2023

**TERM DEPOSIT....360**

Opening Balance as at 6th July, 2022 \$ 20,000.00

**CLOSING BALANCE as at 30/06/2023**

\$ 20,000.00

**NET BALANCE of all funds**

\$ 26,313.82

<b>HONORARIUMS</b>	
State President	\$ 2,000.00
Eyre Peninsula Coordinator	\$ 1,000.00
Mallee Coordinator	\$ 500.00
Central Coordinator	\$ 500.00

*Checker: Books and Documents checked in an Honorary capacity and found to agree with Statements presented*



**Nadene Jericho, WAB Treasurer**

Vicki Jacobs  
 PO Box  
 Coonalpyn SA 5265

## WAB Awards

WAB AWARDS 2022-23		
5 years	June Holland	Coonalpyn
	Katrina Leske	Coonalpyn
	Valerie Lewis	Coonalpyn
10 years	Liz Mickan	Charlton
	Patricia Jacobs	Coonalpyn
	Jessie Searle	Kalangadoo
20 years - Life	Faye Klitscher	Coonalpyn
	Cassandra Lutze	Coonalpyn
	Nadene Jericho	Coonalpyn
	Raelene Kernick	Coonalpyn
	Sue Zacher	Coonalpyn
40 years (Posthumous)	Lyn Bellman	Lochaber
	May M Bennett Dec'd	Kalangadoo
60 years	Glenice Bourne	Lochaber
	Claire Williams	Lochaber

*Narelle Brooksby, State President/Administration Officer*

## 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.

The project has now been completed and will be delivered to its permanent storage place in the coming months. The Archiving Policy has been developed and was launched at 2022 AGM in Mannum and published on the WAB webpage.

Thank you to WAB members who contributed to the Archiving process to bring it to its final stages.

*Yvonne Correll, Archiving Co-ordinator*

## WAB Promotions Officer

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.

On accepting this position last year, I asked every branch if they needed help to increase their member numbers. Only one reply was received as I believe each branch implements strategies in their areas.

I feel that the support of this position is not required by branches, therefore I wish to step down.

*Virginia Gale, Promotions Officer*

## WAB News

Thanks to everyone, especially Secretaries for sending information, feedback, comments from members. It is appreciated and helpful. Please continue to send articles preferably with photos, for added interest. I hope you like the initiative I've introduced "your patch".

*Lee Russell, WAB News Editor*

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

We currently have 282 "Followers" which is 20 more than the same time last year.

Our most popular post for the year was the presentation of the WAB funds raised of \$3,840 to Glaucoma Australia. 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 ([sallygrundy@gmail.com](mailto:sallygrundy@gmail.com)) 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, in particular Carol-Ann from the Charlton Branch! 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.

It is interesting to note that of our 282 followers, 91.5% are women and 8.5% are men!

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

*Sally Grundy, Manager Social Media*

## WAB Website

I am currently working with State President Elect Sandra Wischki, teaching her "the ropes". My thanks to the Management Team who have provided me with information to upload to the website. Please continue to use this excellent resource.

*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*

# Covid-19 pandemic – Looking Back - how did we manage?

## Background

Half way through 2019, I heard an interview on ABC radio about an organisation called Good Things Foundation, who with federal funding, were conducting nationwide computer/electronic device courses called Be Connected. This initiative was introduced to help Over 50's Australians to grasp today's technology so they don't get left behind. Network Partners, such as WAB, could apply for Grants to deliver these courses. This appealed to me as I was surprised at how many members, could not use email and I wanted to address this shortfall.

After going through the process of applying for funding and planning to deliver three day courses at WAB branch locations, arrangements were put in place. Kalangadoo was the first on the schedule and this went ahead in February 2020, closely followed by Padthaway in the same month.

At the end of 2019, it was being reported that a viral disease was spreading throughout Asia and Europe which seemed so far away to us in Australia. Then in March 2020, everything changed as our government announced that Covid had arrived in Australia travel restricted, as State borders were closed under Police guard, in an attempt to prevent the disease from spreading. All residents were asked to *stay at home*. Wearing of face masked was instigated, signing in for contact tracing when entering supermarkets, chemists etc. and of course using hand sanitiser entering and exiting these premises. SA Police allocated maximum numbers allowed at gatherings etc. and many WAB meetings were not able to be held.

So what do we do? How do we support each other? ***Let's do coffee!*** was born where fortnightly Zoom social gatherings were held. We chatted on a theme, shared what we were eating with our morning coffee. We kept in touch to support with each other. Then in July, intra-state travel was allowed and the Be Connected program recommended.

## Be Connected – IT training

In 2020, courses were held for Kalangadoo, Padthaway, Paringa, Cunliffe, Lochaber, Coonalpyn/Yurgo branches. At their request, a course was also delivered to CWA Naracoorte who had heard about the happenings in WAB. It was a wonderful experience travelling to these branches and getting to know members over the three days.

## Get Online Week

Another initiative of Good Things Foundation is Get Online Week which is held annually. WAB has participated in two events:

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|----------------------|---|
| 2020 Get Online Week | Cottage Gardens presented by Cindy Cross of Post and Rail Mount Gambier and Managing garden pests with Sophie Thompson of Sophie's Patch Mt Barker  |
| 2021 Get Online Week | My Family File – a WAB exclusive on “getting your life organised” Interviews were held with Dr Brian Norcock in Naracoorte, Kylie Mildwater Lawyer of Kadina and Jo Callaghan, Funeral Director in Naracoorte who all provided advice on reducing stress on your loved ones by organising your personal papers. |

*Narelle Brooksby, State President*



## 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.

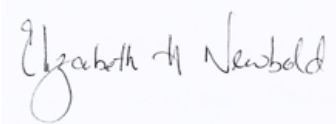
*Joyce Chapman, International Officer*

### **WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS OF SA INC INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-2023**

BSB: 105159      ACCOUNT NO:70240

Opening balance		\$	229.02
<b>INCOME</b>			
	Coins for Friendship	575	
	Women walk the World	120	
	Subs	745	
	Raffle	130	
	WAB	32.19	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1602.19	1831.21
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	Money to Head Office	1463.95	
	Bank Fees	82.19	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1546.14	1546.14
Closing balance			\$285.07

I have checked the figures in this Financial Report 2022-2023 again the bank statement provided and find them correct.



25/6-2023      Elizabeth Newbild-Carey

## Associated Women of the World

30th Triennial World Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - May 2023.

More than 450 delegates from all over the world attended the recent World Conference including three WAB members, Sandra Young, Debbie Guenther, myself and my spouse. 164 attendees were Australian.

Covid has had a profound impact on the work of ACWW making meetings difficult and to visit communities, however our theme for the triennium was 'Our Strength is our Diversity' and World President, Magdie de Kock, has been challenged to be both strong and diverse to find ways to carry on in difficult times.

The conference was opened by the HM King of Malaysia, accompanied by HM Queen Azizah and their son Prince Regent of Pahang Hassanal who was our keynote speaker. There are many changes within ACWW. Instead of having committees, it is now the responsibility of a Co-Ordinator to channel needs and information within their area, to work with the Area President and support them. Each society appoints one person to be their co-ordinator, generally the International Officer, currently myself. Incoming Area President South Pacific is Lyn Braico from CWA NSW. The next area conference is to be held in Griffith in September 2024.

In future we will only have 3 projects at any given time to enable more funds to be invested making projects more sustainable. "Coins for Friendship" has been changed to **Rural Women in Action Fund**, this change has been made to encourage more generous giving, a revised form is on the WAB website. Please continue to create opportunities to raise money for this fund so that we can support the work of ACWW.

If you want to receive a copy of the Area President's reports, an email must be sent to ACWW giving them permission to send it to you, the privacy laws in UK are different from Australia! Their current address is The Foundry, 17 Oval Way, London SE11 5RR.

There were only three resolutions at conference on topics other than the constitution!

The Rural Women of New Zealand proposed the establishment of a Rural Women's Employment Action Plan to address the particular needs of rural women to ensure access to training and education, fair, equitable and safe employment practices, working conditions and remuneration, access to resources such as finance, materials, technology, career advice etc.

Rural Women of NZ also proposed that ACWW urge Governments to apply both a Rural Impact Analysis and Gender Impact Analysis when considering plans, policies and programmes to ensure the intersectionality of being women and living rurally are taken into account in order to reduce the adverse impact of any plans, policies or programmes on rural communities.

The third resolution was proposed by the National Association for Family and Community Education, USA, asking that ACWW facilitates both action and advocacy on the issue of food waste, recognising that food waste occurs throughout the global food supply chain, and that coordinated action is required to mitigate food loss and wastage at every stage. All three resolutions passed.

The next conference is to be held in Ottawa, Canada in April 2026. The Centenary of ACWW will be celebrated in 2029 and we are encouraged to give ideas of how that should be celebrated.

The highlight of the conference was the Gala Dinner held at The Royal Palace, 6 double decker buses transported us there with police escort (as we had everywhere we went!!) After we went through security we entered the Palace which was just as beautiful as you can imagine! Dinner was served in a huge room with a head table of approximately 30 people, each with their own waiter and 50+ tables of our group – the Queen had invited other Royal guests and some family and friends – a total of over 600 people all seated and tables beautifully set with magnificent china. We were waited on by students from a local school, a four course meal was served and the food was divine. During the meal there was continuous entertainment with dancing, singing and an orchestra.

Take a minute to look at the website of ACWW and read more about projects and the work of our Association, conference which give you a great look at what happened in Malaysia.

# STATE CONFERENCE 2022 - MANNUM

Cr Simone Bailey chatting with Josie Arney, Wirrega



Fiona Armstrong (L) and Nadene Jericho, Coonalpyn



Ian Packer, Peter Gale and Trevor Correll



Yvonne Correll, Cunliffe steering the ship with Narelle Brooksby (L) tour guide and Lyn Sivor (R)



Table decoration



Below: Sally Packer Charlton with Heather Everingham, Paringa



Helen Mitchell, Ian Packer, Maurice and Lyn Sivor of Charlton



Smoko



Taking action shots Stephen Everingham, Paringa



L-R Trevor Correll, Peter Gale, Beth Gale and Yvonne Correll



State President Narelle Brooksby taking a break, enjoying the cruise

## *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.

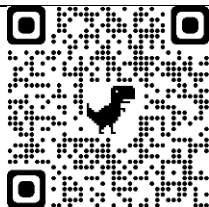
To provide effective leadership to link Women in Agriculture and Business and Agricultural Bureau activities through the membership network.

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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