



Women in Agriculture and Business
of South Australia Inc

ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

2025/2026 Management Team	2025/2026 Portfolio Holders
Sandra Wischki, State President and Eyre Peninsula Co-ordinator Nadene Jericho, State Treasurer Narelle Brooksby, Administration Officer and Limestone Coast Co-ordinator Yvonne Correll, Central Co-ordinator and Historian Heather Everingham, Mallee Co-Ordinator	Joyce Chapman, International Officer and WAB Delegate Sally Grundy, Social Media Manager Lee Russell, WAB News Editor



Membership awards at Paringa Branch's 60th Anniversary celebration

From left: Jenny Curtis, Jocie Cooper, Ruth Christie, Anne-maree Zanker, Valerie Lewis, Ruth Patton, Teresa ter Bogt, June Holland

State President's Report

WAB membership

	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Regions	4	4	4	4	4
Branches	8	8	9	10	10
Members	117	127	136	136	133
Associate members	2	2	2	2	5
Supporters	1	1	1	1	3
Sponsors	-	1	1	1	1

Membership numbers have continued to decline. Of our 117 members, we had 73 members with full fees, 35 members who are over 80 years old with a reduced fee, and 9 members with over 60 years of membership with no fee.

Theme, Country of Study and Project

Theme: Good Health with the Power of Plants

Country of Study: Mauritius

Project: Rural Aid

The theme, country of study and project are used to plan guest speakers and activities throughout the year. You can read about these branch activities in issues of our newsletter, WAB News.

An amount of \$3,323 was raised for the 2025/2026 project Rural Aid. Rural Aid was established in 2015 to provide timely, practical support to farmers, their families and rural communities. Branches are thanked for all their efforts in raising this large amount of money for this worthy cause.

Branch	\$	Branch	\$	Branch	\$
Charlton	1273	Lochaber	100	Paringa	300
Coonalpyn	750	Padthaway	300	Wirrega	200
Cunliffe	400				
				TOTAL	\$3,323

Regional Conferences

The Limestone Coast regional conference planned for 12 May 2026 was postponed until Spring 2026.

The Mallee regional conference was run in conjunction with Paringa branch's 60th anniversary celebration on 28 May 2026 in Renmark. This was a very successful event with good attendance. Guest speakers were Dorothy Crosby, South Australian representative for Rural Aid, Lorraine Fielke, Loxton woman of many parts, and Kevin Schubert speaking on the 2025/2026 theme Good Health with the Power of Plants. There was also cake cutting with four foundation members of 1966 and a short film made in 1972 about Paringa and its industries during that era was shown. It was a day of friendship and fellowship for former and current WAB members.

WAB Awards

In 2025/2026 we acknowledged and celebrated the following membership awards:

Award	Member	Branch
5 years	Chris Thornton Sally Black	Lochaber Paringa
10 years	June Holand Valerie Lewis Ruth Patton	Coonalpyn Coonalpyn Paringa
Life (20 years)	Anne-maree Zanker Virginia Gale Elaine Leedham	Coonalpyn Padthaway Paringa
30 years	Jenny Richardson Rosalie Pearce	Cunliffe Cunliffe
40 years	Pamela Woodward	Cunliffe
50 years	Teresa ter Bogt	Paringa
60 years	Dulcie Barker Margaret Correll Ruth Christie Josie Cooper Jenny Curtis Valmai Goulden	Cunliffe Cunliffe Paringa Paringa Paringa Paringa

WAB Administration

The Administration Officer Narelle Brooksby again has undertaken administrative duties in this voluntary role. I want to acknowledge all the work that Narelle has done on WAB's behalf.

WAB Management Team

I wish to thank the Management Team for their continued work and dedication to keeping WAB running. Some members have served in their positions for many years now, with Nadene Jericho as the State Treasurer since 2022 and prior to that as Mallee Co-ordinator since 2018, Narelle Brooksby as Limestone Coast Co-ordinator since 2017 and Administration Officer since 2023, and Yvonne Correll as Central Co-ordinator since 2018. Heather Everingham joined as Mallee Co-ordinator in 2024 and I joined as Eyre Peninsula Co-ordinator in 2021 and State President in 2023. The Management Team holds meetings online every six weeks and tries to meet face-to-face once per year.

WAB Portfolio Holders

I acknowledge and thank Portfolio Holders for all the work each does to keep our organisation relevant, represented and connected. These members have also been in their roles for many years, with Joyce Chapman as International Officer since 2022 and prior to that as WAB Delegate since 2018, Sally Grundy as Social Media Manager since 2017, and Lee Russell as WAB News Editor since 2017. This represents a substantial amount of work done by each of these members on behalf of WAB over the past ten years. It is much appreciated.

Sponsorship and Supporters

We thank long term supporter Angela Wilsmore of Good Country Physio. This support is appreciated.

In closing

I was honoured to become the State President in August 2023. I thank members of the Management Team for their guidance and support. I want to acknowledge all the work done by our members to keep our organisation and branches running, and particularly thank members who have taken up branch committee roles. I am always so pleased to see our branches continuing to run successful events and our members enjoying friendship and supporting each other.

All the best to our members and branches for our 110th anniversary year.

Sandra Wischki, State President

WAB News

Five issues of WAB News were published in 2025/2026: July 2025, September 2025, December 2025, March 2026 and May 2026.

Thank you to branch secretaries and media officers for sending reports on branch activities.

The coming year is a good opportunity to send in additional articles with interesting stories and branch history.

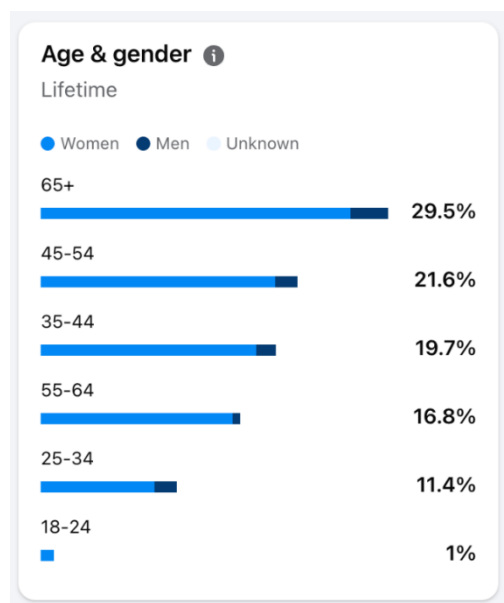
Feedback is always welcome.

Lee Russell, WAB News Editor

WAB Social Media Report

Thank you to all WAB branches that have been regularly providing me with photographs and small write-ups of meetings and events held throughout the year. These stories provide us with a descriptive and colourful update on your activities. Keep them coming!

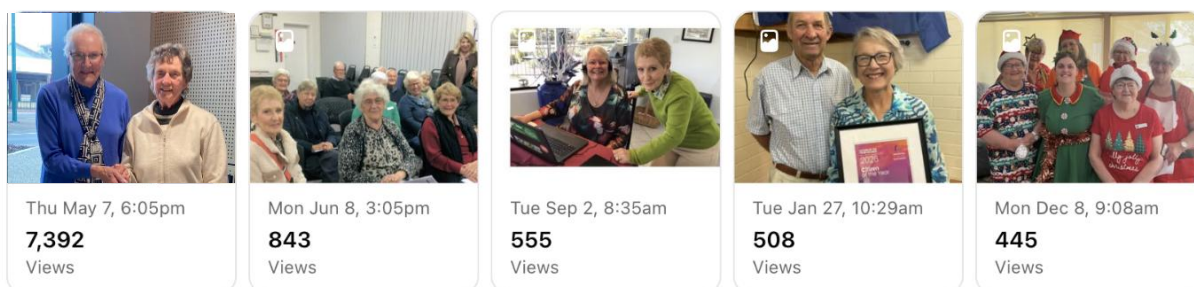
We currently have 343 "Followers", predominantly women over the age of 65!



We had a huge 15,322 views on our Facebook page for the past financial year. That is a staggering number and shows that you enjoy reading and seeing what our branches are up to.

The graphic below shows the most viewed posts.

Most viewed posts



Please forward your branch activities with a description of approximately 100 words and photos with captions to me to be uploaded to our Facebook page. 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. Our reach can be increased exponentially if you 'Share' our posts to your pages.

Sally Grundy, Social Media Manager

WAB International Officer

A new world president was elected at the 2026 ACWW Triennial Conference recently held in Ottawa – Marie Kenny. Marie is from Prince Edward Island, Canada and has a long and very involved history in leadership positions for ACWW. The theme for the next triennium is **Locally Grounded, Leading Globally**.

The next Triennial Conference will be held in Killarney, Ireland in 2029.

You may be interested to know that Tish Collins, Executive Director in Central Office London, has retired and will be replaced by Joanna Groves. Tish has been with ACWW for more than 10 years and will be sorely missed.

2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer and ACWW is keen to celebrate women around the world in their individual roles on their agricultural properties. The suggestion is to organise an event to recognise the very important part you play in the success of your own enterprise. I feel sure that you will come up with some very creative ideas for your own branch celebrations – be sure to let me know. ACWW's website has lots of information from women around the world about their experience of farm life.

I continue to enjoy the monthly co-ordinators meetings and am more than happy to represent any thoughts or concerns you may have.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Barbara Schaefer on June 7, 2026, she was 91. Barb had a very long and involved association with WAB being a life member of Pinkawillinie branch until it closed and then a member of the Online branch until her death. Barb also represented WAB at many ACWW conferences around the world and was South Pacific Area President for a term visiting many of the countries within the South Pacific region. She had a strong heart for the rights of women and children and was a great advocate for them. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2026-2027 season.

Joyce Chapman, International Officer and WAB Delegate

**Women in Agriculture and Business International Account
Financial Report 2025/26**

Opening Bank Balance at 1/04/2025 **\$ 39.30**

INCOME

To	RWinA Fund	Membership
Donation from WAB Conference	\$ 77.60	
Cunliffe Branch	\$ 100.00	
Cunliffe Branch Walk the World	\$ 100.00	
Wirrega Branch	\$ 106.05	
Padthaway Branch	\$ 300.00	
Lochaber Branch	\$ 50.00	
Coonalpyn Branch	\$ 100.00	
Charlton Branch	\$ 80.00	
Paringa Branch	\$ 50.00	
Individual members	\$ 150.00	
Lochaber Branch		\$ 90.00
WAB in SA Inc.		\$ 160.00
Wirrega Branch		\$ 90.00
Cunliffe Branch		\$ 90.00
Individual members		\$ 260.00
Totals	\$ 1,113.64	\$ 690.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,842.95	

EXPENSES

To	RWinA Fund	Membership	Fee
ACWW UK Office (GBP £839)	£520 (\$1082.65)	£319 (\$664.17)	
Internet Overseas TT Fee			\$ 24.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,771.80		

Closing Bank Balance at 31/03/2026 **\$ 71.15**

Summary for 2025/26

Opening Bank Balance	\$ 39.30
Income	\$ 1,803.65
Sub-total	\$ 1,842.95
Less Expenses	\$ 1,771.80
Closing Bank Balance	\$ 71.15

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

I have examined these accounts and believe them to accurately reflect the financial position of the WAB of SA for 2025-2026
J.C. HUMMERSTON
1/7/2026

Sandra Young, International Officer Assistant

Treasurer's Report

Women in Agriculture and Business of SA Inc Report of financials for the Financial Year 1/07/2025- 30/06/2026	
Society Cheque Account	
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2025	\$ 15,830.67
RECEIPTS	
Membership Levy	\$ 5,292.00
Badges	\$ 19.00
Associate Members	\$ -
Supporters	\$ -
Sponsors/Grants	\$ -
Project 2024/2025 - Operation Flinders for Girls	\$ 2,054.00
Project 2025/2026 – Rural Aid	\$ 1,150.00
Internal transfer from Term Deposit	\$ -
Sundries	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,515.00
PAYMENTS	
2026 State Conference	\$ 1,000.00
Mallee Regional Conference	\$ 500.00
Management Expenses	\$ 6,500.00
Project 2024/2025 - Operation Flinders for Girls	\$ 2,922.70
Website	\$ 968.00
Badges	\$ 1,026.50
Postage, Printing & Stationary	\$ -
Archives	\$ -
Internal Transfer	\$ -
Affiliation Fees	\$ 250.00
Insurance	\$ 1,197.47
Admin Expenses	\$ 2,521.24
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 17,135.91
Closing Balance per statement 30/06/2025	\$ 7,209.76
Honorariums Paid	
State President	\$ 3,000.00
Administration Officer	\$ 1,000.00
Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00
Mallee Coordinator	\$ 1,000.00
Central Coordinator	\$ 500.00

Nadene Jericho, WAB Treasurer