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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present the final Annual Report in this triennium of my Presidency.

COMMUNICATION

Communication, both internally and externally, has been high on the list of priorities for AFUW-NSW. Close contact has been maintained between state and branches through regular visits and regular emails. This organisation has been well represented at the IFUW Conference in Manchester and at significant external events throughout the year such as The Women's Budget Briefing in Canberra, the 6th Higher Education Summit in Sydney and the Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick's Launch of the Listening Tour Community Report and Plan of Action towards Gender Equality.

In addition, the President and members of the executive enjoyed hospitality extended by Southern Highlands and Central West and enjoyed their visits with River and North Shore Branches during the year.

Electronic forms of communication are increasingly important. Education Trust applications were submitted electronically via the website. Direct deposit was introduced as a method of payment for functions and membership subscriptions. Many NSW members received their state and national newsletters by email transmission.

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Plans for the 2009 AFUW Triennial Conference, which AFUW-NSW is hosting, are well under way. The theme has been confirmed as *Women Building Sustainable Futures*, in line with the theme for IFUW Programme for Action. Sancta Sophia College in the grounds of the University of Sydney is confirmed as the conference venue, while the gala dinner will be held at The Women's Club, Elizabeth Street, Sydney. I am pleased to report that to date, three universities, Newcastle, Western Sydney and Macquarie, have generously provided sponsorship.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

A new administrative officer, Tamra Palmer, has been appointed as the previous admin officer, Carolyn Vaughan, transferred to Melbourne. AFUW-NSW is fortunate to have a person of Tamra's ability to help promote and improve its community profile as well as dealing with the routine clerical tasks.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of AFUW-NSW for the 2007-8 year finished with 258 voting members including 2 honorary life members, one member emerita, eight associate members and five old system life members. This is a decrease on last year's numbers but branches and state continue to work towards attracting new members.

At 30 June, New South Wales has three metropolitan branches: North Shore, River and City, and three regional branches: Central West, Hunter Valley and Southern Highlands. Central Coast Branch closed owing to members unwilling to take executive positions.

Young Members Network

A Young Members Network has begun, led by CIR Michelle Imison, with the aim of providing a forum for graduates and post-graduates to network and arrange events of their own choosing. It is this vital group that will provide the life-blood for the continual growth of AFUW-NSW.

Qualifications

Eligibility qualifications are under review in Australia as IFUW has opened membership to a wider range of women. It seems inevitable that a name change will result, possibly to Graduate Women Australia.

AWARDS

Tempe Mann

The Education Trust selected two outstanding candidates each to receive 2008 Tempe Mann Travelling Scholarships of \$7,500.00. Both are in the UK conducting their research.

Alecia Simmonds, B A (Hons 1 Medal), LLB (Hons1), PhD Candidate University of Sydney. Alecia is a Legal Historian who has been accepted as a visiting scholar by the University of London and the University of Leeds. The work for her thesis titled: *Sentiment, Law and Governance in England and Australia (1750-1830)*, is transnational in focus, inter-disciplinary in approach and illuminates the impact of the colonial past on our post-colonial world. It contributes to a range of scholarly fields including legal history, feminist history and imperial and transnational history. Alecia volunteers time to social justice issues and is currently an active member of the Council for Civil Liberties.

Madeleine Suttie B Commerce/B of Laws (Hons) USyd, Master in Bioethics (Hons) Monash, PhD Candidate USyd. The supervisor at USyd for her thesis titled: *A comparative analysis of contemporary legal and philosophical approaches to new biotechnological entities*, specialises in feminist perspectives on new reproductive entities. Her co-supervisor is Professor of Law and Legal Philosophy at Oxford University where she will undertake a significant amount of her research. Madeleine considers biotechnological innovation is one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century. Her goal is to provide advice to governments and the private sector on the ethical and legal challenges of these new biotechnologies. Madeleine's significant community involvement includes being a volunteer Coordinator with the Iloilo Community Solidarity and Development Project in the Philippines and with the Surry Hills Soup Kitchen for the Homeless. Madeleine has represented Australia in Basketball.

Jamieson Awards

Four awards, each of \$1000, were made for 2008:

Phoebe Williams Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery Hons BSc Psych ANU, AMEB

Katharine Turner BSc Hons 1, University Medal. Doing Masters Degree in Advanced Mathematics

Naomi Hart BA History Completing Hons in 2008

Naomi Oreb BA Hons 1 English Literature. Now enrolled in Law degree

Annual University Awards

AFUW-NSW Inc donates one annual award to Macquarie University and the University of New South Wales and three awards plus a bursary to the University of Sydney. Every effort is made to have an AFUW member present the awards. In 2007/8 prizes awarded were:

The Gladys Marks Memorial Bursary 2007, in honour of the fourth President of AFUW-NSW, to a mature age student at USyd with a specific financial requirement to finish her studies **Viktorija Sen**
The Gina Savage Prize (donated by former Illawarra Branch) in The School of Biological Sciences at UOW for 2007 **Claire Mason**

The Tish Proctor Memorial Prize for the most proficient woman student in First Year Government at the USyd in 2007 **Lisa Cantlon**

The prize in Mathematics USyd for 2007 **Katharine Turner**

The prize in The School of Letters, Art, and Media USyd for 2007 **Elizabeth-Ann Shek-Noble**

The prize in UNSW Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences' Award for 2007 **Kate Steinweg**

The prize in 200-level English at Macquarie for 2007 **Jennifer Martin**

AFUW-NSW participation in NCW NSW Australia Day Award

Sandra Copeland, BA, Grad Dip Ed, was presented with the award and \$1000 cheque at the annual Australia Day Luncheon of the National Council of Women NSW. The University of Newcastle, Faculty of Arts and Education, was asked to nominate a graduate diploma student who had overcome a hardship during her studies and still achieved successful results. Sandra is a worthy recipient of the 2008 Australia Day Award which award is now seen as an annual AFUW-NSW event.

Branches

Branches continue to provide generous prizes and annual awards to students at secondary and tertiary levels both in the metropolitan and country areas. These reflect the members' belief in the importance and value of encouraging and supporting women to further education. Some branches support overseas students in East Timor, IFUW Bina Roy and the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund. It is through the generosity of branch donations that AFUW-NSW funded the Australia Day Award.

Special mention is merited of the excellent initiative made by Central West Branch in establishing the Dr Barbara Wright Award in memory of their highly regarded member. Barbara was held in high esteem in the community which resulted in generous donations towards the award in a matter of weeks.

Programme For Action

Branch donation enables AFUW-NSW to participate in the IFUW Programme For Action (PFA). This year a special appeal for a Solomon Islands student needing to complete her degree in Hobart resulted in support for her with the balance being offered to a student in Tonga.

ACTIVITIES

Annual General Meeting - Sydney

The memorable 2007 AGM and lunch was hosted graciously by River Branch at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts 280 Pitt Street 26 October. Guest Speaker, Susan McLeish, a rural woman, shared the plight of families on the land during the extended drought. A collection was made and sent to the Salvation Army in Dubbo.

Memorable also was the celebration at the conclusion of the AGM when 19 colleagues with membership of 40 years or more were honoured for their loyalty and presented with a certificate. Another 23 sent their apologies and received certificates in the post. Special guests were IFUW Vice-President Shirley Randell and AFUW President Jenny Strauss, thus creating representation of the four levels of the Federation.

The 10th Annual Sophia Holland Lecture and Luncheon

On 13 May at The Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Past NSW President and City Branch President, Christine Hosking, delivered a lecture, *Aboriginal Women Artists*, allowing her to share her interest in aboriginal art which began 20 years ago whilst teaching and travelling in South Australia. An advisor to individual collectors of indigenous art, Christine is passionate about what has been described as the greatest art movement Australia has ever produced. She enjoys the opportunity to highlight the associated cultural and social traditions that form the basis of the art. A Bush Tucker lunch followed the lecture offering members a chance to sample emu, kangaroo and crocodile meats.

Other Organisations

AFUW-NSW supports activities organised by other women's organisations such as National Council of Women Australia Day Lunch and the Jean Arnott Lunch. Members attended the Women's Electoral Lobby Edna Ryan Awards which honoured an impressive array of intelligent, articulate women. We field delegates to NCW NSW, UNIFEM, to functions of Women Into Politics and to meetings organised by The Office For Women, NSW Premier's Department's for Peak Women's Organisations.

Project Five-O

AFUW-NSW continues involvement with Project Five-O a consortium of five women's organisations, Soroptimist, Business and Professional Women, National Council of Women NSW, Zonta and AFUW-NSW. A number of meetings have been held. It has been agreed to explore the possibility of sending speakers into boys' high schools to raise awareness of White Ribbon Day. It is felt this manner of educating will help to increase the boys' social consciousness on the issue of Violence Against Women.

VALE

Members were saddened by the death of long serving member Betty Shwabsky. Betty was very active in branch and state matters, serving as President of NSW and of North Shore Branch.

COMMENDATIONS

Thanks to Branch Presidents and members who responded and contributed to the IFUW survey of Membership Best Practice and the AFUW discussion paper on Restructure of the Organisation.

Thanks are due to Newsletter Editor, Lyn Thompson. Lyn puts a lot of time and effort into producing the Newsletter and Annual Report and deserves our gratitude.

In conclusion it is necessary to thank members of the Executive and Central Committee for the team effort and initiative displayed, to thank office bearers of Branches and to congratulate all members on their involvement with AFUW-NSW.

- Ivy Edwards President

BRANCH REPORTS

The reports of Branch Presidents to their members form the 2007-2008 report of the Branches to the wider membership of AFUW-NSW.

CENTRAL WEST

During the year 2007 – 2008 the Central West Branch of AFUW has enjoyed the support of its members and their guests as well as many people in the wider community. This year we have held three lunch time functions and one dinner meeting.

Our program for 2007 – 2008 included:

August 2007 Ivy Edwards Beirut holiday to war zone Eat Your Greens Restaurant, Eugowra

October 2007 David Stratton At The Movies Hotel Canobolas, Orange

February 2008 Janet McCredie Thalidomide Research Cowra Function Centre

May 2008 Michael Augee Mammal fossils Canowindra Bowling Club

Early in the year a new scholarship fund was established. This scholarship is in memory of Dr Barbara Wright who had been a member of AFUW for many years and served on the committee and was President and Vice President. Our goal for our fund raising was \$25,000. However, as a result of enormous response from Cowra people and friends of Barbara from near and far, over \$43,000 has been invested and donations are still being received. These funds have been placed with AFUW NSW Education Trust and with that comes Deductible Gift Recipient status. We are most grateful to Marianne Payten, who worked tirelessly setting this up.

The first Barbara Wright Scholarship was awarded in February 2008 to Jennifer Cox of Manildra and a special award was also given to Rebecca McCormack of Grabben Gullen.

Our annual award given to the female student from our district who achieved the highest UAI in the Higher School Certificate was given to Sara Alamyar from All Saints College in Bathurst.

The Central West group of AFUW is a small band with just 21 full members in the year 2007 – 2008 but there are many who support us and newsletters go to nearly 180 others. We appreciate these people in the community that enjoy our functions and support our fund-raising.

I would like to thank our scholarship committees, both for the Higher School Certificate prize and the Barbara Wright Scholarship, who work so hard with advertising, and assessing the applications.

My thanks also go to the committee who are always so willing to help when ever it is required. We are very sad that Dorothy Balcomb is unable to continue on our committee. Dorothy was a foundation member of AFUW in the Central West and has been an office bearer for the last 35 years. Thank you, Dorothy, for your commitment and I hope we continue seeing you at our functions.

The Central West Branch of AFUW look forward to a busy year with stimulating functions and providing support to women in our area as they pursue their academic goals.

Anne Holloway President

Sue Brown Secretary

CITY

It gives me pleasure to present the 3rd Annual Report of AFUW-NSW City Branch.

During the last 12 months the membership has increased to 35. However of that number approximately 10 are active. This is very disappointing as the executive has tried hard to cater for the interest of members. However that fact that some members are engaged in full time employment and the fact that meetings and activities have been held during daytime hours has resulted in many members being excluded from active participation. It appears desirable that the schedule be reviewed to cater more equitably for members.

More recent AFUW-NSW members not allied with any particular Branch regularly received notification of City Branch activities and events during the year. It was hoped that this regular contact would result in new members for City Branch. Unfortunately this did not eventuate.

During the year members were saddened at the passing of Beverley Pavey. Bev had been an active and involved member of the Branch. Her positive contribution to the Branch has been greatly missed.

In addition to enjoying regular monthly social activities, members continued to work to support AFUW nationally and internationally in fund raising activities and in awarding scholarships to TAFE students at the local level. City Branch donated \$200.00 to the IFUW Program for Action supporting two Cambodian students as they continue their university studies. The Branch also contributed \$200.00 towards the AFUW-NSW award which was presented at the NCW Australia Day awards ceremony. A total of \$600.00 was donated to 3 TAFE students to assist them with their studies at university in 2008.

Significant events included:-

- The HSC Award was traditionally awarded by the previous Inner West Branch. It was agreed that this award be continued this year, the school chosen being Sydney Girls' High School. The award of \$300.00 was presented to Shelley Wang in December 2007.
- Attendance at the NCW Australia Day Awards at Parliament House, Sydney in January 2008. Members present were delighted to meet Sandra Copeland, the AFUW-NSW awardee at this special awards event.
- Awards presentation in May 2008 to students at Bankstown and Ultimo TAFEs who successfully completed the TAFE Tertiary Preparation Course in 2007 and proceeded to university in 2008. Awards were made to Ayse Erduran and Claire Wallace (Ultimo TAFE) who each received \$150.00 and Kathleen Doyle (Bankstown TAFE) who received \$300.00
- Visit by Dr Kate Le Maistre a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women. Dr Le Maistre from the Faculty of Education at McGill University, Montreal, joined in with members to discuss the paper *Reforming AFUW*. It was of great interest and value to hear comments from the Canadian perspective.

As a result of the request from AFUW-NSW President, Ivy Edwards, to select a resolution from the AFUW "Policies and Attitudes" document for Branch action, the resolution *Significance of TAFE in the Education of Women* was selected. Some action has commenced.

Lunch in a range of different venues combined with activities and visits to places of general interest in and around the city continue to be a feature of the monthly Branch meetings. Our activities throughout the year included:

- Tour and concert at the NSW Conservatorium of Music
- Lunch meeting at Watson's Bay
- Visit to Manly Art Gallery to view the quilt exhibition
- Visit to the S.H. Ervin Gallery in March to view 2008 Salon des Refuses: the "alternative" Archibald and Wynne Prize selection.
- A "behind the scenes" tour of the Wharf and Sydney Theatres

At the time of writing there is concern that, owing to the small number of active Branch members, City Branch may no longer be viable. At present there is doubt as to whether the executive positions can be filled. A letter outlining such concerns was sent to members in the hope that the vacant positions can be filled thus ensuring the viability of City Branch.

As my term of Office as President expires this year I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the hard working members of our Branch, particularly the executive for their incredible efficiency, continued dedication and commitment to the Branch and AFUW. To those active members who have tried very hard to keep City Branch functioning and contributing to the goals of AFUW thank you for your untiring efforts, your positive involvement and participation. Thank you everyone for your support during the last three years. May City Branch move forward with renewed strength and vigour.

Christine Hosking President

'Tricia Blombery Secretary

HUNTER VALLEY

We have enjoyed a very full programme in the past year. In July 2007, we held our AGM at the Merewether Golf Club. One of our own members, Mary Kelly, spoke to us about her 'artistic journey'.

August: We again met at the Merewether Golf Club and our speaker was Ms Suzanne Pritchard who has been active in Landcare.

September: We returned to Bimet Lodge for our monthly dinner. Our speaker was Ross Bingham, manager of Ronald McDonald House.

October: The guest speaker at our dinner was Dr. Wendy Gunthorpe, who spoke about her work in the Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

November: Our Cinema evening went awry. We arrived at the cinema to find that our chosen film was not showing and the staff had no knowledge of our booking. Fortunately, we had the confirmation e-mail from the GU Theatres management to support our claim. The theatre was showing Cate Blanchette and Geoffrey Rush in "Elizabeth" for ABC listeners, so we were offered free entry to what turned out to be a most enjoyable film. Also in November, we held our Christmas meeting, the final meeting for 2007, and our speaker was Professor Ken Dutton, from the University of Newcastle. He told us of the influence of one particular French settler, M. Francois Girard, in Australia in the early 19th century.

The New Year, 2008, opened with a request from the National AFUW to review our thoughts about the future of the Association. After two special meetings and filling in questionnaires, our members signified that they were content with the *status quo*, which was conveyed to AFUW-NSW.

Arrangements for our dinner meetings had to be reorganised at the same time. Rising costs of food and transport have hit caterers, just as they have us all. It was extremely difficult to find a venue that could provide a private room with a quiet enough atmosphere for the three hours that we need for our meetings. We were rescued by Jocelyn and Robert Caddies who introduced us to the Newcastle Club Catering Supervisor, who agreed to accommodate our group.

In March, we met at the new venue and the speaker was Geoff McGee from the University of Newcastle who spoke about international issues in climate change.

April: Our speaker was Dr Josephine May who spoke about the 3,000 year old Chinese custom of foot binding, speculating on the reasons for its inception and its continuation for so long.

May: The speaker was Melisse Sutton, manager of the Margaret Jurd Learning Centre at Lambton. Some of our members afterwards offered to assist in the examination of some students for the School Certificate.

June: We were addressed by Justice Judy Ryan who spoke about some very interesting aspects of her professional life.

Scholarships and Prizes We continue to support the education of three **East Timorese girls** in their final years at St Josephs Secondary School in Dili. Father Edward Roy (Father Edu) wrote in August thanking us for our continuing support.

After some considerable delay, we were advised in November that the **Margaret Auchmuty Prize for Education** for the 2006 academic year was awarded to Jessica Lamrock and the **Huldah Turner Prize for Mathematics** was awarded to Ngoc Tran.

Resignations Sadly, we have regretfully accepted the resignation of Janet Winn, one of our long-standing members. She is now in her nineties and regrets that she is no longer able to travel to meetings. She enclosed a cheque for \$50 for our funds.

One of our Sydney colleagues, Jenny Hoare, who moved to a retirement home at Salamander Bay last year, found that the travelling to Newcastle for a dinner meeting was difficult and also resigned.

I would like to thank the Branch Committee and all of our members for their help and support during this year when I have been so new to this job and still feeling my way.

Anne Drinkwater President

Margaret Smithson Secretary

NORTH SHORE

I thank all North Shore members for your steady attendance and support at general meetings at Warrawee Bowling Club and at our Christmas party. Our committee has remained unaltered, and it has been a pleasure to hold committee meetings in members' homes. I express my appreciation of their hospitality.

Our branch meetings have comprised:

- 1) 3rd September 2007: AGM. Speaker was Cate Faehrmann, executive officer, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, speaking on *Nature conservation, especially in Ku-ring-gai*.
- 2) 3rd December 2007. Celtic-themed Christmas luncheon, complete with piper, at Dunmore Lang College, Macquarie University. Susannah Fullerton, author & president of the Jane Austen Society, spoke on *Celtic heritage in literature*.
- 3) 3rd March 2008: Speaker was Judyth Sachs, deputy vice-chancellor and provost, Macquarie University. She spoke on innovative plans for restructuring the university.
- 4) 2nd June 2008: speaker was Jane Bevan, director of community services, Ku-ring-gai Council, on Council services to residents, particularly the elderly.

Other functions attended by the branch president and members include:

- 1) 5th March, 2008: To mark International Women's Day, members attended a UNIFEM luncheon at the Glengary Guides Centre, Turramurra. Funds raised were given to a programme in support of Rural Women's Leadership in Timor.
- 2) 8th May, 2008: The treasurer & I attended a prize-giving at Macquarie University, for '200 Level' Biology. Our awardees were Michaela Blyton & Frances Goudie. Because of late notice, we were not represented at the awarding of the '200~Level' History prizes on 21st April, awarded to Phillipa Gale & Phoebe Wood.
- 3) 13th May, 2008: A large group of North Shore members attended the Sophia Holland Lecture & Luncheon at the Institute of Mechanics, Pitt St. Our members helped with lunch catering afterwards, which was greatly appreciated.

As our branch representative on the AFUW-NSW Central Committee, I attended four meetings:

- a. One major item was the Treasurer satisfactorily arranging for the 'Education Trust', to be accepted by the Tax Commissioners as a 'deductible gift recipient'. Donations to the Scholarship fund are now tax-deductible. I would like to thank our branch members who have already contributed.
- b. The committee appreciates our regular branch donations of \$100 to SAAP (Programme for Action) in Cambodia, and of \$100 for the AFUW-NSW Australia Day awards.
- c. Plans are well in hand AFUW-NSW AGM on Saturday 25th October in Cowra. I am pleased that so many North Shore members will be attending and coming on our three day coach-tour.

The national committee via our state president, Ivy Edwards, requested all branches to respond to a discussion paper on 'The reformation of AFUW', submitted by the Victorian president, Margaret James. Our branch committee studied and discussed this matter at length, and I am grateful that many other members responded at our general meeting in June. The majority of states voted for the maintenance of the *status quo*.

This matter, as well as yet another proposal to change our name, will be brought up at the Triennial National Conference, here in Sydney in November 2009 for which Greta Recsei and I have been appointed to the organizing committee.

Finally, I note with sadness the deaths of the following members during the past 12 months:

Margót Symes, Bev Pavey, Isabel Harrison, Betty Shwabsky, Mary Southwell-Keely

The June 2008 AFUW-NSW Newsletter recorded fitting obituaries to Isabel Harrison and Betty Shwabsky, who both gave outstanding service to AFUW.

At the end of my term of office, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support and friendship over the years of my presidency. I give special thanks to all our committee members, especially the Secretary, Anne Jack, and Treasurer, Greta Recsei. I hope our branch will continue to enjoy good fellowship, challenging meetings, and strong commitment to AFUW ideals.

Dorothy Betty President

Anne Jack Secretary

NB *This report is to be presented formally at the branch AGM on Monday, 13 October 2008, at the Warrawee Bowling Club.*

RIVER

First, let me say how pleasant it has been working with the River Branch as your President this last year. A special thank you to our dedicated Secretary, Nada, for much advice and information, and to Anne Gibbins, our Treasurer, who always seems to have the numbers at her fingertips. Thanks also to Anne Ridley, our Past President, for her help during the year.

Sadly three members of our River Branch, each of whom over the years were very involved with our Committee, and with many of our activities and functions, have died during the past year. They each did so much for our Group over many, many years.

Gwen Hawthorne, filled with fun, was on many of our Committees and generously lent her lovely home for wonderful Christmas parties and other functions.

Betty Shwabsky was very active in both our Theatre group and Reading group, where her wonderful mind and the stimulus she provided were both much appreciated. Betty was State President of AFUW-NSW in 1977-79, and before that she was President of the North Shore Group.

Nina Bryan, was very generous with her time. Our Branch used her lovely home in Longueville on many occasions. She filled many Committee positions, including President and Secretary.

We were called upon by the Central Committee to host the AFUW-NSW. Inc. Annual General Meeting on 26 October, 2008. Nada Taylor arranged a very suitable and pleasant light lunch menu and she also arranged a very interesting speaker who emphasised to us the plight of country people at this time. Our Committee once again rose to the occasion, introduced and thanked the speaker, and served and cleared up the lunch, and were very gracious hostesses. The speaker suggested that individuals could help. Anne Ridley, one of our Vice-Presidents, took up the suggestion and was instrumental in sending 8 boxes of children's shoes and several boxes of schoolbooks from a primary school in Sydney to Vinnies in Coonamble. Well done, Anne

Our *September Luncheon* at Hunters Hill Sailing Club 6 was most successful. As usual, the Committee members did lots of work. Our Caterer provided a delicious meal, and Patrick Dodd gave us an interesting and informative talk on Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Our *Christmas Party* was its usual success. It was at Gay and Bill Windeyer's delightful home at Longueville. We are lucky to have many good cooks on our Committee, and they prepared delicious food, for which I would like to thank them all.

Robyn Baxendale spoke to us at our *Autumn Lunch* on 6 March. She is a member of the International Committee of the Red Cross. She has experience in a range of conflict contexts including Ethiopia, Bosnia, Israel and Asia, while supporting the International Committee of Red Cross's humanitarian mandate. Robyn chose as her topic, *Women and War*. It was a most stimulating talk. Money collected at the raffle at this function went to the Red Cross instead of the normal the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund.

During the year it was felt by many Committee members that AFUW subscriptions were too high and a motion to that effect was passed at our Committee meeting. This motion was put to the AFUW-NSW Inc. Annual General Meeting in October last year. At the vote our motion was lost.

We were asked by AFUW-NSW Inc. to give our comments on a Discussion Paper on the possible reforming of AFUW in Australia. The paper saw a serious problem with AFUW of declining membership and failing finances; raised several topics for discussion and then went on to list possible options to deal with the perceived problem. The options were:

- 1 Keep the current structure, but change the way we do things.
- 2 Constitutional reform to change the focus of Council and interaction with State Associations by, for example, remodelling the Council to exclude State Presidents and their proxies.
- 3 Radical reform to the Federal structure – which would virtually do away with the State bodies.

Your Committee devoted a meeting to discuss the topics raised, and agreed on a list of points, which were then sent Ivy Edwards, President of AFUW – NSW Inc. These points were as follows:

- 1 We felt that updating the Website was an excellent idea.
- 2 All Committee members felt that a single Newsletter should replace the current state and national Newsletters. That single Newsletter could incorporate some information from branches.
- 3 It was feared by our Committee that further drops in membership were likely, considering the average age of our members.
- 4 It was thought that retired and about to retire women could be attracted to join. We suggest consideration be given to an announcement in Senior Citizens magazines of the existence of AFUW. Interested persons could be directed to the Website.
- 5 Consideration could be given to contacting University faculties and women's groups within the universities – definitely including groups with mature age students – advising them of the existence of AFUW, and directing them to the Website.
- 6 One suggestion favoured by some was that younger graduates may be attracted to the idea of a “sub-set” of new graduates within our organization.
- 7 Students who receive scholarships/grants could be given a year's free membership at graduation.
- 8 It was unanimously felt that a four day AFUW Triennial Conference (26 – 29 Nov 2009) was too long; many felt the cost would be prohibitive.
- 9 Mention was made for the need to check that the statement re our being a non-profit organization was included in any changed constitution.
- 10 Discussion centred around Options 1 and 3, with a majority favouring Option 3. There was no support for Option 2. Our newest and youngest member, a past mature-age student, felt strongly that the organization should be radically changed; including the increased usage of electronic media. She was in favour of a new name, e.g. GWA, as were some others. Those in favour of Option 1 felt that this would cause least disruption to the organization and would obviously be the cheapest option.

We had an email from Ivy Edwards, President of AFUW-NSW Inc., thanking us for our input. Inputs to each State Committee are to be collated, and passed to the Australian Committee for consideration. We await developments. Constitutional change, in my experience, is slow.

Two of our hard –working Committee are stepping down after many years of service. Norma McMorran was our Secretary for many years. She gave freely of her time and of her organizing ability. We are very grateful to her for so many things including her work for the Theatre Group. Norma has also arranged this venue for our Annual Meeting, as she has done in the past, and done much to make the meeting successful. Pat Geidans also leaves us after many years on Committee. For all the many years they have helped we say thank you. We will certainly miss them.

Charmian Warden President

Nada Taylor Secretary

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

This year your Committee has endeavoured to deliver the best experiences for our members and friends, and to give as many educational opportunities as our finances would allow.

We have funded three scholarships at \$500 each and have supported The National Council of Women's Young Australian of the Year Award for an amount of \$100.

The Scholarships were awarded to a Law Student in East Timor who has been a recipient of support from AFUW Southern Highlands in previous years, an Arts Student from the Moss Vale Campus of the University of Wollongong with a record of community service and a strong drive to become a Psychologist, and an inmate of the Berrima Correctional Centre studying for Real Estate Certificate III and Small Business Certificate IV through OTEN.

All three scholarship recipients have performed at a high academic standard and have a commendable record of community service.

We have spent our financial resources to the maximum this year, and look forward to three fundraisers in the coming months. On the 5th of September we are having a Wine and Cheese Tasting at Burrawang, our annual Garden Party in October, and the Premiere of Baz Lurhman's movie, "*Australia*", starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman at the Empire Cinema in November. We need your support at these fundraisers to continue our Scholarship Program for the coming year.

From last August we have enjoyed a variety of venues and speakers, to provide the best opportunity to get to know fellow members and friends. We started the AFUW year with Professor Barry Harper of the Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong, who brought us up to date with trends in teacher education.

In September we learned from Jocelyn Murphy, the CEO of the YWCA in New South Wales, of the valuable contribution that the 'Y' has made to our community life since 1881, and the "Books for Bubs" project here in the Southern Highlands.

In October, our speaker was Dr Barbara Nicholson, who gave us an indigenous perspective of the controversial Aboriginal Intervention strategy, which aroused a lot of interest within our group.

Our Garden Party in November was held in Elizabeth Shepherd's beautiful garden at Moss Vale, and we raised \$1,000 for our Scholarship Program. In December, one of our members, Dr Celeste Rossetto, was guest speaker and gave us a very entertaining presentation on her Ph.D subject, The Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, who visited Throsby Park in the late nineteenth century.

The Committee has tried to vary the style of meeting during the year, and in February we held an informal lunch at the Bradman Museum which was well attended and popular. In March we were fortunate to welcome Grant and Tao Hannaford, of Hannaford Eyewear, who gave us a wonderful account of their volunteer optical service in Nepal and Mongolia.

In May our speaker was Patrice Newell, the celebrated Environmentalist, and this was followed in June by the Slow Food Night that Nick Padol, President of Slow Food NSW, organized for us at the Koffee Kulture restaurant in Bowral.

During the past three years, some of our members have met regularly to discuss the books chosen for our book club, from best sellers to classics, and views have been exchanged that have encouraged a broader view of life.

On behalf of all our members the Committee are to be sincerely thanked for the splendid effort made by each and every one of them throughout the AFUW year. We appreciated the creative ideas, the artistic flyers, the smoothly running finances, and the logistics of operating our activities, and know who were responsible, individually, for them. We can look forward to coming year with great confidence.

Susan Nagy President

Helen Ristuccia Secretary

BRANCHES STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

| RECEIPTS | CENTRAL COAST \$ | CENTRAL WEST \$ | CITY \$ | HUNTER \$ | NORTH SHORE \$ |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Balance at 30 June 2007 | 447.41 | 4,201.42 | 840.98 | 5,364.62 | 3,032.93 |
| Subscriptions received | | 1,200.00 | | 2,800.00 | |
| Postage Subscriptions | | 240.00 | | | 265.00 |
| Functions – receipts` | | 11,876.00 | 160.00 | 9,320.45 | 3,428.00 |
| Interest received | | 0.25 | 1.23 | 12.84 | 147.45 |
| Donations received | | 22,405.00 | 1,100.00 | 800 | 200.00 |
| Other receipts | | 4,850.00 | | | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | 24,772.67 | 2,102.21 | 18,297.91 | 7,7073.38 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Subscriptions remitted | | 1,628.00 | | 1,960.00 | |
| Functions – expenses | | 12,000.57 | 185.00 | 7,703.00 | 3,337.00 |
| Postage, Stationery, Printing | | 840.85 | 44.00 | 15.00 | 239.00 |
| Prizes | | 3,350.00 | 700.00 | | 300.00 |
| Donations made | | 50.00 | 400.00 | 1,880.14 | 200.00 |
| General and other expenses | | 4,619.70 | 70.00 | 79.40 | 40.00 |
| Balance at 30 June 2008 | | 2,283.55 | 732.21 | 6,569.37 | 2,957.38 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 24,772.67 | 2,102.21 | 18,267.91 | 7,073.38 |
| INVESTMENTS | | 5,399.19 | | 3,541.08 | 2,500.00 |

| RECEIPTS | RIVER \$ | SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS \$ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance at 30 June 2007 | 3,679.23 | 1,190.99 |
| Subscriptions received | | 1,150.00 |
| Postage Subscriptions | | |
| Functions – receipts | 4,977.39 | 9,810.50 |
| Interest received | 24.80 | 6.93 |
| Donations received | 812.05 | 138.00 |
| Other receipts | | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 9,493.47 | 12,296.42 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Subscriptions remitted | | 1,150.00 |
| Functions – expenses | 3,645.57 | 8,360.67 |
| Postage, Stationery, Printing | 194.15 | 804.79 |
| Prizes | 800.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Donations made | 1,605.15 | 100.00 |
| General and other expenses | 135.00 | |
| Balance at 30 June 2008 | 3,113.60 | 380.96 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 9,493.47 | 12,296.42 |
| INVESTMENTS | | |

AFUW – NSW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/ REPORTS

Australian Federation of University Women NSW Inc. Balance Sheet - as at 30 June 2008

| | | 2007/8 | 2006/7 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash | CBA Martin Place | -\$574.75 | \$2,961.83 |
| | CBA Term Deposit | \$10,768.55 | \$12,119.33 |
| | St George Cash Mgt | \$0.00 | \$7,933.30 |
| | ING Direct | <u>\$10,580.81</u> | <u> </u> |
| | | \$20,774.61 | \$23,014.46 |
| Receivables | | | |
| | Marjorie Murray | \$6,695.50 | \$8,019.10 |
| | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total Assets | | <u>\$27,470.11</u> | <u>\$31,033.56</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Sundry Creditors | | | |
| | Eastern Suburbs | \$303.35 | \$303.35 |
| | Project for Action | \$466.00 | \$781.00 |
| | Aust Day Awards | \$257.55 | \$731.55 |
| | President's Travel | <u>\$278.14</u> | <u>\$325.24</u> |
| | | \$1,305.04 | \$2,141.14 |
| Prepaid Income | | | |
| | Subscriptions | \$765.00 | \$1,742.00 |
| | Functions | | \$270.00 |
| | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total Liabilities | | <u>\$2,070.04</u> | <u>\$4,153.14</u> |
| Net Assets | | \$25,400.07 | \$26,880.42 |

Not part of these accounts but significant for the operation of AFUW NSW Inc.
Expenses paid directly from Marjorie Murray Bequest to Sydney Mechanics School of Arts
for office - c \$8,165

Tricia Blombery 18/7/08

AFUW – NSW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/ REPORTS

Australian Federation of University Women NSW Inc. Statement of Income and Expenditure - Year to June 2008

| INCOME: | | 2007/8 | 2006/7 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Interest | CBA Martin Place | \$11.13 | \$30.69 |
| | CBA Hunters Hill | \$799.22 | \$671.91 |
| | ING Direct | \$280.81 | |
| | St George Bank | \$315.38 | \$443.74 |
| | | <u>\$1,406.54</u> | <u>\$1,146.34</u> |
| Annual Subscriptions | | \$17,315.00 | \$19,042.00 |
| General Donations | | \$150.00 | \$121.32 |
| Other | | \$168.00 | \$169.20 |
| Functions | | \$1,254.34 | \$705.70 |
| Marjorie Murray Refund | | \$8,686.55 | \$8,797.62 |
| Total Income for the Year | | <u>\$28,980.43</u> | <u>\$29,982.18</u> |
| EXPENDITURE: | | | |
| Newsletter | Printing | \$1,672.15 | \$2,006.80 |
| | Postage | \$619.69 | \$918.02 |
| | | <u>\$2,291.84</u> | <u>\$2,924.82</u> |
| Office | Wages | \$6,602.00 | \$6,915.60 |
| | Superannuation | \$0.00 | \$622.39 |
| | Recruitment | \$93.50 | \$491.59 |
| | Office & Postage | \$1,241.38 | \$1,241.33 |
| | Computer & Gen Exp | \$2,330.90 | \$552.40 |
| | Office of Fair Trading | \$44.00 | \$81.00 |
| | Audit | \$0.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| | Insurance | \$2,566.30 | \$2,746.05 |
| | Capitations | \$11,025.00 | \$12,410.00 |
| | Subscriptions | \$205.00 | \$205.00 |
| | Members' Welfare | \$123.00 | \$205.05 |
| Awards | Macquarie Uni | \$2,000.00 | |
| Total Expenditure | | <u>\$28,522.92</u> | <u>\$29,495.23</u> |
| Operating Surplus - Deficit | | \$457.51 | \$486.95 |
| Balance 1/7/07 | | \$26,880.42 | \$26,393.47 |
| Balance 30/6/08 | | \$25,400.07 | \$26,880.42 |

AFUW NSW INC EDUCATION TRUST 2007 - 2008

Annual Accounts

Income From Deposits

| | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Industries Mutual | \$ | 4,480.38 |
| St George Bank | \$ | 171.42 |
| Commonwealth Bank Enmore | \$ | 5.92 |
| First State Investment Distribution | \$ | 24,099.19 |
| ING Direct | \$ | 935.32 |
| Franking Credits from ATO 2005/6, 2006/7 | \$ | 2,818.00 |
| Total | \$ | 32,510.23 |

Expenses Incurred

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Management Fees Col First State | \$ | 3,697.43 |
| Office Expenses | \$ | 1,021.20 |
| Auditor | \$ | 1,100.00 |
| Legal Fees | \$ | 1,414.65 |
| Bank Fees | \$ | 0.03 |
| Total | \$ | 7,233.31 |

Awards

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Tempe Mann | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| Jamieson | \$ | 4,000.00 |
| Tish Proctor Prize | \$ | 300.00 |
| Total | \$ | 19,300.00 |

Surplus for Year to June 2008

\$ 5,976.92

Statement of Assets

Current Assets

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Commonwealth Bank Enmore | -\$ | 14,322.39 |
| ING Direct | \$ | 31,485.32 |
| | \$ | 17,162.93 |

Investments

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Colonial First State Managed Trusts | \$ | 277,009.76 |
|-------------------------------------|----|------------|

\$ 294,172.69

Trusts & Funds

Percentages

| | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Tempe Mann | 74.72% | | \$ | 215,339.59 | |
| Barbara Wright | 11.95% | | \$ | 34,447.92 | |
| Hilda Jamieson | 11.34% | 50.68% | \$ | 32,683.67 | \$ 16,563.15 |
| Molly Price | | 28.01% | | | \$ 9,156.04 |
| Whitley & Farr | | 21.31% | | | \$ 6,964.48 |
| Tish Proctor | 1.64% | | \$ | 4,726.00 | |
| AFUW NSW | 0.35% | | \$ | 983.15 | |
| Total | 100.00% | | \$ | 288,180.33 | |

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|-----------------------|----|----------|
| Current Year Earnings | \$ | 5,976.92 |
| Retained Earnings | \$ | 15.44 |

\$ 294,172.69

NB Copies of the Auditor's Report will be available to view at the AGM or from the Treasurer on request

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NSW Inc
EDUCATION TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT 1 JULY 2007 - 30 JUNE 2008

Number of meetings held: 2

Members of Education Trust - attendance at meetings:

| Name | No. eligible to attend | No. attended | Name | No. eligible to attend | No. attended |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 'T Blombery | 2 | 2 | J Baker | 1 | 1 |
| I Edwards | 2 | 2 | J Bielski | 1 | 1 |
| V McCallum | 1 | 1 | A Holloway | 1 | 1 |

The Education Trust was restructured and duties of financial management and assessment of award applications separated. Trustees are responsible for managing funds and the assessment panel assesses awards.

As a result, Valerie McCallum resigned from the Trust and continued her valuable work as an assessor. All trustees expressed their regrets and AFUW-NSW President, who assumed the role of the chairman, expressed appreciation for the tremendous debt owed to Valerie for the amount of work and expertise she has contributed to the Trust.

Three new trustees were appointed. Anne Holloway, President of Central West Branch, Jane Baker, AFUW-NSW Secretary and Joan Bielski, AFUW-NSW member. Joan Smith continued in her role as Fellowships Convener, responsible to receive award applications, organise an assessment panel and make the selection of awardees.

Central West Branch lodged the funds raised for The Barbara Wright Scholarship funds with the AFUW-NSW Education Trust for investment management.

The Treasurer, 'Tricia Blombery, obtained Deductible Gift Recipient Status for the Education Trust so that all donations to the Trust over \$2 are now tax deductible.

Criteria and guidelines for the two major award categories were overhauled. Applicants were no longer required to be members of AFUW nor were they required to pay a fee. All applicants were required to submit applications using the electronic forms available on the AFUW-NSW website.

With the increased income from the investment strategies instigated by the Treasurer with the approval of Trustees, it was possible to make four \$1,000 Jamieson Awards and two \$7,500.00 Tempe Mann Awards.

Four applicants were selected to receive **Jamieson Awards** from a total of 24 applications:

Naomi Hart BA 2007, proceeding to BA Hons in History in 2008 University of Sydney

Naomi Oreb BA Hons 1 English 2007, now finishing a Law Degree USyd

Katharine Turner BSc (Advanced Maths)/BA in 2008 University Medal in Pure Maths in 2007, proceeding to Masters USyd

Phoebe Williams BSc/BCom from ANU in 2004, now doing MB BS (Hons) USyd.

A small panel of trustees was appointed to interview the short listed candidates for the **Tempe Mann Award**. Two applicants were selected from 34 applications received across disciplines:

Alecia Simmonds enrolled in Arts and is in the third year of her doctoral studies. Her thesis is entitled "*Sentiment, Law and Governance in England and Australia (1750-1830)*". She has been accepted as a visiting scholar at Birbeck College, University of London, July-Dec 08. Her research contributes to a range of scholarly fields, most obviously legal history, feminist history and imperial and transnational history.

Madeleine Suttie is enrolled in the Law faculty. In addition to BComm/LLB from University of Sydney, she has a Masters in Bioethics (Hons) from Monash University. Her thesis is "*A comparative analysis of contemporary legal and philosophical approaches to new biotechnological entities*". Central to her dissertation is the consideration of different ethical and legal approaches to the analysis of both the technologies used to create new biotechnological entities and the moral and legal status of these new beings. Madeleine is continuing her studies at Oxford University.

It is incumbent on the Trust to acknowledge the benefactors who made the awards possible: Hilda Jamieson, Tempe Mann, Mollie Price, Tish Proctor, Alice Whitley and Althea Farr.

- Ivy Edwards *Chairman and President AFUW-NSW*

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2007 - 2008 CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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