



State President's Message

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State President

Christmas is well and truly over for another year, decorations put away and now Easter is on the way with hot cross buns already on sale. I enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with family and great excitement with the arrival of a new baby, Charlie John Harris, who arrived very quickly and weighing 7lbs 2ozs and of course Nana Lyn has had lots of cuddles.

Australia Day once again a success so thank you to Marion Dewar, Janette O'Keefe and all those who helped make it a success from scones to Anzac biscuits, vegemite sandwiches and fairy bread. This is such good publicity for our Association.

The Constitution summary has been put in this month's magazine for everyone to read. A full copy is available through Group Presidents and available online from Head Office. The cutoff date is March State Council, 21st and 22nd March, for any comments to be forwarded to Head Office.

CWA is moving forward. Our Junior numbers are increasing which is encouraging for the future of the Association. Our Association has a lot to offer as we are a very diverse group, unique in many ways. Our beautiful *Umina* is a CWA icon, not just for members but for all who enjoy staying in beautiful surrounds. We need to continue to move forward and encourage women of all ages to join who have enormous capabilities in their forward thinking to continue the great work done by our past members.

The State Christmas Fare was once again a success and thanks to Mary Grant and all those who made the time to help, for all those who baked all those Christmas goodies and also a thank you to Coles for their support. Due to the forecast of rain, hail and thunder it was decided to put all stalls inside and utilize the verandah for food outlets.

The enthusiasm around *Umina* to make this Fare a success was wonderful; even elf footsteps on the floor as a guide with trestles everywhere in nooks and crannies. People braved the weather, which fortunately was not as bad as expected.

A job well done.

Planning is underway for State Conference at Williamstown and more details will be available in the next magazine.

The ACWW World Conference. This is a once in a lifetime event, the last Conference held in Melbourne was in 1962, so please think seriously about attending. Now is the time to begin saving a little each week for registration and accommodation.

It will be a time for meeting old friends, beginning new friendships from all around the world. For those who have attended the South Pacific and World Conferences, they will tell you how enjoyable and interesting they are from resolutions, guest speakers and Area Presidents speaking about projects in their countries and how our support makes life so much more bearable for women and children in countries where there is so much hardship.

I hope all State Office Bearers and Group Presidents have enjoyable Conference Rounds in February.

A little bit of history. This was taken from my grandmother's cook book. Water Economy Measures for those in dry areas, where every dipperful of water is precious in midsummer. Wash glasses first then reheat the same water for crockery and knives and forks.

Keep a large pot of earth beside the sink. Knives, forks and spoons dug into this and wiped on paper need the merest rinsing and drying to be clean and shining. Change the earth or fork it over after each washing up.

My goodness, how things have changed (thank goodness)! Best wishes and stay safe.