

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

In introducing the first issue of the Secretariat News Bulletin we lay no claim to producing, or being able to produce a literary masterpiece. Our resources, to say the very least, are sparse and not only at the level of limited Secretariat staff but also within the field of finance and which makes it obligatory upon us to produce and circularise only a limited number of this Bulletin to each Branch and which (by National Executive direction) will ensure that such copies are passed around amidst membership of each Branch.

If, perchance, a query is raised as to why this issue is limited in number we may only factually reply by confirming that we are nowadays financially limited almost to the extreme in local purchase of office stationery, - so, please bear with us in making an effort to circularise this brief bulletin to interested membership and which we genuinely hope will be one day added to at the level of a National Newsletter when finances and newsworthy 'tit-bits' from the Branches may become available.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

TASMANIA:

It is most gratifying to note that the Tasmanian Branch of the Council has been rejuvenated and reformed and that it is well and truly on the road to becoming a powerful influence within the overall scene of the Australian Crime Prevention Council.

The Tasmanian Branch of the Council was reformed at Devonport on Saturday, 15th October, 1977 and which was preceded by a most interesting and informative Branch Seminar which had as its theme 'Crime Prevention at a Community Level'. The keynote speaker at the Seminar was Mr. W. Clifford, Director, Australian Institute of Criminology and who presented papers under the title of 'The Prevention of Crime - What Can We Do?' and 'Islands of Crime'. (Members interested in gaining copy of such papers may do so by writing to the Hon. Secretary of the Tasmanian Branch.)

The Executive Director of the Council was privileged to be in attendance at both the Seminar and Tasmanian Branch Meeting on the 14th/15th October (and he did so per courtesy of Ansett Airlines of Australia who presented the Council with necessary air travel ticket to make this possible).

At the Branch Meeting on the afternoon of the 15.10.77 the following State Committee of the Tasmanian Branch was elected:

CHAIRMAN:

Dr. J. S. H. Tooth,
P.O. Box 76,
Devonport, 7310.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:

Miss P. Harris,
Omaru Community Youth Treatment Centre,
Social Welfare Department,
14 Union Street,
Launceston, 7250

HON. SECRETARY/
TREASURER.

Mr. R. C. A. Burton,
P O Box 337,
Sandy Bay, 7005.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

(SOUTH)

Mr. A. O'Brien,
414 Macquarie Street,
Hobart, 7000.

Mr. W. C. R. Bale,
128 Macquarie Street,
Hobart, 7000.

Mr. H. J. E. Howe,
c/- H.M. Prison,
Risdon, 7000.

(NORTH)

Mr. L. Herbig,
48 George Street,
Launceston, 7250.

Mr. A. Becker,
Youth Support Scheme,
Cnr. Wellington & Brisbane Streets,
Launceston, 7250.

Mrs. M. Campbell-Smith,
131 Elphin Road,
Launceston, 7250.

(NORTH-WEST)

Mr. P. Donnelly,
c/- Probation Service,
Reece House,
Cattley Street,
Burnie, 7320.

Senior Sgt. D. Le Fevre,
118 Benigar Road,
Devonport, 7310.

Mr. D. W. Brothers,
P.O. Box 344,
Devonport, 7310.

It was also confirmed that Mr. R.C.A. Burton (Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Tasmanian Branch) would replace Mr. J. G. Mackay on the National Executive as the Tasmanian State Branch Representative. Our hard working and very devoted Hon. National Secretary of the Executive, Mr. John Mackay will, of course, remain an ex-officio member of the Tasmanian Branch and, similarly, Superintendent J.J. Webberley (Co-opted National Executive Member representing Police in Australia) will also join the State Branch Committee as an ex-officio member

It may also be noted that Dr John Tooth, Chairman of the Tasmanian Branch is also Co-opted Member on the National Executive of the Council representing Forensic Psychiatry and Mental Health Authorities in Australia.

The Tasmanian Branch have resolved to hold three or four seminars per annum. Their next seminar will be held in Hobart, March, 1978 (on a date yet to be fixed) and which will have as its theme 'The Media'.

At Launceston, during July, 1978 they hope to hold a further seminar with the title of 'Education in Crime Prevention' and which will be followed in Burnie, during September, with a seminar under the title of 'Police and Welfare Services'.

TENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL

Membership will be pleased to note that much progressive movement is already taking place by the Tasmanian Branch Planning Committee for the Tenth Biennial Conference of the Council which will be held at the Convention Centre of the Wrest Point Hotel Casino between the firm dates of 13 - 18 August, 1979. Tasmania Branch suggests that the theme for the Tenth Biennial Conference will possibly be analogous to "Crime Trends and Crime Prevention Strategies", - taken from one item of the agenda topics of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders which is to be held in Sydney, N.S.W., August, 1980.

TASMANIAN BRANCH NEWSLETTER

The Tasmanian Branch is also genuinely commended for taking the early initiative to introduce in to their State a Tasmanian Branch A.C.P.C. Newsletter which hopefully will be published on a bi-monthly basis (and which will no doubt prove to be very healthy competition for the most progressive Q'ld Branch who has been publishing a similar publication since its inception in January, 1975).

Hon. Secretary Ron Burton will be pleased to receive any ideas or publication material which you may like to forward him for inclusion in his State Branch Newsletter.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

With the retirement of Mr. L. G. (Lloyd) Gard as State Representative on the National Executive and as Chairman of the South Australian Branch of the Council much regret has been expressed and recorded by and from Members of the National Executive. Lloyd Gard has contributed much to the affairs of the Council for many years now past and he gave us all the impression that he was permanently retiring from A.C.P.C. activities in order to get into training for permanent retirement from Public Service (some years into the future). Whilst his retirement from the National Executive has become effective we note with much joy that he still remains a very active member of the South Australian Branch Committee.

Lloyd's place as Chairman of the South Australian Branch Committee (and also as State Branch Representative on the National Executive) has been taken by the very able Rob Durant (Assistant Director, Department of Correctional Services, 345 King William Street, Adelaide)

The South Australian Branch currently is endeavouring to enlarge its membership and in this respect the Secretariat has assisted by recently writing to a number of unfinancial members in that State. Sadly, and most regrettably, we have only received acknowledgment (and renewal) from two of such persons and one organisation, to date.

The S.A. Branch will also be holding a number of interesting seminars during the course of this next twelve months and which will have as their topics:

- a) Should punishment fit the crime?
- b) Is crime really increasing?
- c) Unreported crime - how wide spread?

and d) Women in crime.

Further particulars (and seminar reports) may be obtained by making contact with Hon. Secretary of the S.A. Branch, Mr. R. J. Kidney, c/- Offenders Aid & Rehabilitation Services of S.A., Inc., 222 Halifax Street, Adelaide, 5000.

Readers may also be pleased to note that our immediate past Vice President, and Associate Member of the South Australian Branch of the Council, His Honour Judge A.B.C. Wilson, has recently been elevated to the Bench of the National Court of Papua New Guinea. We believe Judge Wilson will be moving to Papua New Guinea early 1978.

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Our Victorian Branch, guided by the very able Mr. Geoff Cuddihy as Chairman, appears to have an interesting programme outlined for 1977/78. The proposed programme is as follows:

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| Monday, November 7 | - | Child Abuse. |
| Sunday, December 4 | - | Visit to Allambie and Barbeque in Wattle Park with children from Allambie. |
| Monday, February 6 | - | Schools, teachers and delinquency. |
| Saturday, March 4 | - | Full day seminar at La Trobe (cost will be kept to a minimum but will include lunch and morning and afternoon tea) <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) Police - Juvenile Aid Bureau- Police School Liaison.2) Juvenile Offender in Victoria. |
| Monday, April 3 | - | 1) Youth Legal Services |
| | | 2) Youth Work Services. |
| Monday, May 1 | - | Children's Courts. |
| Monday, June 5 | - | Problems of Institutionalised Youth. |
| Monday, July 3 | - | Annual General Meeting and summing up of the year's programme. |

Speakers and locations (for mentioned seminars) are yet to be advised by the Victorian Branch. Further enquiry in relation to any item on this proposed programme may be directed to the Hon Secretary of the Victorian Branch, Ms. Cheryl McKinna, c/- Department of Social Science, Melbourne State College, 757 Swanston Street, Carlton, 3053.

It is personally pleasurable to be able to acknowledge that Mr Geoff Cuddihy is now the Chairman of the Victorian Branch. Geoff will be well remembered by A.C.P.C. membership as one of our 'founding fathers' and also as a gentleman who has continued throughout many years to devote himself entirely to furthering the aims and objectives of the Australian Crime Prevention Council. He appears to be aided and assisted by a first class working Committee in Victoria and included thereon, much to the pleasure of her many friends in A.C.P.C. throughout Australia, is former Vice President and long standing member of the National Executive, Dame Phyllis Frost, D.B.E., C.B.E., J.P.

At the Ninth Biennial Conference of the Council, held Sydney, August, 1977, the Victorian Branch supported Conference Resolution No. 1 which was moved by Dame Phyllis Frost and seconded by Captain W. Oliver. The Resolution reads:

"That a sub-committee be set up by A.C.P.C. to conduct a survey in all States and Territories of Australia to ascertain whether women prisoners have available to them rights, opportunities, facilities and standards of conditions as set down in the Standard Minimum Rules of the United Nations."

The National Executive, when later discussing this Resolution (on 18.8 77) resolved that this resolution be given priority and that after a survey had been done it could be published and available for distribution well before the 1980 United Nations Congress in Sydney. The National Executive also stressed that this was a survey that had to be done by all State and Territory Branches of the Council.

Dame Phyllis Frost is Chairperson of the sub-committee who will be responsible for carrying out and reporting upon the survey (required from within above referenced resolution) and she has recently advised the Secretariat that the questionnaire covering subject matter of the resolution will soon be circularised to all Branches of the Council for favour of their urgent attention and co-operation. We are sure that all Branches will co-operate with Dame Phyllis on this matter.

The Victorian Branch is also to be commended for their recent very informative and interesting publication under the title of "Studies in Shop-Lifting" (edited by Dennis Challinger). We commend purchase of this publication to all levels of membership. Copies of this publication may be gained through the Hon. Secretary of the Victorian Branch, - price \$3.00 plus postage of 60 cents.

Copy of mentioned report has already been circularised to all Branches throughout Australia and which may be perused by making contact with your local Branch Secretary.

Victorian Branch Associate Member and Churchill Fellow, Mrs. P.A.M. Mountain, (and who is also co-opted National Executive Member representing Voluntary Agencies and the Treatment and Care of Female Offenders in Australia) has recently returned from her extensive tour of Canada and the United States of America and where she carried out a study into "The Volunteer in the Criminal Justice System".

Welcome home Mrs Mountain and in a later Bulletin we hope to publish, for the information of membership, the result of your studies

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

Our new Chairman of the Western Australian Branch Committee is Mr. I. M. Vodanovich (Chief Probation and Parole Officer, Probation and Parole Service, Vapech House, 638 Murray Street, Perth, 6000). Chairman Vodanovich appears to be devoting himself with much zeal to this position. Congratulations Ivan and our compliments to your Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Messrs D. Mansfield and C.A. Blanchard who are nowadays commencing to keep the Secretariat informed of developments in your area.

We will also be pleased to learn result of your seminar on "Juvenile Panels - A New Focus" which was held on Wednesday, 23 November, 1977 and at which the keynote address was given by Mr. G. Aves, A/Assistant Director (Field and Welfare). Mr. Aves' papers were given under the titles of 'Have you ever been convicted of a Criminal Offence?' - and 'Alternative Methods of Dealing with Child Offenders'. The seminar panel consisted of Mr. E. Butterworth, Head of Dept. of Social Work WAIT; Det. Sgt. R. Crowe of the W.A. Police Department and Mr. H. Wallwork, Legal Practitioner and President, Civil Rehabilitation Council of W.A.

Copies of seminar report and/or seminar papers may be gained by making contact with Mr. D. Mansfield, Hon. Secretary W.A. Branch A.C.P.C., c/- Probation and Parole Service, Vapech House, 638 Murray Street, Perth, 6000.

The National Executive, and we are sure all membership throughout Australia joins with Secretariat staff in conveying to the Western Australian Branch, as well as to Mrs. Norma Campbell, our sincere sympathy in the sad loss of the late Colin Campbell. Colin, a long time Member of the National Executive representing Western Australia, was also a foundation member of the Western Australian Branch of the Council and in which he had held office bearing positions inclusive that of Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Committee Member. Colin's untimely passing will be a sad loss to Western Australia, to our Council and to all people who were privileged to know him.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY BRANCH

Hard working long time National Executive Member, Mr. Col Bevan (Assistant Director (Training, Australian Institute of Criminology), took the proverbial bit between his teeth in March 1977 and rejuvenated the A.C.T. Branch and which resulted in a former National President of the Council, Mr. R. W. Whitrod, being elected as Chairman of the A.C.T. Branch. (Ray, formerly Chairman of the progressive Q'ld Branch, was also responsible for formation of that Branch in January, 1976.)

Col Bevan remains as Hon. Secretary of the A.C.T. Branch and who is ably assisted by Hon. Treasurer George Johnson (who has recently been on the sick list having his neck stretched. Hope all is well, George and that you have fully recovered from this nasty experience). Glen Sutton, of Belconnen Remand Centre, is Deputy Chairman of the A.C.T. Branch but it could be that we may have a new Deputy Chairman in that area in the not distant future as rumour has it that the A.C.T. Branch may be losing Glen to a much warmer climate in the not distant future.

The A.C.T. Branch has formed a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Ray Whitrod, David Biles (co-opted National Executive Member representing Criminology in Australia), Ian Robertson and Col Bevan.

and who have been charged with the responsibility of launching a data-gathering survey of areas most affected by offences in the A.C.T., as well as places of residences of offenders. They aim for the awakening of public consciousness of the facts of crime in the A.C.T. with a view to the organisation of public action for its diminution and prevention

We look forward to publishing result of this survey for information of membership in due course.

An additional sub-committee of the A.C.T. Branch, consisting of David Murray, Glen Sutton, George Johnson, Doug Kerr and Ron Mitchelmore, is currently examining the new Child Welfare Ordinances (already existing in draft form) with a view to composing a submission to the Department of the Capital Territory highlighting some of its allegedly less than desirable provisions.

Brigadier M.J. Ewing (Associate Member of the A.C.T. Branch and Co-opted National Executive Member representing the Defence Force in Australia) has recently accepted Chairmanship of the National Executive sub-committee established for the purpose of considering and co-ordinating proposals re A.C.P.C.'s participation and contribution during the 1980 Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders.

Membership of this sub-committee is comprised of Brigadier Ewing and Mr. Bevan (A.C.T., Messrs. Hayes, Michaelis and Holles (N.S.W.) and P F.E. Johnson (Q'ld).

This particular sub-committee was formed resulting from National Executive Resolution No. 12-77/79 and which moved:

"That the Australian Crime Prevention Council, through its State Branches and the National Executive, make formal approach to the State Representatives on the Australian Consultative Committee of the 1980 United Nations Congress so as to ensure that those representatives are aware of the Council, its Branches, its activities and its concern to assist in the general running of the Congress."

NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

The Northern Territory Branch, under the Chairmanship of the Honourable Mr. Justice Muirhead, remains very much 'afloat' despite much hardship and considerable loss of membership as an aftermath of the devastating cyclone in 1974.

We are sure membership will agree that much praise and commendation must go to the Hon. Secretary of the Northern Territory Branch, Mrs. Dawn Lawrie, M.L.A., J.P., C.M.C. for the continued contribution which she makes in furthering the aims and objectives of A.C.P.C. in the Northern Territory. Mrs. Lawrie is also National Executive Member representing the Northern Territory Branch.

The N.T. Branch, whilst numerically small in financial membership, continues to meet on a monthly basis and it appears that it does keep itself very much involved in local problems of interest to A.C.P.C. and not the least of which is the problem of children being 'incarcerated' at Bremer Island.

The Australian Institute of Criminology, in conjunction with the N.T. Branch of A.C.P.C. recently held a Regional Seminar and Public Meeting in Darwin. The proceedings of same are to be circulated to participants and will then be available for distribution through the Hon. Secretary of the N.T. Branch.

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

It is now well known that the Honourable Mr. Justice Lee and his very hard working N.S.W. Branch Committee were responsible for hosting the most successful Ninth Biennial Conference of the Australian Crime Prevention Council at International House, University of Sydney, 11 - 17 August, 1977, and for which we offer to one and all concerned our hearty congratulations.

The Ninth Biennial Conference Proceedings have not, as yet, been published but we understand that the N.S.W. Branch Committee has this requirement well in hand. The Secretariat continues to receive numerous enquiries for provision of this publication. In order to save membership time (and postage cost in writing us re this matter) we should advise that all Conference participants will gain their respective issues through the N.S.W. Branch just as soon as the hard working volunteers in the N.S.W. Branch Committee are able to finalise the considerable detail required before such an issue can be published. When such distribution has been made from N.S.W. surplus stock (if any) will then be distributed through the Secretariat to other persons and organisations who have placed firm order for purchase of the document.

Whilst the National Executive were sad to lose the valued services of Superintendent Grant Fryer who retired from the outgoing 1975-77 Executive, we were also pleased to receive as his replacement from the N.S.W. Branch, Inspector Reg. Holles as the N.S.W. Branch State Representative on the National Executive for 1977-79.

Correspondence received from the N.S.W. Branch since the Ninth Biennial Conference has been rather limited but this is no doubt explainable by virtue of the numerous other duties and functions which they have had to attend to at the local level in finalising the aftermath affairs of the Conference. Membership, we feel sure, may in the future look forward to reading the individual contribution which we believe the N.S.W. Branch will make to the Bulletin.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

The Q'ld Branch continues to hold its very active monthly Committee Meetings and whilst much business is discussed and attended to at such meetings, - the work load emanating from within such meeting does not stop at conclusion of such meetings for Committee Members and general membership of the Branch.

We do not feel it would be proper to single out any particular member of the Q'ld Branch to compliment for the work and effort which is daily put into the affairs of the Q'ld Branch so our congratulations go to one and all. We would be remiss, however, if special mention was not made in appreciation of the efforts of the Hon. Secretary of the Q'ld Branch, Mr. Val Barlow and who has caused the voluntary position which he holds as Hon. Secretary of the Branch to become an almost full time occupation Val just does not leave any 'stones' unturned and he certainly knows how to dot his i's and cross his t's!! The Secretariat staff are really grateful to you Val for your extremely prompt attention to all correspondence and also for keeping us fully aufait with all A.C.P.C. activities and developments in your area. Such commendable action and activity on your part allows us to be able to keep the National President (and other interested authorities) fully conversant with A C.P.C. developments in Q'ld.

The Q'ld Branch has been responsible for producing some remarkably good seminars during this past year and which have included:

1. Crime-Prone Families;
2. Sentencing and Restitution; and
3. Police - Public Relations and Traffic Enforcement.

It is now anticipated that a 'Shop Stealing' seminar will be held in Brisbane early in the New Year. (Enquiries re this proposed seminar should be addressed to Q'ld Branch Committee Member, Sgt. G. Lane, Q'ld Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau, Police Headquarters, Makerston Street, Brisbane, 4000.)

Copies of all above mentioned seminar reports are available through Mr. V. M. Barlow, 27 Nundah Street, Kedron, 4031.

This Branch also produces a bi-monthly newsletter for all of its State membership and which, we believe, has gone a long way towards making the Branch the numerically strongest Branch which we have in Australia and which currently has a financial membership of 106. Val Barlow is totally responsible for production of this interesting and informative publication and which, we believe, he is nowadays also forwarding to other interested membership throughout Australia and overseas. Val would welcome your enquiries but, more importantly, he would be honoured if membership throughout Australia would care to communicate with him

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on subjects or papers which they would like to see printed in his newsletter, (providing, of course, that he retains the right, as editor, to publish only that which he considers relevant and in the interest of the aims and objectives of the Australian Crime Prevention Council).

Twelve copies of the Q'ld Branch Newsletter have now been published and circularised. A copy of issue No. 12 is attached to this Bulletin for information of membership (other than for distribution to the Q'ld Branch for their members are already in receipt of such copy). Such copy, will, we feel sure, give readers some idea of the overall activity of the Q'ld Branch.

The Q'ld Branch, amidst its many other activities, is also currently considering a serious drive for additional membership and we note with much interest that Val Barlow is looking forward to swelling their ranks to 'a further century or more'.

The subject matter of publication of a National Newsletter from the office of the Secretariat has long been muted. We should be delighted to comply with such requirement but with the greatest of respect to all concerned we ought to most respectfully bring to your notice that it is an almost physical impossibility to put together such publication if some Branches are not prepared to provide us with 'copy' of informative Branch news which they would like to see published in such a newsletter for circularisation to all membership.

In this issue we have produced a fairly poor issue of a news 'Bulletin' and for which we really can not make any apology. Much required material for inclusion herein has really not been forthcoming from some areas but which we feel sure will henceforth be commenced to be contributed if a genuine desire is expressed at all Branch level for the 'Bulletin' to be continued on a quarterly basis.

Perhaps we ought to also remind membership of part 1, Conference Resolution No. 5 (of 17.8.77) and which read:

- "1. That the National Executive and all State and Territory Branches publicise the Council and its activities through the media and that a newsletter or bulletin be issued on a quarterly basis in order that all members may be aware of meetings and seminars being held in other States."

Subsequently, at the first meeting of the incoming National Executive for 1977-79 this particular resolution was discussed at some length. One member commented that as all Branch Hon. Secretaries were volunteers in their respective positions it should be the responsibility of State Representatives to onforward required information to the Executive Director. Another Executive Member expressed the opinion that this should be tried on a quarterly basis and that such information should be forwarded the Executive Director by the 15th of each month.

Resulting from such discussions the following motion was moved and passed by the National Executive: