# **BRANCH JOTTINGS**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

The current officers of the Branch, elected at the Annual General meeting on the 24th July, 1986, are:

The Hon Mr Justice R. L. Purvis (Chairman)

The Hon Mr Justice J. P. Slattery (Deputy Chairman)

Mr E. deSousa (Honorary Treasurer)

Ms V. Walker (Honorary Secretary)

#### Committee members:

His Honour Judge D. L. Godfrey-Smith

Mrs M. North

Mr J. Parnell

Chief Superintendent L. Poulton, and

Mr A. Restuccia.

Mrs M. North was appointed State Representative upon the National Executive of the Council.

The Branch has arranged a number of seminars for the year. Topics already discussed, or to be discussed, include:

Women in Prison Taskforce Report

neighbourhood Watch and Safe Houses Programme.

Halfway Houses and Accommodation Provided for Former Offenders, and

Strategy for Crime Prevention in the Police Force.

#### **VICTORIA**

The Committee of the Victorian Branch for the current year are:

Mr John Van Groningen (Chairman)

Mr H. Buckley (Treasurer)

Mrs B. Penhall (Honorary Secretary).

#### **Committee Members:**

Mrs P. Mountain (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs B. McIntvre

Mr Les Coleman

Mr John Cain

Mr J. Armstrong

The Committee have arranged a number of addresses on topical issues. One which aroused considerable interest was an address by Mr Ian Joblin on the topic of, "The Role of the Forensic Psychologist and Psychiatrist in the Courts".

#### **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Under the chairmanship of Dr Derek Pocock, the Western Australian Branch is having an active year. Regular seminars are being held. Recent topics have included an address on child abuse by a child psychologist, safe houses and neighbourhood watch and a review of Aboriginal attitudes to the police.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

The Committee for the current year, elected at the Annual General Meeting on the 17th September, 1986 are:

His Honour Judge D. M. Brebner (Chairman)

Mr R. W. Whitrod (Deputy Chairman)

Mr P. J. Norman (Honorary Secretary)

Mr J. Witham (Honorary Treasurer).

#### **Committee Members:**

Ms H. Nicholls

Mr M. J. Tatnell

Superintendent W. Sampson

Dr A. Sutton, and

Mr G. Byron.

The activities of the South Australian Branch have largely been centred around preparations for the Biennial Conference to be held in Adelaide in August 1987. A sub-committee has, however, been doing valuable work on mediation in crime prevention and on the vexed question of child abuse.

#### QUEENSLAND

Pressure of other duties upon the office bearers of the Queensland Branch has led to that branch having a very quiet year. It is hoped that offers of assistance will soon be forthcoming and that the branch will soon resume normal activity.

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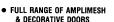
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