

BRANCH NEWS

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

The Branch is busy planning for the National Conference to be held in Wollongong from 2nd September to 6th September, 1991. The Branch Executive is working in conjunction with a Planning Committee at Wollongong. Mr. Frank Hayes, A.M., is working in close liaison with the Planning Committee. Treasurer, Mr. John Parnell, National Executive member, Mrs. Marge North, and the Conference Officer in Wollongong, Mr. Alan Peacock, are in charge of the financial budget. The first female Superintendent of Police in New South Wales, Superintendent B. Lawson, is now chairing the Wollongong Committee.

An article elsewhere in this issue gives details of the conference itself.

VICTORIAN BRANCH

The major activity of the Victorian branch in recent months was the organisation of a public seminar, held in conjunction with the La Trobe University, to discuss "Trends in Juvenile Justice." The principal speakers were Mrs. Donna Jaggs, Senior Lecturer in Criminal Justice, Dr. Garry Coventry, Lecturer in Criminology, and Dr. Geoff Asher, academic, author and lecturer.

The Branch has regular bi-monthly meetings which are well attended and it also conducted a very successful visit to the newly-constructed Loddon Prison near Castlemaine.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

The Branch has concentrated its activities on a programme of public seminars on topics associated with crime prevention. The most recent concerned "Crime and Street Violence" at which the principal speakers were Mr.

Jeff Murray, Acting Project Manager in the Office of Crime Prevention, Mr. Peter Stephenson, Manager of the Security Department of Coles New World, and Mr. Adrian Price, Technical Training Officer, RAC.

Topics to be discussed at future seminars include homelessness, street kids, community, and law training in schools.

A number of projects involving participation by young members of the community are in the planning stage.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

The Branch has been active in its support of the South Australian Crime Prevention Strategy and is directly involved in the work of the "Coalition Against Crime" established as part of the Strategy. The Branch is undertaking a leading role in two working groups of the Coalition. The working groups are concerned with community-based crime prevention programmes and with the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the National Committee on Violence.

Addresses to the Branch have been given by Reverend A.C. Male, AM, who spoke on the Shaftesbury Citizenship Scheme and other innovative rehabilitative measures being taken in Queensland and by Ms. Kate Hannaford (Churchill Fellow) and Mr. Andrew Paterson (Executive Director of the Victims of Crime Service) who spoke of their recent trip overseas to study services for victims of crime. They also studied crime prevention strategies in Europe and the United Kingdom.

A brochure called "Citizens Against Crime" is in the course of production and is to be used in a community awareness campaign and a membership drive which is being planned.

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