

South Australian Branch



S.A. BRANCH REPORT

Following the Annual General Meeting the Branch Committee has held regular monthly meetings, and arranged the following:

1. Seminar — Administration of Criminal Justice in South Australia.

Held in November, 1977, the seminar was arranged in conjunction with the Department of Continuing Education at Adelaide University. Speakers were the Hon. D. Simmons, Chief Secretary, the Hon. J. Burdett, shadow Attorney General and Mr. C.K. Stuart, S.S.M., Adelaide Magistrates Court.

Government and Opposition speakers outlines their policies and Mr. Stuart, gave the most entertaining speech on short comings in criminal justice, especially in the juvenile field. Attendance at the seminar was good.

2. Seminar — Relationship between Schools, Education and Crime.

This seminar, organised by the Committee was held in March, 1978. Guest speakers represented Police, Education Department, Parents Association and Teachers Institute. Good participation and subsequent publicity of the topic made the seminar a success.

3. Seminar — Probation and Parole.

Held at the University on 1st August, 1978, and arranged with the Department of Continuing Education, this seminar made use of the presence in Adelaide of the Chief Probation Officers from all the states at their annual meeting. The theme was on alternatives to imprisonment, and various alternatives were outlined to the seminar. As South Australia was to enact new legislation in a Treatment of Offenders Act, this seminar was timely.

Other matters pursued by the Committee was to enquire about a Crime Prevention Programme run by the Kiwanis, provision of Crime Prevention material from the Police Department to the Chamber of Commerce for publication in their journal, and preparation of material for further school based seminars on delinquency, etc.

The 1978 Annual General meeting was called for 19th September, 1978, but because of poor attendance and the resignation of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer an election was not held.

After a short recess a general meeting and election of officers was called for 20th February, 1979.

Because of the enthusiasm of His Honour Judge L.K. Newman and a membership drive instigated membership of Branch grew from 23 in January to 58 by the end of February and 73 by the end of March.

ELECTIONS — 20th February, 1979

Branch Chairman	Mr. G. Joseph
Vice Chairman	Mr. K. Cameron Stuart S.S.M.
Secretary	Mr. R.J. Kidney
Treasurer	Mr. N. Smith
S.A. Representative to Nat. Exec. Committee Members	His Honour Judge L.K. Newman Inspector A. Copeland Dr. W.A. Dibden Mr. L.D. Draper Miss H.E. Nichols

was welcomed by members. It was especially well received by N.S.W. members, two of whom, Mrs. M. North and Mr. A. Restuccia, moved the motion which was carried unanimously at the Ninth National Conference for the publicising of the Council and its activities in the media and the issuing of an informative quarterly newsletter. Contributions to maintain its high standard would be welcomed by Mr. J. Purcell, Executive Director, who is the Editor. Minutes of Branch meetings have been forwarded to the National Secretariat.

Suggestions for the transfer of the operation of the National Secretariat from Nobbys Beach were considered but not favoured by the Branch. Our State Representative, Inspector Reg Holles has attended the National Council Meetings. The election by the National Council of our two ex-officio members — Mr. F.D. Hayes and Mr. K. Michaelis as life members of the Council was fully deserved and well received by this Branch.

Much time and effort have been applied this year in finalising the remaining administrative aspects of the Ninth National Conference. The sum of \$5,000.00 received from the National Council for conference preparations and planning has been fully repaid. The conference resulted in a financial benefit to Branch funds, primarily due to the efforts of volunteers and donations received. The preparation and distribution of the permanent Conference Report of Proceedings, a foolscap publication of 203 pages, was finally achieved with distribution being effected to donors, speakers and delegates whose contribution had made this conference an outstanding success. Additional copies of the Report are available from the Branch Secretary at a cost of \$6.00, plus postage.

The Tenth National Conference has been scheduled for Hobart, Tasmania, from 13–17th August, 1979. Two members — Mr. A. Restuccia and Mrs. M. North will be attending as Branch delegates.

The recent news of the transfer of the Sixth U.N. Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders of 1980 from Sydney, was disappointing. Prior to this information, the Branch had appointed Mr. A. Lane as its delegate to the Hospitality Committee set up to assist, in particular, overseas and interstate visitors to the Congress. A liaison had also been established between the Branch Secretary and the N.S.W. Congress Committee. Following an invitation to members, the Branch had, as requested, nominated to the State Attorney General, members available for inclusion in the Australian Delegation to the Congress.

The Executive had held ten meetings in the past year, meetings at which all Branch members have been invited. Meeting times were altered to 5.20pm. Non-Executive members have attended meetings.

Appreciation is expressed to our Patrol, the Hon. F.D. Walker, LL.M., M.P., Attorney General for N.S.W., Mr. T. Haines, the Under Secretary of the Department of Attorney General and of Justice, Mr. M. Bennett, Mrs. M. Fields, Radio 2SM, our Executive and Branch members who have assisted in the development and progress of the Branch during the last year.

The objectives and ideals of the Australian Crime Prevention Council are most worthy. It is to be hoped that with an extension of membership and the introduction of a Crime Prevention Week, the significance of crime prevention in combating the principal co-ordinating body in the field of criminal justice, to challenge any community apathy in this regard.

The Executive decided to establish sub-committees to make on going recommendations in the following areas.

1. Promotion of the Branch.
2. Adult Corrections
3. Ethnic Groups
4. Juveniles
5. Property and Security
6. Drug Abuse
7. Education

A meeting of the general membership and invited guests was held on 21st June when the film "S.A. Juvenile Aid Panels" was screened.

Branch support has been expressed for the International Prisoners Aid Conference to be held in Adelaide in August, 1980.

Ten Members of the Branch attended the National Conference in Hobart.

Northern Territory Branch



Due to the extreme pressures of work on the local executive, the Northern Territory branch operated at a passive level for twelve months.

We then held our Annual General Meeting on 28th May, 1979 at the New Berrimah Gaol and the following executive members were elected:

Chairman	Mike Taylor — (Darwin City Council)
Vice Chairman	Keith Williams — (Y.M.C.A.)
Treasurer	Doug Orr — (Field Service — Correctional Services)
Secretary	Dawn Lawrie, M.L.A., J.P., C.M.C.
National Executive Representative	Bob Donnelly

The retirement of our immediate past Chairman, Mr. Justice Muirhead was accepted with deep regret.

Judge Muirhead's work at both branch and National level is acknowledged and appreciated.

His Honour remains an active member of our branch. Due to his efforts, the government of the Northern Territory has made a grant of \$500.00 to the Australian Crime Prevention Council.

Since our Annual General Meeting we have held regular monthly branch meetings, each with a specific theme and with a panel of people addressing the meeting.

Themes have included "The Cost of Crime" and Domestic Violence". Both these meetings attracted a fair number of people not previously involved in Australian Crime Prevention Council, and we are hoping to increase and broaden branch membership in this way.

Our new Police Commissioner, Peter Macauley, is supporting our work, as are Prisons and Corrective Services, Probation and Parole services and Legal Aid. With the continuing interest and concern of Mr. Justice Muirhead we seem assured of expansion and progress.

Delegates from Western Australia and Queensland will appreciate our problems with distance, at this stage other than encouraging similar work being undertaken in Alice Springs we have not been able to extend beyond Darwin. We do have input, however, from Magistrates, welfare officers and police personnel visiting outlying settlements and towns, e.g., Groote Eylandt, Maningrida, Yirrkala.

This interest may well develop into a more formal structure, but it would be foolish of the Darwin branch to push people into establishing "sub-branches" or similar simply for expansion's sake — we encourage the people in isolated areas to take an interest in Australian Crime Prevention Council, but it is for them to decide their level of involvement.

In conclusion, the Northern Territory branch is alive and well, and looks forward to an exchange of information with all branches in Australia.

Queensland Branch



QUEENSLAND BRANCH REPORT

During the two year period since the previous Biennial Meeting of The Australian Crime Prevention Council held in Sydney in 1977, the Queensland Branch has continued to grow and prosper. The Secretary to the Branch, Mr. V.M. Barlow resigned during the period under review due to ill health, but we were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. R.J. Redmond who has very competently carried out the important duties of Secretary during the past year or so.

The main activity of the Branch during the period related to the holding of seminars which were quite popular. During the year 1977-78 two seminars were held; namely,

Police Public Relations and Law Enforcement for which the Rapporteur was Mr. D. Draydon, Barrister.

The second seminar related to Juvenile Crime and Restitution and this seminar was probably the most successful of all seminars held by the Queensland Branch of the Australian Crime Prevention Council. The Rapporteur was Mr. David Biles of the Australian Institute of Criminology and the seminar certainly enjoyed lively discussion because of its rather controversial nature.

During the year 1978-79 two seminars were held. The first was a seminar on crime prevention planning which the Hon. Mr. Justice J.H. Muirhead acted as Rapporteur, and the second was held on the 4th April, 1979 and related to the subject of alcohol, drugs and drink driving.

Mr. Bridgland, Deputy Director of the Drug Dependence Centre in Adelaide and Drug Addicts Treatment Bureau of South Australia was Rapporteur.

During the period under review the strength of the Queensland Branch has increased dramatically. At the beginning of the period under review we had a membership of 91 and as at 30th June, 1979 there are 63 associate members, 22 organisational member, 6 voluntary organisational members, 3 life associate members, a current financial membership of 94 plus 41 members who have yet to renew for the year 1979/80. All possible attention is being given to the aspect of the renewal by members unfinancial.

I would like to pay tribute to the assistance given by Mr. J.H. Purcell, the Executive Director of the Australian Crime Prevention Council and his Secretary, Mrs. S. Rayward. They have assisted in many ways the Queensland Branch to its present very satisfactory position.

Annual Report on the activities of the Queensland Branch for the year 1978-79.

Presented by His Honour Mr. Justice M.B. Hoare, C.M.G., Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, Chairman of the Queensland Branch.