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FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the 2001 Annual Report of the Home Economics Institute of Australia. This report provides evidence of the Institute's practices, identifies initiatives designed to assist members, and demonstrates ways in which the Home Economics Institute of Australia has been recognised as the peak professional body for Australian home economists. The report has been prepared to serve two purposes. Firstly, by recording the Institute's major activities for the year, members are able to develop a picture of what has happened at national and Divisional levels across Australia. Secondly, the Annual Report provides evidence of the Institute's structures and professionalism and is an important document, used, for example, when advocating for the profession and when applying to funding authorities for grants to support our work.

Recognition of the Institute by both members and others as an efficient and effective organisation capable of achieving its identified goals, is critical to achieving the Institute's mission to enhance the professionalism and political legitimisation of Australian home economists, within current structures. We welcome your constructive comments about this report and any suggestions you may have to further our work.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading the report and will appreciate the achievements of your colleagues. Use this account of our work to demonstrate to others the Institute's achievements and the value in becoming a member and thereby contributing to the profession and the capacity of the Home Economics Institute of Australia to support all branches of the profession.



Dr Donna Pendergast
President

OBJECTIVES OF THE HOME ECONOMICS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA INC

The mission of the home economics profession in Australia is to educate, inform, and to act as an advocate to government, industry and the community, for families and households, so that individuals can make informed choices in order to enhance their everyday living.

As the peak professional body for home economics professionals in Australia, the Home Economics Institute of Australia represents the interests of home economists working in education, industry, community services, consumer affairs, and family and household management. The mission of the Institute is to enhance the professionalism and political legitimisation of Australian home economists.

The Institute was established to:

- provide a national focus for home economics and home economists;
 - promote public recognition of the role of home economists;
 - set professional standards for the practice of home economics and promote the professional standing of home economists;
 - encourage and assist home economists with continuing education and professional development;
 - encourage, initiate and coordinate research into areas related to home economics; and
 - cooperate and affiliate with bodies at a state, national and international level, concerned with the education and advocacy for families and households in their everyday living.
- The mission and focus of the profession are reflected in the Institute's logo. The concentric circles symbolise the family unit within the community and the world as a whole. Through the centre runs the flame of the lamp of learning.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2001

JANUARY – MARCH

- National biennial conference.
- Fellowships awarded to Suzanne Russell, Judy Ryles and Marilyn Yates.
- Service Awards presented to Rosemary Cramp, Gill Ginn and Judy Ryles.
- Leadership Awards presented to thirty HEIA members.
- Mail-out to 1900 secondary schools across Australia (except New South Wales) to promote home economics education.
- World Home Economics Day.
- HEIA becomes a member of the Federal Government's *Stronger Families* funding initiative.
- HEIA participates in ANZFA Health Claims meeting.
- Completion of the archiving of HEAA materials in the National Library of Australia.

APRIL – JUNE

- Gill Ginn elected as national President-Elect.
- *Myths and misinformation have no place in today's kitchen* - Steve Manfredi presents in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, attracting over 300 participants, courtesy of a joint venture between the Australian Pork Corporation and HEIA.
- *Food Safety Matters* posters sent to Sri Lankan schools.
- An overall draft strategy, called the *TSD 2001 Initial Strategy* developed to promote the supply of home economics teachers.
- Divisional task groups established to take actions to promote the supply of home economics teachers.

JULY – SEPTEMBER

- Commencement of distribution of 6100 copies of *Children and vegetables — bringing them together*, a project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.
- HEIA responds to the paper *Teacher standards, quality and professionalism: outcomes from a national professional summit*.
- 1994 HEIA materials archived in the National Library of Australia.
- HEIA reviews and then develops the description of a Home Economist published in the Job Guide (Commonwealth Dept Education, Training and Youth Affairs).

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

- Launch of *Food Choices the IT Way*.
- Completion of the *Fashion for the Sun* project.
- Completion of *Children and vegetables — bringing them together* project
- Participation in the national *Peoplescape* exhibition, displayed on the lawns of Parliament House - HEIA Fellow Judith Ryles was featured.
- Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing agrees to funding a review of *Food Safety Matters* and for a revised version to be distributed to schools and HEIA members across Australia, with HEIA one of three partners on the management team.
- *Attracting students* project established to attract high school students to home economics teaching.
- Strategic planning meeting for the period 2002–2005.



Celebrating the launch of Food Choices the IT Way (L-R) Gill Ginn (President - Elect); Jan Reynolds (HEIA (Q) delegate); Donna Pendergast (President)



Writers and reviewers at the launch of Food Choices the IT Way with Xyris Director: (L-R) Janet Reynolds (Q); Julie Taylor (SA); Miriam McDonald (NT); Lyn Peacock (NSW); Geoffrey Grantham (Xyris)

COUNCIL AND THE DIVISIONAL PRESIDENTS



*The Presidents (L-R)
Heather Crawford (NSW); Cheryl Conroy (Qld);
Donna Pendergast (National);
Miriam McDonald (NT); Julie Taylor (SA)*

2001 began with Council comprising the following members:

Donna Pendergast (QLD)	President
Marilyn Yates (WA)	Past President
Carol Elias	Secretary, Delegate, Western Australia Division
Jan Reynolds	Treasurer, Delegate, Queensland Division
Libby Donnelly	Executive member, Delegate, Tasmania Division
Carol Kotz	Delegate, Australian Capital Territory Division
Gail Clarkson	Delegate, New South Wales Division
Miriam McDonald	Delegate for and President of Northern Territory Division
Carol Smith	Delegate, South Australia Division
Karen Hucks	Delegate, Victoria Division

At the Annual General Meeting in April 2001, Gill Ginn took on the role of President-Elect. During the year, Marilyn Yates took on the position of Delegate for the Western Australian Division, taking over from Carol Elias. Carol Kotz took on the role of Secretary.

As can be seen, one member of Council was also a Divisional President. The other Divisional Presidents were:

Jenny Pardy	Australian Capital Territory
Heather Crawford	New South Wales
Cheryl Conroy	Queensland
Christina Tassell	South Australia
Melinda Williams	Tasmania
Debra Parnell	Victoria
Lyn Diver	Western Australia



*Heather Crawford President HEIA (NSW),
Gill Ginn, President-elect and
Jan Reynolds, delegate HEIA (Q)*

HEIA NATIONAL COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE	PRESIDENT Donna Pendergast (Qld)	PAST PRESIDENT Marilyn Yates (WA)	SECRETARY Carol Elias (WA) Carol Kotz (ACT)	TREASURER Jan Reynolds (Qld)	EXECUTIVE MEMBER Libby Donnelly (Tas)
	PRESIDENT ELECT Gill Ginn (Tas)				
COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES	Karen Hucks (Vic)	Carol Kotz (ACT)	Carol Smith (SA)	Miriam McDonald (NT)	Gail Clarkson (NSW)
	Education	Jan Reynolds (Qld)	Technology Education Marilyn Yates (WA)		
	Finance	Jenny McComb (Vic)			
	International Affairs	Irene Munro (NSW)			
	Membership	Carol Smith (SA)			
	Merchandising	Carol Elias (WA)			
	Professional Development	Marilyn Yates (WA)			
	Publications	Jan Reynolds (Qld)	Journal	Donna Pendergast (Qld) Jan Reynolds (Qld)	
	Public Health	Jane Dewing (SA)	Newsletter	Libby Donnelly (TAS)	
	Research	Donna Pendergast (Qld)			
Telecommunications	Christina Tassell (SA) Miriam McDonald (NT)				



*Gail Clarkson,
council delegate for HEIA (NSW)*



*Executive member Libby Donnelly, and
secretary Carol Kotz working hard*



*Some serious business at a
Council Meeting*

EXECUTIVE REPORTS



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present the report of the President of the Home Economics Institute of Australia, for the year 2001. Since commencing this role, my work as President has focussed on a number of key areas, some of which will be detailed in other reports compiled in this document. Some of the key areas during the twelve-month period that I will elaborate upon in this report are:

- review of the International Affairs Standing Committee;
- participating in the national biennial conference held in January 2001; and
- working with various committees in the initiation and implementation of recommendations of the national *Home Economics Teacher Supply and Demand* report.

The International Affairs Standing Committee review chaired by Carolyn Paulin came to a closure. The review committee recommended that the Standing Committee be retained, and that it take on a range of activities to establish international links. To that end, Irene Munro has taken on the role of Convenor of the committee, and a number of members have indicated their willingness to be involved. The first activity to

be funded will see the redistribution of resources to under-developed communities.

The national HEIA conference *Home Economics: A New Century, A New Challenge* was held in Canberra from the 11–13 January 2001 and hosted by the ACT Division. Conference convenors Pamela Taylor and Carol Kotz, along with their ACT conference task group members Dawn Smith, Jill Bailey, Annette O'Brien and Margaret Vile, are to be congratulated on their planning for what was a successful professional event, despite disappointing numbers of conference delegates. The conference was classified as a Centenary of Federation official event.

A feature of the conference was the awarding of HEIA Fellowships - to Suzanne Russell, Judith Ryles and Marilyn Yates, along with Certificates of Appreciation for exemplary service to the Home Economics Institute of Australia Incorporated, and to the home economics profession presented to Rosemary Cramp - for her contributions to HEIA, particularly the editing of the national Newsletter and Convenor of the Consumer Affairs Standing Committee; Gill Ginn - for her contributions to HEIA, particularly developing the Policy and Procedures Handbook, editing the national newsletter, and membership of the National Council; and Judy Ryles - for her contributions to HEIA, particularly to the national Treasury. Leadership Awards were also presented at the conference.

Divisions have been involved in the development of initiatives emerging from the publication of the report *Home economics teacher supply and demand to 2003 - projections, implications and issues*. The ongoing work emerging out of this report has underpinned much activity of the Institute for the last twelve months, guided by the convenor of the Education Standing Committee, Jan Reynolds. And it will continue to do



L-R HEIA President Donna Pendergast, Senator Jan McLucas and HEIA (Q) President Cheryl Conroy at the HEIA (Q) State Conference

so over the coming months and years given Council's decision to fund a major initiative in this area.

Some of the highlights of my role as President include the celebration of various successes of the Institute, at national and Divisional levels. This has included, for example, attendance at or participation in:

- forums and discussions in New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland to address the supply and demand of home economics teachers in Australia;
- the Tasmanian Technology Teachers conference;
- celebrations of World Home Economics Day;
- Queensland Division State Conference *New Times - New Direction*. It was interesting to meet with the guest speaker, Senator Jan McLucas and talk of strategy for the Institute at the morning tea break;
- six full-day meetings of the State and Territory Advisory Group Federal Government *Stronger Families* initiative, following HEIA becoming a member of the initiative. Suzanne Russell AM is the nominee in Victoria.
- the national *Peoplescape* exhibition, displayed on the lawns of Parliament House, in which HEIA Fellow Judith Ryles was featured.
- The national launch of *Food Choices the IT Way* in November in Sydney.

At the Annual General Meeting held in 2001, Gill Ginn accepted the role of President-Elect. She has taken on this role vigorously and professionally and I am confident that she will be an excellent President. Divisional members to Council remained stable during 2001, with the exception of Carol Elias, Western Australia delegate and National Council Secretary who relinquished these roles when Marilyn Yates resumed the role of delegate following the end of her term as Immediate Past President.

The role of the delegate to Council is a key role, as this person acts as a conduit between the Divisions and the National Institute. It is through the Divisional delegate that many issues are presented and dealt with.

I encourage all members to utilise their Divisional delegate in this way, and to consider taking on the challenging yet important role.

I wish to thank, most sincerely, HEIA Council members who have taken on a range of tasks into their already busy work and private lives. Jobs such as editing the newsletter, managing the membership secretariat, publishing the journal, maintaining the website, developing resources, liaising with public bodies, responding to reports and policy changes, running meetings, convening committees, organising conferences, planning for the future, and so on, are all massive tasks of HEIA Council, taken on voluntarily.

Members of HEIA are also to be thanked for their commitment to the professional group. For those members who are able to take active roles in all sorts of ways in Divisions, I offer you my thanks and congratulations. It is fitting that in the International Year of the Volunteer (2001), we remember that our professional institute still relies predominantly on volunteers for its success.

Dr Donna Pendergast
President

EXECUTIVE REPORTS *(Cont.)*

TREASURER'S REPORT

2001 was the first full calendar year with the Goods and Service Tax (GST). It was certainly an easier year than 2000, when six months was in the old taxation system and six months in the new system. By 2001, Jenny McComb had the software program running to meet our needs and all those involved in money matters understood the new 'rules' - that included most of the convenors of Standing Committees and members of Council. Much time was spent reviewing policies and procedures for all committees to ensure that new and continuing committee members were fully aware of responsibilities with respect to the tax. Although there was some increase in paper work, we encountered no difficulties with the GST and found the dreaded 'BAS' quite easy to complete.

2001 saw a continued streamlining of our accounting systems. We refined the system whereby our regular expenditure (capitation to Divisions, journal, newsletter, stationery, running costs etc.) was to be met by regular income (mainly from membership fees and profit from merchandising). Funds from externally funded projects were used to finance project work that would enhance our profession and support our members. We are pleased to report an operating surplus of \$15,498 for 2001. The surplus was derived, in the main, from externally funded projects. However, it must be noted if the many volunteers involved in these projects claimed for their work, there would be no surplus.

2002 will have to see a serious review of our membership fees if the high level of service offered to members is to be continued.

Dr Janet Reynolds,
Treasurer

Jenny McComb,
Finance Standing
Committee



Independent Audit Report

31 December 2001

To the members of the Home Economics Institute of Australia Inc.

Scope

I have audited the accompanying financial accounts of the Home Economics Institute of Australia Incorporated for the year ended 31st December 2001. The members of the Council are responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Institute.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the accounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion of whether, in all material respects, the financial report and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and Incorporation Act requirements are met, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Institute's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations for the year.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of the Institute is in accordance with:

- (a) The Associations Incorporations Act 1981, including
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Institute's financial position as at 31 December 2001 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and other Regulations; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements consistently applied for a non reporting entity.

C.H. Dobb FCA

C.H. Dobb FCA
Chartered Accountant Bentleigh 23 January 2002

Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31 December 2001

	2001	2000
INCOME		
CHILD NUTRITION PROJECT	126,043	
CONFERENCE	8,028	
EDUCATION PROJECTS	14,800	123,127
INTEREST	5,687	6,271
MEMBERSHIP FEES	80,478	81,850
MERCHANDISE	3,579	9,560
SCHOOLS MAILOUT	1,125	0
	239,740	225,808
EXPENDITURE		
ANNUAL REPORT	2,121	2,190
ARCHIVING	177	0
BANK FEES	2,017	2,307
CAPITATION	32,575	34,501
CHILD NUTRITION PROJECT	117,889	0
EDUCATION PROJECTS	14,156	95,121
EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS	324	261
FELLOWSHIPS	590	914
HEIA COUNCIL	13,723	8,731
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIAT	1,217	6,932
IFHE	332	576
INSURANCE	416	274
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	0	561
JOURNAL	20,840	20,693
NEF	150	120
NEWSLETTER	6,656	8,613
NNES PROJECT	0	10,113
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL	649	2,228
POSTAGE	1,548	4,428
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0	80
PUBLIC RELATIONS	72	0
RESEARCH	0	750
SCHOOLS' MAILOUT	0	680
SECRETARIAL	70	342
SPONSORSHIP	215	200
STATIONERY	6,607	9,178
TELEPHONE & FAX	1,599	2,987
WEB PAGE	299	1,039
	224,242	213,819
Operating Surplus (Shortfall) before tax	15,498	11,989
Income tax expense-		
Division 50/Sec (23e) exempt	-	-
Operating (loss) for the year	15,498	11,989
Balance brought forward	90,510	78,521
MEMBERS' RETAINED FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	106,008	90,510

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st December 2001

	2001	2000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	\$
Receipts from members etc	295,038	282,140
Payments to suppliers etc	341,109	266,437
Cash flows from activities	-46,071	15,703
Add opening cash funds	138,609	122,906
Closing cash carried forward	92,538	138,609

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2001

	2001	2000
MEMBERS' RETAINED FUNDS	106,008	90,510
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		
At Bank	3,117	31,763
On deposit HEIA Inc Term Deposit 1	43,532	39,247
HEIA Inc Term Deposit 2	0	22,196
ISABEL HORNE FUND	40,192	39,388
BEVERLY DIXON FUND	5,697	6,015
TOTAL ASSETS	92,538	138,609
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Conference 2001	0	38,580
Grant in advance	0	6,000
Australian Taxation Office/GST payable	-13,470	3,519
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	48,099
NET ASSETS (see Note 1)	106,008	90,510

Notes to and forming part of the Accounts

Note 1 The members of the Council, are of the opinion that the entity is not a reporting entity, as defined, and financial statements have been prepared as special purpose financial statement to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981. They comply with all appropriate accounting standards.

Note 2 Under current legislation, the entity is exempt from Income Tax — Division 50 / Sec 23 (e)

Statement by the Members of the Institute

In the opinion of the members of the Institute, the financial statements and notes of the Institute are in accordance with applicable accounting standards consistently applied for a special purpose report:

- (1) giving a true and fair view of the Institute's financial position as at 31 December 2001 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
- (2) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Institute will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due and payable

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Council for the Institute

Jenny McComb Jenny McComb - Member
Jan Reynolds Jan Reynolds - Member

Melbourne 14 January 2002

EXECUTIVE REPORTS *(Cont.)*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership Secretariat was managed by Marilyn Yates in 2001. Tenders were called for towards the end of the year to move the Secretariat into new management and in 2002 we will see the fulfillment of that tendering process. Our sincere thanks to Marilyn and family for their management and considerable input and improvement to the reporting mechanisms of the database.

Refinements to the database continued during the year, with the potential of electronic receipting explored. While we currently do not have the ability to process payment of membership online, it will be an area of consideration in the future.

Streamlining membership renewals, providing quality service to Divisions and attracting new membership are areas of continued research for the Membership Standing Committee.

Membership has declined slightly during this year with a further shift towards school memberships in some states, representing value for service and access to resources for those who are able to avail themselves of school membership. Some smaller Divisions have also managed to increase numbers slightly which is commendable. In order to remain viable and grow into the future, we will need to be proactive in promoting the Institute, and our Divisions to colleagues.

Membership ending 31/12/00 — 986 Members

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
Full	21	74	14	168	49	23	62	106	517
NIPE*	3	24	1	13	2	10	21	22	96
School Contact	2	3	0	57	2	1	3	15	83
School Non- Contact	7	10	0	159	4	0	8	35	223
Student With Journal	1	2	1	12	3	0	25	6	50
Student Without Journal	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	12
Associate	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	5
Total	34	118	16	411	61	34	124	188	986

Membership ending 31/12/01 — 947 Members

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
Full	14	59	10	157	49	22	40	112	463
NIPE*	5	21	0	8	2	12	24	16	88
School Contact	3	3	0	59	4	1	4	12	86
School Non Contact	11	8	0	177	14	0	5	37	252
Student With Journal	0	1	2	12	3	0	22	6	46
Student Without Journal	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	7
Associate	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Total	34	97	12	414	73	36	97	184	947

*NIPE = Not in paid employment

*Carol Smith, Convenor
Membership Standing Committee*

STRATEGIC PLAN 2001

The achievements of the final year of the 1999–2001 strategic planning cycle are detailed below. The examples illustrate achievements in the key result areas of membership, communications, products and services, organisational structure, infrastructure, marketing and advocacy. The Strategic Plan for the next three-year cycle 2002–2004 is nearing completion.

Membership

- The number of school members continued to grow, with 86 school memberships at the end of the year, compared to 40 at the end of 1998.
- Allowing for each school membership as representing one contact person and 2 non-contact persons for 1998 (records were not then maintained for non-contact persons), membership has increased from 918 at the beginning of 1999 to 947 at the end of 2001, an increase of approximately 3% (target was 18% increase over 3 years).

Communications

- News of the work of Standing and Sub-committees published in the national newsletter.
- Topical news related to consumer, health, education and industry issues published in the newsletter.
- All Divisions produced at least one newsletter.
- Professional articles communicated in the journal, along with a new section Journal Extra for updates in discipline information etc.
- Refinement and further development of the national HEIA website, with links to many Divisional sites.

Products and services

- Production of the 2000 *Annual Report*.
- Three issues of both the journal and national newsletter published.
- National biennial conference held in Canberra, January 2001.
- Dedicated conference edition of the journal published.
- Range of resources available at reduced costs to members.
- HEIA aprons and T-shirts available from the Merchandising Standing Committee.
- Provision of Divisional professional development such as workshops and conferences.
- *Myths and misinformation have no place in today's kitchen* - Steve Manfredi presents in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, attracting over 300 participants, courtesy of a joint venture between the Australian Pork Corporation and HEIA.
- *Food Safety Matters* posters sent to Sri Lankan schools.
- Completion and distribution of the *Fashion for the Sun* curriculum resource.

- Completion and distribution of 6100 copies of *Children and vegetables – bringing them together*, a project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.
- Completion and launch of the *Food Choices the IT Way* software package.

Organisational structure

- *Policy and Procedures Manual* updated and refined.
- Completion of the review of the International Affairs Standing Committee.
- Establishment of a paid Membership Secretariat.
- Representation on the National Education Forum (NEF) and the Technology Education Federation of Australia (TEFA).
- Increased use of electronic mail by Council and Standing Committee convenors for communicating between meetings (almost entirely dedicated).
- Continued promotion of HEIA's 1800 telephone/fax number.
- Strategic planning meeting for the period 2002–2005.

Infrastructure

- Finalisation of the review and refinement of the electronic data membership management system.
- Funding received in the form of project grants from three external agencies.

Marketing

- Responded to documents from organisations such as Australia New Zealand Food Authority.
- Review of description of Home Economists for the Job Guide (Commonwealth Dept Education, Training and Youth Affairs).

Advocacy

- Mail-out of membership promotional materials to 1900 secondary schools (except in New South Wales) in Australia.
- Advocacy for home economics at TEFA and NEF.
- Participation in ANZFA Health Claims meeting.
- Response to the paper *Teacher standards, quality and professionalism: outcomes from a national professional summit*.
- Promotion of home economics through World Home Economics Day events in Divisions.
- HEIA established as a membership on the Federal Governments Stronger Families funding initiative.
- An overall draft strategy, called the *TSD 2001 Initial Strategy* developed to promote the supply of home economics teachers.
- Divisional task groups established to take actions to promote the supply of home economics teachers.
- *Attracting Students* project established to attract high school students to home economics teaching.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION

2001 was an incredibly busy and productive year for the Education Standing Committee. The work of the Committee revolved around five major projects with other less demanding but nevertheless important smaller projects and issues being dealt with. The work was undertaken by the members of the Standing Committee, the Divisional contacts from every Division and the various sub-committees and reference groups that were established for each project.

One of the many major achievements for 2001 was the successful completion of the *Children and vegetables - bringing them together* project, a project funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing as part of its National Child Nutrition Program. Six thousand one hundred (6100) copies of the nutrition education curriculum resource were distributed to primary schools across Australia - except Queensland where schools received their resources in 2000, courtesy of the Queensland Fruit and Vegetable Growers. The resource materials include the reproduction of some of the materials from *The colourful world of vegies*, and the development of some new materials that show the links to curriculum documents in each of the states and territories. *Children and vegetables - bringing them together*, with its emphasis on encouraging an appropriate intake of vegetables, supports nutrition education focused on action-oriented health promotion, as opposed to simply knowledge about nutrition. The focus on vegetables supports a priority of SIGNAL (Strategic Inter-Governmental Nutrition Alliance) to promote the consumption of vegetables and fruit.

Another incredibly exciting project was the development of the resource *Food Choices the IT Way* for Xyris Software, launched in Sydney on 24th November, 2001. This resource was designed to encourage students to use information technology to make healthy food choices. It comprises a CD, which includes *FoodWorks* (a nutritional analysis computer program), a Teacher's Manual, and ten copies of the Student Workbook. This resource seems to fill a great need to encourage information technology in the home economics classroom, as well as supporting good practice in nutrition education that promotes health-promoting behaviour. All involved were rightly proud of their achievements.

Reviewer Lyn Peacock, HEIA (NSW), receiving her copy of *Food Choices the IT Way* from National President, Donna Pendergast at the launch.



Exploring *Food Choices the IT Way* at the launch.

Another great health-promoting project was *Fashion for the Sun*. The project commenced the previous year, but in order to produce the resource to the standard to which HEIA aspired, extra funding was sought. This extra funding was provided by Queensland Health, the original granting body. With the new funding, the Committee powered on to produce a fabulous curriculum resource that assists teachers to enable students to demonstrate outcomes from two learning areas - Health and Physical Education and Technology. Apart from leading the pedagogical way in working across learning areas, this resource was designed to empower our students to be more health-promoting with respect to skin cancer - living up to our mission to promote wellbeing. Several Cancer Councils across Australia have applauded HEIA for its innovative work. The Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australian and Western Australian Divisions all funded copies of the resource for their members. The funding from Queensland Health was used to pay for development costs and for resources for all Queensland schools.

The year ended with HEIA working with Queensland Health and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing on the *Food Safety Matters* project. This project will be completed in 2002 and will see a review and refinement of the Queensland resource *Food Safety Matters* and this resource being distributed to schools and HEIA members across Australia.

A lot of energy across the country was put into the Teacher Supply and Demand Project. Following the research conducted by HEIA, a 2001 Implementation Plan was developed to redress the problem of the shortage of quality home economics teachers. The aim is to create for Australian schools a supply of home economics teachers that matches the demand.

The Strategy involves actions at two levels: National and Divisional. The national strategy involves developing support materials for the Divisional Task Groups, identifying and promoting pathways for home economics teaching, identifying and documenting essential learnings for tertiary teacher preparation courses, working with other national organisations and advocating to federal politicians. The Divisional strategy involves meeting with employing authorities and tertiary institutions, promoting home economics teaching to high school students, advocating to state/territory politicians and mounting a media campaign. The Divisions shared their ideas and strategies but each Division worked according to local needs. Progress is slow and demanding as a voluntary organisation tackles the might of eight education departments as well as the non-government sectors, and countless universities. However, persistence and belief in what we are doing — keeping home economics teaching on the agenda — is slowly paying off. The project continues into 2002 when we hope to see results of the ground work completed in 2001. One message came out loud and clear as the Implementation Plan was put into action – practising teachers can play a huge part in modelling and encouraging home economics teaching as a career.

As in previous years, a mail-out of information packs to 2000 Australian secondary schools was undertaken at the commencement of the year. These packs contained information about membership, publications and projects as well as Divisional information regarding professional development activities planned for 2001. The mail-out is intended to create awareness about the Institute and its activities and to provide specific information about support available to home economics teachers.

In 2001, the Australian College of Education (ACE) advanced its project on teacher professional standards. The HEIA Education Standing Committee, along with the Divisional contacts for the Committee, gave serious deliberation to home economics teacher professional standards and made a comprehensive response to the ACE. This is another ongoing project with which HEIA will continue to be involved.

Other smaller tasks included developing for *Educare*, an educational journal, the profiles of three school-based home economics teachers who teach hospitality. The profiled teachers, all HEIA members, were Geraldine Sleba (Qld), Julie Taylor (SA) and Lyn Scantlebury (WA). Other 'written tasks' included developing school-based units of work for the journal and profiling in the journal articles of particular relevance to teachers.

HEIA membership of the Technology Education Federation of Australia and of the National Education Forum continued in 1999. Through project PACT (Professional Associations Together), NEF made available data projectors that can be borrowed free of charge by member organisations in every state and territory.

Dr Janet Reynolds
Convenor, Education Standing Committee

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

At the beginning of 2001, Carolyn Paulin was appointed as Convenor of a group to review the International Affairs Standing Committee (IASC), to determine whether or not this Standing Committee should continue to operate. This review came about when, at the end of 1999 participation by HEIA members in IASC had dwindled to two, and the Standing Committee had remained dormant during 2000. The Review Task Group recommended that HEIA should have an internationally-focussed group as part of its structure and that IASC should continue to exist. Irene Munro was invited to convene IASC and membership of IASC now includes: Irene Munro (NSW), Convenor; Dorothy Carey (Vic); Gail Clarkson (NSW); and Claus Jehne (Qld).

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(Cont.)*

The roles to be filled by the Standing Committee include:

- To promote exchange of learning, and facilitate contacts between groups;
- To undertake specific action projects;
- To maintain a network of contacts;
- To nurture an international approach;
- To become involved in projects in the Asia Pacific Region and develop a strong identity for home economists in the Australasia Pacific region;
- To prepare a plan for international engagement, and to include IFHE in that plan.

Irene Munro

Convenor, International Affairs Standing Committee

MERCHANDISING

During 2001, the Merchandising Standing Committee continued to offer a range of educational publications/resources, T-shirts and aprons. These products have become an important revenue-generating arm of our operations. All information regarding our products is available on the HEIA web page and is publicised in the journal and newsletter. One of the aims of the Merchandising Standing Committee is to reach more people and make them aware of the availability of these outstanding resources and the ease with which they may be purchased.

The resource *Food Safety Matters*, developed in 2000, has been very popular as a support to teachers in both schools and TAFE colleges in the promotion of food safety. In November an exciting new resource was launched in Sydney. *Food Choices the IT Way* is a software package, aimed at secondary students, designed to encourage students to make healthy food choices and increase their food literacy. We believe this will prove to be a 'must have' resource for all schools and other organisations undertaking nutrition education during 2002.

Sales of the T-shirt, developed at the end of 2000 for the national conference, have been quite slow during 2001. A new HEIA apron has been designed and sales of aprons have been steady since its release.

Carol Elias

Convenor, Merchandising Standing Committee.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The enduring value and importance of the field of home economics was affirmed at the Home Economics Institute of Australia Biennial Conference held on 11–13 January 2001. Canberra was a perfect choice for this, the first national meeting for the new millennium.

A key function of the Professional Development Standing Committee is to facilitate, through a Division-based conference planning task group, the production of national conferences that educate members regarding recent relevant developments, that stimulate discussion and debate about the issues confronting the profession, and which unite our members.

The conference program has typically been structured around a balanced program of keynote and guest addresses and concurrent sessions that includes panel presentations, individual papers and workshops. Like all HEIA conference planning task groups, the ACT group met the challenge of obtaining keynote and guest speakers who met the varied needs of the diverse audience. In keeping with developments in technology, participants received a CD version of the 2001 Conference Proceedings.

A tradition is being established regarding the nature and content of the opening and closing ceremonies. The opening ceremony of the 2001 conference again included an acknowledgement of the traditional landowners of Canberra and the closing ceremony, in this the *Year Of The Volunteer*, acknowledged through leadership awards the unpaid contribution that so many of our members make to the effective and efficient functioning of the Institute.

The conference dinner that was held in old Parliament House was superb. The parade of fashions from the past, fine food and music combined with what is now an established tradition of presenting the HEIA Fellowship awards contributed to this being a memorable aspect of the conference.

The handing over of the HEIA banner and planning files by President Donna Pendergast at an informal ceremony at the conclusion of the 2001 conference demonstrated that conference planning is an ongoing focus of the work of HEIA. The remainder of 2001 has been devoted to developing a strong foundation for the next conference to be held in January 2003 in beautiful Adelaide.



The South Australian Division conference planning committee immediately commenced working to produce yet another successful conference.

Marilyn Yates - Convenor, Professional Development Standing Committee

PUBLICATIONS

In 2001 the major roles of the Publications Standing Committee fell into two categories: publishing resources to support the work of other committees; and publishing the quarterly journal and newsletter.

Support for the Education Standing Committee in 2001 was huge. Support included the publication of 6100 copies of *Children and Vegetables – bringing them together*, a major undertaking with the resource comprising multiple elements. Also published was the resource *Food Choices the IT Way* — this time in red and purple — a year of strong colours! *Food Choices the IT Way* produced new challenges for the Publications Standing Committee as we learnt about printing solid colours on plastic boxes and printing on to CDs. The final major task for the Education Standing Committee was to publish the *Fashion for the Sun* resource, this resource demanding a different presentation package again. It was a fun year as we worked with designers to come up with concepts to suit the resources and to suit the image of contemporary home economists. We believe that the images produced do match our profession - strong, 'with-it' and appropriate.

Membership forms and Information Updates were printed to support the Membership Standing Committee,

along with a range of stationery items to support all committees, administration in general and the Divisions. The publication of the Annual Report was managed by the Publications Standing Committee.

The HEIA newsletter, *HEIANews* is now prepared and published three times a year. Under this arrangement there was an over subscription of copy for some issues during 2001, a very desirable situation! It is hoped that the publication of three issues per annum will enable each issue of the newsletter to run to maximum capacity of 16 pages. The process of publication, printing and dispatch continues to be carried out in Tasmania, under the management of editor Libby Donnelly.

As reported in last year's Annual Report, it was decided that in 2001 there would be only three issues of the journal per annum. 2001 saw the introduction of a new section in the journal - *Journal Extra*. This new section includes items such as reviews, units of work for use in the classroom, and updated information related to our field of study such as that related to nutrition, food technology, textiles and environmental issues. *Journal Extra* was a complement to the academic articles that occupied the bulk of the journal.

We were delighted in 2001 to attract articles from overseas authors who wrote specifically for the journal. The first issue of the journal focused on articles from the national biennial conference.

Dr Janet Reynolds, Convenor, Publications Standing Committee and Journal Co-editor

Dr Donna Pendergast, Journal Co-editor

Libby Donnelly, Newsletter Editor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(Cont.)*

PUBLIC HEALTH

During 2001, the Public Health Standing Committee continued to fulfill its role of responding to government and industry on public health issues. Our main area of activity has been representing HEIA at a number of forums conducted by ANZFA.

In March I attended a meeting in Sydney on possible changes to regulations about health claims. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues raised from submissions received on the direction ANZFA should take in relation to this matter. Michael Mackellar, chairman of the ANZFA Board, and ten other board members were present. HEIA was invited as one of the key stakeholders. Other stakeholders included the Public Health Association of Australia, Dietitians Association of Australia, Diabetes Australia and Australian Consumers' Association. It was encouraging to learn that an overwhelming concern from many groups was that adequate resources be made available for the substantiation of health claims and the establishment of a framework that enabled claims to be rigorously regulated and monitored. During lunch I was pleased to learn from one of the board members that they had noticed an increased presence of HEIA. I congratulate Rosemary Cramp for her persistence in writing submissions as I believe that this has contributed to that view. My thanks to the SA Division for their sponsorship as they provided the financial support that allowed me to attend this meeting.

Other meetings convened by ANZFA were attended by HEIA members living in the state in which the meeting was convened. This resulted in an extension of the HEIA public health network and overcame financial issues. Suzanne Russell attended a stakeholder forum in Melbourne on the review of nutrient content of foods and other related claims. Julie Gay attended a public health professional forum in Canberra. This meeting was convened to give representatives of ANZFA the opportunity to present the new regulatory reforms for food regulation and health-related labelling.

Individual members of the Public Health Standing Committee responded to the questionnaire that was the first stage of the Review of Dietary Guidelines for Australians and Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents incorporating Infant Feeding Guidelines.

Jane Dewing
Convenor, Public Health Standing Committee.

RESEARCH

The Research Standing Committee conducted research into the satisfaction by Queensland teachers with the resource *Food Safety Matters*. The research was commissioned by Queensland Health as part of the review of the resource before revising it and distributing it to schools and HEIA members across Australia.

Dr Donna Pendergast
Convenor, Research Standing Committee

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The functions of the Telecommunications committee in 2001 have been to:

- Monitor and update the website;
- Prepare and have endorsed policy and procedures for the Telecommunications Standing Committee;
- Facilitate access to Divisions to link to the website;
- Prepare guidelines for Divisions attached to the HEIA website.

With the expert assistance of Shaun Nykvist the www.heia.com.au/ website has continued to develop into a valuable resource for HEIA members nationally. Ongoing development of the website is a high priority in the HEIA Strategic Plan. An initiative this year has been the new page which explores 'What is a Home Economist', as well as highlighting training options for those interested in becoming a home economist. This will further develop in 2002 with links to the tertiary institutions that offer training for home economists.

Feed back is very important and members are encouraged to submit their comments to the website managers. If you have not accessed the website, please visit on <http://www.heia.com.au/>.

Miriam McDonald
Convenor, Telecommunications Standing Committee

DIVISIONAL REPORTS



Doreen Andrews, recipient of the HEIA (NSW) International Year of the Volunteers Award *Recipient of the NSW TAFE Award, Annie Hall (centre) with Gillian Shadwick and Sherry Hill* *HEIA (NSW) President Heather Crawford*

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

The national biennial conference, held in January 2001 in the ACT, was organised by a very talented team from the ACT Division. Pamela Taylor, Carol Kotz, and their band of workers, are to be congratulated on their fine efforts on behalf of all of us. It was a pleasure to be a participant at the conference and great to catch up with friends from interstate.

In March, the Division wrote a submission to Healthpact for the purchase of the new *Food Safety Matters* resource to be provided to each high school and college in the ACT, and to individual members. Although unsuccessful, I have been informed that the Federal government is to supply this kit to all schools Australia-wide in 2002.

At the Annual General Meeting in March, only three people stood for eight executive positions. I was asked to take on the position of president and to form a committee. The committee decided that, due to a limited resources, we would not be able to provide the service that has been given to the ACT in more recent years. One newsletter was produced and a well-attended and successful World Home Economics Day function held on 21st March.

Our first professional development activity was the sharing of curriculum ideas for students from Years 7–12, a great benefit to those who had registration documents to prepare. At the beginning of Term 3, Rosemary King of the University of Canberra organised a very successful technology workshop for the Division at the University. We were shown how to use Power-Point and the digital camera. Rosemary explained all about 'systems' and what they mean to our teaching area.

In November, a Special General Meeting was held to elect the committee for 2002. Unfortunately no one volunteered to take on a position. The result of this was that the 2001 committee was to continue to function until March when an AGM will be held.

I would like to thank all the committee members for agreeing to take on their roles as committee members, in particular Beth Smith, Doris Shiels, Carmel Griffin Warwicke, Carol Kotz and Annette O'Brien. I would also like to thank Pamela Rex for her guidance as our past president.

Jenny Pardy
President

NEW SOUTH WALES

The Executive of the New South Wales (NSW) Division has had an extremely busy year ensuring that member activities were organised, business conducted in a most professional manner, and appropriate representation undertaken.

Great strides were made in establishing our Divisional webpage which will be launched in early 2002. It features information on careers in NSW and job vacancies. Thanks are recorded to Scott Parker and Lynn Parker for their driving force to get this up.

Many positive outcomes and programs have occurred in response to the Teacher Supply and Demand document that was written early in the year, with several meetings held with the Teachers Union, Department of Education and Training, and Universities to ensure levels of NSW teachers remain high.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS *(Cont.)*



HEIA (NSW) Executive with the NSW Minister for Education and Training



Chef Bharat demonstrating Indian cooking techniques for HEIA (NT) members



HEIA (NT) President Miriam McDonald with Jill Smith



Dr Shaun Somerset enthralled delegates at the HEIA (Q) conference



HEIA (Q) conference committee (L-R); Di Stamp, Alisa Cancellier, Stephanie Wright and Di Gabbe



Queensland members welcome a New Zealand delegate at the HEIA (Q) State Conference

Meetings were held with Nutrition Australia. We look to 2002 to see many new joint activities being conducted as a result of our deliberations.

The many successful activities this year include the Retirees' Luncheon, O'Malley Award function and the granting of the HEIA (NSW) International Year of the Volunteers Award to Doreen Andrews for over 30 years of support of both the National and Divisional Home Economics Associations.

In December 2001, the HEIA(NSW) Executive was presented with an award from the Professional Teachers Council by the NSW Minister for Education, The Hon. John Watkins for 'commitment to quality education for students of NSW and to the teaching profession'. Representation at all appropriate Professional Teacher Council meetings and DET curriculum meetings occurred and through the Professional Teachers Council we participated in a NSW schools mail-out which increased membership. Thanks are given to Louise Duvernet and Maureen Cattrel-Davis for their involvement with these activities.

Thanks are recorded to Gail Clarkson for her continued role as Council representative and her involvement in all IFHE matters on our behalf.

Again, the NSW Division presented the TAFE Award. This year's recipient was Annie Hill, a student at Baulkham Hills College of TAFE.

I place on record my sincere thanks to the executive members, namely, Sherry Hill, Julie Gay, Lynn Parker, Louise Godwin, Doreen Andrews and Louise Duvernet for all their hard work and dedication to

ensure the NSW members were provided with appropriate representation and activities.

Heather Crawford
President

NORTHERN TERRITORY

HEIA(NT) members were treated to a diverse range of activities in 2001. The lure of tropical dining experiences was a feature of most gatherings of HEIA(NT). 2001 began with a meeting of 'old' and 'new' teachers at a new restaurant - it was exciting to meet teachers from interstate with a wealth of experience.

For the first time our Annual Conference was held on a school day. The focus was on familiarisation with the new Northern Territory Curriculum Framework and the new Stage 1 requirements for teachers for 2002. Areas covered were programming, assessment, literacy demands of home economics students, teaching students with disabilities and an interesting insight into curriculum directions in New South Wales. It was a very full day.

A very interesting evening was held at the local Homemaker Centre where we were treated to the latest in cooking technologies. We went away wishing our budgets were considerably larger!

Home economics teachers turned into students at one of our most enjoyable evenings. Chef Bharat from Northern Territory University demonstrated a range of Indian cooking techniques and dishes which we then prepared. Apart from being great

fun, it was an invaluable learning experience and, of course, a veritable feast at the end of the night.

HEIA(NT) continued to recognise the achievements of our top Year 12 students with awards in 2001 to three students.

Two long-standing home economics teachers and loyal HEIA members commenced leave and eventual retirement in 2001. Helen Hill has taught and served in Northern Territory education for 26 years. She has played a significant role in Vocational Education and Training. Helen held the position of Principal Education Officer of Home Economics, and made a significant contribution to home economics. She was also actively involved in HEIA over many years. Jill Smith, another long serving teacher and ex HEIA(NT) president, also commenced leave in 2001. Jill is a committed and generous teacher and colleague who has made a substantial contribution to the professional needs of colleagues over many years.

An interactive website for NT members was launched at the Christmas dinner. This enables members to chat, leave messages, share resources, download and upload files. Initiated by our secretary Penny McIntyre, this will be invaluable during 2002, especially as we begin implementation of new programs. This will also enable remote teachers to become involved.

Many thanks to our members for their inspiration and commitment in 2001.

Miriam McDonald
President

QUEENSLAND

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the Queensland Division for 2001. The Queensland Division has held its membership base of individual and school groups at over 400 members. Response to our comprehensive professional development program, the newsletter and range of support activities would certainly be factors contributing to these pleasing numbers.

World Home Economics Day Gala Dinner celebrations incorporated our Queensland Excellence Awards, National Leadership Awards and the presentation of the O'Malley scholars. This wonderful occasion allowed us all to celebrate the efforts and achievements of our peers as well as exhibit the pride we have in being part of this great profession of home economics educators.

Once again, the focus for our Divisional activities in 2001 was the professional development program. Under the leadership of Therese Curran, the professional development committee organised workshops in Brisbane and ten regional centres. This required a detailed and committed organisational effort by a highly competent team. Workshops included introduction of the new junior home economics syllabus and the related pedagogical practice needed to address this rapid period of change. Our thanks must go to Kathryn Holzheimer and Janet Reynolds for not only the time and effort in the planning and delivery of these workshops, but also their endless enthusiasm and advocacy for home economics.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS (Cont.)



HEIA (Q) President Cheryl Conroy (left) presents the Excellence in Teaching Award to Lorraine Hooper

A breakfast seminar delivered by Dr. Peter Gresshoff focussed on genetically modified food. This extremely well attended event provided much stimulating discussion.

Following the successful 2000 devolution of organisational responsibility to a school group for conference organisation, responsibility for the 2001 conference was devolved to Dianne Stamp and her team of Gold Coast colleagues. They worked enthusiastically to organise a highly successful event which culminated in a cocktail party during which old and new acquaintances had the opportunity to relax well into the evening.

During 2001, Helen Keith took on the role of coordinating Queensland's contribution to the Teacher Supply and Demand Project. Meetings have been held with QUT and Education Queensland, with actions as a result of these meetings to be taken in 2002.

The Division concluded its research project titled *Home Economics in Queensland Schools*. The purpose of the project was to ascertain whether the concerns expressed by a group of our members were wide spread throughout the state. The report has been submitted to the Minister for Education and we are awaiting her considered response to the issues raised.

Our newsletter, *InForm*, has continued to be edited by Michelle Nisbet who has produced a quality information medium for our members.

The Division has continued to provide representatives to all subject advisory committees that are part of the authorities responsible for syllabus development. This representation has proven to be of great importance in bringing to near completion, the junior technology and home economics syllabus documents.

The Division has again supported the work of the National body. Members had the opportunity to respond to and provide advice for the production of two excellent resource packages, *Food Choices the IT Way* and *Fashion for the Sun*. As part of the process of introducing these packages to our members, a Queensland launch of *Food Choices the IT Way* took place and members have each been provided with a copy of *Fashion for the Sun*.

The current and future success of the Queensland Division depends on the enthusiasm, professionalism and amazing commitment of our executive committee team. I would like to extend my gratitude to all who have assisted. While 2001 has been a particularly busy and challenging year for HEIA (Qld), I have continued to enjoy my role as President.

Cheryl Conroy
President

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A very rewarding and successful year has been experienced by HEIA in South Australia this year, thanks to all of the hardworking executive.

At the start of the year, we distributed the Divisional newsletter to all secondary schools as well as members. This proved beneficial as numbers at our activities increased and we were able to improve awareness of HEIA's contribution to the profession. However, it has been decided to discontinue general distribution during 2002 as feedback received indicated that the newsletter was not always finding its

way to the home economics department. Money saved will be redirected to our website.

Popular activities during the year include the Day on Yorke Peninsular, World Home Economics Day breakfast, a workshop at Rosa Matto's Cooking School, and a visit to Warrawong Earth Sanctuary. Each of these activities were well attended and provided valuable opportunities for networking, gaining information and of course enjoying the bounties of our wonderful state.

Considerable effort has also gone into the Teacher Supply and Demand Project, with the result that at last we are making progress. A record of over 20 requests for guidance from people wishing to train as home economics teachers has added weight to our advocacy. This included preparing a submission for a parliamentary Select Committee and the UniSA Review of Education. Meetings with representatives from both Flinders and UniSA have laid the groundwork for suitable courses being developed, such that we have heard that these courses are now imminent. Yes!!

As testimony to the increased status of HEIA(SA), the Department of Education, Training and Employment has approached HEIA(SA) to assess several prospective teachers to ensure that their knowledge and skills are of a suitable standard for them to be offered contract positions. Christina Tassell went to Whyalla for two days and was pleased to report that the teachers concerned were of high quality and demonstrated a very professional outlook. We welcome them and look forward to their membership.

We were very impressed by the calibre and dedication demonstrated by our O'Malley applicants. In difficult circumstances, these students have managed to identify and pursue courses to ensure that we will continue to be supplied with dedicated and passionate home economists. It is gratifying to observe the quality of teachers emerging from the maze of courses available to gain appropriate qualifications.

Burgeoning numbers in PES Nutrition has created increased demand for more highly trained teachers for this subject and, in addition to running several workshops on FoodScan2000 and FoodWorks, HEIA established links with UniSA to provide a suitable course to update knowledge and skills of current teachers. One of our most successful ventures has been the production of the PES Nutrition Study Guide, and this year, complete with new, modern cover, in response to repeated requests, we have included some sample answers for the examination. The guide has continued to sell well, with 400 copies distributed this year.

During 2001, partnerships were formed with the Children's Health Development Foundation in the planning and implementation of the *Creating a Stir* project, of which HEIA coordinated the secondary cooking competition. Despite relatively few entries, the standard was very good. The experience for students in developing healthy recipes that they demonstrated to the public at the 'Home Show' proved to be a very worthwhile one which reinforces aims to continue the competition.

Of course, the major focus for SA this year has been the planning and development for the National Conference in 2003. Under Christina Tassell's energetic guidance, the conference committee has made great progress and the conference is shaping up to be a wonderful experience for all involved.

This report would not be complete without special thanks to all executive members for their untiring dedication and efforts. The camaraderie, enjoyment and satisfaction shared over the year must be the reason they continue to do the things they do. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Sue Koenders and Bronwyn Colegate for their exceptional contributions as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Thank you also to Carol Smith, Anna Kelly, Chris James and Brigitte Parr. Under the inspirational leadership of Christina Tassell, I truly believe that HEIA(SA) has had its most successful and rewarding year during 2001.

Julie Taylor
President

DIVISIONAL REPORTS *(Cont.)*

TASMANIA

Tasmania was well represented at the national conference in Canberra during January. This conference provided our delegates with stimulating speakers and interesting workshop presenters, and a valuable opportunity for members to network with colleagues from all parts of Australia and overseas.

During 2001, HEIA(Tas) held three state-wide meetings and numerous regional get-togethers. The regional activities, offering a variety of food and textile topics, were well supported, whereas participation of members at a state-wide level fluctuates.

In March, members and guests gathered at St Patrick's College in Launceston to recognise our High Achievers at Year 11/12 and University level as well as celebrating World Home Economics Day. The following presentations were made: King and Amy O'Malley Scholarship, Muriel Marshall Award, Mary Fist Scholarship, Top Achievers in pre-tertiary Food Studies and Housing and Interior Design, and Year 11/12 Catering Management and Textiles and Design.

Dr Donna Pendergast accepted our invitation to present a keynote address as well as to run a workshop at the State Technology Conference in Launceston in May. Her stimulating presentations were very well received by home economics teachers in attendance.

The University of Tasmania had undergone a review process of the Bachelor of Teaching program. We acted upon this opportunity to express our concern in relation to the training of home economics teachers in our State. We felt we had a positive hearing and we await with anticipation the recommendations from this review.

Our membership is rather small compared to other Divisions but we are indebted to the willingness of many individuals who have actively participated on various committees at National, Divisional and Regional levels. Our organisation could not function without the valued contributions of our members ensuring that our voice is heard at all levels.

Rita Cawley
President

VICTORIA

2001 was an eventful and rewarding year for the Victoria Division. While our membership has not grown, the Committee has continued to endeavour to meet the interests of the various sectors of the Division, and to consolidate relationships with a range of organisations that have an interest in, and share the aims of the Institute.

The year commenced with a high representation of Victorians at the national conference, with 35 members attending, including 11 students. Victoria was honoured to have two of its members recognised for their contribution to the profession, with Suzanne Russell and Judy Ryles awarded Fellowships of the Institute.

World Home Economics Day was jointly hosted by HEIA(V), VHETTA and Larnook ex-Students Association, with the Jean Pollock Memorial Lecture and incorporating the O'Malley Scholarship presentations. The successful celebrations were held in conjunction with the launch of the exhibition *Australian Food and Society 1901–2001*, presented by RMIT University from the Emily MacPherson Collection, as part of the Centenary of Federation.

A number of successful events were held during the year. As part of our 'New Restaurant Concepts' series, members enjoyed a memorable evening at Zukini restaurant, the first fully certified organic restaurant in Australia. A highly successful and informative Food and Nutrition Update was held in September focussing on Food Safety. The forum was of interest to home economists working in a range of settings, as it coincided with a major State Government campaign to promote the new food safety legislation.

The Division continued to work closely with tertiary students, with representatives from both RMIT and Deakin universities participating on the committee. The Student and Recent Graduates Special Interest Group delivered two very informative evenings during the year. The first focussed on the O'Malley Scholarships. The second evening was a workshop on 'the Hidden Job Market', giving students insight about how to find positions that will utilise their skills and interests.

The Victoria Division had great pleasure in presenting Peta Chubb (RMIT) and Jenny-Lynn Potter (Deakin University) with HEIA(V)'s awards for the most outstanding home economics students entering final year.

The committee was also involved in a number of 'behind-the-scenes' activities during the year, including convening a Home Economics Teacher Supply and Demand Task Group, and working closely with VHETTA and representatives of both Deakin and RMIT universities to develop and implement strategies to address this issue. In addition, a new edition of *Cooking for One or Two* cookbook is being prepared, with assistance from students from RMIT. This has been a great opportunity to update this successful resource, and it is anticipated that this valuable community program will continue to be developed in 2002.

My first year as President of the Victoria Division flew by, with many gains made and significant plans being made for the future. The contribution of the committee and many other people has been much appreciated. With new people taking on active roles and the experience of those who have preceded us, the Division can look forward to further rewards in the coming year.

Debra Parnell
President

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The first function for 2001 was on World Home Economics Day at a new school recently opened in Shenton Park. The evening began with a tour of the school and its wonderful facilities. This was followed by the AGM and then a very informative talk from a member who had attended the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) Conference in Ghana. This new initiative to combine World Home Economics Day and the Annual General Meeting was well received by members and will be repeated in 2002.

A workshop to discuss the Post Compulsory Review was the first of a number of professional development workshops that were held in 2001. With many proposed changes to our current upper school curriculum, the workshop provided a chance for HEIA(WA) members to formulate a response to the draft document. Several other workshops with a curriculum or Information Technology focus were held throughout the year and provided relevant professional development for members.

Food Cent\$, a combined project between the Health Department and HEIA(WA), aims to train home economists in using the Food Cent\$ program as a tool for nutritional evaluation, budgeting and improving dietary habits. During 2001 several teachers were involved in the trialling of outcomes-based learning programs which include the Food Cent\$ program. These resources will be collated, modified and released for use in schools in 2002.

The annual HEIA(WA) scholarship of one thousand dollars was awarded to Holly Carmody who will begin full-time studies to become a home economics teacher at Edith Cowan University in 2002.

Our journal, *Westward Home*, continues as our main source of communication to members and, with the completion of our website, it is hoped that this will also become a valuable means of communication. Jo Harper has taken on the role of web manager so we look forward to seeing the continued development of the website in 2002.

I believe that the executive have achieved a great deal over the past year and have continued to work hard to serve the Institute. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience in my professional career and I thank HEIA(WA) for the opportunity and wish all members success as I finish my term as President.

Lyn Diver
President

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FELLOWSHIPS

One of the highlights of the 2001 Canberra national conference was the awarding of Fellowships to three members of HEIA who have individually made outstanding contributions to the home economics profession and the professional body, HEIA.

A Fellowship is the highest honour the Institute offers. The 2001 presentations made at the conference dinner in the magnificent setting of Old Parliament House, were to Suzanne Russell, Judith Ryles and Marilyn Yates.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Leadership Awards were presented to the following people at the national biennial conference

<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	Carol Kotz, Annette O'Brien, Jennifer Pardy, Pamela Rex, Pamela Taylor, Betty Smith, Dawn Smith
<i>New South Wales</i>	Louise Godwin, Sherry Hill
<i>Queensland</i>	Cheryl Conroy, Sue Garrett, Joanne Jayne, Janet Reynolds
<i>South Australia</i>	Heather Morton, Julie Taylor
<i>Tasmania</i>	Elizabeth Colman, Elizabeth Donnelly, Christine Sutor
<i>Victoria</i>	Wendy Hunter, Sally Kaptein, Anne Sibble, Carol Warren
<i>Western Australia</i>	Lyn Diver, Jane Duthie, Carol Elias, Helen Maitland, Jenny McMahon, Louise Morrison, Anita Phillips, Marilyn Yates

KING AND AMY O'MALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2001 the King and Amy O'Malley Trust provided scholarships for twenty students undertaking undergraduate or post-graduate studies in home economics. The 2001 recipients were:

<i>New South Wales</i>	Pratin Aimmala-Clarke, Marianne Hulsbosch, Juanita Watson
<i>Queensland</i>	Rosemarie Brown, Andrew McVittie, Kate Miles, Annette Prince, Emma Redman
<i>South Australia</i>	Margaret Crawford, Jane Dewing
<i>Tasmania</i>	Janette Phillips
<i>Victoria</i>	Carlie Dever, Emily Jackson, Aileen (Pik Shan) Li, Jessica McCormick, Gina Mutch, Sophie Skalkos
<i>Western Australia</i>	Philippa Ellingworth, Jenny Kora, Catherine Korn



HEIA fellows (L-R) Suzanne Russel (Vic), Judy Ryles(Vic) and Marilyn Yates (WA)



Recipients of HEIA Leadership Awards presented at the national biennial conference, January 2001



Queensland O'Malley scholar Andrew McVittie (right) with HEIA (Q) President Cheryl Conroy and member of the Queensland O'Malley Selection Panel, Melinda Semce



Margaret Crawford (left) with HEIA (SA) president Christina Tassell