

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Although we have a relatively small membership base of 60, compared to some of the larger states we have some very committed members especially on the Executive. 1998 saw this membership stabilise with teachers coming on board but very few new Social Health members which is a great disappointment.

We started off the year with a very successful conference " Linking Home! Work! Play! Our patron Dr Katrine Baghurst opened the proceedings with an interesting report on Nutrition from the 70's to today. Steve Keirl our University liaison representative challenge us by referring to the quality of life as opposed to living standards.

Under the expert guidance of Julie Taylor we have ran some very successful Food and Nutrition in Action workshops, and we are now targeting Primary Schools and the Tertiary sector.

Our Inaugural presentation of the Reseck Prize to the most outstanding Year 12 PAS Home Economics student in 1997 took place in February with the Reseck sisters themselves making the presentation.

Whilst the Sunsafes competition did not attract huge numbers, the students who did enter presented a wonderful effort and were duly presented with their prizes at an evening function following our Annual General Meeting. At which we also presented our O'Malley Scholarship winners with their scholarships.

We conducted a survey of all of our members and received some interesting comments which we have tried to act on during the year.

Our Newsletter which is published once per term has grown, now includes photographs and keeps our members informed and up to date.

We farewelled one of our foundation members, the very hardworking Marg Drake. She is instead committing her time to her husband and her studies. We wish her well in all that she does and welcome her to attend our meetings in the future.

The 1999 committee looks forward to the challenge this year and hope to build on our successes of the past.

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