FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.



9th Annual Report

for the year ended 30th June, 1979

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LOCATIONS OF CLINICS OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

HEADQUARTERS

17 Phillips Street, Kensington

NORTHERN REGION

ELIZABETH Lyell McEwin Hospital

SALISBURY Women's Rest Centre

ST. AGNES St. Agnes Medical Centre

INGLE FARM Ingle Farm Community Health Centre

SOUTH AND WEST REGION

UNLEY Mothers and Babies' Health Association

BEDFORD PARK Flinders Medical Centre

FERRYDEN PARK Ferryden Park Pre-School Centre

PORT ADELAIDE Central Mission

NORTH ADELAIDE Adelaide Children's Hospital

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

This year the Association is nine years old and continues to be based at its five-building complex in Kensington. The Association receives its funds from the Commonwealth and the South Australian governments. Like other associations in Australia, it receives a Commonwealth "Health Program Grant" for its clinical activities, a Commonwealth "Family Planning Program Grant" and a State government grant for its non-clinical activities.

As reported in the Eighth Annual Report, during the financial year 1977/78 the Association received a 75% reduction in its Commonwealth Family Planning Program Grant. This funding was to continue at a low level for the 1978/79 financial year; however, a special grant of \$47,000 was received from the Commonwealth. This enabled the Association to carry out reduced education activities, and services associated with clinic services, e.g. social work. It was with regret that the position of aboriginal health worker had to be retrenched on December 31st, 1978.

In view of the low level of funds from the Federal government for non-clinical activities, both education staff and members of the Council decided that they would raise money for the Association themselves. The education staff did this by compiling and publishing a recipe book which netted profits of approximately \$1,000. The Council held a fund-raising dinner which raised approximately \$1,300. As well as money raised by staff and volunteers, the Association applied to the Schools Commission and received a grant of \$1,500 for education programmes in residential care centres. The Department of Further Education accepted a submission for a special grant for an adult education programme in the Port Adelaide area.

During the year politicians from both major political parties were invited to visit the Association. They were shown the premises and were given detailed information of the policies, the work and the financial situation of the Association.

In late 1978 and early 1979, the Association carried out a survey of attitudes of new clients attending clinics. As in the previous survey of repeat clients, the aim was to find out what the consumers think about the services offered and the people who provide them. Also, information was obtained concerning the socioeconomic status and ethnic background of the clients. This work was carried out by a student at the Flinders University of South Australia and the results, as in the previous survey, were very favourable for the Association.

The Association has widened its services to include a new group of clients, the Vietnamese refugees, many of whom live at the Pennington Hostel. The Family Planning Association has provided a service to them through a domiciliary nurse and a community educator. Using some of the funds raised by volunteers and staff, the Association has been able to employ a Vietnamese health worker to work in close conjunction with these members of the Family Planning Association staff. She has provided education programmes at the hostel and has acted as an intermediary on many occasions between clients and staff of the Port Adelaide clinic.

Despite the no-growth situation of the Association's activities, and the fact that the clinic client numbers appear to be stabilizing, it was decided that the accounting system, which was started in the days when the organisation had a very small budget, was in need of up-dating. In order to streamline the bookkeeping procedures and to facilitate the issuing of accounts and processing of receipts,

a Kalamazoo system was introduced. This has been highly appreciated by the receptionist staff in the clinics, and has enabled the Association to reduce significantly the amount of money owed to it and to monitor the accounts closely.

During the year, the publications produced under the aegis of the South Australian Coordinating Committee for Family Planning Education, "Family Planning Views" and "Family Planning Fact", have continued. Three issues of "Fact" have been published and they are circulated to a large group of people interested in family planning and human sexuality. The main articles have been concerned with female sterilisation, sexuality and physically disabled persons, and relationship counselling.

In education the main audience groups for the Association's programmes are secondary school children - the Association carried out programmes in 50 such schools in the State. A special educator who works with handicapped people is employed, and she gives programmes in sheltered workshops and other organisations. Members of the education section work in institutions and industry, and a programme continues to be conducted with the students of the Police Academy. Another priority group is unemployed youth and the Association has carried out several programmes in conjunction with the education programmes for unemployed youth (EPUY).

During the year the Association has appeared frequently in the media, i.e. newspapers, television, and radio. Late in 1978 a campaign to popularise Two's Company (condoms and pessaries) was launched and this took as its theme shared responsibility for contraception. An appearance on a locally produced variety show, talking about condoms, probably was responsible for a sudden increase in sales of condoms during November 1978.

It is with thanks that we acknowledge the sterling efforts of our volunteers. During the year the resource centre staff have been supplemented by willing volunteers who have assisted the librarian and undertaken much of the typing for the education section. The Council appreciates sincerely the time that they have given so generously to the Association.

During the first quarter of the financial year 1978/79, the Council was faced with the possibility of serious retrenchments and reductions in educational activities. The staff unhesitatingly agreed to ensure that no programmes already planned should be curtailed; and for their support and loyalty, the Council are most grateful.

The continued generous support of the South Australian government has provided a background of stability. It is hoped that it may be possible in future to obtain reasonable estimates of the level of funds from the Federal government for non-clinical activities. This would alleviate the financial uncertainty with which the Association is faced every year.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL COURSES IN FAMILY PLANNING

The evening course held from September until November 1978 was attended by 21 participants, 11 of whom have completed their clinic training and have been recommended for the AFFPA certificate. There were also 21 participants at the one-week intensive course held in April 1979. Three of these came from country areas of South Australia, two from Tasmania and one from Alice Springs. Twelve of these participants have already completed the clinic training, passed the written and oral examinations which were introduced at this course, and have been recommended for a certificate in family planning.

NURSES' TRAINING

During the year four basic nurses' training courses were held with 104 participants attending. Programmes have been conducted for infant welfare sisters, mothercraft nurses, and Sturt College diploma nursing students.

The charge nurse-family planning continues to present lecture programmes to student nurses, pupil midwives and enrolled nurses; as a resource person she is also used by hospitals for their in-service programmes. Members of the instructing nursing staff act as resource speakers in various training courses held by the Association for doctors, pharmacists, and community educators.

COMMUNITY EDUCATORS' TRAINING

There have been two community educators' training programmes held this year, each of 40 hours duration over an eight-week period, with a total of 45 participants. Training in family planning and human sexuality has also been provided for members of the Department of Community Welfare homemakers service, teachers, welfare personnel, and students in Colleges of Advanced Education.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKERS' TRAINING

The Association held two training courses in family planning for aboriginal health workers during the year. The courses lasted four days and the 12 participants were from both country and metropolitan areas. This has enabled family planning information to reach some people who had previously no access to this information.

PHARMACISTS' TRAINING

From September to November 1978 the Association ran a pharmacists' training course. As previously, this was held in conjunction with the Pharmaceutical Society of South Australia and there were 30 participants. Again, a written examination was held at the end of the course, a pass in which was counted as a unit towards the Fellowship of the Pharmaceutical Society. Twenty-two participants sat the examination of which 19 were successful.

The Director is involved in the training of undergraduate students at the Pharmacy School of the South Australian Institute of Technology.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

A medical gynaecology weekend for Family Planning Association clinic doctors, planned with the help of Professor Warren Jones, was held in August 1978. This was attended by 15 clinic doctors who found it extremely useful and worthwhile.

Other doctors' in-service training comprised of three lectures; one was on resuscitation by Dr. Tony Kane in October 1978, the second was on the use of ultrasound in obstetrics and gynaecology by Dr. Martin Begley held in February 1979, and the third was on the reversal of vasectomy given by Professor Ronald Elmsley and held in May 1979. These were attended by staff from many disciplines.

Nurses' in-service programmes consisted of two sessions on attitudes and values to sexuality and a session on the presentation of domiciliary and clinical case histories was held.

An in-service workshop for instructing nurses was conducted by Dr. Bill Piggot of the Foundation for Multi-disciplinary Education in Community Health. The topic of this was "Ways to Improve Training Ability". A delegation nurse training course was held during the year for four participants, and comprised 11 two-hour lectures.

An annual in-service training course for Family Planning Association country educators and health workers from other agencies was held in March 1979. The metropolitan community educators have participated in monthly in-service programmes.

CLINIC SERVICES

During the year client numbers in the Association's clinics have maintained a steady pattern. As reported in the Summary of Activities, the number of clinic clients has stabilized and these are shown in Fig.1. The late afternoon and evening clinics still attract the majority of clients. There has also been a greater utilisation of outlying clinics in the past year.

The two full-time and two part-time domiciliary nurses continue to provide services. During the year, following referrals, they visited 412 clients in their homes. Of these they brought 195 to family planning clinics for first visits and transported 796 repeat clients. They made a total of 3,718 home visits.

It was with regret that due to financial constraints, the aboriginal health worker position was retrenched at the end of December 1978. The incumbent had provided an excellent service among the aboriginal community.

As reported earlier, a survey was carried out on new clients towards the end of 1978. It was interesting to note that the women who attended our clinics both at headquarters and outlying clinics were from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds and socio-economic status. Women attending clinics however were more likely to be in the 15-19 year age group. In the year 1978/79 26.9% of new clients were under 18 years of age (age of majority) and 15.9% were under 17 years (see Fig.2). Sixty-four per cent of clients indicated the desire to have access to their case

notes but this desire bore no relation to the age, socio-economic status or major activity of the clients. Although 12% of the clients attending Kensington found certain difficulties in getting to the clinic, no clients expressed difficulty in getting to the suburban clinics.

Almost without exception clients commented favourably on the services offered at the clinics and all clients indicated that they would return to the clinics when the need arose. Eighty-nine per cent of the clients surveyed indicated a desire to see the same medical team on each visit which is consistent with the expressed need of clients for personal service. This percentage was also significantly higher than that obtained from an earlier questionnaire sampling old and new clients.

The survey confirmed earlier findings that the majority of clients attending family planning clinics usually find out about them from friends or relatives rather than advertisements or the media. The majority come for contraception and the methods chosen are shown in Fig.3. It is interesting to note however that 20% of new client consultations are for advice only.

Fig.1 Total halfyearly clinic consultations

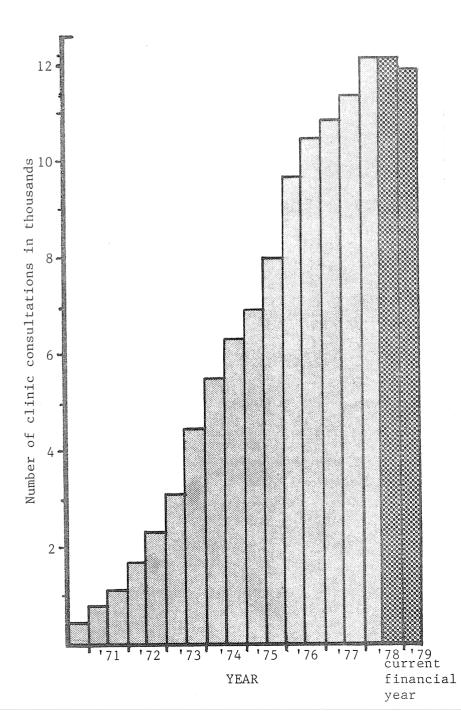


Fig.2 Age distribution of new clinic clients for the financial year 1978/79

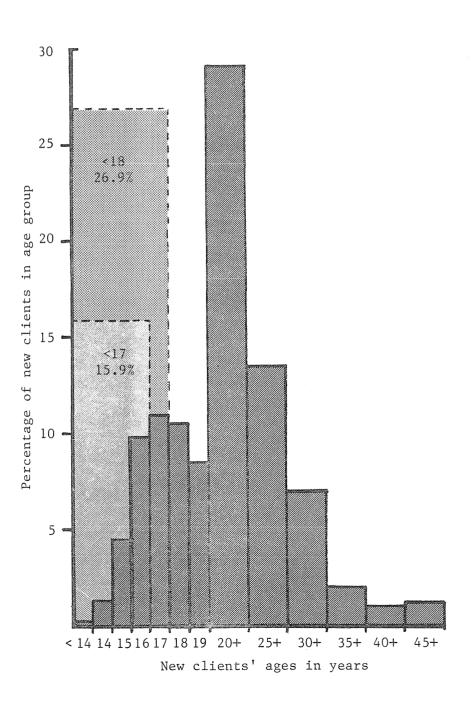
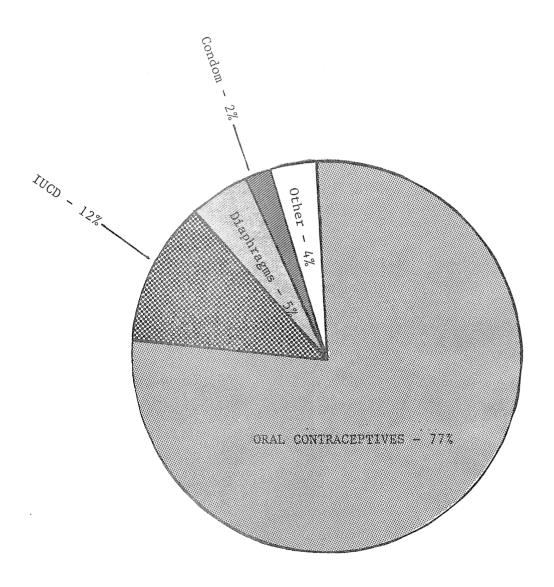


Fig. 3 Methods of contraception chosen by new clinic clients for the year 1978/79

During the year there were 4,785 new clients of whom approximately 20% sought advice only. Of the remaining 3,707 new clients the methods of contraception chosen were as follows:-



Of the 4% who chose other methods, the breakdown was as follows:-

Spermicide	1%
Sterilization	
counselling	2%
Depo-Provera	1%

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The aim of all the Association's information activities to raise the community's awareness of the benefits of planned parenthood, and the family planning services which are available in South Australia, has been maintained.

Information services have been provided by the use of free-standing display boards in shopping centres and recreational areas, foyers of public buildings, educational institutions, and at health fairs.

Leaflets and posters are widely distributed through educational, health, and welfare agencies, and Family Planning Association posters are in suburban buses and trains.

A new poster was produced to celebrate the International Year of the Child. This featured a quotation by Margaret Sanger:-

"The first right of every child is to be wanted, to be desired, to be planned."

EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Students in secondary schools continue to be the largest group for whom family planning education programmes are provided. It is encouraging to note the increase in the number of teachers and nurses who are using the Association's resources when providing programmes in health education for their students.

Parents of young children, reached through kindergartens, play groups and mothers' groups remain a very keen audience both in the area of information about birth control and talking to young children about sexuality. Many of the requests for these programmes come from the Mothers and Babies' Health Association and the Department of Community Welfare.

Programmes for both physically and mentally handicapped people have continued at Bedford Industries, Katuni Activity Centre, and St. Margaret's Rehabilitation Centre. Following an introductory session for parents and staff, an on-going programme has been introduced at Horizon Workshops Inc. A programme is soon to start with staff and parents of Minda Homes Inc.

Contact with immigrants has been facilitated by staff at the Pennington Hostel. All incoming Vietnamese have been offered information about the family planning services available in South Australia. A Vietnamese trained nurse has been employed on a sessional basis to provide education and information programmes and to liaise with the domiciliary nurse.

A grant was made by the Schools Commission for programmes in human sexuality for adolescents in residential care. This grant enabled the Association to provide programmes for staff and adolescents in ten homes in the metropolitan area.

Education programmes for unemployed youth (EPUY) have increased this year and provided the opportunity to make contact with males and females in the 18-25 years age group who are currently unemployed.

COUNTRY SERVICES

There are no Family Planning Association clinics operating in country centres. Instead, the Association employs community educators to conduct information and education programmes in the community and to counsel and advise on matters relating to birth control. They work in cooperation with local doctors, schools, and community organisations and much of their work leads to referrals to general practitioners, social workers, etc.

Their programmes have included the following:-

- . lectures to nurses in hospitals;
- . post-natal counselling in hospitals;
- . telephone counselling and home visiting on referral;
- . health education programmes in high schools and with adult education programmes;
- lectures and discussion groups with community organisations such as Rotary;
- kindergarten and school parent groups, teachers, social workers;
- . out of school youth groups etc.

Family Planning Association staff are employed in the following country centres:-

Mount Gambier Penola Port Augusta

Port Broughton Port Pirie Whyalla

In other country areas, such as the Riverland and Port Lincoln, community health and school health nurses who have completed their training in family planning and work closely with the Association are providing a valuable service to the community.

SOCIAL WORK

During the year social work hours have been reduced by ll per week. The full-time worker is now employed for $34\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week and a sessional social worker works for one evening session. Consequently the service has been reduced although to some extent this has been compensated by social work students undertaking field placements with the Association. Four students have worked with the Association over the past year.

Clients seeking pregnancy counselling have continued to increase and counselling services have been maintained in the areas of psychosexual and family relationship problems. Both social workers have had involvement in family planning training programmes.

During the first half of the year the social worker was involved in the planning for, and activities of, an Opportunities for Women programme in the Kensington - Norwood area.

It is hoped that social work services can be extended in the coming year to meet client demands.

TREASURER'S REPORT

While the Federal Health Program Grant and clients' fees covered the clinical costs, this year once again the Association was faced with financial restrictions on its non-clinical activities.

However, as a result of voluntary reductions in hours worked, staff and Council fund-raising efforts, the re-introduction of client membership fees, the retrenchment of the aboriginal health worker, and a stringent policy of economies throughout the Association, together with the generous South Australian grant, most programmes were continued. The Council accepted with reluctance the insistence of the Director that his salary be reduced by 10% for a period of four months.

During the first six months of the year, because of the confusion concerning the amount of the Federal government grant, it was not possible to undertake any new activities. This, together with the economies introduced, resulted in \$14,000 being unspent from the Federal and South Australian government grants. The Association has been informed that this amount must be carried over to the 1979/80 year.

From the accompanying statement it can be seen that the bank balance at June 30th, 1979 was \$119,489. This was made up of the \$14,000 mentioned above, \$26,000 from membership fees and fund-raising efforts, \$20,000 remaining from previous capital grants and the balance would cover approximately one month's running expenses.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1979

30/6/78	RECEIPTS	30/6,	/79
	GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
80,000	State Government of South Australia - General	100,000	
	COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT		
312,144 18,232	Clinical costs - Health Programme Grant Non-clinical costs (Family Planning Programme)	318,004 71,458	
4,024	State Co-ordination Committee for Family Planning Education	2,216	
414,400			491,678
	REVENUE CLINIC CLIENTS		
66,835 78,494 1,191	Consultation fees Sale of contraceptives Pregnancy testing Annual membership subscriptions	111,068 98,444 2,831 15,679	200 000
146,520			228,022
	OTHER REVENUE		
142 136 6,384 1,041	Associate Membership subscriptions Donations Sale of literature Sale of T-shirts (Condom Week)	232 889 4,644	
2,300 128	Sale of motor vehicle Sale of equipment	347	
10,843	Reimbursement of building costs Reimbursement of salaries Reimbursment of expense - Community Educators'	2,767	
4,061	Course Reimbursement insurance claims Reimbursement staff expenses Reimbursement Annual General Meeting dinner	927 866 60	
190 242 6,579	Net proceeds sale of recipe book Net proceeds fundraising dinner Fund for Aboriginal Women Lecturers' fees Sundries Bank interest	988 1,315 1,797 348 299 5,044	
39,970			20,523
	REGISTRATION FEES		
22 2,475 608 660 - - 1,590 500 3,412	Seminars Doctors' training courses Nurses' training courses Pharmacists' training courses Infant welfare training courses Community educators' training courses Reimbursement doctors' workshop seminar Reimbursement secretarial services Reimbursement travelling expenses Special project AFFPA Reimbursement of funds	4,611 1,849 900 210 505 3,557 645 1,139	
9,267			13,416
	OPENING CASH AND BANK BALANCE		
136,109	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia Petty cash and clinic floats	41,576	
136,739			42,316
\$746,896			\$795,955

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1979

30/6/78	PAYMENTS	30/6,	/79
	ESTABLISHMENT COSTS		
18,418 27,382 1,072 12,468 1,462 3,640 64,442	Property maintenance New equipment Rental outlying clinic Lighting, heating and cleaning Equipment maintenance Renovations and improvements	5,475 2,590 1,799 12,405 2,275 350	24,894
	CLINIC AND DOMICILIARY SERVICE		
301,565 4,179 72,383 ·2,240 4,611 4,524 1,541 4,538 2,331	Salaries Mileage expenses Contraceptives for resale Pregnancy testing Clinic consumable supplies Instruments, clinic equipment Insurance treatment risk Motor vehicle expenses Laundry, uniform allowance	321,663 1,464 74,258 2,734 4,218 1,152 1,544 4,808 2,438	
397,912			414,279
	SERVICE SUPPORTING CLINIC SERVICE		
28,139	Salaries		22,655
	EDUCATION INFORMATION AND CONFERENCE COSTS	•	
70,264 5,663 5,395 9,174 6,159 2,148 5,726	Salaries Travelling expenses and accommodation Films and books Leaflets, posters, advertising Books, literature for resale New equipment Training courses, seminars etc. Motor vehicle expenses/mileage	68,799 1,623 2,827 5,694 4,530 	
499 105,028	Freight charges	903	94,613
,	ADMINISTRATION		,
50,218 16,404 4,852 885 1,424 21,948 1,753 11,339 14 100 91 - 31	Salaries Postage and telephone and stationery Insurance - general Audit and legal fees Staff expenses Payroll tax Rates and taxes Superannuation Subscriptions Refund fees - doctors' training course Donation to FPA Hong Kong Honorarium - M. Hope Expenses re Co-ordinating Committee Sundries Recoverable expenses	54,115 20,640 4,621 961 1,201 22,623 1,915 10,468 94 - 580 959 149 861	119,187
107,039	CLOSING CASH AND BANK BALANCES		~ , U I
740 41,576 42,316 \$746,896	Petty cash and clinic floats Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia	840 119,487	120,327 \$795,955

FUND FOR ABORIGINAL WOMEN

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1979

30/6/78		30/6/79
	RECEIPTS	
61	Bank interest	26
1,739	Opening bank balance - Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank Ltd.	1,800
\$1,800		\$1,826
		Contractions and color, waterst
	PAYMENTS	
Nil	Transfer to Family Planning Association of S.A. Inc. Cheque account	1,797
Nil	Bank charges	3
1,800	Closing bank balance	26
\$1,800		\$1,826

STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL

The attached Statements of Receipts and Payments of the Family Planning Association of South Australia Incorporated and the Fund for Aboriginal Women are, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1979. These statements exclude capital expenditure incurred on behalf of the Association by the Department of Public Health pursuant to a specific grant.

DATED at ADELAIDE this

44 day of October

1979.

On behalf of the Council

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

The books and accounts of the Family Planning Association of South Australia Incorporated and the Fund for Aboriginal Women have been examined by us and explanations required have been obtained.

In our opinion the Statements of Receipts and Payments are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1979.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.
Chartered Accountants

ADELAIDE

4th October

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATIONS (AFFPA)

ACTIVITIES

Three AFFPA Council meetings were held during the year and the following topics were discussed:-

- . A draft policy on abortion was discussed by the Council and this is to be considered by the State Associations.
- . The committee structure is to be changed. Instead of representative standing committee meetings there will be small expert task forces to deal with specific problems and for specific periods of time.
- . An amendment was added to the clause in the constitution which dealt with representatives to the Council. It is now required that each State representative to AFFPA Council will be a volunteer.
- . The Council met with a representative of the National Association of General Practitioners of Australia (NAGPA) and a representative from AFFPA met with their association at a later date. These meetings were held in an effort to improve understanding and cooperation between the two bodies.

The major role of the AFFPA National Training Advisory Committee was to finalise the standards of training and examination for the postgraduate medical courses.

A workshop for instructing doctors was held in Adelaide in March 1979. There were 19 participants including two guest doctors from New Zealand. The evaluation of the workshop was conducted by Dr. Sue Hepburn of the New South Wales Family Planning Association and the results showed that most participants had found it more useful than they had anticipated.

The National Medical Advisory Committee met in June 1979. The Biological Science Advisory Committee held a successful symposium in Adelaide in March 1979 entitled "The Infertile Couple".

INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION (IPPF)

EAST, SOUTH EAST ASIA AND OCEANIA REGION (ESEAO)

ACTIVITIES

The Regional Council, which meets annually, held its meeting in Kuala Lumpur in July 1978.

In April 1979, there was a small task force meeting held in London to recommend guidelines for the implementation of three of the new IPPF policies for the 1980s. Mrs. J. Browning represented the region at that meeting.

Professor W. Jones, a member of the Regional Medical Committee, and Dr. O. Johnston, a member of the Regional Communication Committee, attended meetings of these committees in Kuala Lumpur in April 1979. They also attended a joint consultation on the Bellagio report on abortion.

