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Pan Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association – South Australia (S.A.) Branch

Summary

The Pan Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association – South Australian (S.A.) Branch was active from 1928. Miss Lena Swann represented South Australia at the Pan-Pacific Conference held in Honolulu. In 1931 Dr. Constance Davey formed the South Australian Branch with Miss Swann as Honorary Secretary. It was originally composed of delegates from various women's organizations, including the League of Women Voters, who were very helpful in the early days. Later, individual members were also accepted. The Association aimed to strengthen the bonds of peace by fostering better understanding and friendship among women of all Pacific and South East Asian areas. It also sought to promote co-operation among women of these regions for the study and improvement of social conditions. To achieve these aims, various methods were employed such as lectures, international nights, study groups and representation on various committees such as the Good Neighbour Council and the United Nations Association – South Australian Division. Dr. Davey remained in the Chair until the late 1940s or early 1950s and was replaced by the Reverend Winifred Kiek who was later elected vice-president of the National Association which formed in 1953. Early members included Ellinor Walker, Hilda Harris, Edith Caseley, and Mrs. Mountford.

Published resources

Conference Proceedings

Pan Pacific South East Asia Women's Association, Diamond jubilee, Seventeenth International Conference, Canberra 1988, 1988

Book

Sixty years on : the story of the Pan-Pacific South East Asia Women's Association, 1928-1988; Australia's part, Mitchell, Doris M. (Doris Mabel), [1987?]

Resource

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Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

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