

Organization of Women's Institute in

Keppel and South Sarawak

During the Second World War, the ladies of Sarawak and Keppel organized a Red Cross Society. It was from this organization that the Sarawak and Keppel Institute had its birth.

Everyone enjoyed the work and social life in the Red Cross and was unwilling to drop it entirely. But with the need for the work diminishing it was though better to turn their efforts to something else.

On February 28th 1946 the District Secretary, Mrs. Gordon Mcphatter met with fifteen ladies of this area and helped organize "South Sarawak and Keppel Institute". Twelve ladies paid their dues and became active members. Before the year ended there was a membership of twenty-three.

The officers were as follows:

President-----Mrs. Chas. Cox
First Vice.---Mrs. Sam McMillan
Sec. Treas.---Mrs. Maurice Whalen
Assist.-----Mrs. Wm. Turner

Charter Members--- Mrs. Chas Cox
Mrs. Sam McMillan
Mrs. Maurice Whalen
Mrs. Wm. Turner
Mrs. Les. Perkins
Mrs. John Livingston
Mrs. John McMillan
Mrs. Keith Hilsden
Mrs. Wm. Cavell
Mrs. Wm. Johnson
Mrs. Vic. Allen
Mrs. Archie Black

In 1964 the name of the Institute was changed from South Sarawak and Keppel Institute to "Blue Water Institute."