

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW UNIT 2001-2002
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW UNIT

ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2001

May I commence the 38th Annual Report of the NSW Unit of Australian Church Women (ACW) by thanking, most sincerely, all for the support and love shown to me as I was installed as President for the years 2000-2002. I am most grateful for your continuing prayers as we serve together, seeking God's guidance in all we do, giving praise and thanks to our Lord and Saviour.

I wish to record a special vote of thanks to the Rev Trevor Goodman-Jones, minister of St Thomas' Enfield and the ladies there who prepared and served a most delicious meal after the Dedication and Installation Service.

We are all indeed grateful for the wise and gracious leadership of Elizabeth Walker during her term of office.

I shall but briefly report on the year's activities - Conveners will provide more detail in their reports. It is to these women on the Executive that I pay tribute for their willing contribution to the NSW Unit.

We had three excellent guest speakers at the State Conference in May. Norma Dumbrell spoke of her involvement with students at Trinity Theological College in Singapore where her husband was lecturing. We were delighted to hear, first hand, of the 1999 Winifred Kiek Scholar, Mai Zin Zin Wah, who studied there. Juliana Nkrumah spoke most movingly of her work, specialising in trans multi-cultural health issues for refugees and migrant women. Doug Hewitt, co-ordinator of the Pilgrimage to the Heart journey from Canberra to Uluru, spoke of the preparations for this great venture in reconciliation.

At my first Council meeting last June the amended NSW State Constitution was unanimously passed. We are indebted to Peg Blake for her most efficient and careful leadership as Executive worked through the amendments. One comment passed on was that it is 'user-friendly'.

In July we were privileged to have our National President, Marj Dredge, from Adelaide lead our Spiritual Enrichment Day. Marj, a very talented spiritual leader took four sessions on the conversation between Jesus and the Woman at the Well. She gave the 65 women who attended much to think and reflect upon. Just prior to lunch we were able to pray with and say goodbye to Padma Ebenezer, an Executive member of the Asian Church Women's Conference, as she returned to Sri Lanka. Padma had been caring for her daughter over the previous eight months. Her daughter Niroosha had been seriously injured in a car accident. State and Territory Units, from all round Australia, gave prayerful and financial support to assist Padma, who was very appreciative of this help.

Fellowship Day Services were held throughout the State on the theme "Forward in Faith and Hope". The offertories went to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. The scholar for 2000 was Sue Nitrai.

We welcomed Jean Porteus to Executive as President elect. Jean is the Churches of Christ nomination for the years 2002-2004.

Elsie Cox retired in July from Executive. Elsie had represented the Churches of Christ and given most loyal and devoted service. We are delighted that Elsie will continue to co-ordinate the Trading Table when needed.

We were saddened by the death of Vi Minty, a member for many years, who, with others, organised Special Day Services for the City Branch. Heather Badgery, our Pastoral Care Convener, felt strongly that she should visit Vi, who unbeknown had fallen and was waiting for an ambulance. Heather was able to provide the support she can give to any in a time of need. Vi died peacefully late that day in hospital.

It was with grateful thanks and sadness that we farewelled Glenys Holley in August. Glenys and her husband moved to North Queensland with the Salvation Army. Glenys so quietly and efficiently carried out her duties with a warmth and love for us all. I personally missed her very much as she helped me in those early days of my Presidency. We wish them God's blessing in their new appointment.

Lisa Jackson was the guest speaker at Council on her impressions (as part of the youth group) of the Pilgrimage to the Heart. Lisa commented on the welcome given by the churches 'en route'. The spirit of reconciliation was very apparent and the service at Uluru a spiritual, moving experience. September Council was moved to October (usually a non-meeting month) due to the Games of the XXVIIth Olympiad. Some of our members served as volunteers and spoke later of their experiences.

It was at the Council meeting in October that Isabel Hewitt was appointed Secretary of the NSW Unit. God's provision of Isabel was most timely. I am enjoying working with Isabel who is a real asset to the Unit. Joan Tong gave a devotional on the Year of Jubilee which she said had been a wonderful year ecumenically. Joan spoke of Arthur Stace's "Eternity" and its impact, closing with the thought, "the message of Jubilee is the message of the Gospel".

A recommendation from the State Conference was that a Questionnaire, prepared by the Executive under the guidance of Elizabeth Walker, be distributed at Council. Elizabeth encouraged members to complete and return this to provide guidelines for streamlining meetings. The findings have been collated and were distributed in March.

World Community Day Services were held throughout NSW when the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offertories were dedicated. The NSW Unit prepared the Order of Service for use throughout Australia. The theme was "New Beginnings - Bright Hope". We were grateful to Lucelle King for the cover design, which was so attractive, the butterflies being very popular.

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held in November as our annual Asian Church Women's Conference Service. This was a most enjoyable afternoon with Choirs, Solos, the Band and Children's Items all highlighting the words from Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom . . . in psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord".

Our final meeting for 2000 was full of surprises and joy. Joy in having Lucelle King and Dorothy Woodhouse present. Lucelle sang and was the guest speaker. Dorothy spoke of her involvement with ACW. The surprise came after they had spoken. Shirley Wells read the citation and Lucelle was made a Life Member of the Unit and presented with her badge. Beryl Kirkwood prayed for her and her work at Forster. Later Mina Whybourne read the Bursary Book entry on the contribution and service Dorothy Woodhouse has and is giving to ACW. Judith Baker prayed and gave thanks. It was indeed a happy ending for the year 2000.

During the year we have had (and still have) members who have been ill, some hospitalised. Thankfully most are enjoying better health and we continue to uphold them in prayer. Our prayers are also with those who have lost loved ones as we keep in touch with them.

We were saddened recently by the death of Maureen Bowen, Lyla Beckingham and Lil Morris, and we remember their love and service for the Lord with thanks. Others have resigned due to health factors either of family members or their own. We have offered them Associate Membership to enable contact to be maintained. They also receive the Newsette which keeps them informed.

I would like to thank Unit members who represent us on National Council of Women, NSW Ecumenical Council, NSW Council for Children's Films and Television (Monitoring Media for Youth), Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association and World Day of Prayer Committees. Their reports can be found in this Annual Report. We are pleased indeed to be invited to send representatives.

I attended many functions during the year, finding them most interesting and informative. I have accepted invitations to speak at Special Days and other Services. It is good to meet people in various places and share with them from the Scriptures and concerning ACW's projects and activities.

The History of the Unit is in the process of being updated thanks to Marie Majoor's time and effort in collating the information. I take this opportunity of expressing appreciation to Marie for the way she manages our finances as Unit Treasurer.

All correspondence and minutes from National Executive are handled by our Executive. Relevant action is taken and information is passed on to Council.

I pay tribute to three Executive members. The latter two are not seeking re-election. For the past six or more years Mina Whybourne (Life Member) has been Minute Secretary. It is a time-consuming task which Mina has carried out in an efficient and dedicated manner. Her Minutes are a pleasure to read.

Edith Ridge (National Archivist and a State Life Member) has held positions of President, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Special Days and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenerships in the NSW Unit and as President of the ACT Unit. Edith has given so much of her time (and Barry's), and energy in guiding the

Unit. Her great organising ability has been a great asset. Edith has accumulated such a vast amount of ACW information which she willingly shares. I will miss her wisdom but know I can always seek her advice. Edith is indeed a very special and gracious person.

Heather Reid (representing The Girls' Brigade) has been a member of Executive for 9 years as Membership Secretary and our first Social Issues Convener. Heather is clear and detailed on social issues, and researches extremely well on an issue before presenting it to Council. She is prepared to speak out and communicate where necessary, encouraging Council to be vigilant. It is a specialised field and we thank Heather for all she has achieved, and in guiding the focus of Social Issues Convenership for the future.

These ladies have served with distinction.

In closing we would again express sincere appreciation to Executive and to all members of Council. Our thanks for your encouragement and support. May we together seek to serve the Risen Lord in the year that follows.

Grace, peace and joy be with you all. **Jan Harrison**, President
Isabel Hewitt, Secretary

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

It was fortunate that 2000 was a quiet year for WKS as far as involvement with the scholar was concerned. I was absent from meetings for the second half of the year, and express my thanks to our President, Jan Harrison, for taking on communications with the National Convener during that time.

Sue Nitrai has been a scholar in Australia. The Scholarship enabled her to work towards completing a degree in Theology. During her time at St Mark's Theological College, Canberra, she has also worked at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in ACT. The death of her father during 2000 meant that she did not complete her degree, but with a good record of high marks in all her previous exams, Sue will resume studies during 2001. She has four subjects still to complete: Pastoral Theology and History; 2nd Part Greek (St John's Gospel); Wisdom Literature; Counselling (Part 2). ACW members in the ACT have been good hosts to Sue. We in NSW look forward to meeting her when she comes as guest speaker at our Dedication Service on 21 May.

Miss Celestial Lusi of Honiara in the Solomon Islands (South Pacific Area) was chosen as the Year 2001 Scholar. Sponsored by the Roroni Women's Fellowship Group of the South Seas Evangelical Church, Celestial will undertake the final year of her Diploma in Theology at the Christian Leaders' Training College of Papua New Guinea.

By some good 'detective' work, our members were able to provide photos of some NSW ACW women whose entries in WKS Memorial Bursary Book were lacking them. Thank you!

Former WKS Convener, Mina Whybourne continues her correspondence with Scholars with whom she had a close relationship while they were studying

here. We are grateful to Mina, for sharing news of these women, their families and their work.

Our support of the Scholarship continues through the offerings at Fellowship Day each July. We thank our members for this continuing support. Please continue also to pray for the scholars, past and present.

Edith Ridge, WKS Convener, 2000-2001

NEWSETTE

In writing my twelfth report as Editor of Newsette, it is difficult to find anything new to say! Our little magazine has continued to appear quarterly and seems to be filling the need to disseminate ACW news on State, National and wider levels, as well as other items of interest and concern, especially for women and families, and for our sisters in Asian countries who suffer injustice and oppression in ways that we do not experience.

I am always happy to receive reports from council members of activities or special occasions in their denominations, which I can publish and so share with others for praise and prayer.

I do thank Nola Dickson for her contribution as Newsette Manager, in keeping the computer records, printing the labels, and helping with the collating and posting. I also thank Heather Badgery, Heather Reid, Elizabeth Walker and Olive Beverley for their periodic help with the latter tasks.

I appreciate and value complimentary comments from time to time. If any reader does not receive Newsette, the subscription is \$5.00 per year, which should be sent with your name and address to Mrs Nola Dickson, 1/14 Forest Grove, Epping 2121.

Beryl McLaughlin, Editor.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

As NSW Convener for Fellowship of the Least Coin, I am pleased to bring you greetings as I report on another busy, happy and fulfilling year.

I would like to welcome all who have joined the Fellowship from both the city and the country areas. So many have caught the vision and we say thank you for your prayerful support and for all the Least Coins given. We, in NSW have this year been able to forward \$12,880.45 to the National Treasurer. This amount will be added to the Least Coins given from the other Australian States and will be sent to the International Treasurer.

World Community Day with its service and theme prepared by our Unit was extremely well attended and all branches reported much blessing as they worshipped together and dedicated their Least Coins. Thanks to all who took part in these services - our speakers, leaders and all who helped in so many ways. The special offering was divided between Asian Church Women's Conference and Teen Challenge which provides for counselling, drug rehabilitation, and a 'safe house' for those in the city.

We were delighted to hear that two of our applications for FLC grants had been successful. These grants will enable the Womens Fellowship of the

United Church and the Girls Brigades of the Western Province of the Solomon Islands to purchase a motor-powered canoe with the amount of US\$2,500 given. The Western Province Region covers seven major island centres and travel between these is extremely difficult and expensive. You can imagine what a difference this canoe will make to the effectiveness of their work.

The second grant of US\$4,000 was given to the Baptist Inner City Ministries for a 'Parent Support Group' at Woolloomooloo, Sydney. This will provide an accepting, supportive and empowering group for young children and parents who are on a Methadone program. Amongst other things it will give access to parenting and health care information and services and assist parents to develop and improve parenting skills. Let us all uphold these projects in prayer, remembering all who will be involved.

It has been a joy and a privilege to visit churches and groups during the year. I am thankful for the warm fellowship and friendship I have experienced. The visit to Gunnedah was a delight with the opportunity to meet so many enthusiastic supporters of FLC.

A new edition of Circle of Prayer became available in November and copies can be obtained from me. The cost is still \$2 per copy or \$3 posted.

I would like to thank Margaret Greenslade our National FLC Convener for her help during the year. She has kept us in touch with the world-wide scene. The FLC offers us a prayer partnership which knows no national or racial barriers - we are all God's children and equal in His sight. May we all be found faithful as we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation. **Shirley Wells, FLC Convener**

SOCIAL ISSUES

During 1999, 'The Year of Older Persons', many issues were raised, so it was decided by the Platform for Action to target six points, these being: Residential and Community Care, Health, Public Housing, Transport, Supportive Neighbourhoods, and Wellbeing with Safety high on the agenda.

Heather Badgery has attended several meetings looking at the Aged Care Document, which is being reviewed and some adjustments made.

I have attended several meetings on Transport, and action is being taken with each member of the Working Party being asked to write to the Minister for Transport, Mr Carl Scully.

As a Unit we have written to the Premier and Mr Richard Face, the Minister for Gaming and Racing about the proliferation of poker machines in shopping centres and hotels, as well as the Director of Westfield, Mr Frank Lowy.

All have acknowledged our letters and we were able to write to Mr Carr congratulating him on his moratorium on issuing licences to hotels and shopping centres, and the introduction of the Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 by Mr Face. We were also able to congratulate the leader of the Opposition, Mrs Chikarovski for her stand on this issue. She informed us that research has shown NSW has 10% of the world's poker machines sited here.

Over the past few years, Council members and the NSW Unit have written to the Lord Mayor of Sydney and the Director of David Jones complaining about the decorations used on the Town Hall, and the lack of a Christmas theme, also David Jones' windows. This year we have written to both congratulating them on the decorations and the Nativity scene in one of David Jones' windows.

Council has continued to follow the Fair Wear Campaign, and the launching of the 'No Sweat Shop' label, as indicated in Women's News.

We have also looked at the International Year of Volunteers. One of our Council members alerted us to the Victorian Bill on 'The Racial and Religious Tolerance Bill' and 'The Model Bill'. Council is also monitoring the genetic engineering of food.

I would like to thank the many Council members who take an active part in writing and disseminating the information to their denominations, church and family, and the members of the Social Issues Committee for their encouragement.
Heather Reid Social Issues Convener

SPECIAL DAYS

Fellowship Day Service was held in 25 places in July. The theme was "Forward in Faith and Hope". The order of service was excellent and much enjoyed by all. Remarks on the service were that it was pleasant, simple, ecumenical, inspiring and challenging. There was a genuine spirit of love, joy and co-operation present. It was a wonderful day of fellowship where we felt 'All one in Christ Jesus'. All denominations participating willingly made the day a great success. Some joined in further fellowship over morning tea and others at lunch. Services were held in beautiful churches. ACW banner was displayed in one church. Prayer times were much appreciated. The soloists and musical items were most uplifting. Some found numbers down because of extremely cold weather, but still felt the gathering was warm and inspirational. Friendly, stimulating speakers motivated us to go forward in faith and hope.

World Community Day was held in 29 centres in October. The theme was "New Beginnings, Bright Hope". Order of service was prepared by the NSW Unit. Cover design by Lucelle King depicting beautiful butterflies was much appreciated. People appreciated the simplicity and beauty of the service. A sense of friendliness and fellowship continued at the morning or afternoon teas. The excellent, happy speakers were informative and helpful. With many participants, everything went smoothly. Storytelling and singing were among the highlights. Many choirs and soloists added to the joy. One group was enthralled by the beautiful singing of a Korean choir dressed in their national dress. Other groups decorated their church with butterflies. Some centres were able to have trading tables. A loving, gentle, prayerful spirit pervaded our time together.

The themes for year 2001 are Fellowship Day - "In Jesus, Life, Hope and Liberty", and World Community Day - "Living in Hope". Thanks to all who helped me during the year.
Irene Carder Special Days Convener

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT) STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2000

Balance b/forward			7710.28
Organisation A/c			
Affiliation Fees	585.00		
Associate Members Fees	130.00	715.00	
Donations		67.00	
Installation Service - Offering	612.10		
Donations twds exp	715.00		
	1327.10		
Less expenses	662.20	664.90	
5% handling of FLC/WKS & approx 2% WCD		781.48	
Interest - CBA	28.16		
Glebe Board	240.94	269.10	2497.48
			10207.76
Promotional Items - Sales	2396.90		
Less tsfd to Call A/c	1500.00		
" purchases	1658.80		
	761.90		
Less tsfd to ACWC Endowment	456.00		
Tsfd to ACWC Partners	210.00	1427.90	Dr
Newsette - Subscriptions	805.00		
Less costs production & postage	947.61	142.61	Dr
State Conference - Registrations	2350.00		
Less expenses	2310.00	40.00	
Special Events Days-Spiritual Enrich. Day	207.80		
Less expenses	296.15	88.35	Dr
Overseas Travel Fund-Proceeds M/Tea-T/Table	243.75		
Less paid to Nat.Exec	150.00	93.75	
A.C.W.C. Partners - Donations	15.00		
A.C.W.C. Service	270.00		
Tsfd from Stock A/c	210.00		
	495.00		
Less paid to Nat.Exec & expenses	500.00	5.00	Dr
A.C.W.C. Bulletins Subscriptions	120.00		
Less paid to Nat.Exec	15.00	105.00	
A.C.W.C. Endowment Fund - Donations	44.00		
Tsfd from Promotional Items	456.00		
	500.00		
Less paid to Nat. Exec.	500.00	NIL	
Special Funds			
Fellowship Least Coin	13270.85		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	222.00		
Fellowship Day Service	5162.40		
World Community Day Service	4707.80	23363.05	21937.94
			32145.70
Deduct Payments			
Administration A/c			
Printing & Stationery	318.55		
Postage	225.60		
Special Days Convener	7.00		
Pastoral Care Convener-Petty Cash advance	50.00		
Gift to Auditor	50.00		
Sundry Expenses - gifts etc.	17.25		
Travel expenses - L King/D Woodhouse	50.00		
NSW Ecumenical Council - Donation	15.00		
ACWC Service - expenses	30.72		
Bursary book entry	25.00		
Further donation twds airfare Spiritual			
Reflection Day	200.00		
ACW National Travel fund	150.00		
Government Charges	58.44		1197.56
			30948.14
C/forward			

B/Forward		30948.14	
Subscriptions & Functions			
NSW Childrens' Film & TV - Ann sub	10.00		
Nat. Ccl W'mn	40.00		
" " " Jean Arnot Lcn	40.00		
" " " F'dation Day	40.00		
" " " Australia Day	44.00		
PPSEAWA - Ann Sub	30.00		
" Winter Luncheon	20.00		
WCTU Luncheon	<u>12.00</u>	236.00	
Special Funds			
Fellowship of Least Coin	12880.48		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	281.74		
Fellowship Day Service	4747.75		
World Community Day Service	4451.68		
Entitlement & expenses	<u>1715.45</u>	<u>24077.10</u>	<u>24313.10</u>
Cr Balance-Current A/c 31/12/00		6635.04	\$6635.04

Uniting Church Call A/c

Balance b/forward 1/01/2000		1016.31	
Add - Tsfd from FLC	2000.00		
Tsfd from Stock A/c	<u>1500.00</u>		
Interest received for 12 mths	186.12	3686.12	
		<u>4702.43</u>	
Less- Tsfd back to FLC		<u>2000.00</u>	
Cr Balance - Call A/c 31/12/00		\$2702.43	

SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS

Fellowship of the Least Coin			
b/fwd 1.1.00		1001.00	
Receipts for year ended 30.11.2000		<u>12555.40</u>	
		<u>13556.40</u>	
Less payments - Postage/Stationery/Printing	159.60		
National Executive ACW	<u>12880.48</u>		
5% entitlement ACW NSW	<u>677.92</u>	<u>13718.00</u>	
		<u>161.60</u>	Dr
Receipts for December 2000		<u>715.45</u>	
		<u>553.85</u>	C/fwd
Fellowship Day Service			
Receipts for year ended 30.11.2000		5162.40	
Less payments - Printing/postage	414.65		
National Executive ACW	<u>4747.75</u>	<u>5162.40</u>	
		<u>NIL</u>	
World Community Day Service			
B/forward 1.1.00		194.45	
Receipts for year ended 30.11.2000		<u>4707.80</u>	
		<u>4902.25</u>	
Less payments - Printing/postage	359.72		
National Exec. ACW	<u>4451.68</u>		
approx 2% entitlement ACW NSW	<u>90.85</u>	<u>4902.25</u>	
		<u>NIL</u>	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship			
B/fwd 1.1.00		91.04	
Receipts for year ended 30.11.2000		<u>222.00</u>	
		<u>313.04</u>	
Less payments - National Exec. ACW	12.71		
4% entitlement ACW NSW	<u>281.74</u>	<u>294.45</u>	
		<u>18.59</u>	C/fwd
Receipts for December 2000			

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER, 2000

Balances		Funds		
Commonwealth Bank		Organisation A/c		10031.78
Current A/c	6635.04	"Newsette"		
Glebe Administration		B/fwd 1.1.00	1814.15	
Board -		Subscriptions	<u>805.00</u>	
Call A/c	3000.00		<u>2619.15</u>	
Call A/c	3000.00	Less costs	<u>947.61</u>	1671.54
Un.Church Trust Assoc.		Overseas Travel		
Call A/c	2702.43	B/fwd 1.1.00	272.03	
		Add Receipts	<u>243.75</u>	
			<u>515.78</u>	
		Less payment	<u>150.00</u>	365.78
		Stock		
		B/fwd 1.1.00	3104.67	
		Tsfd to Call A/c	<u>1500.00</u>	
			<u>1604.67</u>	
		Add Sales	<u>2396.90</u>	
		Less Costs	<u>4001.57</u>	
		Tsfd to ACWC Endowment Fund	456.00	
		ACWC Partners	<u>210.00</u>	
			<u>2324.80</u>	1676.77
		State Conference		
		B/fwd 1.1.00	740.91	
		Add receipts	<u>2350.00</u>	
			<u>3090.91</u>	
		Less expenses	<u>2310.00</u>	780.91
		Special Functions		
		B/fwd 1.1.00	298.60	
		Receipts	<u>207.80</u>	
			<u>506.40</u>	
		Less expenses	<u>296.15</u>	210.25
		ACWC Partners		
		B/fwd 1.1.00	5.00	
		Receipts	<u>15.00</u>	
		" ACWC Service	270.00	
		Tsfd. from Stock A/c	<u>210.00</u>	
			<u>500.00</u>	
		Pd-Nat.Exec.ACW	<u>500.00</u>	NIL
		ACWC Bulletins		
		B/fwd 1.1.00	Dr 76.00	
		Subscriptions	<u>120.00</u>	
			<u>44.00</u>	
		Less Pd.	<u>15.00</u>	29.00
		ACWC Endowment Fd		
		Receipts	44.00	
		Tfd from Stock A/c	<u>456.00</u>	
			<u>500.00</u>	
		Pd to Nat.Exec ACW	<u>500.00</u>	NIL
		F'ship L.Coin		553.85
		W.K.S.		<u>18.59</u>
				<u>\$15337.47</u>

Auditors Report:

I have examined the books of the Australian Church Women (NSW State Unit) for the year ended the 31st December 2000, and find, in my opinion, that the enclosed Statements give a true & fair view of affairs of the Australian Church Women (NSW Unit) as at that date.

F.M. Fris
F.M. Fris ASA

3rd February 2001

SEVEN HILLS/TOONGABBIE BRANCH OF ACW

Our numbers continue to remain steady, and we are grateful for the loyalty and enthusiasm of the representatives of those churches taking part in our services.

Planning meetings have been well attended and all members ready and willing to participate in the services. Because of the co-operation from the participating churches, our services still manage to run very smoothly.

We have enjoyed and been encouraged by the messages given by our speakers. Mrs Jan Harrison in July gave us an inspiring message on Faith, and Mrs Doris Haberfield was no less inspiring with her message on New Beginnings, Bright Hope, in October.

Our AGM and Christmas concert was held in December. There has been one change in officers, that of Secretary. Our new secretary is now Mrs Kay Stewart. We are grateful to all who served on this committee during the year.

We are looking forward to the year 2001, praying that there may be opportunity to reach out to other churches in the area, and that God will still enable us to serve Him in this capacity. **Sylvia Pettit** (Retiring Secretary)

BURWOOD-CONCORD BRANCH OF ACW

At the Annual Meeting in February the current office bearers were re-elected:

President: Mrs Yvonne Coorey Secretary: Miss Bonnie Lyons

Treasurer: Mrs Hilda Miller

Vice Presidents: Major Yvonne Slade, Mrs Elsie Pullar

The Annual Fellowship Day Service was held on Friday, 28 July at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Enfield. The theme of this service was "Forward in Faith and Hope" and the message of our Guest Speaker, Sister Elizabeth Landon, was challenging and thought-provoking. The soloist was violinist Elsa da Silva whose playing was greatly enjoyed. A happy time of fellowship followed over lunch served by the St Joseph's ladies whose hospitality was much appreciated.

The World Community Day Service was held on Friday, 20 October, at St Luke's Anglican Church, Concord. Our Guest Speaker was Rev Sue Emeleus who presented an inspiring message on the theme "New Beginnings - Bright Hope". This was a very meaningful service, following which St Luke's ladies served a light luncheon when warm fellowship was shared, and we thank the ladies for their welcome.

We are grateful to Burwood Uniting Church for allowing us to use their Fellowship Hall for our three business meetings during the year.

As we attend these ACW Branch meetings and services we are conscious of a wonderful spirit of co-operation and deepening fellowship between members and a desire to develop lasting friendships. We praise God who has brought us together and given us a continuing sense of belonging to His universal family.
Bonnie Lyons Secretary

SUTHERLAND SHIRE BRANCH

Our Branch continues to function in a very happy and warm relationship with the members of the fifty plus churches to which we send invitations to our two Services. We have a committee who meet together to plan the meetings, distribute invitations, organise publicity in their churches. Every denomination participates in the Services - Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Presbyterian, the Salvation Army, Uniting, and sometimes Congregational.

We commence our Services with our theme song "In Christ we are one" and our President, Mrs Peg Blake gives a resume of the work of Australian Church Women, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Winifred Kiek Scholarship and Asian Church Women's Conference is included if applicable.

Fellowship Day was held in the Uniting Church, Jannali and we were delighted to have our State President, Mrs Jan Harrison give the address, "Forward in Faith and Hope" - thought provoking and challenging.

World Community Day was held in the new Catholic Church - Our Lady of Fatima - in Caringbah and Mrs Robyn Claydon - Lausanne Senior Associate for Women in World Evangelisation - was our speaker. Her Address - "New Beginnings - Bright Hope" was very interesting as she told us of very moving incidents in her world evangelism travels. This Service had been produced by our NSW State Unit and was very well received by the members attending.

Attendances at both Services were in the vicinity of 110-120 and we always enjoy warm fellowship over the luncheon following the Services. We are most appreciative to the ladies of the host church who so graciously serve tea, coffee and very substantial refreshments. It is so special to meet with old friends from the various churches in the Shire of all denominations.

Pat Sutton is our Branch representative, and several Branch members including Pat attended the Asian Church Women's Conference Service in November at the Belmore Korean Salvation Army Corps; wonderful to meet and worship with our Korean and other friends from the area.

Our members are very supportive of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and always contribute generously to the special World Community Day project.

We feel especially blessed by the leadership we enjoy with Mrs Peg Blake as our President, and we look forward to many years of happy fellowship and witness with our fellow Christians - "all one in Christ".
Mina Whybourne
Honorary Secretary

REPORT ON NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

NCW continues to meet each month and Helen Richardson and I have been pleased to represent ACW.

There are approximately 70 affiliated organisations in NCW/NSW seeking to promote social, civil and religious welfare in the community, to promote the interests of women and to secure their proper recognition in society. NCW also seeks to uphold the family as the basic unit of Society.

President Peg McEntee has been a tireless, dignified and effective leader for the past two years and we in ACW have been privileged to work with her.

Many interesting and specialised speakers have been guests at our meetings, speaking on a variety of subjects and projects, such as Home Start, Mental Health, Paralympic Games, Australian (or Canberra) Bells and Shakespeare - listening to the Women, etc.

The three Parliament House lunches have been happy occasions when we have celebrated 'being an Australian', honoured our 90+ year-old ladies at the Jean Arnot Luncheon and presented our NCW NSW awards at our Foundation Day luncheon.

Please remember us as we represent you at NCW on the last Thursday evening each month.
Shirley Wells, Helen Richardson

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

WCTU, in its 118th year, now using an updated name of 'Winners Without Drugs' has continuing concern for promoting temperance, especially among young people, seeking to encourage them to make a commitment to a disciplined, drug-free lifestyle as a strong foundation for a healthy adult life.

A very successful "Centenary of Federation" Luncheon was held in March at Parliament House, as part of the 118th Annual Convention. Some 200 people, including members of NSW Parliament, heads of Sydney churches, and representatives of a number of church and community organisations partook of a tasty lunch and enjoyed the singing items by the Korean WCTU Choir. The Parliamentary hostess was Mrs Elaine Nile MLC and a challenging address was given by Rev Dr Gordon Moyes. This address is being produced as an attractive booklet, and will be available shortly at a cost of \$2.00 (\$2.50 posted).
Beryl McLaughlin, WCTU State Secretary

GIRLS BRIGADE

I have again been given the privilege of representing the Girls Brigade on the NSW Unit of Australian Church Women.

It has been an exciting year, with the Fellowship of the Least Coin granting Brigade of the Solomon Islands, and the women of the United Church, money to buy a motorised canoe to spread God's word and touch many lives.
Heather Reid.

NSW COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S FILMS & TELEVISION

(Known as "Monitoring Media for Youth")

Much discussion was given to changing the organisation's name. The decision was, to retain the original (legal) name, but for publicity purposes to use the motto "MONITORING MEDIA FOR YOUTH", with an 'eye' logo incorporating the letters MMY.

With the name, motto and logo decided, our computer/publicity experts went into action, producing letterheads, business cards, brochures (general information, media, internet) and a newsletter "The Monitor". This material will be used in a membership drive.

It was emphasised the importance for members remaining aware of the need to monitor children's TV time and of taking action if necessary. The updated brochure provides information.

We submitted a proposed change to our constitution to the Department of Fair Trading and have received approval for the amendments.

The video library service is being given close scrutiny this year, the needs of hospitals have changed since the inception of the scheme so Clare Cusick has been liaising with the various departments and is still collating the information she has gathered.

An exciting new venture - the introduction of a School Media Project - has received enthusiastic encouragement and support from teachers at the school approached for the pilot project, now everything is ready to go in second term 2001. An entry requirement is the completion of a questionnaire designed to provide valuable feedback on children's media involvement.

The committee would love to hear from any school teachers prepared to encourage such a project at their school.
Helen Hill