

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN
CHURCH WOMEN - held on 19th November, 1984
at 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

PRESENT 42

APOLOGIES-Ruth Smith, Judy Baker, Betty Davis,^H Stutchery,
M. Gelding, Carlisle, P. Watt, M. Whybourne,
M. Jieve, E. Walker, P. Byles.

MINUTES of September meeting confirmed by Mrs. Burke/Andrews

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	<u>Inward-</u>	Mrs. Jessup
		" Whybird
		" Turner
		Senator Evans
	<u>Outward</u>	Mrs. Whybird
		Mr. Wran
		Senator Evans
		Lt. Colonel Schoupp

Moved by Mrs. West/ Blackwell inward correspondence be received and outward confirmed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT-Presented by Mrs. Rdige in the absence of the treasurer- Balance at present \$11,660- Mrs. Y. Davis /Miss Finlay moved the adoption of Statement Moved by Groat /Lean that accounts in hand be passed for payment.

CONVENER'S REPORTS

Winifred Kiek - Deaconess Andrews presented the Unit with a beautiful tablecloth with serviettes which was sent by Barkat Das as a gift for use on the table at meetings.

Promotions- 17 new branches have been formed during the past two years. Terrigal and North Sydney are two of the latest to be added to the list owing to the enthusiasm of Mrs. Burtenshaw and Mrs. J. Curtin, both council members. Fellowship Day service has been received, written by the Mothers' Union in Brisbane. W.C.D. service the responsibility of N.S.W. Unit- This has been accepted by the executive.

Publicity-Well covered for both services this year.

Fellowship of the Least Coin - Convener receives interesting mail and requests for material.

BRANCH REPORTS- An interesting time was spent when reports were presented by Turrmaurra/Wahroonga & Chatswood/Willoughby branches- others were given spontaneously giving an insight to the contribution made by local branches and centres.

OTHER BUSINESS Suggestions from Mrs. P. Burke:

1. Section of Senator Evans' reply to ours in respect of X & R rated pornography be included in next issue of Newsette.
 2. Greetings to be sent from this meeting to Mrs. E. Walker.
- There was some discussion on the length of time the meetings were taking: MOVED by Mrs. Graham that executive look at the structure of the meetings in order to streamline items on the agenda. It was thought that five minutes was sufficient for devotions- No need to have conveners' reports each meeting- Speaker- bi-monthly etc.

Moved by Mrs. Graham- Social Responsibility items that were mentioned e.g. De Facto situation to be studied by executive and brought before council meeting so that we can voice our protest to the government.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

A copy of the Revised constitution has been studied by the executive. Recommendations are as follows:

1. Retain the name Australian ChurchWomen
2. We are not in favour of Associate members as this could open the door to women who may wish to introduce ideas in conflict with the aims and purposes of A.C.W. We regard A.C.W. as an organisation for women of the main denominations set forth in the constitution.
3. Retain the word 'Observer' as it is understood by other organisations.

BENEDICTION 1.12 p.m.

SIGNED

L. Ridge.

DATE

18-2-85