



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 20th April, 1998 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: The President, Mrs. Peg Blake, welcomed members and led devotions based on Ephesians 4:1-6 - "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" - only one way to God - statement of faith. Isaiah 31:21 - This is the way; walk in it".

The President informed members of the recent deaths of Mrs. Beth Finlay, Executive Member and Lt. Colonel Edna Baker (Life Member). A time of silence in remembrance was observed. They are with our Lord "which is far better".

PRESENT: 41 as recorded in Attendance Sheets. President welcomed Glenys Holley representing Churchwomen of the Hunter.

APOLOGIES: As recorded.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 April 1997 having been read at the June 1997 Council meeting and initialled were taken as read and confirmed on motion of Ruth Moore and Edith Ridge. Carried.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT Peg Blake read her report and thanked all Executive members, especially Jan Harrison and members of Council for their support and encouragement during the year. Her report was informative and covered all aspects of our activities during the year "walking in the steps of the Master". Her report will be printed in the Annual Report.

SECRETARY Jan Harrison read her report and gave special thanks to President Peg and Assistant Secretary, Joan Tong. She thanked Colleen O'Sullivan and Margaret Collier who had both resigned due to unforeseen circumstances, and thanked them for their contribution as Publicity and Functions Conveners. She said that Psalm 121:2 had upheld her as Secretary.

TREASURER Marie Majoor presented her very comprehensive Report and said that our financial situation was very healthy.

Reports were received on motion of Ruth Smith and Linelle Morrison. Carried. All reports will be printed in Annual Report, including Fellowship of Least Coin, Winifred Kiek Scholarship, and Branches Reports.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1998/99:

Members endorsed the appointment of the following:

PRESIDENT:	REV. ELIZABETH WALKER	Uniting
PAST PRESIDENT:	MRS. PEG BLAKE	Presbyterian
SECRETARY:	MRS. JAN HARRISON	Anglican
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	MAJOR JOAN TONG	Salvation Army
MINUTE SECRETARY:	MRS. MINA WHYBOURNE	Anglican
TREASURER:	MRS. MARIE MAJOOR	Catholic
FLC CONVENER:	MISS SHIRLEY WELLS	Baptist
WKS CONVENER:	MRS. EDITH RIDGE	Uniting

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 1998/99 (Cont.)

SPECIAL DAYS	DEACONESS IRENE CARDER	Uniting
FUNCTIONS	MAJOR EILEEN HOLLEY	Salvation Army
MEMBERSHIP	DEACONESS HEATHER BADGERY	Anglican
PUBLICITY	MRS. LUCELLE KING	Baptist
SOCIAL ISSUES	MISS HEATHER REID	Baptist
NEWSETTE	MRS. BERYL McLAUGHLIN	Anglican
	MISS ELSIE COX	Churches of Christ
ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:	MAJOR JOAN TONG	Salvation Army

AUDITOR: Members approved the re-appointment of Mr. Frank Fryirs AASA as auditor.

NEWSETTE MANAGER: Mrs. Carmel Emmett was re-appointed.

STOCK SECRETARY: Major Averil Whybird agreed to continue as Stock Secretary.

COMMITTEES:

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Edith Ridge (Convener), Rev. Alison Todd, Mina Whybourn

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells (Convener), Joan Tong, Ruth Moore

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder (Convener) Margaret Jessup, Cela Cooper, Doris Haberfield, Elsie Cox, Avis Stretton, Heather Badgery, Peg Blake.

PUBLICITY: Lucelle King (Convener) Marie Majoor, Irene Carder.

FUNCTIONS: Eileen Holley (Convener) - Marie Majoor, Cela Cooper, Lucelle King

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid (Convener) - Judith Cayzer, Mollie Gilchrist.

MEMBERSHIP: Heather Badgery (Convener) - Beryl McLaughlin, Linelle Morrison

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin (Editor) Marie Majoor, Carmel Emmett, Heather Badgery, Heather Reid.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: Shirley Wells, (another representative needed.)
(Meetings last Thursday of the month.)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Ruth Smith, Judith Baker, Margaret Jessup, Marie McCann.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Marie McCann.

NSW COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S FILMS AND TELEVISION: Mollie Craig, Alison Todd and Linelle Morrison.

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Marie Craddock, Ruth Moore
(Meetings 4th Wednesday of month - 10.30)

The President expressed thanks to those members representing Australian Church Women at the various organisations and asked that they give reports on any important issues that may be raised at the following Council meeting. She congratulated Brigadier Ruth Smith on her Life Membership of World Day of Prayer Committee recently conferred.

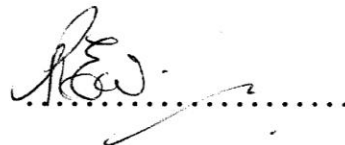
FURTHER BUSINESS:

1. LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO BRIGADIER MABEL WARD: Major Joan Tong had proposed that Life Membership be conferred on Brigadier Mabel Ward for her long years of commitment and service to Australian Church Women. President Peg Blake and the Executive supported this proposal and this was ratified with acclamation by Council members. Brigadier Ward was presented with a specially designed plaque made by Lucelle King, by the President. Brigadier Ward said she felt very humble on receiving such recognition - she has a great love for Australian Church Women and was very appreciative of the Life Membership Award.
2. LIFE MEMBER'S BADGE: It was proposed Lucelle King seconded Helen Stutchbury that a suitable Life Members Badge be designed and be available for presentation at the 60th Birthday Service. Carried.
3. INFORMATION BROCHURE on Australian Church Women and its activities, including NSW State Unit's Statement of Faith, will be available at Birthday luncheon. President Peg Blake presented each member of Council with an attractive card containing our theme song "We being many are one in the Lord" on one side and on the other our Unit's Statement of Faith.
4. REVISION OF CONSTITUTION: to be undertaken by Executive - approved by Council members.
5. MEMBERSHIP CONVENER to include a pastoral role: It was proposed Judith Baker seconded Norma Harrop that the Membership Secretary be responsible for sending appropriate letters, cards, etc. when informed of members sickness, bereavement joyful occasions, etc. Heather Badgery (Convener) was happy to undertake this, thus relieving the Secretary of this responsibility. Carried. Branches would be informed of this procedure.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 11.45 a.m., the business of the monthly Council meeting following.

INITIALLED

15 June 1998



CONFIRMED

19 April 1999

