

ANNUAL MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT.

Held at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney, on 21st April, 1980.

Those present as at General Meeting Numbering 47. --

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary, and confirmed.

Reports were given; the Secretary presented the Annual Report which was accepted with the addition of "at Scotts Church the Salvation Army Songsters."

The Treasurer's Report for the year was presented and confirmed/.

Convenors Reports.

Deaconess Andrews presented the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Report.

In Mrs. Bent's absence through illness it was indicated her report would be posted and appear in the Newsletter to be printed in May, for the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

The Promotions Report was given by Mrs. Lean.

The Publicity Report was given by Brig. Ward.

These were all accepted.

Mrs. Curtin gave a Report of the State Council of the Australian Council of Churches.

The Election of Officers took place for the ensuing year. Nominations were received at last Council meeting and up to Executive meeting.

Mrs. Gladys West was the incoming President nominated by the Baptist Church for the two year term, each church in rotation.

By tradition Mrs. M. McCann becomes the Past President. Secretary. Mrs. D. Woodhouse. (Nominated Mrs. Green Mrs. De Wit)

Treasurer. Miss D. Mitchell. (Nominated Deaconess Andrews Mrs Stevens)

Miss Mitchell asked for leave of absence May till Oct. and indicated Mrs. Heather Stevens would be willing to be Acting Treasurer during her absence. This was endorsed by the meeting. The position of auditor to be left for the time being.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor. Deaconess M. Andrews.

(Nominated Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Stevens.)
Fellowship of the Least Coin. Convenor. Mrs. G. Bent.

~~(Nominated Mrs. Stanhope and Mrs. Fieburn.)~~
Promotions Convenor. Mrs. Lt. Col. E. Baker.

(Nominated Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Lean.)
Publicity Convenor. Mrs Brig. M. Ward.

(Nominated Mrs. Lean and Mrs. Cameron.)

Membership Secretary. Miss E. Blackwell, (Nominated Mrs. Woodhouse Mrs. McCann.)

Mrs. Woodhouse indicated this would be the last year she would be willing to act as Secretary, and thanked Council for the nomination this year.

Committees.

W.K. Scholar Mrs. M. Stanhope, Mrs. L. King.

Promotions. Office Bearers Ex Officio, Mrs. Ridley Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Green, Mrs. M. Baker? Brig. Ward, Brig. R. Smith Mrs. O. Lean.

Representatives to affiliated organizations.

Women's World Day of Prayer Mrs. Lean (A) Mrs. Ridley (B) Miss Blackwell (P) Brig R. Smith (S.A.) 1 more needed.

National Council of Women Mrs. West and Mrs. McCann.

Council for Children's Films and T.V. Mrs. McCann/

Fraternal Delegate as observer to A.C.C. Mrs. J. Curtin.

.....*Guest*.....President.

Mel April, 1981.

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MRS WOODROW

ANNUAL REPORT AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT.
April 1979-April 1980.

Following the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers in April 1979 a dedication for the Office Bearers was incorporated in the Annual Service held on 28th May in Wesley Chapel. At this inspiring Prayer Rally women leaders of the seven denominations took part. The Service was led by Mrs. Marie McCann, the President, and the Lane Cove - Longueville Inter - Church Choir contributed. The three themes centred on Praise and Thanksgiving, Reconciliation and Unity and included a Prayer Litany based on the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Following the luncheon a Forum focused on the International Year of the Child by three speakers, Mrs. Oates from I.Y.C. Non-Government Organizations, Mrs. Lloyd from Save the Children Fund and Major Pearce from N.S.W. Association of Child Caring Agencies. One of our requests from the National Meeting had been to hold Forums, ~~as this had been~~ we also saw this as our contribution to I.Y.C.

Three of our group attended the Ecumenical Reflection Day and many functions were attended by the President and members of the Executive representing our organization. Several attended individually the Mid Decade for Women Conference, and the Women for the Family and Society Conference.

We noted with regret the passing of Mrs. Mary Millar, Life Member, and original council member ^{and member for} ~~for~~ many years Mrs. Dorothy Tytherleigh. We congratulated Deaconess Andrews on becoming a member of the Order of Australia. Quite a few new representatives have joined us over the past year.

We welcomed to our April meeting the 1979 Winifred Kiek Scholar Mrs. Aite Boiva, and several members met Rev. Mary Au, one of the 1980 scholars, and it is our pleasure to welcome Miss Dien Sumiuatiningih before her studies commence this year.

In September a grant from the Fellowship of the Least Coin assisted the National Working Committee, based in Sydney, to host the Pacific Causeway and Consultation with twenty two members from Church Women United U.S.A. and five members of the Women's Committee of the New Zealand Council of Churches. An introduction to our country was given in meetings with informed people and in a visit to the National Capital. A Sunday afternoon service in Scots Church Margaret St. Sydney was led ~~by Mrs. Win Dougherty~~ ^{and opened by a prayer from the} by Mrs. Win Dougherty, the National President and was attended by a large gathering. The speaker was Mrs. Thelma Adair, a past Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A. The N.S.W. Unit served afternoon tea and posies of dried flowers were made by the members for the delegates, fruit and bookmarks supplied, and many were billeted for the week-end. These ladies were joined ^{by} with 68 representatives from Australian States and Territories at the National Committee Meeting and Consultation. The five days of meetings held at the Caratls Christi Conference Centre, Wahroonga, proved an extremely valuable time, with women of diverse

denominational and cultural backgrounds. The choice Bible Studies were led by Mrs. Dorothy Barnard, U.S.A. Miss Dorothy Wagner was the leader of the team.

The N.S.W. President and Secretary were delegates to the National Meeting and the Promotion and Publicity Convenors observers, together with members of the Working Committee and a number who represented their own denominations.

Meetings during the year have included members bringing information slides ~~taken at~~ of church activities. Also each meeting, in a five minute segment, a representative of each denomination in turn told of the women's work of her church. Canon Wilde presented some interesting slides taken at his church at St. Marks, Darling Point, of a festival of flower arrangements, entitled 'God's Word in Flowers' with appropriate texts. A paper was read at one meeting with permission from Roger Clippson, which he had presented at the World Conference of the Mother's Union of the Anglican Church in Brisbane. The topic 'Television and the Media' gave us a thought provoking challenge. Reports were given of branches and affiliated organizations in September and in November many shared the experiences of the National Meeting.

Three recommendations came from the National Meeting and to implement these at our March meeting we shared denominational training programmes three speakers from the Y.W.C.A gave useful information to assist women to take their place in the decision making structures of the Church, also ^{the} Rev. Noel Gibson gave an informative talk on "Speaking Under Stress".

The Annual Report was printed in May. The Fellowship of the Least Coin continues to grow, and Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services are held in city and country. Proceeds from the offerings are forwarded to the National Committee for our projects. To assist in promotion an Audio Visual had been made, and 110 subscribers have received the first two issues of our quarterly paper "Newsette."

The installation Service for Mrs. Gladys West, our incoming President will take place at 10.30a.m. on Monday May 26th, at Northside Baptist Church, Crows Nest, followed by refreshments. All ladies are invited to this Service.

Invitations to two overseas conferences have been received. Church Women United U.S.A. are holding an Ecumenical Assembly 26th-29th June in Los Angeles. Several N.S.W. members will attend, following an attractive tour of the west coast. Four of our members have been selected by the Working Committee to join the group to attend the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Fellowship of the Least Coin in Manila Phillipines, 26 Nov. - 3rd Dec. This important conference has as its theme 'Prayer-Partnership- Peace.'

And so Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit accepts the challenges the '80's present in a changing world, to fulfil the aims of the organization and doing all to the glory of God.

Dorothy Woodhouse,
Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS -- 1st MARCH, 1979 - 29th FEBRUARY, 1980

1. 3.79 - Gr. Bank Balance: 281.04

ADD RECEIPTS:

Organisation A/c :

Affiliation Fees -	69.00	
Sales of Literature-	44.70	
Collections-	102.20	
"Newsette" subscriptions-	200.00	
Bank Interest	186.28	
Sundries -	<u>2.20</u>	604.38

Special Funds :

Fellowship of Least Coin-	3047.05	
Winifred Kiek Sch' ship-	191.55	
Fellowship Day -	1335.45	
World Community Day -	<u>1499.72</u>	6073.77

Overseas Travel Fund-	55.25	
National Travel Fund-	84.20	

UNICEF Appeal -	20.00	
Ex. Savings Investment A/c-	500.00	
By transfer from Special Funds	<u>674.97</u>	<u>8012.57</u>
		8293.61

LESS PAYMENTS:

Organisation A/c:

Printing, stationery,		
postage, telephony	<u>349.82</u>	
Meeting Room -	50.00	
President's Honorarium-	25.00	
Purchase of literature-	37.50	
"Newsette" expenses-	78.59	
Rally & Luncheon expenses-	<u>56.82</u>	
Subns. to other organisations-	15.00	
Sundries -	<u>5.00</u>	617.43

Special Funds:

To National Committee -	4500.00	
Exp. printing & postage-	851.75	
Transfer to organisation A/c-	<u>674.97</u>	6026.72

National Committee Meeting Expenses-	795.83	
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Overseas Travel Fund- to Natl Committee-	100.00	
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UNICEF Appeal-	<u>20.00</u>	<u>7559.98</u>
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29. 2.80 -

Gr. Bank Balance: \$ 733.63

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Doro Mitchell
Hon. Treasurer.

BANK BALANCES - 29. 2.80

Current Account -	733.63
Savings Inv. Account-	1500.00
	<u>\$ 2233.63</u>

FUNDS

Organisation A/e-	2021.99
Overseas Trave. Fund-	165.19
Fellowship of least CSIA-	<u>47.05</u>
	<u>\$ 2233.63</u>

Louise Mitchell
Hon. Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the books, records and financial statements of the N.S.W. Unit of Australian Church Women for the year ended February 29, 1980 and in my opinion such show a true and correct record of the financial position as at that date.

Arthur ...
April 9, 1980.

REPORT OF ANNUAL SERVICE AND INSTALLATION OF MRS. GLADYS WEST
HELD AT THE NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH CROWS NEST at 10.30a.m. 26th May '80.

An inspiring service took place for the Annual Service, and marking the end of the term for Mrs. Marie McCann as President, and handing over the Bible and responsibility to Mrs. Gladys West. Well over 100 ladies attended, and several members of Executive took part. "The Forest Airs" delighted the congregation with their singing of several items, and Mrs. B. Ridley played the organ. Mrs. West gave the address. She was ably supported by Baptist ladies of the State Unit and local church. Refreshments were enjoyed in the adjoining centre, - in an informal atmosphere fellowship took place. The Secretary presented Mrs. McCann and Mrs. West with posies, and thanks and good wishes were expressed, to which both suitably replied. The happy occasion concluded about 12:45p.m.