

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 222 Pitt Street, on Monday, 15 April 1991.

The meeting opened with Mrs Marjory Baker in the chair, in the absence of the President.

There were 48 members present, as recorded on the attendance sheet, and 17 apologies.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs Peg Blake acted in that capacity.

The meeting followed on from the Council meeting at which Devotions were brought to us by Miss Jeanne Sutherland.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 23 April 1990 were read and confirmed as a correct record.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

President's Report: Major Tong thanked God for her awareness through His Spirit of His love and His power which she has felt through the fellowship and love found in the NSW State Council. She has greatly appreciated the encouragement and support given her constantly by members. She especially thanked members of the Executive and particularly the Secretary, Mrs Edith Ridge, for her support and guidance. Thanks and congratulations, too, were expressed to Mrs Dorothy Lumb, the Treasurer - "an excellent steward of our monies".

Major Tong's personal highlight for the year was representing ACW at the Asian Church Women's Conference at Kinaseh, Jakarta, Indonesia.

The President seeks to strengthen council further by encouraging denominational groups to spread the message of their involvement in ACW and to motivate more of their churches to participate in our activities.

The National Conference of ACW to be held at Collaroy Conference Centre from 9 to 13 September, 1991, was commended to members as a stepping stone to greater things.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary reported another busy year with many interesting highlights, commencing with the inspiring Dedication Service and Installation of our President, Major Joan Tong. Mrs Ridge thanked Major Tong for her leadership and friendship.

It was our privilege to welcome visitors: Doreen Tie from Malaysia - the 1990 Winifred Kiek Scholar; Rachel Mathew representing her church in India at the World Council of Churches' 7th Assembly; Rachel Sobana from India - the 1991 Winifred Kiek Scholar.

An enjoyable task for the Executive during the year was writing the Fellowship Day Service on the theme, "Praise the Lord with Gladness".

A successful new project was introduced with the order for ACW's own pens. A second batch (following a quick sell-out of the first) will celebrate Fellowship Day and carry the Service theme on each pen.

Early in 1991 it was decided to invite previous delegates to join ACW as Associate Members, thus enabling us to retain our friends who can participate in ACW at a new level.

Mrs Ridge expressed thanks to all who have supported and encouraged her and have carried out tasks faithfully for the consolidation and growth of ACW in New South Wales. She concluded with thanks to God for the blessings of another year as we go forward trusting Him in the days ahead.

These two reports will be published in full in the Annual Newsletter, along with the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the twelve months, March 1990 to February 1991. The Treasurer in presenting her report asked permission from Council to publish the report as passed by Council even though it could not be adopted, the Auditor having been away for an extended period and the books not yet audited. The matter is now in hand, and the Council agreed to Mrs Lumb's request. In speaking to her report, the Treasurer announced that there was a noticeable increase in Special Days offerings and in subscriptions, largely due to the fact that the cost of "Newsette" had increased from \$2 to \$4 and the promotion work done by the Convener and others among Council members.

It was moved (D Lumb) and seconded (P Burke) that the Treasurer's Annual Statement be received, but not adopted. Carried.

Other reports received were WKS, FLC, Promotions, Publicity, Newsette; two Branch reports were left for the Secretary. All reports will be published in the Annual Newsletter.

Election of Officers: The Acting Secretary was asked to read the Nominations for Office and it was found that there were two nominations for FLC Convener, viz, Sr Patricia Kent and Miss Shirley Wells. A secret ballot was then put in motion and Dame Monica Gallagher, Mrs Doreen Moore and Mrs Patricia Burke were appointed Scrutineers. The result of the ballot saw the appointment of Miss Shirley Wells as FLC Convener.

Mrs Baker announced that the following people would be appointed to office for the ensuing twelve months on the confirmation of Council:

President	Mrs Major Joan Tong	(Salvation Army)
Past President	Mrs Marjory Baker	(Churches of Christ)
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Edith Ridge	(Uniting Church)
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs Dorothy Lumb	(Anglican)
Membership Sec.	Mrs Marie Majoor	(Catholic)
<u>President-elect.</u>	Miss Phyl McKinnirey	(Catholic)
<u>Conveners:</u>		
WKS	Mrs Mina Whybourne	(Anglican)
FLC	Miss Shirley Wells	(Baptist)
Promotions	Mrs Peg Blake	(Presbyterian)
Publicity	Miss Jeanne Sutherland	(Anglican)
Newsette:		
Editor	Mrs Beryl McLaughlin	(Anglican)
Subs. Secr.	Mrs Marie Majoor	(Catholic)
Stock Sec.	Mrs Lt.Col. Desley Dawkins.	(Salvation Army)

Committees:

WKS: The Convener, Mesdames Y Davis, J Tong, L King, Lt. Col. D Dawkins, Deaconess M Andrews, Brig. M Ward.

Promotion: The Convener, Mesdames H Stutchbury, L Pickering, P Cameron, M Hawkins, M Jessup, Brig. R Smith.

Publicity: The Convener and Mrs Major O Lucas

Newsette: The Editor and the Subscription Secretary

Representatives to other organisations:

World Day of Prayer: Mrs C Groat, Brig. R Smith, Miss P McKinnirey, and Mesdames D Lumb and O Edmondstone.

Fraternal Delegate to NSW Ecumenical Council: Mrs Col F Peterson.

Children's Films and Television Council: Mrs Mary Craig and Mrs M McCann

National Council of Women: Mrs E Ridge and Miss S Wells.

Mrs Marjory Baker thanked all who had held office and represented Council in any way during 1990 and welcomed to office the people newly elected, especially those appointed for the first time. Special thanks were extended to Dame Monica Gallagher and Mrs Patricia Burke, both of whom were attending the Council meeting for the last time, and words of appreciation for her services as FLC Convener were also expressed to Mrs Burke. Both ladies will be greatly missed from Council.

Dame Monica Gallagher requested (with the approval of the meeting) that thanks be recorded for the capable manner in which Mrs Baker and Mrs Blake had carried out their duties, ensuring the smooth operation of the business of the day.

There being no further business Mrs Baker closed the Annual meeting with the Benediction.

Confirmed:

13 April 1992



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LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS and MEMBERS of COMMITTEES following the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION of OFFICERS, 1991.

President.	Mrs Major Joan Tong.	Salvation Army.
Past President.	Marjory Baker.	Churches of Christ.
President-Elect.	Miss Phyl McKinnirey.	Catholic.
Secretary.	Edith Ridge.	Uniting Church.
Treasurer.	Dorothy Lumb.	Anglican.
Membership Secretary.	Marie Majoor.	Catholic.
Stock Secretary.	Mrs Lt.Col. Desley Dawkins.	Salvation Army.
Newsette Manager.	Marie Majoor.	Catholic.

Convenors.

W.K.S.	Mina Whybourne.	Anglican.
F.L.C.	Miss Shirley Wells.	Baptist.
Newsette.	Beryl McLaughlin.	Anglican.
Publicity.	Miss Jeanne Sutherland.	Anglican.
Promotions(Special Days.)	Mrs Peg Blake,	Presbyterian.

Reps. to other organisations. N.C.W. Shirley Wells, Edith Ridge.

World Day of Prayer. Connie Groat, Brig. Ruth Smith, Phyl. McKinnirey, Olive Edmondstone, Dorothy Lumb.

Ecumenical Council. (Fraternal Member). Mrs.Col.Florence Peterson.

N.S.W.Council Children's Films & T.V. Mollie Craig, Marie McCann.

Committees. W.K.S. Mina Whybourne(Convenor) Yvonne Davis, Joan Tong, Lucelle King, Desley Dawkins, Deaconess Mary Andrews, Brig. Mabel Ward.

Promotions. Peg Blake(Convenor) Helen Stutchbury, Leah Pickering, Peggy Cameron, Margaret Hawkins, Margaret Jessup, Brig. Ruth Smith.

Publicity. Jeanne Sutherland(Convenor) Mrs Major Olive Lucas. *del Rinn*

Newsette. Beryl McLaughlin(Editor) Marie Majoor (Manager & Distribution).