

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN**  
**18<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001  
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**WORKING PAPERS**



*Jesus, our Living Hope*

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**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN**  
**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 1999-2001**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Mrs Marj Dredge</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Mrs Shirley Birch</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Mrs Laurice Smith</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Mrs Maureen Clark</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Miss Dorothy Chapman</b>
<b>MINUTE SECRETARY</b>	<b>Mrs Marjorie Crawford</b>
<b>FLC CONVENOR</b>	<b>Mrs Margaret Greenslade</b>
<b>WKS CONVENOR</b>	<b>Mrs Dorothy Ferrier</b>
<b>SPECIAL DAYS</b>	<b>Mrs Laurice Smith</b>
<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVENOR</b>	<b>Mrs Mavis Ellis</b>
<b>PUBLICATION EDITOR</b>	<b>Major Shirley Sampson</b>
<b>PUBLICITY OFFICER</b>	<b>Mrs Barbara Grealy OAM</b>

# **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

24<sup>TH</sup> September – 28<sup>TH</sup> September 2001

Aquinas College, North Adelaide, South Australia

**'JESUS, OUR LIVING HOPE'**

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**MONDAY September 24<sup>th</sup> May 2001**

<b>9.00am-12.00</b>	Registrations
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2.00pm</b>	Welcome, Introductions ( possibly some Ice Breaker "game") Greetings Apologies Opening worship Remembrance, Honours, and Awards Presentation of Working Papers Procedural Arrangements. Appointment of Reference Committee (3) Appointment of Vote Counters (2)
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
<b>4.00pm</b>	Acknowledgement A.C.W.C. Executive A.C.W.C. Cameo Spot ---1 Minutes of National Conference 1999 Business Arising Correspondence General Business
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>DINNER</b>
<b>7.30pm</b>	Let's Sing A.C.W.C. Cameo Spot ---2 Let's Get to Know Each Other. Evening Worship---A.C.T. Unit
<b>9 00pm</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>

**TUESDAY September 25<sup>th</sup>**

<b>7.30am</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	Let's Sing Morning Worship---Victorian Unit Morning News
<b>9.30am</b>	Bible Study 1-----Sr Bernadette Kiley
<b>10.25am</b>	Photo Shoot!!
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Conference Session resumes
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2.00pm</b>	Let's Sing A.C.W.C. Cameo Spot---3 Conference Session resumes
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
<del>4.00pm</del>	<del>Conference session resumes</del>
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>CIVIC RECEPTION</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>DINNER</b>
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>ECUMENICAL SERVICE</b>

**WEDNESDAY September 26<sup>th</sup>**

<b>7.30am</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	Let's Sing Morning Worship---S.A. Unit Morning News

**9.30am** Bible Study 2 Sr Bernadette Kiley  
**10 30am** **MORNING TEA**  
**11.00am** Conference Session resumes  
**12.30pm** **LUNCH**  
**2.00pm** **OPTIONAL BUS TOUR**  
**6.00pm** **DINNER**  
**7.30pm** Let's Sing  
Unit Highlights  
A.C.W.C. Cameo Spot ---4  
Evening Worship---**Qld Unit**  
**9.00pm** **SUPPER**

**THURSDAY September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30am** **BREAKFAST**  
**9.00am** Let's Sing  
Morning Worship---**Tasmanian Unit**  
Morning News  
**9.30am** Bible Study 3---Sr Bernadette Kiley  
**10.30am** **MORNING TEA**  
**11.00am** A.C.W.C. Cameo Spot---5  
Conference Session resumes  
**12.30pm** **LUNCH**  
**2.00pm** Conference Session resumes  
**3.30pm** **AFTERNOON TEA**  
**4.00pm** Conference Session resumes  
**7.00pm** **FORMAL DINNER**  
**9.00pm** Evening Worship --**S.A. National Exec.**

**FRIDAY September 28<sup>th</sup>**

<b>7.30am</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	Let's Sing
	Morning Worship---N.S.W. Unit
	Morning News
<b>9.30am</b>	Conference Session
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	A.C.W.C. Cameo Spot ---6
	Conference Session resumes
<b>12.noon</b>	Closing Worship: installation W.A. National Exec.
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>

**GOOD BYE AND GOD BLESS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!**

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
24<sup>th</sup> September – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2001

**Guests:**

Mrs Nancy Lin	President Asian Church Women's Conference
Mrs Leatrice McIntyre	Church Women United Aotearoa/New Zealand
Mrs Jennifer Milne	Church Women United Aotearoa/New Zealand

**National Life Members**

Mrs Shirley Brooks	Tasmania	Observer
Mrs Ailsa Skippen	Queensland	Observer
Mrs Dorothy Wright	SA Unit	Observer

**National Executive**

President	Mrs Marj Dredge	Delegate
Vice President	Mrs Shirley Birch	Delegate
Vice President	Mrs Laurice Smith	Delegate
Secretary	Mrs Maureen Clark	Delegate
Treasurer	Miss Dorothy Chapman	Delegate
Minute Secretary	Mrs Marjorie Crawford	Delegate
National Convenor FLC	Mrs Margaret Greenslade	Delegate
National Convenor WKS	Mrs Dorothy Ferrier	Delegate
National Publication Editor	Major Shirley Sampson	Delegate
National Social Justice Convenor	Mrs Mavis Ellis	Delegate
National Publicity Officer	Mrs Barbara Grealy OAM	Delegate

**Incoming National Executive**

Reverend Lee Edwards	Delegate
Lady Wilson (Leila)	Delegate
Mrs Barbara Bourhill	Delegate
Mrs Margaret Ker	Delegate
Major Olive Dell	Delegate
Mrs Janet Watts	Observer
Mrs Catherine Derries	Observer
<del>Mrs Phillis Dolling</del>	<del>Observer</del>
Mrs Sheila Mellar	Observer

**ACW National Archivist**

<del>Mrs Edith Ridge</del>	<del>Observer</del>
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**ACWC Australian Representative**

Mrs Barbara Lacy	Delegate
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**UNITS**

**Australian Capital Territory**

Mrs Evonne Sullivan AM JP

Delegate

Mrs Jean Hambley

Delegate

Mrs Helen Lloyd

~~Observer~~ Delegate

Mrs Olga Scott

Observer

Mrs Jan Abrahamffs

Observer

**New South Wales**

Mrs Jan Harrison

Delegate

Mrs Isabel Hewitt

Delegate

Mrs Marie Majoor

Observer

~~Mrs Jean Porteous~~

~~Observer~~

Miss Heather Reid

Observer

**Queensland**

Mrs Esther Elkins

~~Delegate~~

Mrs Aileen Mortensen

Delegate

Mrs Margaret Florence

~~Observer~~ Delegate

~~Mrs Joan Trudgian~~

~~Observer~~

Mrs Jeanette Olsen

Observer

**South Australia**

Mrs Eva Cooper

Delegate

Mrs Coralie Wright

Delegate

Major Wanda McKeand

Observer

Mrs Jane Pederson

Observer

**Tasmania**

Mrs Kath Pearce

Delegate

Mrs Pauline Taylor

Delegate

Mrs Dawn Newman

Observer

Mrs Shirley Brooks

Observer

**Victoria**

Mrs Beth Skilbeck

Delegate

Mrs Elizabeth Kinrade

Delegate

Mrs Anne Murray

Observer

Major Elaine Johnson

Observer

**Western Australia**

Major Laurel Pearce

Delegate

Mrs Leola Loughnan

Delegate

**National Denominational Representatives**

Catholic Women's League Australia	Mrs Terry Reeves	Delegate
Mothers' Union Australia	Mrs Jean Fordham	Delegate
Salvation Army Eastern Territory	Major Joan Tong	Delegate
Salvation Army Southern Territory		
Uniting Church Adult Fellowship	Mrs Ann Connan Mrs Fran Moss Shared {Mrs Joan Kelly {Rev Margaret Polkinghorne	Delegate Observer Observer
<b>Special Interest Groups</b>		
The Girl's Brigade	Mrs Yvonne Lanyon	Observer
World Day of Prayer	Mrs Noelene Roose	Observer

## HONOURS AWARDED TO AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMBERS

### ACT Unit

Major Averil Whybird	Life Membership of ACT Unit
Mrs Merle Fitzpatrick	Life Membership of ACT Unit

### NSW Unit

Dame Monica Gallagher	Papal Honour 'Dame Commander of St Gregory the Great'
Mrs Peg Blake	Cook Community Award
Mrs Olive Beverley	Award for Senior Australians 2000

### SA Unit

Mrs Jean Roberts	Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM
Mrs Barbara Grealy OAM	Commonwealth Achiever in the Year of Older Persons
Mrs Alleyne Womersley	Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM
Mrs Elizabeth Finnegan	Medal of the Order of Australia - OAM

### Tas Unit

Mrs Shirley Brooks	Community Award
Mrs Maureen Gale	Australia Day Award
Mrs Deidre Hunter	Now a Reverend in the Anglican Church
Mrs Joy O'Halloran	Australia Day Award

### WA Unit

Lady Wilson (Leila)	Life Membership of the WA Unit
Mrs Janet Watts	Life Membership of the WA Unit
Mrs Marjorie Scurlock	Centenary of Federation award

### In Remembrance

Mrs Nora Barnsley	ACT Unit
Mrs Nan Raven	ACT Unit
Mrs Audrey Sherwin (Unit Life Member)	ACT Unit
Mrs Iris Robinson	Tas Unit
Mrs Harley Cole	Tas Unit
Mrs Vi Minty	NSW Unit
Mrs Lyla Beckingham	NSW Unit
Mrs Maureen Bowen	NSW Unit
Mrs Lil Morris	NSW Unit
Mrs Rita Daly	QLD Unit
Miss Ruth Watts	SA Unit
Mrs Rhona Allanson	SA Unit
Mrs Gwen Fairbank	SA Unit
Mrs Joy Smith	SA Unit
Mrs Eva Papandrea	SA Unit
Mrs Elsa Warner (Unit Life Member)	VIC Unit
Lt. Col. Isabel MacIntyre (Unit Life member)	VIC Unit
Mrs Doreen Strack (Unit Life Member)	VIC Unit
Miss Pat Franklin	VIC Unit
Mrs Margaret Napier	WA Unit

### Procedural Arrangements

The following procedures will be used by the President and Vice President during the National Conference 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

- 1 **Agenda** as set out in the Conference Programme will be adhered to unless the meeting determines otherwise.  
  
Any business not included in the Agenda must be presented in writing to the National Executive no later than 9.00 pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September for consideration and presented for debate if and when it is considered appropriate. The President shall determine when introduced business genuinely arises from the current debate, and if so determined, it may become part of the Conference Agenda regardless of the date introduced.
- 2 **Motions** must be presented in writing and signed by the mover and seconder, together with a preamble and/or rationale.
- 3 **Recommendations and/or Suggestions** from Units, intended to become Motions, must be presented in writing as indicated above.
- 4 **Reference Committee** of three(3) shall be appointed by Conference.
- 5 **Tellers.** Two(2) shall be appointed by Conference.
- 6 **Members wishing to speak** shall stand and wait until recognised by the President. Members shall address the President when speaking. All members are to state their name and Unit or Organisation represented, before beginning to speak. Observers have the right to speak but not to vote.
- 7 **All Conference papers to be taken as read**, but the presenter of the business may highlight certain aspects within limits as prescribed in Item 15.
- 8 **A motion may be moved**, the mover speaking to the motion. Any motion that is not seconded shall lapse and not be recorded in the Conference Minutes.  
  
The seconder of the motion may speak to the motion, or may reserve the right to speak later.
- 9 **Motions may be debated** once they have been moved and seconded. The President may inquire if there is anyone wishing to speak for or against the motion, and should alternate such speakers. If there are no speakers against the motion, the President shall put the motion to the vote.  
  
The mover of the motion has the right of reply to the debate immediately prior to the vote being taken.
- 10 **Debating:** Up to three (3) minutes will be allowed to each speaker unless permission is granted for an extension of time (for a maximum of two [2] minutes. This must be moved, seconded and agreed upon by the voting members).  
  
No member may speak more than once on the same motion or amendment, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply. If debate exceeds twenty-five (25) minutes on one motion, it will be deferred to a later Business Session.

- 11 **Amendments** may arise from the debate, but the mover, seconder and speaker to the amendment shall not have spoken to the original motion. The proposed amendment must vary the subject matter of the motion, whilst maintaining the intent of the original motion. Any amendment not seconded must lapse and not be recorded in the Conference Minutes.

The President may choose to enquire if any amendment is likely to be seconded, before allowing the mover of the proposed amendment to speak to the amendment.

The mover of the amendment may not reserve the right to speak later.

One (1) amendment shall be dealt with at a time, with speakers limited to addressing the amendment subject. A speaker may foreshadow her intention (but not to speak to her proposal) to offer an alternate amendment following the resolution of the current amendment.

Any amendment must be taken in sequence of acceptance.

- 12 **The debate is closed** when the time limit of twenty-five (25) minutes is exceeded on the one motion; the President indicates she believes there has been sufficient debate; there are no more speakers; or when someone, who has not taken part in the debate, moves the motion 'that the question be now put'. This must be seconded and carried. The vote *must be taken immediately without further discussion* or the mover's right of reply being granted.

If there is a motion and an amendment before the conference, the amendment is put to the vote first. With the resolving of an amendment, the debate on the motion, or the amended motion, is closed. Any foreshadowed amendment is now proposed and the debate resumed.

The mover of the motion may use her right of reply, after which the President shall put the motion to the vote. A simple majority vote is necessary for the motion to be carried. The President shall declare the result of each vote.

- 13 **Voting Entitlements are:**
- 2 from each State/Territory Unit
  - 1 from each Denominational Organisation
  - 5 from incoming National Executive
  - 1 from Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust
  - All National Executive members

- 14 **Voting method** shall be by the Delegates displaying their official Voting Card when the vote is called for, unless otherwise decided by vote at the Conference.

- 15 **At all Reporting Sessions**, it shall be moved 'that all reports be taken as read'. Speakers to the National Executive and Unit Reports are allocated five (5) minutes, National Denominational Groups, Special Interest Groups, Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust and National Representatives are allocated three (3) minutes. Questions and comments are not included in the time allocation, but at the discretion of the President.

**Amendments to 1999 Conference Minutes**

- Page 1. HONOURS/AWARDS-Line 5. Alter 'Mrs Mabel Ward' to **Brigadier** Mabel Ward
- Page 2. HONOURS/AWARDS-Line 1. Alter 'Mrs Phyl McKinnery' to **Miss** Phyl McKinnirey
- Page 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 99/6 Lines 1 and 2. 'Uniting Church of Australia' should be **Uniting Church Adult Fellowship**
- Page 3. BUSINESS ARISING: 97/10 Line 1. Alter to National Executive **was** etc.  
97/R2 Line 1. Alter to National Executive **has** etc.  
97/R4 Line 1. Alter to National Executive **has** etc.  
Line 2. Alter 'representative' to '**represent**'
- Page 4. INWARDS CORRES. 2. Line 5 'unit' should be **Unit**  
99/8 Line 2. 'inward' should be **Inwards** and  
'outward' should be **Outwards**
- Page 5. 99/11 Motion – Line 3 should read 'encouraged to purchase **its own**'  
Line 4 should read '**ACWC is considering**'
- Page 8. National Executive Report WKS CONVENOR Line 5. Correct spelling of Doreen Tie  
WKS TRUST Line 2. Put a full-stop after 'Wah'. New sentence should read 'She had arrived' etc.  
Line 4. Correct spelling of name to **Suzanna Nitrai**
- Page 9. 99/18 Recommendation 1. Line 3 should read 'hold **its** Executive' etc.
- Page 11. Denominational & Special Interest Groups Reports  
Para 5 Line 1. Delete the word 'Groups'. The title is Uniting Church Adult Fellowship, usually abbreviated to UCAF.  
Last para. Line 3. Salvation Army (where?)
- Page 12. 99/22 correct spelling 'Seconded Evonne Sullivan'
- Page 15. 99/28 correct spelling 'Moved Evonne Sullivan'  
99/28 Delete one 'r' from 'Carried'
- Page 16. 99/29 Notice of Motion 1. Para 3. Delete the last 'Carried'  
99/31 Notice of Motion 5. Last line. Delete the full stop and add 'in accordance with the Guidelines'
- Page 18. Para 3. Line 1. Add 'Aotearoa' to the name of CWU to read 'Church Women United Aotearoa/New Zealand'
- Page 20. Greetings received Para 8 Line1. Correct spelling to read 'R<sup>uth</sup> Burmester'
- Page 23. ACW National Archivist Alter address to 'New Line Road'
- Page 25. First line – alter spelling to 'delegate'

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It seems eons ago since we gathered in Brisbane for the last National Conference in 1999, and yet in some ways the time has gone very quickly. Over those two years I have been encouraging you to be women of hope, who are committed to making that HOPE a reality in the lives of others.

Since taking up office, I have endeavoured to respond to all invitations extended to me and that has meant that I have enjoyed some interesting experiences.

The executive has met monthly and we would express appreciation to the management and staff of Koorong Bookstore here in Adelaide for the use of their lunchroom for our meetings. It has proved very convenient as we live each side of the city and it is central and provided us with off street parking.

In December, Mavis Ellis and I attended a Round Table Conference, organised by the Office of the Status of Women, relating to workplace practices. Not relevant to our organisation, but interesting as to what happens to and for women in the workplace.

In February 2000, I was privileged to share with the A.C.T. unit for their A.G.M. It was a wonderful time of celebration and I valued the gracious hospitality afforded me in a number of ways.

In March I gave the address at a World Day of Prayer service in Adelaide. Also in March I was involved in a Teleconference for the planning of "You and Your Future" Conference under the auspices of The Office of The Status of Women, to be held in Canberra this year. Due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, that Conference did not eventuate.

In July, I shared with the N.S.W. Unit in their Reflection Day. It was a very enriching experience as we explored the story of the woman who encountered Jesus at the well and had her life changed. It was a time of blessing as WE encountered Jesus again in our own lives!

In October, I gave the address at the World Community Day Service for the S.A. Unit.

In 2001, I have been involved in World Day of Prayer Service, International Women's Day celebrations, Parliamentary Christian Fellowship Service (S.A.) and Capacity Building Workshop (O.S.W.).

In June I had the privilege of being the speaker at the 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Vic. Unit. Once more that was a blessed time for me, as I shared with faithful women who have served their God so loyally over so many years.

In July, it was the 4<sup>th</sup> National Council of Churches Australia Forum in Melbourne. That was an interesting time as I observed the dynamics of the Ecumenical Movement at that level. It was a time of learning, and provided some direction as we ponder the future of A.C.W. and our contribution to Ecumenism.

I also had numerous opportunities to represent A.C.W. informally as I responded to a number of speaking engagements and took the opportunity to promote our organisation.

Since our last Conference, Colin and I have been blessed with the addition of 4 beautiful granddaughters to our family. Yes 4 little girls under 3!!! Also since that time, I have relinquished my role as President of World C.W.F. of Churches of Christ. That culminated in our World Convention in Brisbane last August, and was an amazing experience for me and I give thanks to God for God's grace and empowering!

I wish to pay tribute to the members of the National Executive. Each person has contributed, out of their giftedness, to the efficient planning and preparation for this gathering. We have had a very happy time as we have worked together to bring this Conference to fruition.

Special thanks must go to Maureen Clark who, in her role as Secretary, has been faithful in her distribution of extra information to the State Units, as well as preparing Agendas for meetings and generally keeping your President on the ball!

I thank you for the wonderful gift you afforded me in allowing me to be your President over this time. It has been a special blessing to me as yet again I have been stretched in my relationship with God.

I pray for our new president, the Rev. Lee Edwards, and her Executive, God's grace and peace, as they undertake their task over the next 2 years.

Marj Dredge-President.

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since taking office, the National Executive has met monthly and the meetings have covered all aspects of Australian Church Women and National Conference planning. We are indebted to Koorong Bookshop for the use of their function room for our meetings. Our grateful thanks go to them as no fee was charged.

All members of the Executive worked well together and offered their special talents.

I would like to thank our National President, Marj Dredge, for keeping our meetings in order.

Thank you to Marjorie Crawford for her accuracy and prompt posting of minutes and for producing the Unit directories.

We were not able to appoint a Special Days Convenor for our term of office, so the work was shared between the National Secretary and second Vice-President, Laurice Smith.

Social Justice literature received was forwarded to our convenor, Mavis Ellis. Some of it did not really apply to ACW. You will be pleased to know that although the Australian Federal Police have disbanded their special branch for the investigation of paedophilia, the work has been integrated with other investigation procedures.

We must thank the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees for their work and their chairman, Dorothy Ferrier, also National WKS Convenor, for her efforts in obtaining photographs for the entries in the Memorial Bursary book.

Our Australian representative to Asian Church Women's Conference, Barbara Lacy, has kept in constant touch with me, advising National Executive of all matters. We thank Barbara for travelling to Adelaide to meet with us in November last, after the South Australian Unit Annual General Meeting, where she enjoyed fellowship with other members. Barbara shared with us some of the happenings of the General Committee meeting held in Bangladesh in October.

All Units responded well to a request for financial assistance for ACWC Committee member Padma Ebenezer when her daughter Niroosha was seriously injured in an accident in Sydney.

Federation Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2001, has been promoted through our Units and denominations to encourage participation in the celebrations in this Centenary year of Federation.

I would like to thank all the Units and their Secretaries for their co-operation, and the members of National Executive for their help and support.

On behalf of the National Executive I extend to the Incoming Executive, our very best wishes and assure them of our prayers.

Lastly, I wish to thank the members of Australian Church Women for allowing me the privilege to serve you as National Secretary. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term of office and will miss the contact with State and Territory Units.

May God bless each of you and your work.

Maureen Clark

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

After some initial challenges, I have enjoyed the privilege of fulfilling this office and with pleasure I present the Treasurer's Report for the two years ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001.

An early application was made for exemption from paying FID, Stamp Duty and Debit Tax on our cheque account and certificates of exemption were received.

Fellowship Day and World Community Day (WCD) offerings and contributions to Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) have been maintained at similar levels as in recent years. Money from Fellowship Day goes to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund (WKS). WCD money each year is divided equally between Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) and a special project and these were in 1999 The Exodus Foundation in Sydney and in 2000 Teen Challenge in South Australia. Both were very appreciative of our donation. Money for FLC \$34,722 in 1999 and \$34,239 in 2000 was forwarded to Geneva by Telegraphic Transfer in US dollars. My thanks to all treasurers for promptly sending me their unit's contributions, so that each year I was able to forward all monies by mid-December.

The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) mid-way through my term in office caused a few problems, but after discussions at National Executive and with our Auditor we applied for and received our Australian Business Number Registration effective 14<sup>th</sup> June 2000. Endorsement as an Income Tax Exempt Charity and registration for GST both became effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000. After nine months and completing three quarterly Business Activity Statements, our Auditor advised that as our income is well under the required threshold we should apply to have our GST registration cancelled. This has been done and notification has been received from the Australian Taxation Office that this became effective as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001.

All state/territory units are urged to annually support both our National and Overseas Conference Funds as we are required to maintain an amount of Capital in each.

Very little money is received for Administration other than the percentages kept from Fellowship Day WKS and WCD offerings, and FLC contributions. In 1999 I transferred 5% from each as it was not possible to know exactly what would be required and some general administration expenses relate to WKS, WCD and FLC. In 2000 I transferred 10% from Fellowship Day (this still did not cover all WKS administration expenses), 5% from WCD and 3% from FLC. You will note that after two years of what I feel has been careful management, we are ending our term in a less than favourable financial position.

Maybe some of the accumulated money in our National Conference Fund could be transferred to Administration.

I would like to record my appreciation to our honorary auditor Mr Des Collinson for his advice and help during my term in office, especially with my GST problems.

To our incoming West Australian National Executive my very best wishes for a successful term in office.

Dorothy F Chapman.

### **Recommendations:**

1. That for each of the following two years National Executive and State/Territory Units deduct an amount not exceeding 10% from WCD and FLC monies and 10% from Fellowship Day offerings for Administration costs.
2. That for each of the following two years an amount of up to \$1,000 be transferred from National Conference Fund for Administration.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**I have examined the books and records of the Australian Church Women National Executive, for the year ended 30 June 2000 and believe that the Financial Statement, prepared on a cash basis represents a true and fair position of the National executive for the year.**

**Dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2000**



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**DES COLLINSON FCA**

**I have examined the books and records of the Australian Church Women National Executive, for the year ended 30 June 2001, and believe that the Financial Statement, prepared on a cash basis, represents a true and fair position of the National executive for the year.**

**Dated 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2001**



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**DES COLLINSON FCA**

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**Financial Statement for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2000**

<b>Balance at 1st July 1999</b>			6,998.19
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>Fellowship of the least Coin offerings</b>	36,503.57		
Less transfer to ACW Administration	<u>1,827.47</u>	34,676.10	
<b>Winifred Kiek Scholarship</b>			
Fellowship Day offerings	11,080.99		
Less Transfer to ACW Administration	<u>554.04</u>		
	10,526.95		
Donations	650.65		
Bursary Book	<u>735.00</u>	11,912.60	
<b>Asian Church Women's Conference</b>			
Bulletin Subscriptions	525.00		
Endowment Fund	500.00		
Donations	<u>674.75</u>	1,699.75	
<b>World Community Day Offerings</b>	9,454.41		
Less Transfer to ACW Administration	<u>477.37</u>	8,977.04	
<b>Overseas Conference Fund</b>			450.00
<b>National Conference Fund</b>			
1999 Conference	18,493.35		
Travel	2,353.09		
Travel Pool	<u>194.00</u>	21,040.44	
Term Deposit Redeemed			5,000.00
Interest on Redeemed Term Deposit			451.44
Interest on Cheque Accounts			103.23
Trans to Administration from FLC, WKS & WCD			2,858.88
<b>Sundries</b>			
Donations	60.00		
Refunds Petty Cash and PO Box key	114.20		
Sales – Circle of Prayer Books	30.00		
Spoons and Badges	<u>310.00</u>	<u>514.20</u>	<u>87,683.68</u>
			94,681.87
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Fellowship of the Least Coin	34,722.40		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	11,912.60		
Special Project – Exodus Foundation	4,534.70		
Asian Church Women's Conference		5,709.45	
ACWC – Bulletins		564.62	
1999 National Conference		17,520.42	

**PAYMENTS (Cont)**

ACW Newsletters		833.57	
<b>Sundries (SA)</b>			
ACW Administration	830.99		
WKS Leaflets and Admin.	1,139.62		
FLC 'Legend and Legacy' books and Admin.	433.90		
NCCA Subscription	60.00		
National Prayer Breakfast	58.00		
Brother Fax 920 Facsimile	<u>327.00</u>	2,849.51	
<b>Sundries (Qld)</b>			
Catholic Women's League – use of rooms	300.00		
Auditor	100.00		
FLC Spoons	388.32		
FLC Badges	<u>594.60</u>	1,382.92	
Term Deposits (2)		11,000.00	
Bank Charges (Qld)		<u>43.80</u>	<u>91,073.99</u>
<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2000</b>			<u>3,607.88</u>

<b>BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2000</b>		3,827.49
Less outstanding cheques	No. 106	43.90
	No. 109	<u>327.00</u>
		370.90
	Cheque A/c Balance	3,456.59
	Interest Term Deposit	<u>151.29</u>
		<u>\$3,607.88</u>

Balance cheque account	3,456.59
Term Deposit maturing 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2001	5,151.29
Term Deposit maturing 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2000	<u>6,000.00</u>
	<u>\$14,607.88</u>

**DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY**

Administration	2,488.86
Fellowship of the Least Coin	33.00
National Conference Fund	9,283.92
Overseas Conference Fund	<u>2,802.10</u>
	<u>\$14,607.88</u>

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

### Financial Statement for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001

<b>Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000</b>		3,607.88
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings</b>	35,264.79	
Less Transfer to A.C.W.Administration	<u>1,058.79</u>	34,206.00
<b>Winifred Kiek Scholarship</b>		
Fellowship Day Offerings	11,490.98	
Less Transfer to A.C.W. Administration	<u>1,149.08</u>	
	10,341.90	
Donations	456.74	
Bursary Book	<u>185.35</u>	10,983.99
<b>Asian Church Women's Conference</b>		
Bulletin Subscriptions	360.00	
Endowment Fund	500.00	
Partners	512.00	
Signatures	112.00	
Donations	<u>315.50</u>	1,799.50
<b>World Community Day Offerings</b>	9,466.16	
Less Transfer to A.C.W.Administration	<u>473.16</u>	8,993.00
<b>Overseas Conference Fund</b>	500.00	
Term Deposit Interest	<u>116.00</u>	616.00
<b>National Conference Fund</b>		
Donations	797.50	
2001 Conference Registration & Accommodation	1,923.50	
Travel Pool	570.00	
Term Deposit Interest	<u>353.04</u>	3,644.04
Term Deposit Interest	58.17	
Interest on Cheque Accounts	<u>77.70</u>	135.87
Trans to Administration from FLC, WKS & WCD		2,681.03
Australian Taxation Office - GST refund		252.00
<b>Sales including GST</b>		
Circle of Prayer	924.00	
Many Prayer, One Prayer	297.00	
A Legend and a Legacy	167.20	
Badges	33.00	
Spoons	<u>26.40</u>	1,447.60
<b>Sundries</b>		
Donations	10.20	
Reimbursement, Postage	26.95	
Reimbursement, Airfares, M Dredge	<u>275.00</u>	<u>312.15</u>
		<u>65,071.18</u>
		68,679.06

**PAYMENTS**

Fellowship of the Least Coin		34,239.00	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship		10,983.99	
Special Project - Teen Challenge		4,496.50	
Asian Church Women's Conference		5,936.00	
A.C.W.C. - Bulletins		375.00	
<b>2001 National Conference</b>			
Travel Pool	570.00		
Incoming National Executive Travel	1,200.00		
Administration	<u>291.18</u>	2061.18	
Overseas Conference Fund		100.00	
Australian Taxation Office, GST		51.00	
A.C.W. Newsletters		1,313.14	
<b>Sundries</b>			
A.C.W. Administration	489.88		
W.K.S. Leaflets and Admin.	1,220.68		
F.L.C "Circle of Prayer", "Many Prayer one Prayer "	724.80		
F.L.C. Administration	93.10		
N.C.C.A. Subscription	66.00		
National Prayer Breakfast	62.00		
Travel and N.C.C.A. Conference, M Dredge	<u>1,094.24</u>	<u>3,750.70</u>	<u>63,306.51</u>
<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001</b>			<u><b>5,372.55</b></u>

Balance as per bank statement 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2001	4,694.05
Interest Term Deposit	<u>678.50</u>
	<u><b>\$5,372.55</b></u>

Balance cheque account	4,694.05
Term Deposit maturing 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2001	5,330.20
Term Deposit maturing 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2001	<u>6,348.30</u>
<b>Total Balance 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001</b>	<u><b>\$16,372.55</b></u>

**DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY**

Administration	2,187.67
National Conference Fund	10,866.78
Overseas Conference Fund	<u>3,318.10</u>
	<u><b>\$16,372.55</b></u>

To the Members,

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**SCOPE**

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report of The Australian Church Women National Executive 1999 national Conference, comprising a statement of receipts and payments. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

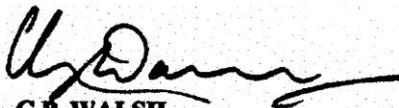
The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members of the association for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. I disclaim an assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or of any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material aspects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the association's constitution.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial report of the Australian Church Women National Executive 1999 National Conference presents fairly receipts and payments of the 1999 conference.



**C.F. WALSH**  
**Certified Practising Accountant**

**Brisbane, 30 November 1999**

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**  
**1999 NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 1ST OCTOBER, 1999**

Receipts

Registrations	3,870.00	
Accommodation 27/9/99-1/10/99	13,240.00	
Conference Dinner	960.00	
Day Visitor Fees	279.00	
Optional Bus Tour	470.00	
Pre Conf. Accommodation	38.00	
Ecumenical Service Collection	446.00	
Sale of Books	361.35	
Sale of Hangers and Bags	109.00	
Working Papers (\$10) & extra paid (June \$30)	<u>40.00</u>	
	19,813.35	19,813.35

Payments

Registration for Nat. Exec. Members	660.00	
Accommodation Grace College	12,794.00}	
Hire of PA	320.00}	13,129
Photocopying	15.00}	
Extra Night Accommodation	38.00	
Refund Accommodation	715.00	
Tourist Bus to North Coast	400.00	
Brisbane Bus to City (2 days)	360.00	
Travel incoming Exec., WK Trustee, ACWC rep	1,578.00	
Ecumenical Service Luncheon	720.00	
Ecumenical Service Use of Hall & Crockery	105.00	
Ecumenical Service Organist	50.00	
Entertainment at Dinner	120.00	
Gifts	226.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery & Photocopying	867.62	
Car Parking	22.00	
Purchase of Books – Koorong Bookstore	299.45	
M. Florence – Prep of Minutes, Postage & Phone	<u>186.95</u>	
	19,477.02	<u>19,477.02</u>

Excess of Receipts over Payments \$ 336.33

## FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present this report of Fellowship of the Least Coin in Australia during the past two years. This has been an enjoyable learning time for me in getting to know the State/Territory Unit convenors by letter and on occasions, the phone has been a quicker form of contact. My thanks to all convenors for the friendship and co-operation.

Receiving copies of the long awaited Shanti Solomon autobiography 'A Legend and a Legacy', was a great thrill, likewise copies of FLC history, 'Many Prayer, One Prayer', along with the vol. 15 'Circle of Prayer'. These have been distributed to the units as per their orders. From reports received and repeat orders, these books, particularly Shanti's story, have been very useful in helping to promote FLC. Its inspiring story encourages continuing offerings of the least coins, together with prayers for women and their problems in many parts of the world.

Convenors report continuing interest, with some new support being shown. In **Queensland** the convenor is able to use her gold rail pass to enable her to cover the extensive distances between groups and speaking engagements; in **NSW** one service used drama to good effect in portraying Shanti Solomon's story, which was well received.

In **ACT** five church groups have been addressed, with particular requests for the history of the movement. Many members wear their FLC badges when attending World Community Day services. In **Victoria** four groups have been addressed during 2000 and opportunity was used to mount a public display, using posters, coin boxes and books. In **Tasmania** support continues with blessings received as members learn of the outcome of the least coins they have contributed. The chaplaincy groups who have received grants have provided speakers at meetings, which created interest.

In **South Australia** twelve groups were visited, and two decided to commence support for FLC. At one meeting a chaplain to the Women's Prison bought a copy of 'A Legend and a Legacy' to give to an Indian lady inmate of the prison. The gift was well received and much appreciated by the inmate. **Western Australia** has had a difficult time with ill health causing changes in convenors, but interest is being maintained with successful World Community Day services being held. **Alice Springs Branch** held annual World Community Day services and individual members use the coin boxes during the year for their offerings.

In 2000 Australia received four FLC grants:- Cressy-Campbell Town School Chaplaincy (\$2,000); North-West Hospitals Chaplaincy (\$2,000), both in Tasmania; Aim Bible College Computer Project (\$3,000) in Northern Territory, sponsored by NSW; Leadership Development for GFS Leaders (\$3,000) in Queensland.

In 2001 again three applications were successful:- Parents' Support Group, Woolloomooloo (\$4,000); Women's Fellowship/Girls' Brigade Canoe, Solomon Islands (\$2,500) both sponsored by NSW; Facilitating Faith Community (Parish) Nursing in Western Australia (\$2,500) sponsored by South Australia.

Three applications have been approved by National Executive and forwarded to ICFLC for consideration for 2002, and we await the result of these.

As we make our offering of the least coin with an accompanying prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation, may we be aware that we are part of the worldwide group of Christian women participating together.

I wish the incoming National Convenor God's blessing in this fulfilling opportunity of service.

Margaret Greenslade  
National Convenor FLC

## **SPECIAL DAYS REPORT**

On behalf of the National Australian Church Women Executive Committee I present this report on the Special Day programmes for 1999-2001.

The last two years have brought us much joy as we have celebrated each Special Day in our various Units/Branches. Planning these events, organising the venues and sharing ideas in carrying out the Order of Service has brought us together in praise to the Lord once again.

We are grateful to those who have prepared the various Orders of Service and thank them for the thought and prayer involved in producing these services. The reports from Units/branches have been tabled and will be handed on to the incoming National Executive. These reports are a valuable source for those who have worked conscientiously to make the Orders of Service available for each Special Day, and for those who have the task ahead to reflect on. It is exciting to read of how the different services have been executed, the various venues adapted for convenience and fellowship, and that, sometimes, things can go wrong but end up being a happy occasion! (e.g. funerals do have to go on; roadworks in progress, hazardous; blocked toilets... women cope very well under these circumstances!!)

In some groups more outer suburbs and country services are being held, offering a wider opportunity for community awareness of what commitment ACW has to the church at large. Whilst some of our group members are advancing in years (and still doing a mighty job I must say), we are encouraged by the continued loyalty of those attending the Special Days. Mostly numbers are up, and with well prepared services, good speakers and fellowship over a soup and sandwich lunch or morning/afternoon tea, the Special Days Convenors of every denomination will, with members right behind them, continue valiantly to serve our ACW Units and Branches.

Some of the Nursing Homes are having difficulty finding a resident member able to carry out the service. However, there is usually a member of the Unit or Branch who feels able to do this for them so the service can be enjoyed in the Home. We thank them for this important continued contact with senior members and friends.

As I write this report the Fellowship Day services are about to be held. We thank the Darwin Branch for the preparation of this Order of Service, particularly as their numbers are small and the time was limited.

As you know, Celestial Lusi is the Winifred Kiek Scholar for the year 2001. Celestial is reported as being very excited and very grateful for the assistance given through ACW and the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. We pray that the studies undertaken by her will be successful and rewarding as she completes her final year of the Diploma of Theology, and as she shares her faith with the women of Roroni.

The National Executive wishes to thank Special Days Convenors for attending to their tasks so ably and willingly. We extend our good wishes to the incoming National Executive from Western Australia as they lead ACW during the next two years.

May God bless us as we seek to do His will.

Laurice Smith  
Acting Special Days National Convenor

## WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP CONVENOR'S REPORT

It has been a particularly interesting two years as the National Convenor of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship as I have also continued my position as Trustee Convenor. I hope that the two reports contain the relevant information in the right report!

At the 1999 Conference in Brisbane we had the opportunity to meet Dr Esther Byu, Executive Secretary of the ICFLC, as the recipient of the 1999 Winifred Kiek Fellowship.

The 1999 Scholar, Mai Zin Zin Wah was unable to take up her studies in Singapore until January 2000. She did have some difficulty in leaving Myanmar, but was able to use the extra time before her official studies commenced to improve her English language skills.

The 2000 Scholar, Miss Sue Nitrai was sponsored by the ACW ACT Unit and attended St Mark's National Theological Centre in Canberra where she undertook her 4<sup>th</sup> year of her Bachelor of Theology degree. ~~(It is a pleasure to have her with us at this Conference).~~

This year's Scholar, Miss Celestial Lusi from Honiara is studying at the Christian Leaders Training College of Papua, New Guinea and the South Pacific. Celestial was sponsored by the Roroni Women's Fellowship of the South Seas Evangelical Church. She is undertaking her final year of her Diploma of Theology, and will graduate in early December, before returning to the Solomon islands to work within women's ministries.

Fellowship Day Services have once again been well supported by all States and Territories. Thereby continuing the spirit of the late Reverend Winifred Kiek in assisting young women to undertake theological studies, to assist other women and to further world Christianity. The collections from these services are credited to the WKS Trust each year, and the interest from the subsequent investments is used for the scholarship.

There are four new entries in the Memorial Bursary Book: - Audrey Sherwin, ACT Unit; Patricia Franklin and Doreen Strack from the Victorian Unit; and Dorothy Woodhouse from the NSW Unit. These ladies have all made significant contributions to ACW and to the community as a whole. It was also pleasing to receive several missing photos. The accompanying donations have enabled funds to be made available to the scholars for the purchase of resources. Thank you to those who assisted in keeping our history up to date.

Christmas greetings were sent to all past and present scholars, and some have replied. It is good to hear their personal news, and they are all very grateful for our continuing prayers and support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the National Executive, particularly the support and friendship of the other members of the team, and I wish the incoming National Executive a happy and rewarding term of office.

Dorothy Ferrier  
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor

## WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the report of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust for the period 2000/2001.

Firstly may I say how very much I have appreciated the fax machine. It has been an absolute boon to everybody concerned, both outgoing and incoming!

Although the 1999 Scholar, Mai Zin Zin Wah was late in commencing her studies in Singapore, she did have a very successful year. I have been delighted to receive several invitations from Trinity College and I was sorry that distance prevented me from attending these occasions – Graduation Ceremonies and the Service to Celebrate the Marking of Trinity Theological College as a Historic Site. I was also surprised and delighted to receive an invitation to attend the Marriage of Stella Mai Zin Zin Wah and Reginald Kyaw Lwin Aung on 9<sup>th</sup> June in the Holy Cross Church, Myanmar. I wrote expressing our congratulations, best wishes and prayers.

The 2000 Scholar, Miss Sue Nitrai enjoyed her year at St Mark's National Theological Centre in Canberra, and I have received excellent reports from those who have heard her speak. ~~(It is a pleasure to welcome her to our conference) and the Trust has been delighted to award her a Winifred Kiek Fellowship.)~~ Sue

The selection of this year's Scholar was more difficult than usual due to the political unrest in the South Pacific area. The Trustees received permission from the National Executive to delay their decision until later in the year, and we finally made our selection in mid September. Miss Celestial Lusi was nominated by the Roroni Women's Fellowship of the South Seas Evangelical Church in Honiara, and has been undertaking her final year of her Diploma of Theology at the Christian Leaders' Training College of Papua New Guinea. Celestial will graduate in early December, before returning to the Solomon Islands to assist with women's ministries. The FAX machine was certainly working overtime during this period! I would like to record our thanks for the support and assistance of the National Executive, and during this period of review it was geographically very close too!

The selection of the 2002 Scholar from the Asian area has been made but at the time of writing this report we are awaiting confirmation.

I am pleased to say that the changes we have made to the application forms seem to be working. There have not been so many unanswered questions and missing details as in the past.

My personal thanks to the other Trustees for their continued friendship, loyal support and enthusiasm. We have worked very well as a team, with special assistance from Jess Horton as Treasurer and Norma Bishop as Scribe. However that team is about to change as both Jess Horton and I have come to the end of our terms. Our successors will be appointed at this conference and I wish them all, old and new, a very interesting and rewarding time.

Jess Horton, Norma Bishop, Margaret Greenslade, Barbara Grealy, Dorothy Ferrier  
TRUSTEES

**WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**

**TREASURER'S REPORT 2000 – 2001**

It is encouraging to report once again the annual contributions to the Scholarship was nearly \$22,000, this brings the Capital invested to over \$200,000.

\$9,600 was given to the 2001 Scholar and \$11,000 is available for the 2002 Scholar.

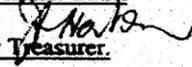
The Memorial Bursary Capital has also had an increase of over \$900 during the past two years. Sue Nitrai, our 2000 Scholar was provided with \$300 from the Bursary funds towards books and teaching aids. To date the 2001 Scholar has not requested any such payments.

Funds from the Winifred Kiek Fellowship were used for conference expenses in 1999 for the Fellowship of the Least Coin Executive Secretary. This fund is currently at \$14,000.

As this is my last report from the trustees, I thank all the other trustees over the eight years I have held this position, for their help and confidence in my recommendations.

I once again acknowledge the assistance of Auditor, Mr Adrian Nicholls and sincere thanks for his auditing of the books and recommend a gift of \$100 be made in appreciation of his service over the past two years.

Jessie F. Horton OAM

  
Honorary Treasurer.

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1999 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2000**

**WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS**

	BALANCES	CAPITAL	'99 SCHL.	2000 SCHL.	2001 SCHL.	W.K.FELL.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS
Balance B/F	\$ 219,551.55	185,079.84	10,788.04	9,140.72	14,433.45	109.50	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
Interest	\$ 10,088.15				9,671.30	416.85	
New Capital	\$ 11,177.60						
Transfers	490.72				490.72		
Administration\$	528.87						528.87
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 241,836.89</b>	<b>196,257.44</b>	<b>10,788.04</b>	<b>9,140.72</b>	<b>9,671.30</b>	<b>15,341.02</b>	<b>638.37</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
Schls. & Grants\$	21,239.04						
Transfers	\$ 490.72						
Administration\$	182.35						182.35
'99 Schl.	\$ 73.65						73.65
2000 Schl.	\$ 9.80						9.80
2001 Schl.	\$ 174.27						174.27
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$ 22,169.83</b>	<b>10,788.04</b>	<b>9,140.72</b>		<b>1,801.00</b>		<b>440.07</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>							
30/6/2000	\$ 219,667.06	196,257.44	Nil	Nil	9,671.30	13,540.02	198.30

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST**

	CAPITAL	'99 SCHL.	2000 SCHL.	2001 SCHL.	W.K.FELL.	ADMINISTRATION COSTS
<b>Bank accounts &amp; Investments</b>						
Bank SA Chq	\$ 6,256.12					
AGC	\$ 72,201.38					
Esanda	\$ 89,995.40					
Tower Trust	\$ 3,288.28					
Nat. Aust. Bank\$	24,393.86					
CPS Cr. Union	\$ 23,525.67					
Cash in Hand	\$ 6.35					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 219,667.06</b>	<b>9,671.30</b>	<b>13,540.02</b>	<b>191.95</b>		<b>198.30</b>

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 1999 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2000**

**MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS**

	<b>BALANCES</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>'99 SCHL.</b>	<b>2000 SCHL.</b>	<b>2001 SCHL.</b>
Balance B/f	\$ 8,974.69	8,100.31	464.06	410.32	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Interest	\$ 420.70				420.70
New Capital	\$ 735.00	735.00			
Transfers	\$ 2.06	2.06			
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$ 10,132.45</b>	<b>8,837.37</b>	<b>464.06</b>	<b>410.32</b>	<b>420.70</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Scholar	\$ 462.00		462.00		
Transfers	\$ 2.06		2.06		
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$ 464.06</b>		<b>464.06</b>		
<b>BALANCE</b>					
30/6/2000	\$ 9,668.39	8,837.37	Nil	410.32	420.70

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST**

<b>Bank Accounts &amp; Investments</b>	<b>BALANCES</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>'99 SCHL.</b>	<b>2000 SCHL.</b>	<b>2001 SCHL.</b>
Bank SA chq.a/c	\$ 644.33	50.37			183.64
AGC	\$ 5,606.97	5,500.00		410.32	106.97
Esanda	\$ 1,587.44	1,520.00			67.44
Tower Trust	\$ 428.92	415.87			13.05
Nat. Aust. Bank	\$ 754.45	735.00			19.45
CPS Cr. Union	\$ 646.28	616.13			30.15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 9,668.39</b>	<b>8,837.37</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>410.32</b>	<b>420.70</b>

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accounts in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion, the financial statements of Australian Church Women Memorial Bursary and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Accounts are properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books and records of the Trust, so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at June 30, 2000 and the results of the Trust for the year ended on that date, and are in accordance with acceptable accounting standards.

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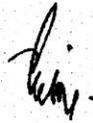
AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accounts in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion, the financial statements of Australian Church Women Memorial Bursary and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Accounts are properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books and records of the Trust, so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at June 30, 2001 and the results of the Trust for the year ended on that date, and are in accordance with acceptable accounting standards.

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**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2000 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2001**

**MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS**

	<b>BALANCES</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>2000 SCHL.</b>	<b>2001 SCHL.</b>	<b>2002 SCHL.</b>
Balance b/f	\$ 9,668.39	8,837.37	410.32	420.70	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Interest	\$ 510.68				510.68
New Capital	\$ 185.35	185.35			
Transfers	\$ 123.37	123.37			
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$ 10,487.79</b>	<b>9,146.09</b>	<b>410.32</b>	<b>420.70</b>	<b>510.68</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Scholar	\$ 300.00		300.00		
Transfers	\$ 123.37		110.32	13.05	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$ 423.37</b>		<b>410.32</b>	<b>13.05</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 10,064.42</b>	<b>9,146.09</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>407.65</b>	<b>510.68</b>

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST**

	<b>BALANCES</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>2000 SCHL.</b>	<b>2001 SCHL.</b>	<b>2002 SCHL.</b>
<b>Bank Accounts &amp; Investments</b>					
Bank SA Chq a/c	\$ 765.09	185.69		377.50	201.90
AGC	\$ 5,639.97	5,500.00			139.97
ESANDA	\$ 1,612.72	1,520.00			92.72
Tower Trust	\$ 450.03	428.92			21.11
N.A.B.	\$ 754.45	735.00			19.45
CPS Cr Union	\$ 842.16	776.48		30.15	35.53
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 10,064.42</b>	<b>9,146.09</b>		<b>407.65</b>	<b>510.68</b>

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2000 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2001**

**WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS**

	<b>BALANCES</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>2001 SCHL.</b>	<b>2002 SCHL.</b>	<b>W.K.FELL.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>
Balance B/F	\$ 219,667.06	196,257.44	9,671.30		13,540.02	198.30
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Interest	\$ 11,707.13			11,294.54	412.59	
New Capital	\$ 10,798.64	10,798.64				
Transfers	213.68		71.19		142.49	
Administration	\$ 448.86					448.86
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 242,835.37</b>	<b>207,056.08</b>	<b>9,742.49</b>	<b>11,294.54</b>	<b>14,095.10</b>	<b>647.16</b>

	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>2000 Schl.</b>	<b>2001 Schl.</b>	<b>2002 Schl.</b>
Scholarship	\$ 9,600.00	9,600.00						
Transfers	\$ 213.68	142.49					71.19	
Administration								
General	\$ 174.55							174.55
2000 Schl.	\$ 2.00							2.00
2001 Schl.	\$ 228.31							228.31
2002 Schl.	\$ 43.20							43.20

Total payments	\$ 10,261.74	9,742.49					71.19	448.06
<b>BALANCE</b>								
30/6/2001	\$ 232,573.63	207,056.08	Nil	11,294.54	14,023.91		199.10	

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST**

	<b>BALANCES</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>2001 SCHL.</b>	<b>2002 SCHL.</b>	<b>W.K.FELL.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>
<b>Bank Accounts &amp; Investments</b>						
Bank SA Chq	\$ 7,541.97			5,575.42	1,784.30	
AGC	\$ 72,020.32	62,665.40		1,295.12	8,059.80	
ESANDA	\$ 90,357.39	87,580.86		2,171.62	604.91	
Tower Trust	\$ 3,450.76	135.06		162.48	3,153.22	
N.A.B.	\$ 24,393.86	23,677.60		626.55	89.71	
CPS Cr Union	\$ 34,792.48	32,997.16		1,463.35	331.97	
Cash on Hand	\$ 16.85					16.85
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 232,573.63</b>	<b>207,056.08</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>11,294.54</b>	<b>14,023.91</b>	<b>199.10</b>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVENER'S REPORT

As the position of Social Justice Convener for the National Committee was a new one, I have had to feel my way. Perhaps I made a mistake in not having a committee to keep me on the ball.

There was a resolution from the last National Conference that ACW should be involved in the 'Fairwear Campaign' and I have tried to encourage the Units to participate in this. Carmel Blanton from the Victorian Unit attended the launch of the 'No Sweat Shop' label on my behalf and following information received from her, I distributed car bumper stickers and postcards to send to major stores. I am not a shopper but I did manage to approach several Rundle Mall shops, all of which knew nothing about the 'No Sweat Shop' label. I also gave stickers and postcards to members of the SA Council of Churches Social Questions Liaison Group, which I joined when I accepted this position. I have enjoyed attending their monthly meetings and have been stimulated by this contact with other denominations.

I have also distributed information from the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, the Coalition for Justice for Refugees on the plight of Asylum Seekers, Pokies Watch Group, and the World March for Women 2000, to the Units. Letters to members of parliament on various issues have mostly brought the usual replies. Letters have also been written commending positive actions taken by some MPs.

It has been encouraging to receive reports from Units who have had members attend various meetings on social justice issues.

The ACT Unit had Jean Thomson attend a Seminar and workshops organised by the Canberra ALP branch on the Unmet Needs of Women in the ACT - Physical and Financial Security. Her comprehensive report was distributed to Units. Other topics discussed in the ACT have been Drug Law Reform, Community Housing, Reconciliation, ACT Prisons and Refugees.

The NSW Unit has been involved in the 'Year of the Older Persons', Transport, written letters concerning the proliferation of Poker machines in hotels and Shopping Centres (10% of the world's poker machines are in NSW), complained about the lack of Christmas theme in decorations, which has resulted in the inclusion of Nativity Scenes, participated in the Fairwear campaign and the International Year of Volunteers, and is monitoring the genetic engineering of food.

Two members of the SA Unit attended a Candlelight Vigil in front of a shop which had not signed the Homemakers Code of Practice and, on another occasion, a breakfast to support the Fairwear Campaign. Other issues highlighted were landmines, Domestic Violence, the dilemma of children when parents are arrested, Environmental Injustice (ie Waterways, waste management etc.). The latest issue is Human Cloning but much research is required.

The Queensland Social Justice Convener has only recently been appointed but feels that social justice issues are dealt with within the various denominations. This has been said by other unit conveners too.

The big disappointment during these two years is that there are several units that have not once been in touch with me despite my regular requests for information.

Mavis Ellis, Convener



The 'No Sweat Shop' label is a copy-righted industry solution to the exploitation of outworkers

## **REPORT FROM NATIONAL PUBLICITY OFFICER, ACW 1999-2001**

As the decision to create the position of Publicity Officer on the National Executive of Australian Church Women was only taken at the Brisbane National Conference in 1999, this is the first time a report has been given on the position.

According to the Guidelines of the Publicity Officer, she shall prepare a monthly report (including correspondence in and out) for the National Executive Meeting, maintain a file of correspondence for her two years in office and pass this on to her successor, compile a list of State and Territory contacts and release information to appropriate authorities as directed by the National Executive.

As well as endeavouring to follow these guidelines, I have offered my experience as a former National Vice-President of ACW (1985-1987) and as Vice-President of the Asian Church Women's Conference and Deputy Chairperson of the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (1986-1990) in the interesting discussions held during our term of office which will culminate in the Adelaide 2001 National Conference.

Marj Dredge has been a competent and gracious National President and this has encouraged the members of the current National Executive to 'knit together' in their work in a harmonious way – without exception they have all pulled their weight in the allotted duties and it has been a joy to work with them.

My prayer is that the incoming National Executive – and particularly the Publicity Officer – will find similar satisfaction during their coming term in office.

Barbara Grealy OAM

## **NATIONAL ARCHIVIST'S REPORT**

During the past two years, there has been little movement in the Archives, so there is not a lot to report!

Apart from the usual acquisition of Secretary's, Treasurer's and Convener's records surrendered (with great relief) after the last Conference in 1999, other items have come from National Life Member, Marjorie Verco. They include her personal papers for the 1997 Conference, the updated Constitution and some photos from the Adelaide Conference 1987 and Canberra 1997.

I was able to buy a very good second-hand filing cabinet to add to the storage space we already have. It was part of some redundant office space, which accounts for the low price of \$50.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of National Executive and all the people of State Units who inquired and upheld me and my family in prayer, during my serious illness last year. My friend Jan Harrison, gladly relieved me of the responsibility of WKS Convenership, adding to her own tasks as President. The loving friendship shown in practical ways as well as in prayer by the members of ACW in NSW and in the ACT were appreciated by me and my whole family. Thank you to the 'family' of ACW – you mean a great deal to me.

I am happy to report that at present my health is good; there is currently no sign of the recurrence of the lymphoma. We are trusting in the power and love of God, knowing that He is able to help and sustain us in all circumstances.

Edith Ridge  
30.7.2001

## REPORT FROM PUBLICATIONS EDITOR

Over the past two years we have endeavoured to send out a Newsletter every two months. The only alteration to this was during the last summer holiday season we only sent out two Newsletters over six months instead of three over the same period. This was because during the holiday period there wasn't as much News as usual.

When I first started, we were printing 560 copies, but because of having too many left over, and a request that we don't send quite so many to one of the Units, this has been reduced to 550. This still leaves enough for any extras that may be needed.

I am very grateful to those who have made my job easier by sending in regular contributions to the Newsletter - after all, what's the use of a Newsletter if there is no news to put in it? So thank you to those who helped in this way. Having messages Emailed through saved a lot of time, and made the job much easier, I am grateful to our President Marj, for sending her messages through in this way. I am also grateful to my husband, Brian, for helping me transfer these messages into the format that was needed for the Newsletter, not being very proficient in this area myself.

The big job of actually sending the Newsletters out was helped by Major Margaret Collins who happily typed up all the addresses on the labels for me. When everything was ready to go, Marj Crawford, National Minute Secretary, was only too willing to open her house so that we could work together to send out the Newsletters. As Marge usually had Minutes to send out, we tried to send them in the same envelopes to save as much money as possible.

This job has been made much easier because of the help of others, so I would like to record my sincere thank-you to those who have helped in any way, and I wish the new Publication Editor all the very best, and I pray that you will experience the same co-operation that it has been my pleasure to experience.

God bless,

Shirley Sampson  
Publications Editor

## ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE BIENNIAL REPORT

We <sup>have</sup> shared another two wonderful years of prayer and co-operation with our Asian sisters in Christ. Your delegate is honoured to represent such a prayerful, generous and supportive organisation as Australian Church Women.

Firstly, thank you to every ACW Unit for your outstanding support of the appeal for Niroosha Ebenezer following a serious road accident in Sydney in December 1999. Niroosha is the daughter of Godfrey and Padma Ebenezer of Sri Lanka. Padma serves with me on the Executive of ACWC. The Ebenezer family express their sincere gratitude.

Secondly thank you for your contributions to the Signature and other campaigns of ACWC. Their Executive Committee appreciates our ongoing support of the programmes and aims of Asian Church Women's Conference.

**REPRESENTATION:** In October, 2000, the meetings of the Executive and General committees, and a Consultation on Violence Against Women were held in Bangladesh. You have read my reports and impressions. How your representative missed her travelling companion, Lynette Green! Sitting in airport lounges without her comments and observations can be very boring. It will be great to have the company of our new Australian Representatives and delegates in Korea next year.

My next trip will be to Laos in August with President, Nancy Lin, as members of the ACWC Executive Committee. We are hoping the women of Laos will consider membership of Asian Church Women's Conference.

**PAKISTAN – AUSTRALIA'S PRAYER PARTNER:** It was an honour to present Ms Shunila Ruth with a Banner from Australia for the women of Pakistan whilst in Bangladesh. It was also a thrill to tell Shunila that the World Community Day Project for 2001 was the 'Talitha Kumi' Women's Centre, Pakistan. In recent correspondence Shunila expressed her gratitude on behalf of the women and families of Pakistan. The theme 'Living in Hope' will take on special meaning for us all.

**ACWC DAY LITURGY:** This liturgy is sent to the National Secretary and then to all State Units for their use in services and/or meetings during November. The last theme was "Women of 2000... Turn Up In The Tribulation" prepared by the women of Sri Lanka. The liturgy for 2001 is to be prepared by Thailand, and should arrive soon.

**ACWC NEWSLETTER:** The ACWC National Representative is always happy to receive contributions for publication. Member countries now form rosters, and Australia, together with New Zealand, South India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka will be responsible for contributing to the Fourth Quarter Magazine.

As Australian Church Women, we look forward to meeting the Executive members of Asian Church Women's Conference in Adelaide. Our National Mission Statement says it all – "Australian Church Women seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries, to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit".

Thank you to the National Executive, based in Adelaide, who have been most supportive in our interest and involvement in Asian Church Women's Conference. I look forward to working with the National Executive based in WA for the remainder of my term of office.

Barbara Lacy, National Representative, Asian Church Women's Conference

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY UNIT REPORT

It is with pleasure that we present the 1999 – 2001 Biennial Report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership remained stable with 29 Affiliated Organisations and 3 Associate Members. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** was conferred upon Major Averil Whybird and Mrs Merle Fitzpatrick in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the ACT Unit/ACW.

**VALE:** We sadly record the passing of 3 stalwart members – Mrs Nora Barnsley, Mrs Nan Raven and Mrs Audrey Sherwin (Life Member). Nora represented her organisation regularly at Unit meetings. Nora made a significant contribution to Ecumenism in the ACT. Audrey was well known, serving as Publicity Officer, then as Unit Secretary and finally as ACT Convenor of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust. Audrey was a valuable member of a number of ACT Unit delegations to ACW National Conferences.

**MEETINGS:** General meetings were held on the last Friday in each second month, with meetings of Executive on the alternate month. A special prayer for the women of Pakistan was featured. We are indebted to the Canberra Baptist Church management for comfortable rent free meeting accommodation and to the Baptist Women's Fellowship for the welcoming morning tea prior to meetings. The 'Five Minute Focus' segments were popular, with members enjoying hearing of the activities of their fellow affiliates.

**SPECIAL DAYS SERVICES** were hosted by various affiliated organisations – all beautifully presented and well attended.

**REPRESENTATION:** ACT Unit/ACW was affiliated with National Council of Women of ACT, the ACT Churches' Council and the International Women's Day Breakfast Committee. Secretary Jean Thomson has almost completed a 3-year term representing ACW on the ACT Women's Consultative Council. Executive members represented the National Executive on several occasions at various functions held in Canberra during the period under review. The ACT Unit received and accepted invitations from various organisations, the ACT Government and the Commonwealth Government, every effort being made for ACW to be visible at functions and presentations.

**COMMUNITY GRANT:** We were indebted to the Canberra Southern Cross Club for the annual community grants of \$250.00.

**YEAR 2000 WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR:** Unit members were delighted when our nominee Miss Susanna Nitrai, of Canberra, was awarded the Year 2000 Scholarship. Sue was studying towards a Bachelor of Theology degree at St Mark's Theological Centre, Barton. She was deeply conscious of the honour bestowed upon her, and throughout her scholarship year she maintained a close association with members of the ACT Unit.

**ACT UNIT CONVENORS** worked tirelessly to promote their various convenorships as their individual biennial reports indicate.

In conclusion we express our appreciation of having had the privilege to work in harmony with the Adelaide based National Executive, and we congratulate them on their efforts.

Evonne Sullivan  
President  
30 June 2001

Jean Thomson  
Honorary Secretary

## NSW UNIT REPORT

The NSW Unit comprises representatives from eight participating denominations, associate and branch members, national and unit Life Members, and representatives from the Girls' Brigade, Women's Christian Temperance Union and the YWCA. There are 15 members on the Executive and we are most grateful to be able to meet in very comfortable, recently renovated rooms in the Uniting Church Offices in Sydney where we meet for monthly Executive meetings and seven times a year for Council.

The Unit has representation on five organisations – NSW Ecumenical Council, National Council of Women NSW, NSW Council for Children's Films and Television, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, and World Day of Prayer.

In addition to Council Meetings we held an annual Service of Dedication combined biennially with the installation of the new president.

Over the past two years we have had speakers who have inspired, encouraged and challenged us. Spiritual Enrichment Days have been ably led by our National President, Marj Dredge(2000), Colleen O'Sullivan RSJ and Marie Craddock RSJ (2001).

At State Conference in May 2000 we had three visiting speakers: Norma Dumbrell had personal contact with Mai Zin Zin Wah at Trinity Theological College in Singapore. Juliana Nkrumah spoke movingly of the plight of refugee women. Juliana works with Australian National Committee on Refugee Women (ANCOR). Our third speaker was Doug Hewitt, coordinator for Pilgrimage to the Heart.

Lisa Jackson has spoken at Council on two occasions, telling of her experience as a youth steward at the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. The Unit had assisted her with her fare. On her second visit Lisa shared movingly of her experiences, as part of the youth team, on the Pilgrimage to the Heart.

Trish Madigan shared ways to 'dialogue' with folk from faiths other than Christian.

Lucelle King sang and spoke at the end of the year meeting. After Shirley Wells read the citation, Lucelle received Life Membership of the Unit.

Glenys Holley shared at her last Council meeting before moving to North Queensland, of the Salvation Army World Congress in Atlanta. We wished her well, though sorry to lose our efficient secretary. We were indeed most fortunate in our new secretary Isabel Hewitt, also a most efficient and welcome addition to our ranks.

The 2000 Winifred Kiek Scholar, Sue Nitrai addressed this year's Dedication Service – a most worthy recipient of the award. Sue spoke of the encouragement receiving the scholarship had been to her and of her desire to serve the Lord wherever He calls her after the completion to her studies.

Fiona Collins, who cycled round Australia to raise money for those in need in Indonesia, was greatly admired for her incredible effort in serving others – a role model indeed.

Fellowship and World Community Day services were held throughout the state, and we share in a time of praise, singing and music at the ACWC services.

The Unit Constitution was revised in 2000 under the capable guidance of Peg Blake. One comment made was that it was 'user-friendly'.

Our History has been updated. Marie Majoor has spent hours searching for information to make the records complete.

A questionnaire was prepared and Council invited to make comments. Elizabeth Walker, who had prepared it, summarised the findings and presented them to Council. We need to keep ideas in mind for future planning.

At our last Council we celebrated the 'Year of Volunteers'. Some months ago we had met in denominational groups. We call them 'task forces' to share what is done in our church groups and in the community, and these were collated and shared. Joan Tong chaired this event. We were amazed at how much is achieved by our volunteers and we thank God.

We were pleased to be able to assist a final year high school student in her independent research project on the impact religion has on young women, the title being 'Young women's life choices are influenced by their religious beliefs'.

We have been saddened by the deaths of some members, prayed for those who became sick, rejoiced as they improved, and continue to uphold others in their need.

Thanks for service 'well done' to several who did not stand for re-election to Executive – Elsie Cox, Edith Ridge and Heather Reid. We welcomed Jean Porteous as President Elect.

As President I have been most grateful to the members for their encouragement and support. Their commitment to the Unit and their particular areas of duty and service is most commendable.

Whilst we look back over the activities, people and work of the past two years we need to look to God through Jesus Christ for His guidance as we go forward.

'... in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path' Proverbs 3:6

Jan Harrison  
President, July 2001

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

**Alice Springs Branch** continues to hold the Special Days services and the fellowship is enjoyed by those attending.

**Darwin Branch** prepared the Order of service for Fellowship Day 2001 with the theme 'In Jesus, Life, Hope, Liberty'. Reverend Annette Bailey has been trying to find another contact person for the Branch.

## QUEENSLAND UNIT

It is a pleasure to present to Conference 2001 the Biennial report from the Queensland Unit. The Queensland Unit is comprised of representatives from the Anglican, Catholic, Church of Christ, Baptist and Uniting Church and the Salvation Army, with Associates, the YWCA, the Girls' Brigade and the WCTU. There are three Branches, in Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Mackay.

President in 1999 was Mrs Daphne Featherstonhaugh and in 2000-2001 is Mrs Esther Elkins. When we began the year of '99-00 of Australian Church Women many of us were still wearing two hats, and I am sure that whole Unit was happy to see the National Conference successfully behind us and the Nationals 'just' State members again. We are proud indeed of the help and support given us, as we knew we would be, by Queensland Unit.

The Conference was barely over when Community Day was upon us, The Rev Val Graydon spoke to us in 1999 and Major Jan Condon in 2000.

At Fellowship Day in July we were addressed by Mrs Elizabeth Appleby AM, and the Interpretive Dancers from Carina Salvation Army brought forward the theme "Forward in Faith and Hope" in dance. It has been a privilege to use the Salvation Army Temple for these Services, but we are going to the Ann Street Church of Christ this year with the Rev Ann Dittman to address us. We are fortunate to have had such wonderful speakers come forth willingly to speak to us, and are grateful too that our Branches report they too have enjoyed their Services in their Centres.

Fundraising was provided by a Musical Morning Tea and a Concert provided by the Carina Salvation Army Band and others in 2000, and one Morning Tea in 2001. This money goes into our Travel Fund to help delegates to attend and to gain blessing and knowledge from the fellowship at Conference.

The very thoughtful Devotions from both Daphne and Esther have led us into the work set for the meetings and we are grateful for the dedication of our members. It is always a sadness when a member dies or even a delegate retires as the fellowship between us is so precious. We miss the attendance and interest shown by Mrs Rita Daly and are pleased that CWL(QLD) will now have a Rita Daly Memorial Address annually.

Queensland Unit thanks our God for the help and Blessing He has provided all of us as we continue the work in His name.

Mollie Jean Hunt  
Secretary

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN UNIT REPORT

The South Australian Unit of Australian Church Women has faithfully carried out our Lord's commission 'may they be one so that the world will believe that you sent me' John 17:21 Good News Bible. A great spirit of unity and fellowship/friendship exists in both our Unit and Business Meetings (alternate months). Our Annual General Meeting and Dedication Service held in the Pilgrim Church are the highlight of each year.

Mrs Eva Cooper, representing the Catholic Women's League, has graciously led us throughout the two years under review. She has been a tireless, sincere, warm leader, guiding us wisely. All members of the Executive Committee have worked as a team.

Several Branches have continued to provide fellowship in their areas, planning and presenting Fellowship Day, World Community Day and World Day of Prayer Services. Obviously local women appreciated these opportunities to come together to worship across denominational boundaries.

**UNIT MEETINGS ARE CHALLENGING AND INFORMATIVE:** Guest speakers at Unit Meetings in 2000 challenged and informed us on a variety of topics. We were challenged with the question 'how much do we limit our effectiveness for God in what we do – we need a balance in our lives to be effective in our life ministry' (Claire Lunnay). The wide range of activities of the SA Council of Churches were brought before us by the newly appointed Executive Officer of the Council, Rev. Vikki Waller. The principals of the Iona Community in Scotland were shared by overseas visitor Dr Dorothy Millar while Pastor Morrie Thompson, director of Teen Challenge in Adelaide told of the 'down-to-earth care and ministry' of that organisation working with drug addicts.

2001 commenced with a heart-warming story of Korean Church Women, with whom Mrs Alison Cobbett had worked. She had spent time with Byon Ok Min (Catherine) the 1983 Winifred Kiek Scholar who was ordained as a Deacon in 1999. The theme changed when speakers from the Global Education Centre and Red Cross (Tracing officer) visited us. Portion of a very graphic film 'Women and War' was screened, followed by information on the difficulties of trying to find relatives for residents from overseas and more recently trying to contact family for refugees. We were challenged to 'think kindly about refugees and welcome them – only about 2% are illegal immigrants'. Three speakers shared details relating to Federation 2001 and in particular Federation Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2001. Their enthusiasm was infectious and members are now well informed about Federation week in October in South Australia.

Matters of *Social Justice* concerning members were brought to our notice and our Convenor attended meetings and seminars on our behalf. Issues affecting the exploitation of outworkers (Fair Wear Campaign), Domestic Violence and Human Rights have been of particular concern.

**PROJECTS:** The *Winifred Kiek Scholarship* and *Fellowship of the Least Coin* have continued to contribute to our work, with readings from the Circle of Prayer being read in Unit meetings, and many copies are used in groups and by individuals. A number of Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services were held in country and city venues.

The *Jubilee 150 Trustees* have provided Awards for women to gain new skills to assist them in obtaining employment and enhancing their personal development.

*Community Concern Morning Teas* have a dual role in the community and among church women. They provided financial support for the chosen project, which receives no government funding, and informed those who attend the Morning Teas of the work being done by the organisation; secondly they gave women the opportunity to meet with others within their local church community for fellowship. (Fifteen gatherings throughout the suburbs and nearby areas are held between May and August when a speaker from the project tells of the work). Operation Flinders in 2000 (working in the Flinders Ranges with youth experiencing behavioural difficulties) and Marjorie Black House Inc. in 2001 (providing club facilities for people with mental and social difficulties) were the chosen projects. Host church groups provided warm fellowship and facilities.

**ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (ACWC)** was supported. We were delighted to welcome Barbara Lacy to our Annual General Meeting in ~~October~~<sup>November</sup> last.

**REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:** Bible Society, World Day of Prayer Committee, United Nations Association SA Division, Status of Women Committee, National Council of Women, SA Council of Churches and Lavender Lads and Ladies (volunteer organisation founded by Australian Church Women (SA Unit) have all been attended by appointed representatives who brought reports to our meetings.

**INVITATIONS TO SHARE:** Invitations for representatives to visit a number of Denominational Women's Conferences and Fellowship Days have been opportunities to learn something of what church women are doing within their denominations and times of warm fellowship greatly appreciated.

**FILM MORNINGS:** Participation with several other similar groups in an annual Film Morning provided entertainment, relaxation and an opportunity to raise much needed funds to enable our Unit to function. Trading tables were well supported. What a coming together those occasions were, and opportunities to inform a theatre full of people who we are!

**CHALLENGES:** During 2000 an update of our State Constitution was prepared and passed at the Annual General Meeting. Recently submissions from denominations and branches clearly indicated that members were positive about the 'Vision for the Future' of Australian Church Women, and what we have achieved. This is, of course, a topic for consideration at National Conference. We await, with interest, the deliberations of that discussion. Why are we one of the best-kept secrets in the Christian church? Why are the younger women not interested in being involved? How do we spread the word that the organisation Australian Church Women is alive, active and contributing to the ecumenical fibre of Australia.

Another challenge has been the lack of a Promotions Officer, with no available woman to fill this role. What an opportunity for the right person to 'spread the word' and tell people who we are and what we are doing.

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE:** We are proud our State Unit has been responsible for the National Executive and encouraged them in their important role, and will give support for the National Conference. We feel sure that they have planned a wonderful, challenging program, to benefit all members who attend. The South Australian Unit will be delighted to welcome members from around Australia to our beautiful city.

**THANKS:** As mentioned earlier our Executive Committee has been a real team. We acknowledge their leadership and the manner in which they have performed their duties. The warmth of their friendship is a special gift to each one, and we are reminded of the Scripture, which began this report '*may they be one*'. They are united in their love of their Father, their Saviour Jesus Christ and shared their love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Surely, it has been a privilege to serve in this way. We praise God for the leadership Major Wanda McKeand will provide as our president for the coming biennium.

To our faithful Life Members, Denominational Representatives, Associate Members and Guest Speakers we express our appreciation for support and encouragement. Let us go forward believing that as God brought women of South Australia together originally in 1936 with the presentation by the South Australian Women's Inter-Church Council of a Floral Float entitled '*Women's Work for the Church - United Free Church Women*' God will continue to build us up and use us to bring together the church women of Australia.

To God be the glory!

Coralie Wright  
Secretary, SA Unit

**TASMANIAN UNIT BIENNIAL REPORT  
2000-2001**

Greetings from Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Unit meets bi-monthly in Launceston. Prayer and bible readings are an integral part of our meetings which helps us to realise that we are fellow Christians meeting together to help build up God's kingdom on earth.

At our meetings we receive reports from Convenors of Fellowship of the Least Coin, Winifred Kiek Scholarship, World Day of Prayer, Tasmanian Council of Churches and other Units throughout the State.

Sadly our membership is decreasing due in the main to the fact that our ladies are not getting any younger and some find it difficult to get to meetings owing to illness etc. Attracting new members is a complex problem. We need to pray to the Lord that He will guide us in encouraging ladies to join in the work of ACW.

We have strong groups in both Launceston and Devonport who advertise widely the two Services we hold each year. These Services are well attended throughout the State. Hobart is in the throes of reforming, as is Ulverstone. We were sorry to hear the Burnie Unit found it necessary to close but in Burnie as well as other centres we are fortunate to have one or two ladies willing to act as Special Day Convenors, so perhaps we are not too badly off.

Our Social Issues Convenor Ione Bakes has been busy encouraging us to write to Members of Parliament on concerns such as 'Legalising the Sex Industry in our State', 'The Morning After Pill' and 'Same Sex Marriages'.

To welcome the new millennium in the year 2000, ACW held a Dedication Service in Trinity Uniting Church Launceston. The programme included prayer, bible readings, musical entertainment and a banner parade ably led by State President Juanita Miller. It was well attended and very positive reports were received from those attending.

Shirley Brooks a stalwart member very kindly donated a gift of a visitors' book to be used at special Services. Sadly a long serving member of Hobart, Harley Cole passed away last year.

We congratulate Deidre Hunter a Past State President who has completed her studies for the priesthood in the Church of England and was ordained on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2000.

Congratulations also to those members who received awards in 2001. Shirley Brooks, Launceston, Maureen Gale, Burnie, and Joy O'Halloran, Smithton.

We in Tasmania are happy to accept the task of preparing the Order of Service for Fellowship Day 2002. The theme being 'Rejoice in the Lord'.

In conclusion I would like to thank the retiring Executive Juanita, Narelle and Joan for their diligent work for ACW whilst in office.

God's blessing to you all.

Kath Pearce  
State President

## ACW VICTORIAN UNIT REPORT 1999 - 2001

The average attendance at the bi-monthly Council Meetings has been thirty-three, with members enjoying worship and fellowship together.

We have had a varied and informative program under the leadership of Mrs Shirley Wallis – Church of Christ and Mrs Barbara Lacy – Roman Catholic. Shirley's Theme for her year was 'Fruits of the Spirit' whilst Barbara's was 'You are the Light of the World'.

Most Meetings featured a Guest Speaker and also a Five-Minute Focus.

**Guest Speakers** were varied and informative and spoke on subjects such as 'Peace and the Covenant' and the 'Drug Arm Centre' in Dandenong, a Melbourne suburb.

**Five – Minute Focus** was a short segment each Council Meeting. The various church denominations rotated and speakers spoke about an aspect in the life of their particular denomination. Topics such as 'Highlights of the 18<sup>th</sup> Baptist World Congress' and the Uniting Church's 'Interns for Missions' Program were typical of those presented.

**ACWC:** Mrs Barbara Lacy has continued as Australian National Representative for the Asian Church Women's Conference and the Executive of ACWC. Barbara attended the Asian Women's Conference in Bangladesh in October 2000. Barbara gave a very interesting report after returning from the Conference.

**Film Luncheon:** The annual Film Luncheon continues to be very popular. It was decided to make this our Fund Raising Function for the year and charge slightly more for the event. This proved successful last year and we will continue this way in 2001.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** In June 2001 we celebrated the Victorian Unit's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Service at Swanston Street City Church of Christ followed by a Luncheon. Mrs Marj Dredge, ACW National President was Guest Speaker and Rev. Father Peter Kenny brought greeting. Mrs Maureen Daniels played the organ and the Middle School Choir of Strathcona Baptist School added musically to the Service.

**Acknowledgment:** In the past two years we have mourned the deaths and given thanks for the lives of four members. Immediate Past President Miss Pat Franklin died suddenly whilst in South Africa in August 1999 and in November, Life Member Mrs Doreen Strack passed away. In the past year in November, we mourned the passing of Life Member Lt. Col. Isabel Macintyre and Life Member Mrs Elsa Warner at the age of ninety-three. We give thanks for these women's lives, witness and devotion for the Victorian Unit and the Australian Church Women's family.

**Visits** by members to ACW Groups to share in Services for Fellowship Day and World Community Day gave us an opportunity to meet with others who support ACW. Certificates were given to those who have served ten years.

**Quiet Day:** We continued to have a 'Quiet Day' which is organised in May by the Vice President. This day provides a chance to escape the bustle and take time to relax and reflect.

**Federation March:** Six members of our Council took part in 'The Federation March' for women organised by the National Council of Women Victoria. Our NCWV Coordinator Carmel Blanton and Barbara Lacy worked hard thinking of slogans and names for placards to be carried by members. The names carried were:- Mrs C Downing-1st President 1941; Mrs D Peart-1<sup>st</sup> Secretary 1941; Reverend I Merry-1<sup>st</sup> Woman Chaplain, Queen Victoria Hospital for Women and Babies; Reverend E Alfred- National President 1981-83; Lt.Col L Green-State President in the 90's and National Representative to ACWC.

We want to thank Ms Jean Crewther who is retiring after five very active years as our first Social Justice Convenor. We also want to thank our other convenors for their hard work representing the Victorian Council of Churches, National Council of Women Victoria, Special Days and Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Our appreciation and thanks go to the retiring National Executive for their time, effort and support to the States during the past two years. We wish the incoming National Executive God's Blessing and assure them of our prayerful support for the years ahead.

Elizabeth Kinrade, Secretary

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIT REPORT

It is with pleasure I submit my report for the Western Australian Unit of Australian Church Women.

Membership of the Western Australian Unit consists of representatives of the Anglican, Catholic, and Uniting Churches, The Salvation Army and an Associate Member from the Churches of Christ. We meet on the third Friday of the month in the Board Room of the Anglican Church and we are very grateful for their kindness in allowing us to use this room.

**Office Bearers 2000-2002 elected in October 2000:** President - Major Laurel Pearce, Vice Presidents – Barbara Bourhill and Margaret Ker, Secretary – Leeola Loughnan, Treasurer – Leila Wilson, FLC - Major Olive Dell, WKS – Marjorie Scurlock, Special Days – Catherine Derries, World Day of Prayer – May Eddy, National Council of Women – Major Laurel Pearce, Conference of Churches WA – Major Laurel Pearce, Publicity – Janet Watts, Social Issues – Lee Edwards.

It is with sadness that I advise that Margaret Napier has died. She was our President 1999-2000 and held many positions on the Committee during her years at Australian Church Women. She was a delegate for the Asian Church Women's Conference. Her love of tennis, golf, Mothers' Union, Councillor for South Perth and her great love and affection for her family will always be a tribute to her. May she rest in peace.

**Special Days:** We held our services in metropolitan churches and this has proved very successful. Our speakers have been enjoyable and we have representatives attending from the various women's groups.

**Day of Reflection:** The 2000 Day of Reflection was cancelled due to the ill health of Margaret, Patricia Smeeton, Vera Wilson and Olive Dell. In March 2001 the Day of Reflection was very relaxing. We were led by Sr. Mary Berry, a Sister of Mercy ... it was a 'nature' day – sitting in the gardens, enjoying nature and contemplating. The day was very hot but we all survived and look forward to the next one.

**Life Members:** It was announced at World Community Day last October that Leila Wilson and Janet Watts were nominated and accepted as Life Members for our Western Australian Unit. At our February meeting Margaret Napier presented the medals to Leila and Janet. It was a very moving time as it was Margaret who proposed their Life Membership. Leila and Janet's profiles were printed in the last ACW News. Margaret also handed on to Laurel Pearce, our President, the Unit Bible.

At our March 2001 meeting Rosemary Miller from the Uniting Church spoke to our members on the 'Fairwear Campaign'. Rosemary's presentation was excellent and members felt more knowledgeable about this campaign after her talk.

In April our Unit was accepted as an Associate Member of the Conference of Churches WA.

Our Unit thanks sincerely the excellent manner in which the South Australian National Executive has encouraged, advised and for just 'being there' when any advice has been required.

The National Executive elect are looking forward to the challenge of the next two years and we ask for your prayers and encouragement.

Leeola Loughnan, Secretary

**AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST WOMEN (ABW), JANUARY 00 – JULY 01  
BIENNIAL REPORT**

***Mission Statement***

Australian Baptist Women exists to encourage, equip, resource and network women in state leadership through fellowship, unity, and the sharing of resources and information at a state and national level.

**Overview**

January 2000 to January 2003 the ABW Leadership Team is located in Queensland. The Baptist Union of Queensland has supported the ABW National Leadership Team in its decision to move forward with the implementation of the Aims of ABW as stated in the constitution.

ABW is the umbrella organisation for the Women's Ministry that is in place at the State level. As the current National Coordinator has visited each of the States, the National Leadership Team realises that some of the old structures need to be absorbed or die before the new can be created. Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland now have State Coordinators appointed by the local Baptist Unions. New South Wales and Tasmania have leaders voted on by the women. South Australia is currently under review.

The ABW National Leadership Team believe that Women's Ministry in the local church has moved from being dependent on State Leadership to direct and mould their structure. The ABW National Leadership Team sees themselves as a Consultancy Team who are able to move amongst the State Leaders and in turn listen, encourage, equip and network the State ministries across Australia.

Most of the States are presently working towards gathering information from the local churches to enter on to a State database. This is then available for the sharing of information and ministry ideas within the State as well as at a National level.

ABW National Leadership Team sees it is important to encourage appropriate State and/or Church leaders to meet bi-annually. At these meetings there would be time for equipping, resourcing and encouragement through sharing as well as learning and input through workshops. The second of these is to be held on the 24-26 August 2001.

***January 2000 – August 2001***

- Following the Triennial Conference in January 2001, many women from around Australia and the world were privileged to be able to attend the Women's Leadership Conference sponsored by the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. It was a wonderful time of learning, mixing of cultures, fun and fellowship.
- Kay Bullpitt, as National Coordinator, has visited State and Local church Leadership Teams across Australia. She has been able to take part in activities run by State Teams – playtime seminars, week-end house parties, auxiliary meeting, Leadership Team meetings and camps – as well as spending time with local Church Leaderships. She also consulted with several State Leadership Teams as to methods and styles for future leadership and development.
- There has been interaction with the State denominational leaders as well as with the Baptist Union of Australia. It has been a privilege to meet with these men so as to hear their ideas and dreams as well as they hear what is happening in Baptist Women's Ministry beyond their State.
- ABW realises that Women's Ministry in the local church is essentially autonomous. It has to be tailored to the needs of the local women and their community. No longer is there one program that meets all needs. ABW and States must allow for the continuation of the present system for those who still function effectively this way, but must move beyond this if the longer-term benefits of Women's Ministry are to be realised.

- A 10 minute PowerPoint presentation (*The Changing Face of Women's Ministry*), and narration has been developed and successfully used to present the story and future of ABW and its servant role to the states. This PowerPoint is easily adapted for State use.
- The Australian Baptist Women's website (<http://abw.baptistchurch-online.com>) is now fully functional. This site is also linked to the Baptist Union of Australia National Ministries Site. Each State has access to this site and is able to develop its own pages with relevant information.
- The website shows Events, Resources, Links and general information. This is all kept as current as possible. There is also a monthly *E-newsletter* which is sent out to all those who have registered. The registration section is on the front page of the ABW website.
- ABW has set up a website on behalf of The South West Pacific, (this is the Continental Union to which ABW belong as part of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance), with provision for ongoing input from all member countries.
- As part of its consulting work, ABW is encouraging State Leadership Teams to be sensitive to older women and their identity in their ministry. At the same time there is a need to encourage them to accept the role of co-worker with the younger generation. The wisdom of older experienced women will best be accessed as existing State Leadership Teams accept the role of consultants rather than directors.
- ABW has started developing a National database of speakers who are available for ministry within their State and or when appropriate throughout Australia. The database also includes the names of contacts who will be useful for consultancy with craft, bible studies, playtime etc. These lists will be accessible from the website and also in hardcopy from the Secretary (limited at the moment)
- Kay Bullpitt has been able to visit with the women of Bimbadeen Aboriginal Bible College (Cootamundra). It is important to maintain contact with the potential leaders who are in training there.
- ABW has had contact with women from Ghana (Africa) and Nagaland (India) These contacts are as a direct result of the Leadership Conference. Friendships and support systems were formed and are continuing. This is all part of the wider Networking process.

ABW is starting to network resources, information, activities and create a sense of caring and support between the States. Through State Networks there is the dream to see the widening ripples of National and Continental Networks as well.

Kay Bullpitt  
National Coordinator  
Australian Baptist Women  
July 01

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AUSTRALIA BIENNIAL REPORT**

On behalf of Catholic Women's League Australia Inc I wish to submit the following as a report of the main thrust of our endeavours for the 2000-2001 period.

Following the publication of 'Women and Man – One in Christ Jesus' an initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Australia in researching Women in the Australian Church, we received a grant through the Office of the Status of Women to enable us to study and scrutinise the aforesaid document. This culminated in the launch of our own book PATHWAYS FORWARD in October 2000. A very successful result was achieved and the book has been well received.

As an exercise to encourage new members we re-appraised our website and now have a very professional and up-to-date presentation, which we hope will reach women in remote areas, and also assist university students in their studies.

Catholic Women's League Australia Inc is affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations and in March 2001, 16 of our members attended the World Assembly held in Rome where our National President was the Voting Delegate. Two other official delegates and three official observers made significant input to the Statutory Assembly following five days of intense discussion during the Study Days. We were successful in retaining a seat on the WUCWO Board and our representative for the next four years is Mrs Brenda Finlayson, of Ballarat Diocese. Brenda represents all Australian affiliates not just Catholic Women's League.

We are fortunate to hold Observer Status through ECOSOC (Economic & Social Council) to the United Nations Meetings for NGOs (non-government organisations) and in early March – en route to Rome – our delegate travelled to New York to represent us at the 45<sup>th</sup> CSW session.

Our Bioethics Convenor has kept CWLA to the forefront in the presentation of pertinent views relating to all aspects of her portfolio, especially in the Gene Technology area, and has received much congratulatory acclaim for herself and for CWLA Inc.

For the past twelve years we have had representation on the Caritas National body so it was with great disappointment that we had to accept the decision of the Bishops to restructure, as this means that membership of this group will now be geared to regional representation.

Our membership, like many others, is declining because of natural attrition and difficulty in interesting younger members to join with us in our very important work within the Church and community. However, with fully paid up financial members plus honorary we are still in the 10,000 range.

At this time of writing we are well into our preparations for the 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference of CWLA Inc which is to be held in Broadbeach on the Gold Coast in early September. As with previous conferences we know it will provide a wonderful forum for our members and their guests to pray, meet, discuss, and learn from the proceedings. Our speakers are addressing our theme of Faith Love Commitment and include Mrs Barbara Holborow, retired Magistrate; Father Chris Riley, who works with Youth on the Streets in Sydney; Sister Regis Mary Dunn – well renowned in the field of Bioethics; Ric Natrass from the Wild Life Service; a Youth Panel and Father Wrex Woolnough.

A Federation pageant and presentation of Federation Certificates will mark this special year of Federation and Volunteers.

We wish your Executive warm wishes for your conference and assure you of our prayers for its success.

God's richest blessings for all you do in His name.

Verena M. Butler (Mrs)  
National President CWLA Inc

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES – CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA**

Our National Executive provides a focus for communication between the state women's executives of Churches of Christ by sending and receiving information about goals, structures and activities. We encourage networking amongst leaders of women's work throughout Australia by interchange of newsletters and other material. We are responsible for appointing the Australian Representative to World CWF for each four-year term between World Conventions. In consultation with the states, we also determine which state will host the next National Gathering of Women and the next National Executive.

The year 2000 was a key year for Women's Ministries of Churches of Christ in Australia, as we held our National Gathering (prior to our World Convention) in Brisbane from July 28 to August 1. The Queensland women are to be congratulated for organising and presenting this Retreat. We joined in worship, Bible study and communion; we listened to inspiring messages, testimonies and items; we shared in fun, food and fellowship. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know our interstate sisters and to be encouraged in our service for the Lord.

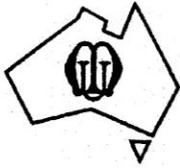
At the Gathering, the National Executive - held a delegates meeting to make some decisions regarding recommendations for future ministry; led a business meeting which was open to all those attending the Gathering. We had previously compiled a booklet of reports of activities throughout the country during the past year. Each state representative spoke to her report.

The venue for the next National Gathering is Perth, WA, to be held in September 2003. It has been decided that this event will take place every 3 years in a different State each time.

The National Executive for 2000 to 2003 members are all from Western Australia. They are Shirley Burton, (Acting) Coordinator (for one year), Heather Spencer, Secretary, and Lorraine Wylie, Treasurer. Shirley Burton is also the Representative to World CWF in Churches of Christ.

As a National Executive, we feel that the women in Churches of Christ in Australia are represented by leaders of great dedication and ability and we commend the state leaders for their diligence and wisdom. We give praise to our Heavenly Father for His direction and blessing over the past year. And we look forward to an exciting year as we see God at work amongst the women of our churches in Australia.

Heather Spencer



## MU AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL REPORT 2000-2001

MU Australia is part of the World Wide Mothers' Union, an Anglican organisation with over one million members. Currently there are over 11,000 members from every State in Australia.

Australian members are involved in many activities, depending on their circumstances and the needs of those around them, seeking to fulfil the vision of our founder, Mary Sumner, to 'win the homes of the nation for Christ'. As a Millennium Project, members around Australia have distributed over 67,000 copies of St Luke's Gospel titled 'Born For You', printed specially for MU by the Bible Society at a cost of 50c each. These have been given to new mothers in our normal maternity hospital visiting programs, or through playgroups, or at baptisms. It seemed the most appropriate way to celebrate the birth of our Lord 2000 years go, by giving His Word to others.

Members have also been involved in supporting other projects which focussed on our sisters in other countries – a chicken farm and a nursery school in Africa, and the purchase of a Land Rover to help the MU work in Maseno West, also in Africa. Other support has been given as a regular feature of MU work to encourage the ministry among women in the Top End of Australia, PNG, and Melanesia.

During September and October 2001, Mrs Jenipha Wasonga, the MU Diocesan President and wife of the Bishop of Maseno West will be visiting MU in all areas of Australia, to share her expertise in counselling and leadership with us. Our world wide links have been strengthened over the past two years by our Australian President, Jan Livingstone, being able to attend a meeting in UK with the 23 other Provincial Presidents from around the world. Our Immediate Past President Elizabeth was elected as one of the new General Zone Trustees to represent our Asian Pacific zone at regular meetings in UK, from where the world wide organisation is administered, although MU Australia is an autonomous body, links are still very strong with our UK base, and world network.

We were delighted that our President, Jan Livingstone, received an Order of Australia Medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List, for her services to ministry to women, particularly through MU. Jan had among other things, coordinated the Women's Visions wall hangings, made by women throughout the country for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of the National Anglican Church in 1997. The seven large hangings focussed on issues relating to the lives of women in the church, and were made by groups of women, spearheaded by MU in each state. Different techniques such as tapestry, quilting, beadwork, layering etc were used for each hanging, and these are now displayed in St. Saviour's Cathedral in Goulburn, the cathedral church of our National Capital.

The setting up of a new department within MU of Promotion and Development, has encouraged MU members to be pro-active in 'going' to others with the good news of Jesus Christ, and has provided resources such as a video 'Catch the Vision' and other material to help and support us in this outreach work. Our mission statement gives us meaningful and strong words to focus our actions as we go forward into the future together – *Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life.*

Mary Coyne  
Australian Secretary  
July 2001

**THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIAN EASTERN TERRITORY  
WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS REPORT  
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2000**

The Women's Organisations covers a broad range of ministries including Women's Ministries, Community Care Ministries, Salvation Army Medical Fellowship, Silver Star Fellowship and Child Sponsorship. Outlined are highlights from some facets of our ministry.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES** – Women from throughout the Australia Eastern Territory met at Collaroy Conference Centre for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Territorial Women's Bible Convention. Visitors from the Australia Southern Territory, as well as New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory joined 430 women who travelled from as far north as Atherton and south from Wagga Wagga. The guest leaders were Colonel Robin Dunster and Lieut Colonel Edna Williams, who took as their theme, "What does the bible say about Jesus as our example". The leaders shared bible teaching from very familiar Scripture passages which magnified the person and nature of Jesus, along with his mission and method. There were many activities for the ladies, electives such as Drama, "Drugs Amongst Young People", Prayer Journalling, and "Laughing with the Mirror". Handicraft classes were also available as well as a choice of either Trivial Pursuit or Line Dancing as the Saturday night activity. The women participated in group discussions. Meaningful worship and praise sessions were enjoyed and at the conclusion of the conference many women reaffirmed the words found on the souvenir bookmark "Let Christ Himself be your example" Phillipians 2:5.

Many new programs and new initiatives have commenced throughout the year which has resulted in 72 women finding Christ as personal Saviour and 168 new families being linked to various Corps.

**COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRIES** – There are 707 active members in this hands on ministry which demonstrates the love of Jesus in a very practical way through random acts of kindness.

*Types of Ministry undertaken:* Nursing Home visitation, entertainment activities, chapel services, Hospital visitation, Card ministry – Get Well – Sympathy – Keeping in touch – Mothers' Day – Fathers' Day – Christmas, Home based ministry – Minor maintenance – gardening – washing- ironing – cleaning – letter writing – etc, Telephone calls, Bereavement support, Gift distribution for Christmas – Easter – to new mothers, transport to appointments – hospital/doctor/shopping.

**CHILD SPONSORSHIP** – A good promotional coverage throughout the year by medium of radio broadcasts, a promotional video, written articles published in various publications has resulted in 1300 children being sponsored in 27 countries.

Every cent given goes directly to the Child providing education, school uniform, school books and other practical provisions, all for \$15 per month. In many countries these children would not receive any education if they were not sponsored by our generous sponsors.

**WOMEN IN TOUCH MAGAZINE** – The 'Women in Touch' magazine is a supplement to the monthly Territorial magazine 'Pipeline' and is published quarterly. The aim is to keep women of the Territory well informed, "IN TOUCH" with happenings within the women's organisations as well as general information of interest to women, embracing such categories as:

Cameos from around the Territory, Profiles – introducing new leaders, Personal Testimonies – transformed lives – Devotional material, Topical issues – family/relational – seasonal – national, Eating and Health advice and recipes, information on all aspects of our social, rehabilitation, emergency and other community services.

We thank God for every evidence of His gracious hand upon our ministry to women.

## THE SALVATION ARMY – AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY

Our ministry to women and families continues to be a strong component of the Salvation Army's service to our own congregation and community. We adhere to a fourfold program of Worship, Education, Fellowship and Service.

**Worship** – A regular feature of our Women's Ministry is the spiritual aspect which includes Bible Study – Alpha – Prayer Groups – Discipling Groups – Christian Life Formation.

**Fellowship** – We have special interest groups – Coffee mornings – Craft groups – Coffee & Chat mornings – Health & fitness groups – Music & Movement – Gardening fellowship – Poetry reading – Hiking – Drama groups – Mums & Tots – Playgroups.

**Education** – Self esteem courses – Spiritual Gifts seminars – Communication & Negotiation skills learning – Writers Workshop – Team Building – Myers Briggs – Disc profiling – Conflict Management.

**Service** – Assisting families attending court – Feeding elderly in nursing homes – budgeting classes – Refugee work – shopping – fund raising for the local congregation – sponsorship of children in developing countries - fundraising for overseas work and training programs – fundraising to provide practical support for our overseas work e.g. wells, money to provide farm animals – help to update nursing home, children's homes, provision of cars, bikes, child health education, furniture and renovations to schools in China, TB prevention in North Korea, improvements to a young women's hostel in Rome. These are just a few of our projects which were supported during last year.

Many women are making decisions for Christ and families are being introduced into the life and fellowship of our Churches.

Playgroups for mothers and children are growing very fast and mothers are responding to the warm friendship and support that is being offered to them.

A Bible Convention for women was held last year on the Monash University Campus with over 200 women attending. Planning is well in hand for our next Convention to be held in February 2002 at the Melbourne University. We had a great mix of ages at the first convention and anticipate the same next year.

Camps are another feature of our ministry to women, eight of these are held every year and the women attending are given time to enjoy each others company, explore and examine their own spiritual walk with the Lord and are helped to find new ways of outreaching into community life.

We have had six special training days where women have participated in the Disc profile program and have been impacted by a motivational speaker.

We are finding that more and more women have a hunger for the gospel and a real urgency to reach others in the name of Jesus. Women are also finding a real sense of fulfilment in developing their skills and reaching out to others in Christ's love.

Beverley Davis  
Territorial President  
Women's Organisations



**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA**  
**ADULT FELLOWSHIP NATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
[A Uniting Church National Assembly Agency]

**REPORT TO AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN – NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**24<sup>th</sup> –28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001 –ADELAIDE**

The Uniting Church Adult Fellowship plays a very important role within the Uniting Church. Many of the groups across Australia are the 'backbone' within a congregation. That 'wonderful web of warmth' that is created within and around the fellowship, whether it be through study, sharing, caring, prayer or fellowship itself, is so important to all UCAF people.

In May 2000 at the National Consultation in Perth, the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship National Committee was handed over to Victoria, after being in Western Australia for three years. The Consultation is the business meeting of UCAF and the theme was 'Weaving Together Today and Tomorrow'. It was very good that all members of the incoming National Committee were able to attend.

Our ecumenical links are to – Australian Church Women and a number of international bodies which are: - The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women; World Alliance of Reformed Churches and Bridgebuilders International.

In August 1999 the South Pacific Area seminar of the World Federation was held in Samoa. Representatives from Australia and six other countries in the Pacific came together for fellowship, study, and exchanges of culture, and experienced the incredibly generous hospitality of the Samoan people. The theme of this Seminar was 'Holy Spirit weave the People of the Pacific Together'. A number of us were Leaders for the Bible Studies and workshops that were part of the program each day.

This report seems to be about events that are going to happen, more than the ones that have happened.

This is the year of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly of the Federation and it is to be held in Loughborough, England, on July 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. There are a number of Australians going and we are looking forward to this great occasion. 'Go in Faith and Share in God's Healing Grace' has been chosen as the theme. The Traralgon Fabric Art Group from Gippsland have designed and made a banner for Australia which shows that black and white people of our country being reconciled across a map of Australia. The joining is symbolised through a zip drawn by a cross. The Assembly will have opportunities for us to explore our faith, to grow spiritually, to share our stories and so learn more of others and ourselves. For those of us who are able to attend, the time together with so many women from all around the world will be an experience that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

The National Committee is very busy organising the national UCAF Celebration, (formerly Conference), to be held at the Lady Northcote Recreation camp near Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, from the 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March, 2002. Our theme is 'God's here! Let's celebrate!' We anticipate 200 men and women will attend from all over Australia and that a great time of learning, fun and fellowship will take place.

With Fellowship groups meeting in all States the National Committee is conscious of the need to keep in close contact. A Corresponding member receives the mailing each month so news and information can be spread far and wide. One of the most important ways of keeping in touch with the groups is by personal visiting. The National President and National Secretary have already visited a number of Synods and plan more interstate trips during the next two years.

Fran Moss  
Secretary

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Greetings to Australian Church Women from the National Committee of World Day of Prayer. We pray that your time together in Conference will be a blessing to each woman present. Thank you for asking us to share some of the happenings of W.D.P. during the last two years.

The programmes during this time were prepared by the Christian women of Indonesia - "Talitha Kumi, Young Woman Stand Up!" followed by "Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action" which was prepared by the Christian women of Samoa. Both of these programmes were well accepted. In March next year we will have the programme prepared by the Christian women of Romania - "Challenged to Reconcile."

To celebrate the beginning of the New Millennium, the committees of each state had a special function to promote W.D.P. In N.S.W, the National Committee and the State Committee combined to hold a "Picnic in the Park" during the week preceding the Olympic Games. This was held in Hyde Park in the centre of the city. Our International Director in New York, Eileen King, contacted 170 countries to invite any who were coming to Sydney for the games, to join us. It was a very happy and successful day. I was invited to Melbourne to participate in their Celebration Meeting at Box Hill where General Eva Burrows was the guest speaker. A large crowd gathered for lunch during which I spoke about the situation in Africa today. Similar gatherings were held throughout the country.

During the A.C.W. Conference in Queensland in 1999, I visited the Queensland Committee of W.D.P. and last year I visited each other state, commencing with South Australia. The fellowship experienced was really tremendous. The same issues seemed to arise everywhere. At our Quadrennial Conference, to be held at Stanwell Tops in Sydney in November this year, we will be looking at ways to interest younger women. A workshop is to be held in Samoa, during the first half of next year, to discuss issues which have been raised. Two delegates from each state are invited to attend and it is hoped that some Aboriginal women will be among them.

If you happen to be in N.S.W. during the first week in November, we invite you to come to Stanwell Tops for an open afternoon on Tuesday, 6th November. The World Chairperson, Yvonne Harrison from Launceston, will be the speaker and will bring us many highlights of the work of W.D.P. throughout the world.

My term as National Liaison Officer will conclude in November and my successor will be Lillian Deane from Hobart.

May the Lord continue to bless each one of you as you serve Him through Australian Church Women.

Yours truly,  
Noelene Roose. N.L.O. W.D.P.A.

## Notices of Motion

### ACT Unit moves:

1. That Clause 4.3.2 Life members be amended by deleting 'one' and inserting 'two' before the words National Life Member, and adding 's' to the word Member.

**Rationale:** ACT Unit is of the opinion that the number of National Life Members should be increased to allow the honour of National Life Membership to be conferred on additional women who have made a long term significant contribution to ACW at National level.

### National Executive moves:

2. That Clause 6.1.1(b)(v) Administration National Conference Observers be amended to read :  
'Up to seven members from the incoming National Executive nominees.'

**Rationale:** We now have twelve members on the National Executive.

### National Executive moves:

3. That the maximum amount of \$,(2,500 ?) per biennium be made available from National Conference Fund to provide Expenses for the National President or her representative, when invited, to attend Special Functions interstate.'

**Rationale:** 1. Constitution page 5 7.Finance: 7.1: reads as follows:

'All monies received by the National Treasurer shall be disbursed as determined by the National Conference.'

There is no written provision for payment of the President's interstate expenses, nor has the matter been addressed by a previous National Conference.

As this is an honorary position necessitating reasonably large out-of-pocket expenses, it is the responsibility of Conference to ensure that a suitable amount is set aside to cover at least part of the costs. National Conference Fund at present has enough funds to allow this. In the case of invitations issued by State Units, it is understood that the Unit issuing the invitation will be responsible for part of the costs involved.

### National Executive moves:

4. That Clause 9 Dissolution of the National Constitution be amended by numbering the present paragraph 9.1 and adding the following:

9.2 No member of Australian Church Women shall be capable of acquiring any estate in the property or funds of Australian Church Women'.

**Rationale:** This sub-clause was a legal requirement for the South Australian Unit to be eligible for Federal tax exemption on bank accounts and precludes members from being personally advantaged.

### National Executive moves:

5. That 'National Archivist' be added to the list of those receiving registration forms in paragraph 4'of ACW National Conference guidelines p28.

**Rationale:** The Archivist is required to provide a written report for the Conference and should be invited to the Conference as a visitor. This will also ensure that she receives a copy of the Working Papers and Minutes of the National Conference.

**National Treasurer moves:**

6. **That paragraph 2 of clause 12 of Finance guidelines page 7 be deleted and the following inserted: 'All interest received on money held by National Executive be transferred to Administration.'**

**Rationale:** National Conference and Overseas Conference Funds hold well over the required minimum amount and State Units are encouraged to annually donate to these funds. By transferring all interest to administration it would be some added income to help keep down the percentage taken from WKS, WCD and FLC.

**National Executive moves:**

7. **That ACW National Executive Guidelines page 2, paragraph 'December and January' be amended to read:-**

'In January in the second year of term of office, invite the State/Territory Unit next in rotation, to form the next but one National Executive. See ACW National Conference Guidelines paragraph 10 on page 29 for the order of rotation.'

**Rationale:** Nowhere in the Guidelines does it say when to invite the next (but one) Unit to form a National Executive.

**Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees move**

8. **That the surplus funds from the 2001 and 2002 scholars be credited to the Winifred Kiek Fellowship Fund.**

**The South Australian Unit moves**

9. **That Kate Clarke and Christine Barber be appointed as Trustees for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust. Jess Horton and Dorothy Ferrier having completed their term.**

**The Salvation Army moves:**

10. **That as well as providing the Order of Service for Special Days, it is recognised that these days may be held in the setting of a special celebration, function or other meeting. This may take the form of a less formal occasion, during which in the setting of a special function, focus is given to the particular project or theme.**

**Rationale:** It needs to be recognised that the Order of Service is not essential in order to celebrate the projects.

- ❖ When participating churches have a less formally structured way of worship they may prefer to 'do their own thing'.
- ❖ It may also be more suitable for a less formal meeting to be held in some areas, and to simply bring people together from different denominations for an ecumenical happening. The speaker for that function could be someone conversant with the project.
- ❖ It may take place during a regular meeting – e.g. The Salvation Army Home League.

These may be more attractive options in some areas. The Order of Service is very limiting for some people. A bright happy meeting, with good singing, items and speaker is far more likely to attract people from those denominations whose worship is less formal.

**The Queensland Unit moves:**

11. That the National Executive ascertains to what extent the abridged version of Fellowship Day and World Community Day services are used in retirement and nursing homes within each State/Territory.

That if the National Executive consider the abridged orders of service for Fellowship Day and World Community Day service is being used enough to continue preparing same, the Queensland Unit request that the National Executive prepare Guidelines for the preparation of abridged order of service.

**Rationale:** Guidance is required for the following: length of service, number of hymns, number of prayers, one general offering or general offering and Fellowship of the Least Coin offering.

**Queensland Unit moves:**

12. That the National Executive prepare Guidelines for the Australian Church Women nominated project for World Community Day service.

**Rationale:** In considering the projects there are no guidelines – guidelines are required for the following – if the project should be for non Government supported groups, national groups, overseas groups or non overseas groups etc.

**Victorian Unit moves:**

13. That a short paragraph about Rev Winifred Kiek, MA, BD be included in the WKS leaflet with an explanation as to why the Scholarship is so named.'

**Rationale:** The leaflet does not contain information of the late Rev Winifred Kiek after whom the Scholarship is named. The story of her life and work for church women needs to be passed on to church, community, awardees and future generations.

**From NSW:**

**ACWC Australian Representative**

**PREAMBLE:** Before this motion is presented it must be stated that we consider all previous ACWC Australian Representatives to have been worthy of their appointment and to the best of our knowledge to have performed their duties creditably. There is no thought that any of them was poorly chosen. It is the system by which the representative is chosen that we believe needs attention.

**NSW Unit moves:**

14. That ~~an ACWC appointment Board~~ made up of two representatives from each state and territory be formed at each national conference of ACW, during which the Australian Representative for the next quadrennium of the ACWC is to be appointed (every four years). That this ~~Board~~ discuss the nominations, giving consideration to the suitability of each person, and together choosing the person they deem most worthy of the appointment.

**Rationale:** When we attend National Conference, every member of the current National Executive has voting rights. This includes the election of the Australian representative to ACWC, so therefore - the state or territory holding office at that time has a greater number of votes than the other states and territories.

The formation of an appointment board of an equal number from each state and territory, who would discuss the nominations and choose the person they deemed most suitable and qualified for the position, would give greater credibility to this very important and honoured appointment.

NSW Unit moves:

15. A. That National Executive of Australian Church Women (ACW) ascertain what actions the member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) are taking in their respective countries towards the relief of men, women and children working in sub standard conditions and for very low wages in the textile and footwear industries.

And further move:

- B. That upon receipt of the resultant information, discern appropriate ways that we ~~can~~<sup>may</sup> support the members of ACWC in their endeavours.

**Rationale:** ACW has become involved in the FAIR WEAR CAMPAIGN but this only encompasses Australia. It is also true that many of our stores are bringing in goods from Asia that have been produced by men, women and children working in sub standard conditions for a mere pittance, further exploiting their vulnerability because of poverty. Not only are working conditions poor and wages low, but usually in these situations there is also no system to protect these workers – no workers compensation, no medical insurance, no employee rights etc.

ACW can do little about this problem, but as a partner country with ACWC we can raise awareness and offer our support to any action they may consider appropriate.

ACWC Australian representative moves:

16. That the following Guideline replace Page 30 in the ACW National Conference Guidelines

Appointment of Voting Delegates to Asian Church Women's Conference ACWC  
Constitution reads:

- 5.3.1 Each country shall have an equal number of votes. This shall include members of the General Committee.

Australia has four (4) voting delegates at the ACWC Assembly.

Delegates shall include

- ❖ The incumbent National Representative who represents Australia on the General Committee
- ❖ Any Australian delegate on the Executive Committee
- ❖ The number of delegates elected at National Conference or appointed by ACW National Executive to meet the designated number of four delegates.

In the event of there being an election to fulfil Australian Church Women's voting allocation, those receiving the highest sequential number of votes in a ballot at the preceding ACW's National Conference shall be the voting delegate(s).

The minutes of the relevant National Conference shall record the sequence of the results of the ballot.

17. The ~~power~~ of national Executive between Conferences will be discussed at an appropriate time during the Conference.
18. The matter of a website will also be discussed at an appropriate time.

## NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATION TO ACWC ASSEMBLY

**Thomson, Jean Marjorie** - Nominated by ACT Unit

My name is Jean Thomson, aged 67, married to Neville since 1953, with a family of 2 sons and 2 daughters as well as 2 sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law and 6 grandchildren. I have lived in Canberra since 1974, before that I lived with my family in Port Moresby for 13 years. I first moved to Canberra in 1946. My husband is retired, but we both take an active part in community life, and have our own interests.

For the past 6 years I have been a member of the ACT Chief Minister's Women's Consultative Council, (a voluntary body), one of only two women to have served two consecutive terms. This last term, I have served as a nominee of Australian Church Women, the only representative of a church body on the Council. Membership involves regular meetings, as well as working on various committees and working groups from time to time.

I have been a member of the ACT National Council of Women since 1975 and during that time have filled executive positions including two terms as President and two as Hon. Secretary. At present I am the newsletter editor, writing and organising the printing of 6 each year. I have represented the ACT at a number of NCWA Conferences, and have represented NCWA at a number of meetings including ACOSS and AFCOA. I went to London in 1986 as an ACT representative and part of the Australian delegation to the International Council of Women Conference.

I am an active, confirmed, member of the Uniting Church, was an Elder in my local congregation, and am at present a member of the Church Council and Co-Convenor of the local 'Outreach and Mission' committee as well as other groups, including the Arts and Crafts committee. In this last capacity, I am part of a group organising an Annual Midwinter Show, with approximately 150 exhibitors showing art and craft of all types to a value of over \$120,000.

I have also been a member of Presbytery and Synod as well as some committees of those bodies. At present I am a member of the Presbytery Standing Committee and the Presbytery contact Person for the Uniting Church Adult Fellowships in Canberra Region Presbytery; this involves the organisation of an Annual Rally as well as putting out a regular newsletter. In 1986, while we were overseas, my husband and I represented the UC of Australia at the Conference of Reformed Churches of the World and the celebrations marking the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in Geneva.

I have always enjoyed doing flower arrangements and so joined the ACT Floral Art Guild, and am the secretary of the local Guild.

Both my husband and I have been members of the Australian Council of Churches (now NCCA) for many years, and in February 1991, I was the local organiser of the 'information desks' to help the 4000 – 5000 delegates and visitors in Canberra for the World Council of Churches quadrennial meetings. I have been involved in different ecumenical organisations and gatherings for many years. I always make a point of attending World Day of Prayer services wherever I am, and this has included Hong Kong, Port Moresby, and London, as well as Australian places and Canberra.

I was a delegate to Australian Church Women from my local church fellowship for a number of years, but I am an Associate member as others are delegates. In 1995 I attended my first ACW National Conference in Melbourne, and joined the ACT team as the Hon. National Secretary, working with Evonne Sullivan (National President) and others. I was privileged to represent ACW National Committee at various Government forums and events. In 1997 at the National Conference in Canberra I was elected as one of the delegates to the Asian Church Women's Conference. I attended the Conference in Chiangmai, Thailand in November 1998. At present I am the Hon. Secretary of ACW ACT Unit, and am able to use my computing skills for the good of ACW.

In all these experiences, I rely on the grace of God to give me the right words to say, and the right actions to take in all situations. I read my bible every day and I believe strongly in the power of prayer, for without God's help I 'would be as nothing'.

Nominations for the Delegation to the ACWC Assembly (continued)

**Edwards, Reverend Lee-Nominated by WA Unit**

Ordained within the Uniting Church in Australia as a Minister of the Word in 1979, Lee is now a Minister in active retirement. She ministered for 19 years in one rural and two metropolitan parishes in Western Australia and also worked in South Yorkshire within a Methodist Circuit.

In retirement her church membership is at Perth Wesley Mission where she is a Minister in Association – with membership of the Church Council and some responsibility for leading Worship and pastoral care, especially as Chaplain to one of the Ministers in placement at Perth Wesley.

Lee has been involved in ecumenism since 1960; this involvement has included active participation in clergy fellowship groups, membership of the Churches Commission on Education (providing chaplaincy in government schools), attendance at ecumenical conferences, study groups, workshops, over the years in Australia and the United Kingdom. At present she is a member of the Executive of the Conference of Churches in Western Australia, and president-elect of the incoming National Executive of Australian Church Women.

Besides ecumenism, another passion is travelling to different parts of the world. This year she is spending 4 months overseas – visiting friends in Britain, Austria, Canada and New Zealand, and enjoying touring China, the Canadian Rockies and Hawaii as an enthusiastic traveller keen to see more of God's glorious world.

Lee was part of a women's group which attended an international Seminar in Papua New Guinea in 1994 and led the Australian contingent to a similar Seminar in Samoa in 1999. She has visited several Asian countries over the years and is keen to see Australia taking an active place within the Asian scene.

**Jackson, Lisa Patricia - Nominated by NSW Unit**

Lisa is an Indigenous Australian who was born on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1972. She currently lives at Petersham, New South Wales.

Lisa is employed as an Aboriginal Education Worker for the Catholic Education Office in the Diocese of Sydney. She works at Casimir Catholic College, Marrickville for one day, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Kensington for one day and St. Scholastica College Glebe for two days each week.

She was previously employed as a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Aboriginal and Islander Commission and the National Council of Churches in Australia.

In July/August 1999 Lisa was a steward at the World Council of Churches - Central Committee in Geneva. The NSW Unit of Australian Church women assisted with her airfare and on her return, she gave an informative account and personal impressions of the proceedings.

In January 2000 Lisa was a participant, on behalf of the National Council of Churches Youth Network, at the Asian Student and Youth Group meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Lisa was the Aboriginal and Islander Commission Youth Representative during the Pilgrimage to the Heart from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> 2000 and spoke to a meeting of the New South Wales Unit, telling of her experiences travelling together by bus and the meetings along the way.

Nominations for Delegation to ACWC (continued)

**Walker, Patricia - Nominated by SA Unit**

I was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1933.

I have been married and widowed twice, and have five children (now adult) and three step children (also adult). I am also a grandmother.

For about thirty years I have been involved in Catholic Women's League as local Branch President and later as Treasurer. For four years I represented the Adelaide Diocesan Catholic Women's League on the Catholic Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, reporting on meetings and liaising with other Catholic Lay Organisations.

Some years ago I became a Catholic representative to Australian Church Women (SA Unit) and found this very rewarding. I served as Minute Secretary to ACW before going to Balgo/Wirrumanu for two years as Parish volunteer to assist the Parish Priest to the Kutjungka Catholic Parish. As the priest needed to travel between four Aboriginal Communities he needed someone for all the duties he could not keep up with, both office and cleaning.

This was a very different part of my life, living and working with the Kukatja people, learning some of their language and customs. Now I have returned to Adelaide, I don't think that I will ever be exactly the same person who went away. I am again a representative for the Catholic Women's League to Australian Church Women (SA Unit).

**Brooks, Shirley – Nominated by TAS Unit**

Shirley is a National Life Member of Australian Church Women. She is married and is an uniformed Salvationist.

She is a member of Corp Council and Senior Census Board (Elder). Shirley has served as Home League Secretary for 10 years.

Shirley is a Past President of World Day of Prayer in Tasmania and will be Vice-President for the next two years.

Shirley joined the Launceston branch of ACW in 1975 and has been President twice. She has been Unit President of ACW (Tas Unit) twice and a member of Unit Executive since 1980.

Shirley attended her first ACW National Conference in 1983 and has attended each one since then.

In 1990, Shirley attended the Asian Church Women's Conference Assembly in Indonesia as an observer and the 1994 Assembly in Taiwan, also as an observer.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEES**

**Barber, Christine Gwen** - Nominated by Anglican Mothers' Union.

I was born on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1941, to the late Jack and Sylvia Barber, of Torrens Road Croydon, South Australia. I was baptised in the former Anglican Parish of Good Shepherd, Bowden and attended Sunday School and worshipped in the Church of St. Barnabas Croydon for 29 years.

I attended Croydon Primary School and Woodville High School, attaining the Intermediate Certificate in commercial subjects and piano.

On leaving school commenced office work with National Mutual Life for 34 years until retrenched in 1993.

It was at St Barnabas that I trained as a Sunday School Teacher and joined the GFS (formerly known as the Girls' Friendly Society), progressing through ranks as a Junior, Senior, Townsend Member and subsequently as a Commissioned Leader.

I have worked on the South Australian Executive of GFS for 30+ years, serving terms as State Treasurer, Chairperson, magazine Co-ordinator and State Representative to the Australian Council of GFS and Australian Treasurer. Currently I act as Minute Secretary for the State Executive Team.

During these years I have been privileged to attend 3 World Councils of GFS in Melbourne, London and Japan.

Since moving residence to Cheltenham in 1970, I have worshipped at St George's Alberton. In Parish work I am currently a Licensed Lay Assistant to the Parish Priest, and in this capacity carry out Pastoral Visiting and administration of the reserved sacrament to elderly and infirmed Parishioners. My interest and commitment to Children's and Family Ministry is still maintained through Sunday School and Children's School Holiday programmes. I am a member of the Parish Council and a Synod representative for Alberton as well as a representative to the Western Deanery Action (Lay) Group.

Since retrenchment from full time work I have trained in Word processing and various computer packages, and had casual office work for about 3 years, however I am currently unemployed.

During this time I have given voluntary work as Minute Secretary to the Board of The Archway Rehabilitation and Community Services at Port Adelaide, although this Board was disbanded in 2000 to become a programme of Anglicare in South Australia. However I still continue as Secretary of the Archway Foundation Inc. which was set up three years ago as a fund raising body to support capital works and projects of the Centre. Archway provides residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation programmes, as well as a Sobering Up Unit in a nearby location.

Outside of these activities I like to relax in my garden, and get great joy messing in the soil and having plants grow around me.

Nominations for Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees (continued)

**Clarke, Cate** – Nominated by Uniting Church Adult Fellowships

I have been attending Pilgrim Uniting Church all my life. This has given me the opportunities to grow into leadership positions as a participant in the church community. Within the parish I have taught Christian Education to pre-schoolers, led the youth group, been a musician, a member of worship, youth, and settlement committees and have been an elder.

At 13 I began attending presbytery or regional Easter camps and I became involved in the wider church. I have been a small group leader, first aider, music leader and camp coordinator over the years as well as being a member of the presbytery youth committee.

At 15 I went to my first of three national Christian Youth Conventions or NCYCs. This is a biennial gathering of youth for one week. Other national church activities include the About FACE 4 program (Faith And Cultural Exchange) which sent me as part of a group to El Salvador for 2 weeks in 1996, and then the Interns in Mission program which placed me with the United Church Of Christ in the Philippines for 2 years ending July 2000.

Whilst studying nursing from 1993 to 1995 I was a member of the SCM Adelaide branch.

Currently I am working as an agency nurse whilst studying a few subjects at the Adelaide College of Divinity as part of my Period of Discernment, (POD). The POD is a time of working out where God is calling me to be and to discover if I am called to ordained or lay ministry. This includes meeting with mentors, some study and service. One of my service 'projects' is running an ecumenical young women's theology discussion group. This group meets once a month to discuss articles of feminist theology and to celebrate and share the stories of our lives in the mainstream churches around Adelaide. I continue to build on my Philippines experience by being a part of the Philippines Partnership Group of the UCA Synod of SA, and have been a volunteer at synod, one day a week, to work on About FACE 5.

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## **PROFILES - INCOMING NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**Lee Edwards (Reverend)** – refer to profile for ACWC Delegation

### **Lady Wilson (Leila)**

Leila joined Australian Church Women in the Western Australian Unit from Presbyterian Women of Australia about 1967. She left in 1971 when her youngest child was 18 months old and became 'too much of a nuisance to take to meetings' (Leila's words!). Leila returned in 1976 when number five child started school. In 1979 she became the representative for the Uniting Church.

During her years with Australian Church Women Leila has held office as president, Vice President and on two occasions, Treasurer. She was also national Executive Minute Secretary 1989-1991. At present she is the Treasurer of the Unit.

Leila has been married to Ron for 51 years, has five children and nine grandchildren. Her hobbies are cooking, patchwork, reading and her grandchildren. Leila is actively involved in her local church at Applecross and is also involved in district activities.

### **Barbara Bourhill**

Born and educated in Claremont, Western Australia, Barbara attended the University of WA and trained as a teacher. After three years of country teaching she married, then spent the next few years farming with her husband before they returned to city life.

Her activities included teaching in both State and Catholic primary schools, music teaching and later, after a two year course, did Pastoral work in her parish.

Voluntary work in the parish includes organist, catechist for both children and adult groups together with office bearer in the Catholic Women's League. In her time in the League she has been an office bearer at Branch, Diocesan, State and National level. As a delegate to Australian Church Women she has been Vice President and President, as well as holding the Publications Office when Western Australia was last the National Executive.

Barbara has been widowed for two years, has four married children and twelve grandchildren of whom she is very proud. Her hobbies are music, art, reading and travel.

**Leeola Loughnan**

Leeola Loughnan joined the Western Australian Unit of Australian Church Women in 1995 as a delegate of the Majellan Groups of Western Australia, which is a women's fellowship group in the Catholic Church. She holds office as Unit Secretary.

Leeola married Terry in 1960 and has a son and two daughters and is now enjoying her seven grandchildren.

In 1973 she joined the Majellan Group in the Woodlands Parish and then joined the Central Committee, becoming State President in 1981-1983. She was a foundation Board member of Pregnancy Help and "off-air" telephone counsellor for 'Nightline' for six years. She is a facilitator at retreats for BALYA, a self help cancer group and has just completed two years as Treasurer for the QuiltWest Exhibition.

Her commitment to parish work over thirty years at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Woodlands, was very involved resulting in being elected Chairperson for the inaugural Wembley Downs Christian Council, and then being Chairperson on the Churchlands Senior High School Chaplaincy Committee.

Leeola has found a new interest in patchwork and embroidery, and being retired, is able to participate in many quilting days. She loves and enjoys being with her families and friends.

**Margaret Ker**

Margaret was born in Harrogate, England, and came to Australia with her husband Ian in 1971. After six years in Melbourne they moved west to join Margaret's late aunt and uncle in 1977.

Margaret and Ian have four children ranging in age from 20 down to 12. When their eldest daughter started school in 1986 they began to 'join things'. Fifteen years later they wonder whether they should 'retire' when the shelves will hold no more files. They suspect they will simply build more shelves.

Margaret was brought up an Anglican, with a Catholic grandmother and Methodist grandfather on her father's side. On her mother's side, her ancestors included Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Unitarians as well as Anglicans. For the next two years National Executive minutes will be typed under the watchful of her great grandfather, an Anglican minister whose portrait hangs over the fireplace next to the computer.

Margaret joined the Catholic Women's League in 1985 and has been privileged to serve as a delegate to Australian Church Women since 1999.

**Major Olive Dell**

Olive has been associated with Australian Church Women for twenty one years in Tasmania, Northern Territory and Western Australia and has held positions of Secretary, President (twice), Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor and National Special Days Convenor.

She has been a Salvation Army Officer for thirty-five years and with her husband, Dennis, now Chaplain at The Salvation Army Hollywood Senior citizens village.

**Sheila Mellar**

Sheila arrived in Western Australia from England in June 1946 with her 18 month old son to join her Australian husband. Over the next three years they added another son and a daughter to their family and during the early 1970s three grandsons and two granddaughters become part of their family.

Sheila's husband died in 1986 but she is still living in the same house and parish they moved into in 1948.

Sheila joined the Mothers' Union in 1958 and has served as Treasurer and various other offices in her own branch, over the years.

During the 1990s Sheila spent nine years on the Mothers' Union Executive in the Perth Diocese – six years as Treasurer and three years as Junior Vice President. The Senior Vice President and Sheila devised the program for their centenary year in 1998, with much delegating and help from many members it was a happy and exciting year.

Sheila's interests are her church and the local historical society of which she is the Treasurer and the costume keeper for their museum. When she left school in England, Sheila worked in Lloyds Bank and when her children started high school, she went back to work and was in charge of the six savings bank agencies in Boans department store in Perth. Sheila's husband was a public accountant and a Fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants so figures have been and still are a big part of her life. She would rather spend a whole day working on accounts than half an hour sewing or gardening!!

Please hold Sheila in your prayers as she takes on the position of being our National Treasurer for the next two years.

**Janet Watts**

Janet has been a member of Australian Church Women in the Western Australian Unit since 1975 as a representative of the Methodist Church and later Uniting Church. She was Minute Secretary for the National Executive Committee in 1975-1977, and the National Executive FLC Convenor for 1989-1991. In the Western Australian Unit she has been both FLC and WKS Convenors, Minute Secretary and Secretary. She is happy to admit to attending six National Conferences, at all of which she has enjoyed the fellowship of her many friends.

Janet married Bob, a Methodist Minister in 1951 in South Australia, then moved to Western Australia where they served in six different country and suburban parishes. Janet was widowed in 1980. She has four children and ten grandchildren and now attends the Yokine Uniting Church.

Janet has a passionate interest in ecumenism, serving in local Presbytery and Synod areas in the Uniting Church. She is a Friend of Iona and a Member of Wellspring Communities.

Janet feels loyalty to the Aims of Australian Church Women, has loved and appreciated being a member, and treasures the many friends she has made throughout Australia.

## **Catherine Derries**

Catherine's country of birth is New Zealand. She lived on a farm in Canterbury, South Island and came from a family of five children. She went to the local primary school, travelling by bus covering 40 kms each day. The local high school was double the mileage and the decision was made to send her to boarding school in Christchurch.

Her three years at Sacred Heart College were very happy years and she adjusted to the city traffic, noise and smell of the local gas works. Catherine has lifelong friends from those years. After leaving school she had a job Nurse-Aiding in a 9 bed Country Maternity Hospital. One of her duties was to fill in for the cook on her days off. Her mother was so nervous of Catherine being let loose in the kitchen to cook for the patients and staff, she told her afterwards that she couldn't sleep the night before her first duty in the kitchen. The Matron kept a very close eye on Catherine and no disasters happened, thank goodness! Catherine became very good at cooking corned beef, veg. and mustard sauce followed by rice pudding.

Catherine did various other nursing jobs followed by three months of apple picking with a girlfriend when she was twenty-one. It was great fun. She also worked in a Christchurch department store in Cosmetics until she came to Perth for her brother's wedding and a twelve months working holiday when she was twenty-four. Yes, she is still here nearly thirty years later! Her husband Jim is a Scot and had already settled in Perth when she met him. They have two boys who are young men now, aged twenty-one and twenty-four.

Catherine has been active over the years in the Catholic Church. Particularly in the Majellans for the last twenty-four years and on the Majellan Central Committee the last four years.

Around the same time, Leola Loughnan asked for someone else to join her as a Majellan representative with the Australian Church Women's Committee. Catherine volunteered and has had a very warm and friendly reception from the other members. She is slowly coming to understand the different areas the ACW is involved in. Leola has been of fantastic support to her in her new role as Special Days Convenor which she has taken over from her. Her first test of organisational skills will be discovered on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Fellowship Day Service. Thank goodness she has the back-up of the Committee and her own Majellan friends to help out!

Catherine's other interests are flower arranging and gardening and she also does Massage, Reflexology and Reiki Therapies. She tries to exercise their wee Pug dog each day, good for both of them!

### **Major Laurel Pearce**

Laurel was commissioned in 1961 as a Salvation Army Officer and served in a variety of appointments in Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia until retirement in 2000.

These appointments have included two appointments as assistant officer at Creswick and Rochester in Victoria and two years on the teaching staff of the Salvation Army Training College.

Most of Laurel's service has been in Social Services – aged care, residential child care, at a student and working girls' hostel with unmarried mothers, women's refuges, emergency relief and the care of intellectually disabled women, a number of these appointments being at managerial level.

Laurel has Bachelor degrees in Arts and Social Work from the University of Melbourne. She has had the privilege of attending a session at the International College for Officers in London in 1983, the International Congress in London in 1990 and being a participant in an Israel Study Tour in 1994.

Although officially retired, Laurel is still very involved in Salvation Army service. She represents The Salvation Army on the National Council of Women as well as Australian Church Women, is treasurer of the WA Retired Officers League has done some relief work and social work supervision as well as being actively involved in her local congregation (Perth Fortress Corps).

Laurel's interests include music (particularly classical and choral), reading, social and family history, her garden and travel (as finances allow).

At present Laurel is President of the Western Australian Unit.

### **Phillis Dolling**

Representing Uniting Church in Australia. Recently retired to Mandurah, south of Perth.

Phillis' interest in ACW began in the 1960s when she and her husband John moved to Floreat Park with three small children, the fourth child being born in 1964. They now have nine grandchildren, in ages 5 to 17 years.

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches were not far apart and they worshipped at both from time to time, enjoying the fellowship and friendship of people in both congregations. Phillis became involved with the Ladies' Guilds and at All Saints, met Vera Wilson, now a Life Member of ACW. Her interest in ACW was aroused as she learnt of the place of ACW in the ecumenical life of the wider church.

Her involvement was mainly by attending the Special Days Services in Western Australia. However she did attend the 1989 Conference in Perth as an observer, the third member of the Uniting Church delegation. She was inspired by the working together of Christian women from varied backgrounds.

In 1982, with the formation of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship, she was a member of the Synod Committee in Western Australia and served for ten years. It was a thrill for her when, in 1997, she was invited to become a member of the National Committee for UCAF (1997-2000) as the Ecumenical/International Liaison person. In that role she attended the Second Consultation of Bridge Builders in 1999 in Suva, Fiji, an initiative of the Presbyterian Women of New Zealand. It was an interesting and challenging time and an important step on her Christian journey. The journey will continue as Phillis serves on the ACW National Executive Committee and looks forward to the support of all Units of the ACW News as she becomes the Publications Editor.

## Jesus is Hope

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Jesus is hope! Our age-long wars  
Bring slaughter, bitter tears and pain.  
Your justice is a stronger force,  
Give peace, dear Lord, give peace again.  
May love show forth your sovereign will  
And all the earth hear "Peace! Be still!"  
May love show forth your sovereign will  
And all the earth hear "Peace! Be still!"

Jesus is hope! The children cry  
In lands beyond the careless sea.  
We live in comfort as they die.  
Lord of all life, let this not be.  
You call us to do more than give,  
To bring them hope and let them live.  
You call us to do more than give,  
To bring them hope and let them live.

Jesus is hope! The homeless creep  
In fear across earth's ruined face,  
Their dear ones dead, no place to sleep.  
Stir up in us the gift of grace,  
To welcome those who dare to come.  
You are their hope! You are their home.  
To welcome those who dare to come.  
You are their hope! You are their home.

Jesus is hope! A world grown blind  
Has lost its vision and its faith.  
Yet still in you your church can find  
A resurrection from this death.  
Hope is our strength, our guiding star  
Lord Jesus, living hope you are.  
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M. Knauerhase (Feb.2001)