

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Council meeting, held on Monday, 19 August, 1991  
at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney.

OPENING. The meeting opened at 10.30a.m. with the President, Mrs Major Joan Tong in the Chair.

In welcoming the members to the meeting, Mrs Tong especially welcomed Mrs June Wilkinson, who was introduced by Mrs Rhoda Gates as the new Uniting Church delegate, replacing Mrs Mavis Burtenshaw, who has become an Associate Member.

Mrs Edna Chambers, for many years a member of Council, was welcomed as the representative of Lane Cove-Longueville Branch. It was good to have Edna at the meeting again after a break of some years. Mrs Heather Reid was welcomed as the new delegate for Girls' Brigade, one of the organisations affiliated with ACW.

THOSE PRESENT as recorded on the Attendance sheets, numbered 59 and the number of APOLOGIES recorded was 5.

DEVOTIONS. Mrs Marie Majoor read to us selected verses from Corinthians, reminding us of the 'different gifts' we all have, while also having 'the same spirit'. The well-known passage about 'love' concluded the reading. We who are members of ACW have these combined gifts, we need affirmation of the value of our differing gifts. Meeting as we do each month keeps us in touch with each other, so that we learn to appreciate the different gifts we all have. Marie values the opportunity as Membership Secretary to put 'faces to names'. We see God in each person, and derive spiritual support from each other. Marie's own experience of this came through two ACW members at a time of real need in her life. Now she has a tangible reminder of the goodness and love of these two friends every Christmas when she decorates her Christmas tree. Prayer completed the time of devotions.

MINUTES of the Meeting, 17 June, having been distributed, were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

CONFERENCE SPOT. At this last Council meeting before the National Conference, time was taken to make final arrangements for the State Unit's involvement and announcements were made along with invitations. The final date for Registration has been extended to the end of August and there is plenty of room for Unit members who may wish to attend the Conference as visitors.

Special mention was made of the Seminar Day and registration forms were distributed. Members who will be present for the Concert, were invited to a part of the Unit's presentation of two amusing songs and a gospel song.

A list of the other arrangements for the Conference is appended to the official copy of the Minutes, for the record.

BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes.

1. Associate Members. We were happy to announce that these now number 13.
2. Additions to the By-laws. It is hoped that these papers will be available after Conference.
3. Spiritual Enrichment Day, October 28. The speakers are announced. Mrs Patricia Burke, Devotions, Mrs Colonel Ruth Calvert and Mrs Clara Clarke will lead through the morning.  
A registrar will be appointed to handle registrations at the September Council meeting. Members were asked to indicate on the board at the front of the room if they intend being at the Day.
4. Mrs Jenny Johnston was unable to be the speaker at this meeting, she is expected to come in February, 1992.
5. Flower Festival. Mrs Peg Blake has this in hand. Donations of money towards the purchasing of flowers were invited.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Inwards and Outwards Correspondence as listed was read, dealt with as read and received.

BUSINESS ARISING from the Correspondence.

1. Invitations. a. U.C.A. Thankoffering Service. Mrs Marjory Baker will be our Representative.
- b. P.W.A. Federal Conference. As this Conference falls during our own Conference, the President & Executive members send an apology. Mrs Beth Finlay will represent us.
- c. Deaconess Andrews invited members to the Annual Deaconess Institute meeting at 93 Bathurst St. on Sept. 20 at 1.30p.m.
- d. Prayer on Wheels Core Group Day on October 12 was recommended.
2. Request for Membership of ACW by the Ukrainian Orthodox Women's Sisterhood. This response to our invitation following the 1988 Jubilee Celebrations, was received with joy by the Council. Mrs Helen Danko will be invited to find 8 delegates to join our Unit as soon as possible. Invitations to the Conference to be sent as soon as possible, also.
3. Letters to the Senate committee holding an inquiry into 0055 telephone advertising and the proposed screening of X-rated and R-rated films on PayTv were encouraged. A brochure with details of this protest was copied and made available to members who would make use of it. The Executive has already written a letter to the Senate Committee.

#### REPORTS.

1. TREASURER. The Treasurer, Mrs Lumb presented a Statement of Receipts and Payments for the two months ended 31 July, 1991. This statement is attached to the official copy of the Minutes.

Fellowship Day offerings are coming in well.

Accounts to be passed for Payment were ratified.

MOTION. The following resolution was carried by the vote of the meeting.

"That the accommodation fees of \$136.00 for Cabin accommodation at the National Conference for each of the following:- NSW State Unit President, Mrs Tong, Hon. Secretary, Mrs Ridge, Hon. Treasurer, Mrs Lumb and President-Elect, Miss McKinnirey, i.e., 2 Delegates, and 2 Observers from the NSW State Unit, be paid by the NSW State Unit from its funds."

Note. These four ladies are to be accommodated in Motel-type rooms, at their own expense. (The Salvation Army has paid for Mrs Tong.)

Fellowship of the Least Coin. The Convenor announced that a blue paper giving the Grants 1990 List is being distributed to all F.L.C. donors and is available for all members. Miss Wells was congratulated on this paper. In presenting extracts from the F.L.C. Report, Shirley told of the position in Sri Lanka, and highlighted the differences in that coun try with a story of two Sri Lankan women whose children attend a play group at her church. Prayer was asked for the people of Sri Lanka, with all its problems.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Rachel is in Melbourne, where she is observing at the Salvation Army Hospital. She will attend the National Conference.

the 1992 Scholar is announced as Miss Ana Monu Taumoepeau. We will learn to pronounce this Tongan lady's name in due course! She will study at the TAFE in Launceston. TRY 'Arna Mornu Towmoypeow'!!!

Promotion. The Convenor thanked the ladies who assisted the Executive in the packing of the World Community Day Services.

Three or four Information kits have been sent to groups asking for ACW information. In reply to the kit sent to her, former Council member Olwen Lean sent the welcome information that the Bellingen Uniting Church ladies will try to promote ACW and the Special Days in their area. F.L.C. Leaflets are ready for distribution with the World Community Day services.

5. Publicity. The Convenor appealed again for Branches to let her and Promotion Convenor have information regarding the Special Days. If Promotion Convenor does not have the Place, Date and Time of the meetings( As well as the number of orders of service required) she cannot forward this information to Publicity. It is not possible to advertise our Special Days if we do not have the relevant information.
6. Newsette. The Editor and the Manager of Newsette were congratulated on another fine issue. Copy for the next issue is invited and should be sent to the Editor at CMS, Bathurst St. Sydney by the October Holiday weekend, please.
7. A.C.W.C. Sister Patricia Kent was welcomed as she gave her first report. She was given her copy of A.C.W.C. Bulletin and this paper was recommended to members. \$7.50 p.a. and well-worth reading. Pat relayed greetings from A.C.W.C. Executive member, Margaret Napier. Margaret and our President, Joan, will attend A.C.W.C. meetings in Bangkok in October.
8. Membership Secretary. Mrs Majoor was thanked for her work in preparing new meeting badges for the Unit members. Members were reminded that they should sign the attendance sheets at each meeting, if they want to be recorded as being present, and that apologies are to be noted on the same sheets.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Deaconess Andrews asked for prayers for the meetings to be held in Shanghai of the China Christian Council during September. Mary will be present at these meetings and at the celebration of 101 years of Y.W.C.A. in China. She hopes that she may meet Shirin Samuel at these gatherings.

Our Unit is proposing to send some ACW bookmarks to the Y.W.C.A. in China as a gift to the women and a letter is to be written sending our greetings at this time.

2. Connie Groat was congratulated by the Council on her appointment to Federal office in the Presbyterian Women's Association.

3. The Anglican ladies were thanked for the morning tea, and the Churches of Christ ladies reminded that they will serve morning tea on September 16.

4. Mrs Margaret Jessup was welcomed back after her trip to South America and invited by the President to show us the map of her journeys and to share the pictures taken during this holiday. We were most interested in the story that Margaret had to tell of her travels in these little-known parts of the tourists' world. We thanked her with a gift of spring flowers and sang Happy Birthday to Margaret for today.

CLOSING. There being no further business, the President closed the meeting with the Prayer of St. Patrick and the Benediction.

CONFIRMED.

16.9.91



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

Minutes of the meeting, 19.8.91 Notes of Conference Spot.

1. Gifts. The Gift of the State Unit to all Conference members will be a nice pen and some Acw printed note paper. Joan Tong will arrange for the pens and Phyl McKinnirey is providing the paper. These gifts will be left in the rooms of those living-in at the Conference.
2. Concert Item. All NSW women present at the conference for the concert are invited to join in the singing of two amusing items, and a gospel song.
3. Fridge Magnets. A working day will be held at Joan's home on Tues. 3 September at 10a.m. to make these items. A large logo of ACW on blue card will be backed and gathered lace attached, with a magnet on the back. These gifts are for the Prayer Partner scheme and sufficient magnets are to be prepared for distribution to those attending the Seminar Day, also. (Requested by the National Pres.)
4. Trading Room. Under the management and supervision of Marjory Baker, C.I.C. Books will attend on Seminar Day and a good selection of books will be available. Also some specials. On Tues., Wednesday and Thursday, World Vision will attend and will have goods for sale. Craft goods are being prepared for sale, either as donations to ACW or on consignment, for sale each day, during the meal breaks.
5. Flowers for arrangements at the conference centre are required on the Sunday afternoon, or very early on Monday morning. Three large arrangements are planned, Marie McCann will bring the vases.
6. Registration. The closing date has been extended to the end of August. Doris Mitchell will be glad to book people into the Motel-type rooms or cabin accommodation. Each cabin holds beds for 6 people, but as they are double-decker beds, there will be no more than 3 in each of these rooms. Those who are registered were reminded that the balance of payment is due at the end of this month.  
Towels. One towel per member will be supplied twice during the Conference. It is suggested that those requiring more than this, might remember to pack an extra towel from home.
7. Day Visitors. Registration leaflets were distributed. \$20 per day included all meals (not dinner at night) and the use of the site's facilities. Those desiring to bring their own food were asked to fill in a special form and to pay \$5 per head. Day Visitors to register with Helen Richardson, National Secretary.
8. Banners. Branches in the metropolitan area are asked to bring in the banner used at the 1988 Golden Jubilee celebrations. Member denominations may care to join in, also. Banners can be left at 140 Elizabeth St. (Salvation Army) or brought to the Conference. A Patchwork is being prepared by Lucelle King to be hung at the Conference.
9. Transport. Miss Doris Mitchell outlined the assistance she will need to meet people at the airport and to transport them to the Conference site. Those people who had offered help to liaise with Doris. Help also needed after the Conference.
10. Secretarial assistance. Miss Shirley Wells arranged to meet the people who have offered this assistance after the meeting. There are 11 business sessions to be recorded, 5 of them on the Tuesday. One more stenographer is required to help on the Tuesday. So far, four stenographers and 5 recorders have indicated their help. Also there will be work for typists and those who will collate and check the minutes.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR TWO (2) MONTHS ENDED 31ST JULY 1991

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/6/1991 \$3,089.49

RECEIPTS (FOR 2 MONTHS)

Affiliation Fees		15.00	
Donations - Festival of Flowers		6.00	
Wakeel U/C Women's Fellowship		10.00	
A.C.W. 1991 Conference		5.00	
A.C.W. NATNL. Bal. accommodation for			
Observer		74.00	
( Observer	74.00		
(paid in August) ( Delegate	74.00		
Sales - Pens		770.00	
Spoon		3.50	
Badges		10.50	
History Books		14.00	
"Newsette" Subscriptions		84.00	
A.C.W.C. Bulletin Subscription		7.00	
Fellowship Day Offerings		2,641.56	
Overseas Travel (Trading Table & Tea Money)		20.00	
F.L.C.		271.76	
Interest - Westpac Current A/c	24.69		
Interest - Glebe Board	128.16	152.85	
A.C.W.C. Partners		1.00	
			<u>4,086.17</u>
			7,175.66

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS

Purchases of Pens		237.25	
Promotion Expenses		10.52	
Publicity Convener's Expenses		138.00	
Photocopying		23.80	
Postage		46.69	
A.C.W. L/heads		84.00	
Stationery (Salvation Army Bookroom)		26.00	
Secretary's Imprest		50.00	
President's Imprest		100.00	
Registration - 2 Delegates & 2 Observers - A.C.W.			
National Conference		120.00	
"Newsette" Postage		70.96	
" Registration (Aust. Post)		75.00	
			<u>982.22</u>

CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31/7/1991 ... .. \$6,193.44

A/CS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENTS (RATIFIED)

The Pen Man	237.25
Promotion Expenses	10.52
Publicity Convener's Expenses	138.00
Photocopying	23.80
Stationery (Salvation Army Bookroom)	26.00
Postage	46.69
A.C.W. L/heads	84.00
Secretary's Imprest	50.00
President's Imprest	100.00
Registration - 2 Delegates & 2	
Observers A.C.W. Natnl. Conference	120.00
"Newsette" Postage	70.96
" Registration (Aust.Post)	75.00
	<u>\$982.22</u>

PENS A/C Cr. Bal. 1/3/91 \$ 106.50

SALES to 31/7/1991 1,285.00

1,391.50

LESS PURCHASES

952.25

CR. 31/7/1991 = \$439.25

F.L.C. to 31/7/1991 \$1,066.67

Fellowship Day " \$2,691.56

W.C.D. " 50.00

\$3,808.23

Cr. Bal. 31/7/1991	\$6,193.44
LESS	<u>3,808.23</u>

CR. BAL. 31/7/1991 \$2,385/21