

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at 222 Pitt Street,  
Sydney on MONDAY APRIL 18, 1994.

OPENING:- The President Miss Phyl McKinnirey announced that this was the Annual General Meeting and the Election of Officers.

MINUTES of the A.G.M. 19 April, 1993 had been read at the June Council meeting, 1993 and initialled.  
They were taken as read and CONFIRMED as a correct record at this meeting.

REPORTS:-

1. President.

In her report, the President made special mention of the functions she has been privileged to attend during the year. A special joy was the occasion for afternoon tea with the W.K.S. student Malai, for her birthday.

On her trip to Port Macquarie and South West Rocks for the C.W.L. she was accompanied by Council member Margaret Jessup.

She was present at the launching of 'Talking Together'.

A highlight of the year was attendance and participation in the National Conference in Tasmania.

The memories of her trip to India and Pakistan are of the people, who although they lived in abject poverty, living and dying on the streets, they were still willing to share what they had with their fellows.

She was welcomed at three World Community Day Services.

At the annual Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission Dinner, where A.C.W. members are always welcome guests, she was impressed by the speaker's address on the five "C's". They ranged from "Confrontation" to "Commitment".

Two Breakfasts were memorable. The first was the International Women's Day Breakfast at Parramatta and the second was the Easter Breakfast. Now, as her time in office draws to a close, she is very aware that this is a time of preparation for a new President.

For Lucelle King she prays for blessings and pledges her support to her.

In thanking the Council for all their support of her during two years, Phyl especially mentioned her appreciation of her Executive, and also thanked Past President Marjory Baker for her encouragement.

In conclusion, she read to us the words from John 17. 'I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in Me because of their message. I pray that they may all be one.'

2. Secretary.

The Secretary Edith Ridge began by thanking Phyl McKinnirey for her leadership over the last two years. In a review of the work of the Executive Officers and Conveners she took the opportunity of thanking them on behalf of all members. It has been a very good team and much was achieved during the year.

Two new Convenerships added during the year are already proving their worth. They are Branches and Special Functions.

In 1993 we honoured the International Year of Indigenous People of the World. Two speakers at our meetings and the guest speaker at the Annual Dedication Service told us different aspects of the faith, culture and dreams of the aboriginal people of our country.

Fourteen people from N.S.W. attended the excellent National Conference of A.C.W. in Tasmania. We were successful in guiding some new legislature through the business sessions of the Conference.

Other things mentioned were

ICFLC Grant of \$6000 to Kuri-ngai Partners,

Offering for Shalom Christian School, World Community Day, 1994.

Promotional items, especially our new badge for Council members.

Attendance at the National Council of Women's Seminar on 'Men & Women Against Violence'.

ACWC annual service used for the first time in our November meeting. Spiritual Enrichment Day.

The Visit of former Winifred Kiek Scholar, Rev. Violet Sampa-Bredt.

The Workshop held in January.

Information kits produced by the Promotion and Publicity Conveners.

Flower Festivals, our participation in them.

Next World Community Service was written by a team of N.S.W. people.

These two reports will be published with the Conveners' Reports, the Annual Financial Statement of Accounts and the reports from Branches and affiliated organisations in the Annual Report, May, 1994.

### 3. Treasurer.

The Treasurer paid tribute to former Treasurer Mrs Dorothy Lumb, who at this time last year was very ill. In spite of the bad timing of this occurrence, there was no trouble in balancing the books for 1993.

It has been a difficult year of learning for Marie Majoor, but she has learned well and is confident in presenting her accounts to the Auditor. Mrs Majoor reported that the books do balance! However, the statement presented to the Annual General Meeting is incomplete report. It has been impossible to finish the report until the Stock report has been finished. When this is done, the books will be presented for audit.

Motions of appreciation to these three officers were moved by members of Council.

Deaconess Mary Andrews Thanked the President for her energy, inspiration, and leadership over two stirring years. Mary can see the growth and outreach of A.C.W. and is thrilled to see A.C.W. extending its influence into other organisations. This is due in no small part to the efforts of Phyl McKinnirey.

She mentioned the joyous, uncomplaining way that the officers have done the work of A.C.W. The Church is not stagnant, it is on the move.

Mary was pleased to move a special vote of thanks to the President and the Secretary. In this she was joined by Mrs Helen Stutchbury who asked for a vote of thanks to be moved for the work of the Secretary.

In response, the President acknowledged the great support she has received, especially from her own denomination, in particular the State Council and members of the Catholic Women's League.

Dorothy Lumb was pleased to move the vote of thanks to the Treasurer.

4. Conveners' Reports were taken as read and the Conveners were thanked.

### ELECTION of OFFICERS.

The President announced that as there were no multiple nominations for any positions, members were asked to endorse the appointment of those people to the positions as follows. The ballot was declared.

PRESIDENT.	Mrs Lucelle King.	Baptist.
PAST PRESIDENT.	Miss Phyl McKinnirey.	Catholic.
SECRETARY.	Mrs Major Joan Tong.	Salvation Army.
MINUTE SECRETARY.	Mrs Peg Blake.	Presbyterian.
TREASURER.	Mrs Marie Majoor.	Catholic.
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.	Miss Heather Reid.	Girls' B'gade.
Newsette EDITOR.	Mrs Beryl McLaughlin.	Anglican.
WINIFRED KIEK CONVENER.	Mrs Mina Whybourne.	Anglican.
Fellowship of the Least Cōin.	Miss Shirley Wells.	Baptist.
PROMOTION.	Mrs Edith Ridge.	Uniting.
Publicity.	Mrs Major Hazel McIver.	Salv. Army.
BRANCHES.	Mrs Beth Finlay.	Presbyterian.
Special FUNCTIONS.	Mrs Marie McCann.	Catholic.

Denominations not represented. Ukrainian Orthodox and

Churches of Christ. Miss Elsie Cox.

AUDITOR. The meeting approved the appointment of Mr Frank Fryirs ASA.

NEWSETTE MANAGER. Mrs Carmel Emmett was re-appointed on the nomination of the Executive.

STOCK SECRETARY. Under review by the Executive.

COMMITTEES.

Some of the people nominated were not present at the meeting. They are therefore appointed subject to their approval.

W.K.S. The Convener plus Y.Davis, J.Tong, L.King, M.Andrews, M.Ward.

F.L.C. The Convener plus J.Tonf (ACWC) and D.Lumb.

PROMOTION. The Convener plus P.Cameron, M.Hawkins, M.Jessup, M.Baker, V.Minty, M.Andries, M.Craig, L.Maze, E.Cox.

PUBLICITY. The Convener plus M.Jessup, M.Craig, P.McKinnirey.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS. The Convener plus M.Ward, M.Majoor.

BRANCHES. The Convener plus L.Maze.

To Other Organisations.

National Council of Women. Miss Shirley Wells, Mrs Beth Finlay.

World Day of Prayer. Connie Groat, Ruth Smith, Olive Edmondstone,  
Val. Clements, Margaret Jessup.

N.S.W. Ecumenical Council. Mrs Col. Florence Peterson.

N.S.W. Council for Children's Films & Television. Marie McCann,  
Mollie Craig.

CLOSING:- There being no further business, the meeting was closed by Brigadier Mabel Ward, who pronounced the Benediction.

INITIALLED.

20 June, 1994.



CONFIRMED.



17 April, 1995.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT  
SECRETARY'S REPORT, ANNUAL REPORT 1994

An annual report is not an easy document to write. It is the summary of twelve month's work undertaken by a variety of people. It must ignore the detail of the official records found in the Minute Books but distil the volume of a year's activities into a 'cupful' of information which our readers will find interesting and which will give an overall picture of what has happened.

In the following pages you will find detailed reports from other members of the Council and Executive, so it is not my intention to 'steal their thunder' by reporting on all their activities. But it is also the job that often falls to the Secretary to acknowledge the work of others and to say 'thank you' on behalf of the organisation. This is something I am glad to do.

Our organisation, like all such groups, needs the leadership of a dedicated person. Thank you Phyl for all the effort you have put into your two years as President of the N.S.W. Unit. We have enjoyed working with you and the whole Council and indeed the Unit, has benefitted from your leadership and your friendship.

This year we have worked with a new Treasurer. What a sterling job Marie Majoor has done. It is not something that just anyone can do, but Marie has brought her skills and clear thinking to the position and has become the latest in a line of good treasurers serving our Unit. Thank you, Marie.

The members of Executive have worked happily together. How much we owe to them. Two new Convenerships were added during the year; The Convener for Branches, Beth Finlay has already made herself known to the people who organise our services and publicise A.C.W. in the country and city areas, by writing letters to them, encouraging them and giving some helpful guidelines for their work.

Marie McCann had a special interest in taking on Convener for Special Functions. Marie has many good ideas for A.C.W. and she will have great scope in implementing them as she fills the role of this convenership. Her first big job is the State Conference to be held at the end of April, 1994. This entirely new venture for ACW promises to be a time of learning together and of inspiration as we consider the International Year of the Family, the work of A.C.W., how we can be more effective in our Branch work and where we fit into the Ecumenical scene in N.S.W. During 1993 we tried to honour the International Year of the Indigenous People of the World. This was why we invited Maisie Cavanagh to speak to us about her people at one of the Council meetings. As a result of this, we applied for an International Committee for Fellowship of the Least Coin Grant on behalf of Kuri-ngai Partners, of which Maisie is the Liaison Person. We were thrilled to learn late last year that our application was successful to the amount of \$6000.

Convener Shirley Wells organised this grant application and is hard at work with this year's application on behalf of Shalom Christian College, at Townsville. Shirley writes thank you letters to all the people and groups sending in their F.L.C. collections and leads us at Council meetings in the time of devotions as we pass around our collection tin. Mina Whybourne has found her 'family' growing as she has filled her role as Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener. The girls who have come under her loving care have gone home reluctantly, leaving behind a 'second Mum'. The Executive members know how much it cost Mina in time and other ways during the year when Malai Mahamaneerat was studying in Sydney. Mina faithfully keeps in touch with our most recent scholars and has made friends for life of these young women.

Our interest in Asian Church Women's Conference has been kept alive with Joan Tong in charge of informing us about ACWC. We hope that the sale of Partners With ACWC pens will help us to meet our annual



contribution to 'Partners'. Joan edited the ACWC service for our devotions at the November meeting and this gave us a fore-tast of what we can expect in November this year when City of Sydney Branch hosts the whole service for us.

Many of our members subscribe to ACWC Bulletin and find it a very interesting magazine which puts us in touch with our Asian sisters. Joan would be happy to enrol new subscribers.

A welcoming smile and an invitation to take copies of the Council minutes is the greeting that we receive from Membership Secretary, Heather Reid. New delegates are given their first welcome from Heather who has served the Council in other ways, too, as our representative to Media Awareness Project Australia and to the Seminar on Men and Women Against Violence, organised by the National Council of Women. Every member of A.C.W. should feel they know the Editor of Newsette, our own magazine. Beryl McLaughlin does a splendid job as Editor, rounding up the Conveners and others for articles for Newsette and adding other interesting articles; and then putting the whole thing 'to bed', arranging for its printing and collating and posting out the copies. In this job she is ably assisted by Newsette subscription secretary and manager, Carmel Emmett and their team of workers.

Publicity and Promotion go hand-in-hand and the two Conveners have worked closely together during the year to launch their 'Forward Planning' scheme. Good information kits have been sent widely around the state and we are waiting for the harvest to follow this sowing. As Publicity Convenor Jeanne Sutherland has also publicised our services and special events using local papers and the medium of radio. Promotion Convenor Peg Blake, in spite of a bad year with her health, has maintained her interest in the Special Days, Fellowship Day in July and World Community Day in October. She reports good services were held in our centres, when we considered the themes 'The River of Justice' and 'Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly With Your God.' It's good to have you back, Peg.

The N.S.W. Unit was asked to write the service for 1994 World Community Day on the theme 'We Are Called to Peace'. Under the leadership of incoming President Lucelle King, we had great joy in writing this service and we trust that every one who uses it will be greatly blessed.

Promotional Items have been a feature of our Unit in the last few years. We have had produced items like tea towels, souvenir spoons, featuring the ACW badge, badges, pens and we also sold beautiful calendars, a most popular item. Joan Tong has been our very able salesperson, and we are grateful for your help in selling and buying these products; the profit has helped our administration funds. One new item has proved very popular with Council Members. We designed and had made a special badge for members of Council to wear. We notice that many people wear the badges with pride.

Highlights of the year have included the Dedication Service on May 17. Marie McCann spoke to us about her experiences at 'Living Under the Southern Cross' and our guest speaker Pearl Wymarra Bond touched our hearts as she told her story as an aboriginal woman. It was a day of inspiration and good fellowship.

Spiritual Enrichment Day on July 19 on the theme 'Living Water' was a time of inspiration, challenge and refreshment. Held in the peaceful surroundings of the Healing Ministry Centre at Golden Grove, we were able to gain much from the speakers, Lucelle King, Patricia Burke and devotional leader Edith Flateau. Jeanne Sutherland lead a segment of Meditation through Music.

The Principal of Shalom Christian College came to speak to us in June. We learnt a lot from his talk and from the video that he showed. As a result of this visit, we applied to National Committee for the College to be considered as the recipient of the special offering at World

Community Day in 1994. Again we were successful. Alan Randell and his staff in Townsville would welcome your prayers and other support.

We were represented at the two Flower Festivals organised in the city by the two great cathedrals, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's. 'Our' flowers were lovely.

In September we took a large contingent to Tasmania for the National Conference. No, it wasn't a N.S.W. 'take-over', we sent our required two delegates and two observers and the rest were either representing their denomination or National organisation or they were attending as visitors. We had a marvellous time and were able to report a good Conference. We had sent quite a number of Notices of Motion and were pleased to report that while 'we lost some' we also won some!

The Executive worked through the Christmas break; we met in December and January, preparing for the new year and especially for the Workshop held in January. This was a successful day when members of Council met in Denominational sub-groups to consider how they can promote ACW through their own networks. As they say in the ads. 'Watch This Space'!

What a joy it was to welcome to N.S.W. Rev. Violet Sampa-Bredt, the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Zambia. Violet is a former W.K.S. student, she trained in Brisbane for Ministry in 1971. The morning tea and Reception we held for Violet was a highlight for us.

National Committee has been asked by the Girls' Brigade for membership with ACW. Our member Heather Reid has been the instigator of this move and this highlights the importance of the association that we have with other organisations. Thank you to the people who come to us from Girls' Brigade, Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Y.W.C.A. Thank you also to the people who represent us at National Council of Women, World Day of Prayer, Council of Children's Film and Television, & N.S.W. Ecumenical Council.  
N.S.W.

On 16 May we will dedicate the officers for another year of service. At this service Lucelle King will be installed as the President for the next two years. To Lucelle we pledge our friendship, our prayers and our loyal support. We look forward to another two years of good and inspired leadership.

As we finish with one year and go forward with faith into another, I am reminded of these words

'this, this is the God we adore;

our faithful, unchangeable friend.

we'll praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come.'

I believe in John Wesley's words as we apply them to Australian Church Women — 'the best is yet to be.' Thanks be to God.

Edith Ridge  
Secretary.  
18.4.94

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT

PRECIS of SECRETARY'S REPORT , A.G.M. 21.4.94

Thanks to Phyl for her leadership over last two years.  
Thanks to all the Officers and Conveners for their work during last year.  
Mention particularly MarieMajoor, Treasurer, Mina W.K.S., Publicity, FLC.  
Two new Convenerships, Branches and Special Functions.  
Speakers at 1993 meetings. Maisie Cavanagh, Alan Randell.  
Results:- ICFLC Grant to Kuri-ngai Partners, Special offering, 1994  
World Community Day for Shalom Christian College.  
National Conference. 14 attended. N.S.W. participation.  
Dedication Day, 1993. Speakers, Marie McCann, Pearl Wymarra Bond.  
Promotional Items, ACWC Partners pens.  
Our attendance at N.C.W. Seminar on Men & Women Against Violence.  
ACWC service in November 1993, look for full service, 1994.  
Spiritual Enrichment Day, July, 1993.  
Visit of Rev. Violet Samps-Bredt.  
Workshop, Jan. 1994.  
Thanks to all who come to us from other organisations.  
Thanks to those who represent us at other organisations.  
Girls' Brigade, now invited to become part of National Conference.  
Newsette congratulations again.  
Information Kits. Spent a lot of money etc. where is the result?  
Special Days. Next year's World Community Day, OURS.  
Flower Festivals.  
Looking ahead ..... Lucelle's Installation, 16 May.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1994

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1993 \$5631-62

ADD RECEIPTS FOR 12 MONTHS

Organisation A/c

Affiliation Fees	490-00	
Associate Membership Fees	<u>150-00</u>	
	640-00	
Less Affiliation Fee overpaid	<u>5-00</u>	635-00
Donations - General	57-10	
- Tea Money	<u>48-50</u>	105-60
Offering - Dedication Service	369-45	
Less expenses	<u>100-00</u>	269-45
Spiritual Enrichment Day	522-60	
Less expenses	<u>490-00</u>	32-60
"Newsette" subscriptions & donations	900-50	
Less Cost of Production & postage	<u>978-91</u>	78-41 Dr
A.C.W.C. Bulletin subscriptions		135-00 (c)
5% handling of Offertories for -		
F.L.C./F'ship Day/Wld Com. Day/W.K.S.		1076-42
<u>Special funds</u>		
F.L.C.	10035-68	
Winifred Keik Scholarship	304-05	
Fellowship Day Service	5072-05	
World Community Day Service	<u>3960-32</u>	19372-10
Interest - Commonwealth Bank	136-04	
- Glebe Board	<u>365-71</u>	511-75
<u>Overseas Travel Fund</u>		
- Trading Table	129-60	
- Tea Money	<u>42-50</u>	172-10
Beryl McLaughlin - Rego. for Nat.Conf		40-00 (c)
<u>State Conference</u>	155-00	
Less expenses	<u>34-00</u>	121-00
<u>Sales - Promotional Items</u>	4402-11	
Less cost	<u>4111-89</u>	290-22
Immigration Department -		
Refund monies paid by M Whybourne		
on behalf of WKS		<u>100-00 (c)</u> 22782-83

28414-45

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS

Printing & Stationery	397-29	
Postage	33-60	
Publicity	715-30	
Promotions	87-55	
Photos for records	26-90	
Sundry Expenses	130-82	
CWL Conference - Sth West Rocks-Fares & Accom	140-00	
Festival of Flowers - St Mary's	80-00	
- St Andrew's	<u>80-00</u>	
	160-00	
Less Donations	<u>66-15</u>	93-85
Gift for Rachael	20-00	
Less Donations	<u>14-60</u>	5-40
Government Charges	<u>90-10</u>	
	1720-81	28414-45



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1994  
PAYMENTS (CONTD.) 1720-81 28414-45

National Treasurer - ACWC Bulletins (93)	60-00		
" " " "	135-00 (c)		
" " - Travel Fund	150-00		
" " - ACWC Partners	500-00		
Less Donations	156-50	343-50	
Dedication Day - Luncheon	819-00		
Less monies received	778-00	41-00	
<u>National Conference ACW</u>			
Expenses	1568-00		
Share Travel Pool	8-00		
Air Fare	289-00		
Final Sale of Stock	292-30		
Video/Tapes	22-00		
Registration - B McLaughlin	40-00 (c)		
Donation - A.C.C. Burma Appeal	200-00		
<u>Subscriptions -</u>			
N.S.W. Childrens Film & T.V. - Affiliation	10-00		
National Council of Women -	40-00		
" " " " - Annual Luncheon	35-00		
" " " " - Lunch Miss Arnot	30-00		
" " " " - Seminar	75-00		
Y.W.C.A. - Annual Luncheon	15-00		
<u>Imprest Accounts</u>			
President	50-00		
Secretary	100-00		
Treasurer	100-00		
Publicity	100-00		
F.L.C. Convenor	50-00	400-00	
M Whybourne -			
Refund of monies paid on behalf of W.K.S.		100-00 (c)	
<u>Special Funds</u>			
F.L.C. b/forward from 1992	1939-25		
add entitlement	102-10	2041-35	
World Community Day b/fwd from 1992	174-04		
add entitlement	9-16	183-20	
Fellowship of the Least Coin	9486-43		
Winifred Keik Scholarship	289-85		
Fellowship Day Service	4517-45		
World Community Day Service	3368-53		
	17662-26		
Add entitlement & expenses	1709-84	19372-10	27428-55
CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C 28/2/1994			1243-19

