

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



**Minutes of Meeting held on May 9, 2005 at
140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, at 10.30 a.m.**

Chair:	Major Nancy McLaren	President
Present:	Mrs Cela Cooper	First Vice President
	Mrs Janet Harrison	Second Vice President
	Mrs Nola Dickson	Treasurer
	Mrs Brenda Dickinson	Minutes Secretary
	Sister Marie Craddock	Publicity Convenor
	Mrs Edith Ridge	Publications Editor
	Miss Shirley Wells	Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor
	Mrs Jean Porteous	Social Issues Convenor
	Major Eileen Holley	Special Days Convenor
	Major Joan Tong	Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor
	Major Lyn Middleton	President, NSW State Unit
Apologies:	Mrs Isabel Hewitt	Secretary

Devotions: Mrs Jan Harrison shared a message from Ps. 51:12, 54:4, 55:22(a) that God is the one who sustains us in all our needs and times of trial and Ps.57:3(b) - a wonderful comfort indeed;and opened the meeting in prayer.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the Meeting held on April 18, 2005, were confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

Incorporation of Australian Church Women National Executive:

National Executive is continuing to gather up-to-date information as to whether it is necessary to become an incorporated body and the steps that would be required to be taken if this is in the affirmative. Results to be reported at the June meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward Correspondence:

1. ACW VIC Unit - ACW (Vic) News
2. Sue Conde A.M. - Thanks for letter on Aust. Day Hon. List, noting Aust. Women's Coalition involvement.
3. ACW SA Unit - State Unit Directory 8.4.05
4. ACW TAS Unit - Minutes 11.4.05
Nomination for National Life Member – Juanita Miller
5. Annie Lewis-Bramall - Hope Street Urban Compassion – Acceptance National Conference FLC
6. Julie Brackenreg - Re National Conference; unsure of availability. To be advised.
7. ACW WA Unit - Minutes 15.4.05 and State Unit Directory
8. ACW QLD Unit - Minutes 11.4.05

Outward Correspondence:

Letter to Mr. C. Wilson on death of Mrs. Vera Wilson
Letter to Lady Wilson (President WA State Unit) re death of Mrs. Vera Wilson

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4. REPORTS:

President (Major Nancy McLaren)

Visiting Adelaide on 25th May and Melbourne on 26th May. Visiting Qld. 28th July. Speaking at Fellowship Day 29th July. At the conclusion of these visits, Nancy will have visited every State Unit except W.A. and Northern Territory. Invited to attend an event being held in August at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Brisbane.

Treasurer (Nola Dickson)

1. Financial Statement as at 30 April 2005 is attached.

Treasurer's Report as at 30 April 2005 was received.

2. **Review of Guidelines – National Treasurer:** A sub-committee consisting of the Treasurer, the President and the Secretary will meet on 23.5.05 at 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, to conduct this review.

Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener (Shirley Wells)

1. Completed Grant Application has been received from South Australia Unit for approval by National Executive.
2. Bookmarks and FLC leaflet received from ICFLC Secretary.
3. Copies of 2005 "Moves and Touches" received and forwarded to all State Units.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Application for a Grant for the Lutheran Community Sewing Group be forwarded to ICACWA Secretary.

Inward Correspondence:

26.04.05 Completed Grant Application received from South Australia Unit.
Letter and Cheque received from Qld. Unit

27.04.05 Copies of "Moves and Touches" received from ICFLC Executive Secretary.

Outward Correspondence:

27.04.05 To ICFLC Secretary acknowledging receipt of bookmarks and leaflets.

27.04.05 Letter to ICFLC Treasurer re returned cheque.

27.04.05 Phoned South Australia re receipt of Grant Application.

04.05.05 Copy of "Moves and Touches" to all State Units.

Publications Editor (Edith Ridge)

The May edition of ACW News has been distributed.

Special Days Convenor (Major Eileen Holley)

Themes for Special Days Services 2006: The following were agreed upon:

- Fellowship Day: *"I am the Bread of Life" – John 6:35*
- World Community Day:
"A little becomes a lot in the Master's hands" – Luke 9:10 to 17.

Order of Service for World Community Day 2005 discussed.

Inward Correspondence:

- Request from Tasmania re Fellowship Day Service

Outward Correspondence:

- Copy of Fellowship Day Order of Service forwarded to Darwin Branch.
- Invitation to Qld. Unit re Fellowship Day 2006.
- Letter to Special Days Convenors requesting Report for National Conference..../3

Reports (Continued)

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor (Major Joan Tong)

Inward Correspondence:

1. Maureen Clark WKS Fellowship 2005.
2. Lily Pilitini Update on ministry.

Outward Correspondence:

1. Malai Mahamaneerat 2005 pamphlet.

WKS Information leaflet: updating previous leaflet. Suggest new leaflet could be used continuously with insert each year for current scholar, etc. (Save on disc). When draft has been prepared, will send to State Units for their comments.

Social Issues Convener (Jean Porteous)

The title of the Social Justice/Issues Convenors:

Mrs Jean Porteous made the observation that some State Convenors are called "Social Justice" and some "Social Issues" Convenor. Reference was then made to the Guidelines (p.27) where inconsistencies occur as follows: –

"GUIDELINES – SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

A committee may be appointed by National Executive to support National Social Justice Issues Convenor.

The National Social Issues Convenor shall...": (and then paragraphs 1 to 7).

After discussion, National Executive requested Mrs Jean Porteous, Sr Marie Craddock and Major Lyn Middleton to confer and write a rationale and proposal to amend the Constitution (page 5, item 6.2.1.b) regarding the title of Social Justice Issues Convenor.

Reports received, with thanks.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS: ACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 9 TO 14, 2005:

1. Availability of Facilities: Nancy reported she had spoken with Renee at the Collaroy Centre, who advised that accommodation etc. would not be available until 4.00 pm on Sunday 9th October.

2. Public Transport Timetables: Marie has prepared detailed information which can be photocopied and sent to delegates.

6. NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2005, Piccadilly Court, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney, at 1.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 3.15 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes Confirmed:

Date:

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 30TH APRIL, 2005

Balance 31st March \$25,855.17

Receipts

Cancelled cheque - Legend & Legacy \$400.00
 ACW Tas \$10.00
 Registrations - conference \$890.00

Total \$1,300.00

Payments

Investment \$10,000.00
 Postage \$148.00
 New cheque -
 Legend & Legacy \$400.00
 Bank charges \$15.00
 National conference \$98.00

Total \$10,661.00

Balance 30th April, 2005 \$16,494.17