

Minutes of the Meeting of Nari WDC held in Pilgrims Hall, 264 Pitt Street,
City, at 10.30 and on Friday, 27th February, 1970.

OPENING PRAYERS: were led by Rev. Deaconess Andrews, who challenged us
as we begin a new year of work together to remember who
we are and who we serve.

WELCOME: as Branches Day was extended to representatives of local
groups and other visitors. Particular welcome was given
to Mrs. Davies of the Pilgrims Church who was with us
and to three new Council members Mrs. Robertson (Anglican)
and Mesdames Abrahams and Evans (Baptist).

APPOLOGIES were recorded from Mrs. Col. Petersen, Mrs. Col. Kingston,
Mrs. Col. Carpenter, Rev. J. Coleman and Mesdames Badger,
Jensen, McLean, Montgomery, Lyford, Millar, Shupe,
Langley, Leach, Lombard, Owen and Reigie.

MINUTES of 26th November '69 Minutes were read and
confirmed (Moved Mrs. Walker, seconded Mrs. May,
carried).

GRATITUDE and appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Moran
of the Congregational Ministers' Wives Association for
their kindness in making Pilgrims Hall available
for Council Meeting on 20th March; Special
welcome was extended to Mrs. J. Bryant wife
of ~~new~~ President of the Congregational Union ^{of Australia}
and to the Congregational Representatives who
were preparing hospitality for the Branches Day

basket lunch. These thanks and greetings were extended by Sec. Andrews and enthusiastically supported by the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: (As Executive had dealt with routine correspondence in view of full Branches Day programme. permission was given to table same. President to make statements re Wybalena index reports). Moved Mrs Ralph, seconded Mrs Standish, Carried.

1. J. A. Hunt: on behalf of himself and Mrs Millar in reply to letters sent by Council to each of the three Trustees. Mr Hunt stated that in view of the differences in the Opinions the appropriate course would be to place the matter before the Court.

2. WCA - Mrs Penahen ltr. to W.C.C.

3. N.C.W. News

4. Thomas Branch - seeking report of Branches Day Meeting.

5. Pitt Street Congregational Church re 1970 Bookings

6. Mr John Day, Trustee, enclosing cheque for \$75 to cover cost of Opinion of Mr Henderson, Q.C.

REPORTS

1. FINANCE: Mrs Robins presented the financial statement, balances being as follows:

General Fund \$175.16

F.L.C. \$77.32

P.F. \$18.62

Moved Mrs Robins, seconded Mrs Savage that this

statement he received. Carried.

WYBALENA: The President made a statement to Council indicating that the three Trustees had been advised of Council's wishes as the matter of the use of Wybalena Mines. Mr. Hunt had now advised that in view of the differences in the opinions the appropriate course would be to place the matter before the Court and that, in all the circumstances, members of the Executive felt this would be the most acceptable and desirable means of finally resolving the matter. Moved Secretary, seconded Mrs. Ralph the report he received. Carried unanimously.

PROMOTIONS: At this point the meeting was handed over to the Promotions Committee and Mrs. Ralph outlined the programme and the meaning and purpose of the Council itself.

[At this stage Rev. C. R. Spraggett addressed the meeting and, after giving members background information about Dr and Mrs Devarajan of the Madras Christian College, India, invited Council to arrange a meeting so that members and their friends might have the opportunity of listening to and meeting Dr and Mrs Devarajan. After discussion it was decided to accept the offer of hospitality offered by Mrs. Pfeiffer at St. David's Church, Lindfield, at 1 pm on Thursday 12th March.]
Proceeding with the planned programme, Mrs. Ralph

then invited Mrs Pfeiffer to tell of the formation and work of the Killara/Lindfield/Roseville group. From this we learned with interest of their Wednesday coffee mornings with women from the Bradfield Migrant Centre; their monthly discussions and their interest in hospital visitation.

In following discussion and contributions many interesting facts were revealed. One of particular interest was the contact Strathfield/Honebusch group has established and maintained with the White Russian community as outlined by Mrs. Wayne. We learned of their desire to communicate more adequately with these folks leading to several members attempting to learn Russian.

Mrs. H. Th. Wells spoke to members of the various projects and outreach of Inter Church Aid which awakened a new awareness of our responsibilities to our neighbours.

Basket lunch enabled members and friends to meet and have further discussions together.

The meeting closed at approximately 2pm.

W.D. Dougherty
28/3/70

Mary M. Andrews
PRESIDENT.

20/3/70