

Minutes of meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit 18th Aug., 1980.
held at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney.

The President opened with reading from Acts chs/1 and 2. and prayer.

Welcomes extended to all who had returned from overseas. Mrs. Betty Davis introduced Vani Turuki, a Fijian Deaconess, who spoke to the meeting, and who had come to ~~train~~ attend a Y.M.C.A. Convention. We also had a New Zealander Mrs. Verna Massong, a visitor. New representatives Mrs. Gummow, and Mrs. $\frac{1}{2}$ Graat, Mrs. Neville, were also present.

There were 41 members present, and apologies were received from Mrs. Curtin Mrs. Stolz, Mrs. Jessup, Major Venables, Major Egan, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs Fishburn, Major Hosking, Mrs Marshall, Mrs. Squire.

The minutes were read AND Confirmed.

Business Arising. The Committee of three ladies would be meeting after our meeting today. This had been delayed owing to the fact Mrs. Stevens had been appointed by the Government as one of the 22 ladies to the UN. Forum for the mid-decade for women Conference in Denmark. This was an honour for one of our Council members, to be chosen.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship Report. Deaconess Andrews reported she had been to Tasmania and brought greetings from the Working Committee with whom she stayed with different ones. Owing to changes in personnel they needed our prayers for the work they were doing. The W.K.S. Convenor had changed several times, but the 1981 schools had been chosen, from Sri Lanka. Maline Weerasinghe.

Mrs. Heather Stevens then was asked to introduce the segments of the talks on the 5 speakers who had attended the Ecumenical Happening in Los Angeles, and how it came about. Helen Richardson spoke of the Alaskan experience for a few minutes, Connie Groat the travelling through the west coast of U.S.A., Heather Stevens spoke about the International Happening, and Bible Study. Deaconess Andrews spoke about the Ecumenical Assembly programme, and Win Dougherty spoke about the people they met, and the various countries from which they came to Los Angeles. This was most interesting, to hear about the Causeway to U.S.A. Mrs. Glad West then thanked the 5 speakers for their talks, and presented them with small lavender posies *made by Mrs. McEwan.*

The speakers were early in the meeting to allow several to leave for the National Council of Women Luncheon.

Mrs. Lt. Col. E. Baker presented the Promotions Report. Grantham Heights had been visited by Pres./Sec. and herself and a new branch started, She would attend the meeting at Penrith tonight to chair the election of officer for a new branch. Orders of service had been posted to ~~country~~ ^{country} branches, and city ~~ones~~ ^{ones} were available today with the Orders of service for World Community Day. Fellowship Day had been held at Leura, a new branch, *Blue Mountains*

Mrs. Bent reported the new Caringbah branch had held Fellowship Day and they had great hopes of expanding ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the Sutherland Shire. *Brookvale* She read the F.L.C. segment from Circle of Prayer, and the offering was taken.

Publicity. "Newsette" had been posted out last week, for August, to subscribers. Subscribers are due to pay again in Sept. Spare copies are available for promotion purposes.

Financial Report. Mrs. Stevens presented the report, as attached.

Mrs. Stevens brought to the meeting the proposal of the Uniting Church Fellowship Committee to visit New Zealand from about 14th March 1981 for about 3 weeks, visiting church groups in both islands. Our organization was asked if we would give our blessing to the idea, there would be no cost to the organization, -but the participating people, -husbands would be able to attend, and being ecumenical would be more enriching. It was resolved to endorse the action to plan a church group tour to visit church groups in New Zealand, the planning being done by the Uniting Church committee, in conjunction with New Zealand ladies, one of whom Mrs. Massong was present in the meeting. It was indicated Eva Findlay from Christchurch, the Convenor for the F.L.C. in N.Z. had visited the Executive meeting and shared over a cup of tea. She is also joining the Aust. party to travel to Manila to the F.L.C. Celebrations.

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Working Committee Minutes and Women at Work July, and A.C.C. Leaflets
Strathfield Homebush branch, new rep.
Mothers Union, new office bearers
Major Venables, re Capt. E. Boiva, in P.N.G.
P.W.A. Invite
P.W.M.U. Invite
"Impact" Central Wesley Mission
P.W.A. 8 reps. C.T.A. Aux. invite.
Baptist Fellowship Invite
Berridale and Mayfield information required
Church of Christ new rep.
Return thanks Mr. Pope Qld.
Working Committee re Dien
N.C.W. Dinner Westworth.
Booklet from Women for the Family and Society Conference
Major Stelstra farewell.

Outwards Correspondence.

P.W.A.

Working Committee re leaflets

Mrs. Sparks thanks

Mrs. Booth Henry F.I.C. info.

5 letters Western area info F.D. Services

Sympathy card Mrs. Col. Peterson

Sister Barbara Hutchinson thanks

N.C.W. re dinner

Working Committee re Constitutions

11 letters city branches re branches Day in Sept. invite, plus 2 phone calls

Letters reply P.W.A. and P.W.M.U.

Sympathy card Mr. Pope and Qld Unit letter.

The correspondence was received and outwards correspondence endorsed.

Women at Work for July was distributed.

Miss Blackwell distributed the copies she had typed the updated lists of members of Council, for everyone's information.

The next meeting 15th Sept. Open Day for Branches when visitors are welcome, particularly from branches. The longer version of the Audio-Visual with extra slides and extracts of speeches and updated will be shown, also Mrs. Heather Stevens would report on the Denmark Conference, she had attended in July.

The Fellowship Day order of service had been excellent, and the World Community Day order of service appeared to be good also.

"Your Kingdom Come" report on the W.C.C. Conference in Melbourne in May with excellent speakers would be held at St. James King St. on Sunday 24th Aug. at 3p.m.

"One World Week" would be held in Sept. and a brochure was available.

Ecumenical Day would be held on 22nd Nov. at Cranbrook School. The theme would be "A Common Account of Hope."

Winifred Kiek Leaflets were available for promotion if required.

Photos of the Installation Service in May were on view.

A greeting was brought to us in writing from Shanti Solomon from India, (to our N.S.W. Unit, from the founder of the F.I.C.)

A Flower Show arranged by Roseville/Lindfield/ Killars Branch would be held at St. Albans Anglican Church Lindfield on Fri 12th and Sat. 13th Sept. in aid of Kampuchean Relief.

The W.W. D of P required helpers for packing day 27th and 28th Oct. from 9a.m. in Bible House 3rd floor.

Tea roster next meeting Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Lean.

The Benediction was pronounced at 12.20p.m.

Gladys West
.....President.

15th September, 1980.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

N.S.W. UNIT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS July 10, 1980 - August 18, 1980.

10.7.80 Credit Balance 669.33

ADD RECEIPTS

Affiliation fees	8.00	
Newsette subscriptions	2.00	
Fellowship of the Lest Coin	54.71	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	2.00	
Fellowship Day Offerings	1070.56	1137.27
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LESS PAYMENTS

Postage (E.Baker) World		
Community Day Services	12.80	
Affiliation fee - National		
Council of Women in N.S.W.	15.00	27.80
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18.8.80 Credit Balance \$1778.80


Acting Hon. Treasurer