

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Minutes of meeting held at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre on Monday 26th February 1996 at 10.00 am

**Present:** Evonne Sullivan, President; Betty Farrell, Vice-President; Olga Scott, Vice President; Jean Thomson, Hon Secretary; Helen Lloyd, Treasurer; Eileen Holley, Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor; Beth Webb, Publications Editor; Betty Laurie, Special Days Convenor; Ruth Burmester, National Life Member.

**Apologies:** D McMaster, J Jarvis

**Announcements:** Best wishes to Jean & Neville Thomson for their overseas trip, Betty Farrell to New Zealand and Betty and Godfrey Laurie to Tasmania.

**Devotions:** Jean Thomson reminded the meeting that Lent has begun, reading Psalm 32 and a meditation from Patience Strong. Prayer included husbands of Olga Scott and Dorothy McMaster who have both been unwell.

**Minutes of meeting** of 15th January, 1996 having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed after the following corrections were made. 5 b. delete 'the', correct surname to 'Born'.  
4 c. cost \$1500 not \$2000.. hostess- Helen Lloyd.

### **Business Arising:**

1. 2 b The donation of \$15 forwarded to Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor was forwarded to ACT Unit for inclusion.
2. Disaster Fund - refer to correspondence
3. Disappointment was expressed that National Executive was not represented at the Victorian forum on Violence and Family Law.
4. 1997 National Conference dates will be 22/9/97 to 27/9/97. A firm booking to be made at ANU. St Andrews Church to be booked for an Ecumenical service 23/9/97 am. Preliminary National Conference programme to be formulated at next National Executive Meeting.

### **Reports:**

#### **1. National President**

- a. Saturday Feb 3: represented ACW at the Opening Mass of World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) Assembly at St Christopher's Cathedral, the Official Opening of the Assembly and luncheon to follow. The Mass was preceded by an Australian Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony arranged by Bro Graham Mundine, chairman, National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. The smoking ceremony signifies purification prior to worship. Of the 700 present, delegates in colourful national costume represented Catholic women of 45 nations.
- b. Thursday Feb 8: attended a luncheon in honour of Ms Yun-Sook Lee President of the Korean National Council of

Women, sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Ms Lee gave an interesting address about women and life in Korea.

- c. Receiving newsletters from Rural Women of NSW Association. Responded by sending a copy of 'ACW - Who are We?' to be used as they saw fit.

**2. Publications Editor**

**Needs material for April/May edition by mid-March or earlier if possible.** Some changes of address were noted from correspondence.

**3. Special Days Convenor**

Has now completed details of copy of service for Fellowship Day. Printer requested original front cover. Master copies to be forwarded to State/Territory Units shortly.

**It is important for future copy that all details of copyright etc be cleared before forwarding to National Executive.**

It was decided that themes for 1997 services be:

Fellowship Day - 'Jesus Christ the Way Ahead'

World Community Day - 'One People Embracing and Encircled by God's Love'

Project for part of offering, 1996 World Community Day was discussed. Recommendation from Sth Aust Unit that it be for the Refuge, Rehabilitation and Legal Aid Centre in Raiwind Diocese of Church of Pakistan was accepted in principle. **Agreement is sought from all Units.** Convenor requests more information about the project from South Australia Unit.

President thanked Convenor for her dedication in following through and providing clarification of the above matters.

**4. Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor**

\* In Convenor's absence the new National Life Member's Register was tabled and circulated. Suggestion that a calligrapher (Bill Robb) be asked to write a suitable inscription for the front of the book.

\* Draft of WKS leaflet for 1996 was presented. Several amendments were made - draft to be returned to Convenor.

\* Perusal of the Record of Meeting of the WKS Trustees on 1/2/96 indicated that there was misinterpretation of the National Executive Minutes of Meeting of 27/11/95 re a review of incidental administrative expenses. A letter has been forwarded asking that the Record of meeting be amended.

\* \$6500 has been forwarded to Vanuatu for Rachel Rolland's scholarship which she has now taken up.

**5. Fellowship of the Least Coin**

Convenor has had correspondence with Miss Gwen Davies in Darwin.

Sherin Samuel re Worship Service for 40th Anniversary.

Juanita Miller Tas, re number of FLC teaspoons.

Phone call from W A Unit re grant to Lowarda Aboriginal Corporation - notified of grant, no money yet.  
ICFLC Seventeenth Annual Meeting in New Zealand incorporating a Celebration Service for 40th Anniversary of FLC to take place in Christchurch, September 1996. One observer from Australia would be welcome at own expense. Sherin Samuel would make stopover in Sydney at conclusion of New Zealand meetings - could ICFLC chairperson from USA and ACWC representative also be invited?

**6. Treasurer's report:** tabled - included with these Minutes. Moved Helen/Betty Farrell that report be accepted.

**Business arising:**

1. Draft sent to Laos Evangelical Church
2. FLC funds have been acknowledged
3. Receipts received from Taiwan for ACWC News - no confirmation about increase in cost of bulletin.
4. Copies of Treasurer's Report 11th Aug to Nov to be attached to these minutes.

**Correspondence** as list attached.

**Business arising:**

1. Disaster Fund - following discussion National Executive resolved that the residue of this fund - \$1600, be forwarded to TIMAL (Training in Mission and Leadership) Lay Training Centre, Rabaul Bus Appeal C/- The Uniting Church in Australia. The bus was destroyed in the volcanic eruption and urgently needs to be replaced.
2. Re Landmines - letter from South Australia. Copy of Senator Gareth Evans' reply to National Executive letter to be circulated with these minutes to State/Territory Units.
3. ACW souvenir items, spoons etc - description and prices will be advised to all Units in an effort to accurately estimate stocks required.
4. Changes of address noted.

Moved Betty Laurie/ Beth Webb that inwards correspondence be received and outward correspondence be confirmed.

**General Business:**

1. NSW Unit Conference at SALT Centre 15th -17th May. One member to attend from National Executive.
2. Letterheads are needed. E Sullivan to obtain a quote and purchase new supplies. Enquire also cost of printed envelopes.
3. ICFLC Seventeenth Annual Meeting in New Zealand: Discussion centred on the desirability of FLC National Convenor, Major Mrs Eileen Holley attending as the Official Australian Observer. Funding would be a consideration. **National Executive would appreciate an immediate response from State/Territory Units regarding this matter.**

**Next Meeting:** 25th March 1996

Apologies - J Thomson, H Lloyd and B Laurie

Devotions: Ruth Burmester Hostess: Beth Webb

Meeting closed 2.15 pm

Signed: Eileen Sullivan National President

Correspondence for ACW National Executive Meeting on 26 .2.96

**Inwards**

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| 16. 1. 96 | 1. NCWA Quarterly Review - Dec 95  |
|           | 2. CCA News  |
| 17. 1. 96 | 3. Dept Foreign Affairs and Trade - re Landmines   |
| 20. 1. 96 | 4. Gale Research re International Organisations questionnaire (See below)                            |
| 23. 1. 96 | 5. Marjory Verco - greetings and donation. (fwd to treasurer)  |
| 27. 1. 96 | 6. Office for the Aged paper re Developing a Structure for Action                                    |
|           | 7. to WKS National Convenor (fwd)  |
| 29. 1. 96 | 8. to WKS National Convenor (fwd)  |
|           | 9. NSW Unit re answers to questions, WEL Conference etc<br>enc material about souvenir items         |
| 1. 2. 96  | 10. to WKS Convenor from A Pattel - Grey re Implications of Hindmarsh Island                         |
| 3. 2. 96  | 11. Vic Unit - Minutes (filed)   |
| 6. 2. 96  | 12. Sen Margaret Reid response to 'to whom it may concern flier'                                     |
|           | 13. Nungalinga News Feb 1996   |
| 7. 2. 96  | 14. Vic Unit to treasurer - FWD  |
|           | 15a NCCA returned to sender - Check address.   |
| 8. 2. 96  | 15. From Tas Unit re FLC Spoons - FWD to E Holley.   |
|           | 16. to FLC Convenor from Shirin Samuel - FWD to E Holley.  |
| 13. 2. 96 | 17. from Major L. Green re ACWC News   |
|           | 18. from Eunice Reidy enc report on 'The Household of God'   |
|           | 19. returned to sender from Mary Chisholm NZ - check address!  |
| 16. 2. 96 | 20. from ACW WA Unit news & enc constitution   |
|           | 21. from Shirin Samuel Pakistan FWD to E. Holley   |
| 19. 2. 96 | 22. to E. Holley fwd   |
|           | 23. to E Sullivan greetings from Fay McCormack   |
| 20. 2. 96 | 24. National & World Mission Support group, UC in Australia SA Synod - re<br>Disaster fund to Rabaul |
| 26. 2. 96 | 25. Minutes of WA State Unit.  |

## Outwards

19. 1. 96 OSW re 'Round Table', enclosing Questionnaire  
20. 1. 96 Rev David Gill re representative at NCCA Forum  
Mrs Eunice Reidy re report of Peak Body Forum  
Gale Research Inc re International Organisations questionnaire returned  
22. 1. 96 'To whom it may concern' leaflets to 17 x MLA's in ACT  
to Women's Information & Referral Centre in  
ACT - delivered.  
to ACT Women's Consultative Council (By  
Hand per JMT)  
To ACT Members of Parliament x 2  
Two ACT Senators  
Government House  
NCCA  
Heads of Churches x 4
23. 1. 96 Donation fwd to Treasurer.  
27. 1. 96 AGPS re change of address.  
29. 1. 96 Rev Mary Au re visit of JT to Hong Kong  
1. 2. 96 Miss E. Glass AM  
Mrs M. Scurlock OAM  
Mrs Peg McEntee OAM
6. 2. 96 Change of address notice to Nungalinya College  
Minutes etc to all on mailing list.
9. 2. 96 Major L. Green re date of Nat Conference.  
Mrs M. Florence re Rabaul Project (Disaster Fund)
19. 2. 96 Mrs Gwen Roderick National President NCWA re conference dates  
Mrs Mary Campbell National President CWLA re conference dates  
Governor General & Lady Dean - greetings
24. 2. 96 WKS Trustees re record of meeting 1. 2. 96  
26. 2. 96 Joan Tong NSW ACW re WEL Conference, entries in Bursary Book etc.
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