



**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NSW STATE UNIT INC.**

***Minutes of Council Meeting Monday 18th June 2018,
10.00 am, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney***

OPENING: President Peg McEntee welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for their messages of congratulations and prayers for her health.

DEVOTIONS: Peg shared a reading from 'The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide' on the theme of Endurance, quoting from Exodus 13:3-5 and Psalm 136: 1. Peg closed the Devotions with prayer.

PRESENT and APOLOGIES: There were 25 members present and one visitor. Nine apologies were received.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th April 2018 were initialled as correct on the Motion of Judy O'Hara, Seconded by Moya Potts. Carried

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 16th April 2018, to be confirmed on the Motion of Denise Secomb and Seconded by Tricia Graham. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 1. Jean Arnot Luncheon:** Pamela reported that those who attended the luncheon with ACW Life Member, Edith Ridge, enjoyed the occasion. Certificates were presented to the recipients at their tables by the Governor's wife, Mrs Hurley. The Guest Speaker was Liesl Tesch AM MP. Liesl became a paraplegic at the age of 19 following a bicycle accident. She went on to finish her university degree, become a teacher and Paralympian representing Australia in basketball and sailing.
- 2. Dedication Day 31st May:** All who attended had a blessed and happy day. Elizabeth, Yvonne, Moya and Ineke commented on the hospitality shown by the CWL members and enjoyed the opportunity of meeting new people and speaking about ACW.
Peg is keen to establish an ACW branch in the Illawarra region. A gathering in Wollongong has been arranged on 21st June with members of churches in the region who Peg was able to contact from World Day of Prayer and invite to the Dedication Day.
- 3. Recognition of Executive members:** President Peg introduced members of the Executive Committee and presented FLC Convener Judy O'Hara with her badge.
- 4. ACWC Concert 26th August 2018** – Brochures prepared by Jennifer Pepper were passed around to members. A list was circulated to organise catering for the afternoon tea.
- 5. State Conference 17 September 2018:** This will be held at Concord Baptist Church, Carrington Street, North Strathfield. There will be a bible speaker and someone to speak on social issues. The 80th Anniversary of ACW will be celebrated. More information will be given at the August Council meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Pat Cory presented the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1st April to 31st May 2018. Total Income for this period was \$1802.05; Total Payments for April & May 2018 were \$839.20; Credit Balance at Bank 31st May 2018 was \$4465.23.

Accounts to be paid were P. Cory Reimburse for Executive name badges: \$36.35; L. Middleton for stamps/computer ink \$93.03; M. Noel for Stamps \$10.00. Pat Cory moved that the Financial Report be accepted and the accounts be paid, Seconded by Yvonne Coorey. Carried.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Judy commented that it's good to see continuing gifts coming in for FLC. Judy shared a Devotion based on John 15:16. 'We all come from different backgrounds, difference places and denominations but come together as one in Christ Jesus. Remember that we are one despite our differences. We are the Body of Christ; Let us remember Christ's call to us and pray that the love and compassion that God gives us will ever flow from our hearts.'

Special Days: Lyn Middleton sent apologies for the meeting and emailed her report. Lyn encouraged everyone to attend a Fellowship Day Service if possible and requested Branch representatives to give their details to Brenda Dickinson for the website. As fewer branches are conducting Fellowship Day the Executive has agreed that there will be a special segment during our August Council Meeting to support the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. If you have not attended a Fellowship Day Service and had the opportunity to contribute to the WKS fund, a special offering will be taken up during the Council meeting for the Fund and we will remember this year's scholars. The material for World Community Day will be available for branch representatives at the August Council meeting.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Judith Cayzer sent apologies for the meeting and emailed her report. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the WKS Trustees as they select the 2019 Scholars from the Pacific Islands, which were to be in by 31st May. The National WKS Convener has advised that funding is available for WKS Fellowship for the National Conference in 2019.

Yane (Aust 2015) has settled in NSW on 12 months leave with her husband and children. In June she will visit Tasmania to lecture at a Bible College.

Australian 2018 Scholars: Lauren England (Toowoomba) who is looking forward to study in America and being further equipped for the Church in Australia. Lauren will update Trustees as her journey at Fuller Seminary continues. Elise Ruthenback (Adelaide) is organising for her month in London researching.

Social Issues: Rae Goth highlighted three issues and provided sample letters for each: To Prue Goward, Minister for Aging regarding the problem of the aging disability community who are ineligible for support from the NDIS; to the Attorney General, Christian Porter congratulating him on the proposed changes to be made to the way courts handle parenting and property disputes; and to Kelly O'Dwyer, Minister for Finance regarding funding for Greening Australia.

Membership: Nothing to Report

Pastoral Care: Helen Hill commented that it was good to see Martha Noel and Heather Reid back at Council. Glenda McSorley is recovering well from her knee surgery. Helen asked everyone to remember Olive Edmonstone and her husband, and Judith Cayzer and husband in their prayers.

Newsette: Isabel would like copy for the next issue by mid-July.

ACWC: Tricia Graham advised that the 60th Anniversary Conference for ACWC will be held in Bangkok from 3-8th October. The theme will be 'Now Choose Life; Change our Ways and Actions'. Australia will be represented by Lynette Green, Donna Bryan and Helen Raymond.

Publicity: Jennifer has prepared the flyers for the ACWC Concert.

Tricia Graham moved that the Reports be received; Seconded by Valerie Hazlewood. Carried

Correspondence – Inwards

NE National address update
NE Project Submission
NE National Time Line
NE Minutes 26th Feb, 26 March
NE Report 26th Feb. Financial Reconciliations
NE Prayer requests for Indonesia & India
NE Minutes 23/4
ACT Unit Autumn Newsletter
Lynette Green: Essay Competition (inclusion of boys)
Susan Freestone – Dedication Day arrangements
Apologies for Dedication. Day from M. Noel, G. McSorley, J. Cayzer and L. Hodges
Correspondence Inwards contd.
NE – ACWC Conference in Bangkok
NE – further information re ACWC Conference
Girls' Brigade Report

Correspondence – Outwards

NE & State Units – NSW Executive update
ACW Council Members – prayer requests
From Pamela to Edith Ridge – Jean Arnot arrangements
Susan Freestone Dedication Day arrangements

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Elizabeth read a letter from former Council Member Shirley Mitchell regarding a visit to Mum's Cottage by Kaye Seeber from WA, who having heard about Mum's Cottage set up in the Newcastle area at the 2015 Conference, set up a Mum's Cottage in WA.

Heather Reid asked about the Essay Competition, which is now open to Year 9 boys as well as girls. Members are encouraged to think about schools that could be approached in Term 4, for 2019.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/ TO ATTEND:

Pamela Freeman will attend the PWA Conference on 9th July.

PPSEAWA is holding their Winter Luncheon on Wednesday 27th June – Helen Richardson is attending this event.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Bible Society: No Report

Girls Brigade: Elizabeth Neale sent her apologies for this meeting and emailed her report. Girls' Brigade held their State Conference on 6th May starting with a Prayer Breakfast, which was attended by Pamela. Girls Brigade International celebrated their birthday on 10th June when girls were presented with special Bibles to celebrate 125 years. Elizabeth will be attending an International Conference of Girls' Brigade in Livingstone, Zambia in July and asks for your prayer support for safe travel and for the time at the Conference.

NSW Ecumenical Council: As Tricia was overseas there is nothing to report

Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA): No Report

World Day of Prayer: Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **ACW NSW brochures:** The President's details will be updated on the brochures.
2. **Gathering in Wollongong 21st June** re possible formation of Illawarra group: This will be held in Monseigneur Rigby cottage in Harbour Street Wollongong. Discussed in Business Arising from Minutes. Jennifer will provide Peg with the structure to set up a new branch.
3. Moya Potts spoke about **WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations)**. WUCWO'S General Assembly is being held in October in Dakar, Senegal. CWL are members of WUCWO. The theme for the Conference is 'Carriers of Living Water to a World which Searches for Peace'. Moya asked for prayers for Catherine McGrath from the Wollongong Diocese, representing CWL Australia. Peg McEntee is attending with a good representation of CWLA women.
4. Jennifer Peffer has a family contact with the Congregational Church at Hunters Hill, who may be interested in becoming involved with ACW. The Congregational Church has been part of ACW in the past. It was thought it would be a good idea to give an invitation to attend a Council Meeting and other events planned in the next few months.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: 20th August 2018

Morning Tea: Presbyterian **Chairs:** Anglican **Trading Table:** Uniting

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.00 noon. Peg reminded us that God doesn't expect us to face hardship alone, and to hold in our hearts those facing hardship who feel forgotten by God.

Signed.....

Date: