



# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 15TH JUNE, 1998 at 10.30 a.m.

Past-President Peg Blake welcomed newly installed President, Rev. Elizabeth Walker to her first Council Meeting as President. Elizabeth welcomed members and on their behalf thanked Peg for her years as President and the gracious manner in which she had carried out this responsibility. Members responded with acclamation.

For her Devotions, President Elizabeth read the Gospel of Luke, Ch. 7: 36-50 the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears - the wonderful grace we receive from our Lord - our sins forgiven - cancelled. She opened the meeting with prayer that God would guide us with His wisdom.

PRESENT: 44 present.

APOLOGIES: Eileen Holley, Edith Ridge, Heather Reid plus 11 as recorded.

THE MINUTES of Meeting of 20th April, 1998 were read and after alteration to Publicity Report, were confirmed on motion of Ruth Moore and Cela Cooper. Carried.

The MINUTES of Annual General Meeting of 20th April were read by Secretary and after alteration "Heather Reid - Girls Brigade" - were initialled by President.

BUSINESS ARISING: from Council, AGM and Executive.

1. ANNUAL SERVICE AND INSTALLATION: President Elizabeth expressed appreciation to the members for their attendance, to Peg Blake for conducting the Service; Ruth Moore was grateful for directions from station and welcome refreshments for distant travellers. The luncheon was very enjoyable and comment made that the payment arrangement was very acceptable. Altogether a very special day of spiritual refreshment and fellowship.

2. STATE CONFERENCE: Most rewarding - President expressed thanks to Margaret Collier and Eileen Holley for organisation. Speakers excellent - Ruth Myers and Dr. Kath Donovan - interesting discussion. Rev. Rick & Mrs. Kayleen Manton from Mt. Druitt Presbyterian Church - very informative address regarding his outreach to aboriginal people in his area. Good fellowship enjoyed. Photographs available taken by Margaret Jessup. Thanks to Peg for leading Conference in this transitional period.

3. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: Helen Richardson has agreed to be our second representative to the Council - ratified by Council. President asked that any relevant matters be brought to our attention from time to time.

4. 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: MONDAY 20TH JULY: 11 a.m. Service, Salvation Army Congress Hall, Elizabeth Street, followed by lunch, RSVP to Eileen Holley by 6th July - \$10. National President, Aileen Mortensen will bring a greeting. Commissioner L. Buckingham from Salvation Army guest speaker. One person from each denominational organisation to be invited to Service and luncheon.

5. ANNUAL REPORT - President commended the excellent reports from Executive members and Branches on the work of Australian Church Women NSW State Unit in the past year. Thanks to Joan Tong for production. Copies available for Branches.

6. ACW NSW STATE CONSTITUTION - to be revised. Peg Blake will be co-ordinator. Any suggestions are welcome - copies of the Constitution are available for perusal.

7. CHURCH WOMEN of the HUNTER - have applied for affiliation. We have sent them our rules and regulations and statement of faith and are awaiting their reply.

8. FLOWER FESTIVAL - St. Andrew's Cathedral - 11-14 September - Heather Merrick from Salvation Army has kindly consented to be responsible for our arrangement. The theme is "Living Stones in the Living City". Peg suggested ACW text as follows:

*"Jesus is the one of whom the scripture says: 'The stone that you the builders despised turned out to be the most important of all'. Salvation is to be found through him alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us."* Acts 4:11,12. Approved. H Merrick to be advised

9. YWCA: Mrs. Gwen Jones is to be the representative of YWCA.

10. ACWC CONFERENCE IN CHANGMAI, THAILAND - 14-20 NOVEMBER: Notification from Lynette Green, Australian representative to ACWC. She would like any old photographs of interest for 40th Anniversary of ACWC. There will be a bring and buy stall requiring typical Australian items.

Joan Tong gave details of accommodation and fare costs.

Several members interested. Applications required urgently.

Executive recommended that we pursue the possibility of Kayleen Manton attending Conference - would be a very enlightening experience for her.

Linelle Morrison proposed and Lucelle King seconded the motion that we approach Kayleen Manton with the offer of the visit to the Conference with all expenses paid. Carried.

Peg Blake will contact Kayleen.

(Phyl McKinnirey commented that should Kayleen be unable to attend, other suitable aboriginal women could be Maisie Kavanaugh or Leisa Buxton.)

11. ACW NSW HISTORY UPDATE - Marie Majoor has the 50th History book on her computer. It will be re-written and updated with an acknowledgment at the beginning to Deaconess Mary Andrews. Marie would appreciate any contributions.

12. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE - Letter from Margaret Florence with congratulations to those elected to office at AGM for next year. Congratulations to Rev. Elizabeth Walker as President, and to ACW on reaching 60 years.

Wilise Taipaliti (WKS Scholar) had given her testimony to Victorian Unit and this would be circulated for Fellowship Day.

13. PPSEAWA - Ruth Moore indicated that she would be unable to take up her appointment as ACW representative. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inwards)

1. National President, Aileen Mortensen - acceptance 60th birthday invitation and acknowledging Heather Reid's attendance at Seminar on 20th April.
2. Commissioner L. Buckingham, Salvation Army - confirming appointment of Mrs. J. Liddel to ACW.
3. National Council of Women - N.C.W. News.
4. Shalom Newsletter
5. National Council of Women Australia - quarterly Bulletin.
6. Pan Pacific, Sth E. Asia Womens Association - invitation to Seminar 15 May.
7. Brigadier Mabel Ward (Life Member) appreciation for this honour.
8. Aborigines Inland Mission Newsletter.
9. Diocesan Newsletter of South India.
10. Department of Women - bulletin.
11. Invitation to "No Diet Day" 6th May.
12. Acceptances for Dedication & Installation from Salvation Army, YMCA, CWL State President, NSW Council for Children's Film & TV.
13. Victorian State Unit Newsletter
14. National Executive Minutes - April.

CORRESPONDENCE - Inward - (Cont.)

15. Church Women of the Hunter - Patricia Bannister re affiliation
16. NSW Churches of Christ CWF - Denominational representatives.
17. Presbyterian Womens Association - Annual Conference - Monday 6th July.
18. Thank you from John & Margaret Herring for late Col. Edna Baker.
19. St. Andrew's Cathedral Flower Festival - 11-14 September.
20. Ailsa Skippen - thank you for cards, prayers, etc. during long illness.
21. Card from Margaret Collier from Kuala Lumpur.
22. National Executive - congratulations to new Executive and on reaching 60 years.
23. National Executive FLC applications to be in by 12th June
24. National Executive Minutes - May. Network Exchange of Women's Services application form. Heather Reid's report on Superannuation Seminar 20 April.
25. Bartel's re calendars 1999, \$8 and "Australian Church Women" to be printed on them.
26. Inform - Newsletter from The Mothers Union.
27. Edith Ridge re Master Copy for Fellowship Day Service.
28. ACT Unit - congratulations to new Executive -
29. Jill Swane-Hoorda & family - with thanks for our letter re late Beth Finlay.
30. Vi Minty - thanks for letter and concern for her.
31. PPSEAWA - Invitation to luncheon 24th June - Marie Majoor will attend.
32. National Council of Women Foundation Day Luncheon - 26th August - Peg Blake will attend.
33. Peg Blake - thank you.
34. Helen Stutchbury - thank you for letter re her late husband, Oswald.
35. Winnie Hall - Homebush Strathfield Branch re Annual Service.

CORRESPONDENCE - Outward

1. Brig. Ruth Smith - congratulations on Life Membership of World Day of Prayer.
2. Mrs. Jill Swane-Hoorda - on passing of Beth Finlay.
3. Mrs. Nola Dickson.
4. Relatives of Lt. Col Edna Baker.
5. Deaconess Irene Carder on joining Executive.
6. Mrs. Patricia Bannister, Church Women of the Hunter (2 letters)
7. National Secretary re Aileen Mortensen's visit.
8. Mrs. S. Nurse - Co-ord. of Anniversary lunch - thank you.
9. Mrs. Helen Richardson re NCW Council.
10. Mrs. Vi Minty - greetings and birthday invitation (60th)
11. NCW re Shirley Wells and Helen Richardson our representatives.
12. PPSEAWA re Marie Craddock and Ruth Moore our representatives.
13. NSW Childrens Council Film & TV re Mollie Craig, Alison Todd and Linelle Morrison our representatives.
14. World Day of Prayer re Ruth Smith, Judith Baker, Margaret Jessup & Marie McCann our representatives.
15. NSW Ecumenical Council re Marie McCann our representative.
16. National Sec. re Joint St. Com. on Treaties - Rights of Child.
17. Rev. Michael Barnes, UC Minister Roseville - thanks for use of premises 11th May.
18. National Secretary - acknowledging congratulations, WKS Scholars testimony and Milise's possible visit.
19. NCW - accepting invitation to Foundation Day luncheon.
20. Letters inviting Life Members (Dorothy Woodhouse, Marie McCann, Joan Curtin and Brigadier Mabel Ward) to 60th birthday luncheon.
21. PWA - accepting invitation to Anniversary Conference and luncheon.
22. PPSEAWA - accepting invitation to Winter luncheon.
23. Letter to all Branches re Milise's testimony to be read at Fellowship Day.
24. St. Andrew's Cathedral re Flower Festival.
25. Letters from Membership & Pastoral Care Convener - Heather Badgery.

Correspondence Inwards and Outwards confirmed on motion of Brigadier Mabel Ward and seconded Ruth Moore. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING from Correspondence:

CALENDARS 1999 from Bartels - \$8 - agreed that we would have "Australian Church Women" printed on calendars. Delivery required by late August in order to post overseas by sea mail.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: President Elizabeth stated that she would be retiring from her Parish on 1st March 1999 and will be returning to Sydney to live. She said she would appreciate Past President Peg Blake attending any functions she was unable to attend this year.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED or to ATTEND:

1. PWA Annual Conference 6th July - Lucelle King will attend.
2. PPSEAWA Luncheon 24th June - Marie Majoor will attend.
3. NCW Foundation Day Luncheon - 26th August, Peg Blake will attend.
4. Women's Reconciliation Net-work - "Spirit Event" - 29th May. Marie Majoor attended. Very interesting meeting - "celebration of women" - the importance of families - mother and father as role models. Many aboriginal women are Christian.
5. PPSEAWA meetings - Marie Craddock had attended several meetings - full report appended.

REPORTS: TREASURER: Marie Majoor reported that finances were very satisfactory; report appended. Moved Marie Majoor seconded Beryl McLaughlin that report be received and payments ratified. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells reported that no applications had been received for a grant. Application form had been sent to Bimbadeen. FLC promotional material is available - Circle of Prayer - and leaflets. Her devotional was taken from a Circle of Prayer booklet written by Heather Stevens (Australia) based on "Peace".

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Possible visit from Milise Taipaliti (1998 scholar) later this year.

SPECIAL DAYS: Deaconess Irene Carder thanked members who participated in Packing Day for Fellowship Day Services - all packed and despatched.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid (Convener) away. Marie McCann had received letter from Lord Mayor of Sydney in reply to hers re 1997 Christmas decorations on Town Hall - she had suggested that some Christian symbols be used in future and his reply said that this would be considered. Marie suggested that all members write supporting her suggestion. Peg Blake mentioned her concern regarding the Sydney Morning Herald's explicit articles on Sex. Mina Whybourne had written to ABC about an unpleasant item in the 7.30 News regarding a "Sexpo" at old Showground. Heather Reid to follow up.

MEMBERSHIP : Heather Badgery reported 44 members present, 11 apologies as recorded. A new list of members is being prepared. Appreciation was expressed to Heather for her Pastoral Care letters and cards.

NEWSETTE : Deadline - 14th July - for August issue.

PUBLICITY: Lucelle King had sent reports of Installation and Conference to 16 different newspapers. Fellowship Day notices to be sent out end June/early July. Ruth Smith suggested contacting Rev. Gordon Moyes -2GB Sunday night - for possible interview re Fellowship Day.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rhoda Gates offered some cards suitable for greetings.

President Elizabeth suggested that at each Council meeting during the year, each denomination represented take a turn in informing Council members of the work of women in their respective denominations. President thanked the Baptist ladies for providing Morning Tea and the Salvation Army ladies for preparing room. The meeting was closed at 12.30 with all saying the Grace together.

Confirmed *Reuben* Date *17/8/98*

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**  
for two months ended 31.05.98

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.04.98		9456.72
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH		
Affiliation		35.00
Associate Members		20.00
Donation		10.00
Interest - Blebe Board		87.30
Sale of promotional items		113.50
Newsette		75.00
O/seas Travel Fund - Morning Tea	11.70	
Trading Table	<u>81.00</u>	92.70
Ecuemenical Luncheon		220.00
State Conference		1853.40
F.L.C.		98.85
ACWC - Partners		25.00
" Bulletins		30.00
" Endowment Fund - Comm. sale cards - L King		45.50
Installation Service - Lunch donations		478.00
Offering		628.55
		<u>3812.80</u>
		13,169.52
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DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS		
FLC Convener - Expenses		31.25
M Jessup - Photos		54.00
Salvation Army - Printing		100.00
Postage/phone - P Blake - President Expenses	95.73	
H Reid - Social Resp.	<u>8.50</u>	104.23
Publicity Expenses - L King		7.20
Installation Service - Roseville UC - Lunch	600.00	
Flowers	37.00	
Gifts	<u>70.80</u>	707.80
Conference - Cards for guests	10.00	
Gifts for Guest speakers	220.00	
Sal.Army Accomodation/facilities	<u>2329.00</u>	2559.00
Government Charges		5.56
		<u>3569.04</u>
		\$9700.48

**CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT**

Lucelle King - Postage for Installation Service	7.20
Heather Reid - Post and Packing	8.50
Roseville UCF - Lunch for Installation Service	600.00
Peg Blake - President's Expenses - Phone/post/flowers	107.73
Salvation Army - Photocopying	100.00
Lucelle King - Cards for conference	10.00
Heather Reid - Flowers for Installation Service	25.00
Joan Tong - Gifts for Installation Service	70380- 70.80
Ruth Myers - Guest Speaker - Conference	60.00
Kath Donovan - " " "	60.00
Rev. Rick Manton " " "	50.00
Kayleen Manton " " "	50.00
Margaret Jessup - Photos for records	54.00
Salvation Army - State conference accomm/use facilities	2329.00
PPSEAWA - Winter lunch	15.00
Nat.Ccl.Women Lunch	70.00
Carmel Emmett - Postage Newsette	65.42
Board of Property & Finance - Printing Newsette	81.20
Reg Blake - for Savings - Postage (photocopying)	28.95
Margaret Jessup - Photo	76.50
Jan Dennis - Secretarial expenses	122.04