

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

ANNUAL REPORT 1966/67

The biggest step taken by the Council for many years was the decision in September to close down and sell the Wybalena Hostel. The Wybalena Committee's report (attached) gives the reasons and details, but the Council here records its appreciation of the Wybalena Committee's devoted service. The establishment and running of the Hostel was a tremendous undertaking and a job well done. We pay tribute to Mrs. Millar and all those who worked with her, especially after the sale when there was so much to be done.

Interest in the Council continues to grow. New centres in different parts of the state are sharing in the Special Days and greater support is being given to our projects. Our Promotion Officer, Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, has done a fine job in addressing meetings and in notifying our contacts of the Special Days and sending out the orders of service. Due to the efforts of our Extension Officer, Mrs. A. A. Adam, the Branch at Epping was formed again and a group came into being at Fairfield.

Our President, Mrs. D. G. Badger, represented Australian Church Women at the 3rd Asian Churchwomen's Conference in Tokyo in July 1966. She has been kept busy since her return, sharing her wonderful experience with women's groups, including some in Hobart, Launceston and Melbourne. Mrs. Badger brought back with her a tape recording made by Mrs. Shanti Solomon for the women of Australia, explaining the origins of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and this has been received with much interest.

The various state units were invited by A.C.W. to raise funds to pay Mrs. Badger's fare to Tokyo. The response in N.S.W. was most gratifying, denominations contributing \$305.45, and a social afternoon arranged by our Past President, Mrs. Adam, added another \$37.12.

Fellowship Day was attended by about 850 women in 19 centres and World Community Day by about 1200 women in 23 centres. Most of the country services were within the Anglican Diocese of Canberra/Goulburn, where the interest in special days is most heartening. Other services were held in the Sydney metropolitan area and in Armidale, Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Tentfield and Mangrove Mountain.

The Fellowship Day order of service was prepared by the Rev. Edwin Robertson, the national leader of the Church and Life Movement, and his theme was "New Horizons." The offering was for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship fund and \$253.16 was collected in New South Wales.

On World Community Day the South Australian unit of A.C.W. prepared the order of service on "Our Common Life and Responsibility in Family and Community." The offering was to help migrant women in Australia and in N.S.W. \$251.17 was collected.

Many enquiries have been received about the Fellowship of the Least Coin by our Convener, Mrs. Lilley, and the attractive leaflets and labels, prepared by A.C.W., have been sent out. Least Coins collected in N.S.W. amounted to \$173.91 for the year.

The Winifred Kiek Scholar for 1966 was Miss Sabita Swarup of Fiji, who did a business course in Sydney to equip her to take over duties previously undertaken by a member of the mission staff in the Methodist Hospital at Ba, Fiji. Sabita endeared herself to all who met her and she proved the value - to herself and to us - of the scholarship.

A sub-committee, under the conscientious leadership of our President-Elect, Mrs. S.G.C. Cowled of the Methodist Church, was appointed to arrange weekend hospitality for Miss Corrie Tilaar, an Indonesian nursing sister who is in Sydney on an Inter-Church Aid scholarship for two years.

The National Committee of A.C.W. was held in Sydney in February 1967 and Miss Cath Ritchie (Presbyterian) was elected President. The Working Committee will be situated in Melbourne for the next two years so all the officebearers and members of the Working Committee are resident in Melbourne.

An interesting and much appreciated venture on the North Shore of Sydney which has been sponsored by the Council, is the visitation of the numerous rest homes and hospitals by Church women. The patients, who are usually long-term, are visited by the same women fortnightly.

Apart from our President's resume on the 3rd Asian Churchwomen's Conference, our only guest speaker was Mrs. Hope McPhee, who recently has been appointed as a Y.W.C.A. representative to the Council. She gave a very informative talk on the work and growth of this organisation.

Newsletter No. 2 was produced in November. Pressure of work precluded more issues than this being written.

I express appreciation to the President, officebearers and members for all that they did on behalf of the Council during the year.

We look back on a full and satisfying year's work. We look forward to a year of opportunity for extension and growth, so that more and more women will know the joy of serving TOGETHER the One Lord of all.

Margaret Ruffin
Hon. Secretary.

The Council consists of representatives from: The Church of England, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Lutheran Churches, the Churches of Christ, the Salvation Army, the Society of Friends and the Y.W.C.A.

The Council is represented on the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, the National Council of Women, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and T.V. and the Good Neighbour Council, as well as the State Committee of the Australian Council of Churches and its Inter-Church Aid Committee and Division of Studies and Education.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM APRIL 1966 TO MARCH 1967

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Opening Balance	\$25.93	Affiliation Fees	
Collection, Annual Rally	15.30	National Council of Women	\$10.00
Affiliation Fees	48.20	W.C.T.Union	1.00
Milk for India	8.20	Inter-Church Aid (Milk, India)	8.20
Bank Interest	1.22	Stationery & Printing	14.18
Project Fund (40%)	154.91	Gifts	2.20
Sundry receipts	1.35	Donations: B.&F.Bible Society	6.30
		C.M.Mission	2.10
		Children's Films T.V.	4.20
		Sundries	2.00
		F.of Least Coin - folders	10.00
		F.of Least Coin - Convener's exps.	5.00
		Promotion Officer's Expenses	28.13
		Exps. Sec. \$16.46, Treas. \$9.77	26.23
		Balance in hand	<u>135.57</u>
	<u>\$255.11</u>		<u>\$255.11</u>
		<u>Fellowship of the Least Coin Fund</u>	
Receipts	\$173.91	Australian Church Women	\$144.26
		Closing Balance	<u>29.65</u>
	<u>\$173.91</u>		<u>\$173.91</u>
		<u>Project Fund</u>	
Opening Balance	\$22.09	Australian Church Women:	
Fellowship Day	253.16	O/Service Fellowship Day	\$56.25
World Community Day	251.17	" World Community Day	62.50
		Australian Church Women (60%)	250.76
		Refund of expenses	2.00
		Trans. to General A/c (40%)	<u>154.91</u>
	<u>\$526.42</u>		<u>\$526.42</u>
		<u>Travel Fund</u>	
Receipts	\$342.57	Australian Church Women	<u>\$342.57</u>
<u>Summary of Funds in Hand</u>			
General Fund	\$135.57	L. Perriam	
Fellowship of Least Coin	<u>29.65</u>	Hon. Treasurer	
	<u>\$165.22</u>	J. A. Shannon, A.A.S.A.	
		Hon. Auditor	
		April, 1967	

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OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1967/68

Executive

President	Mrs. S.G.C. Cowled, 5/13 Cranbrook Ave. Cremorne	90 8707
Past President	Mrs. D. G. Badger, 56 Epping Ave. Epping	86 2225
President Elect	Mrs. L. P. Gilbert, 17 Rosen St. Epping	86 4570
Vice Presidents	Mrs. A. A. Adam, 16 Mepunga St. Concord West	73 3598
	Head Deaconess M. Andrews, Deaconess House, Carillon Avenue, Newtown	51 1172
	Mrs. G. H. Briggs, 13 Findlay Ave. Roseville	41 7785
	Brig. J. Coleman, 140 Elizabeth St. Sydney	26 1711
	Mrs. C. W. Stolz, 97 Bayview Ave. Earlwood	55 1532
	Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, 56 Bundarra Ave. Wahroonga	48 4358
Hon. Secretary		
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs. C. A. Perriam, 6/37 Ormond St. Ashfield	71 1481
Ship Least Coin	Mrs. H.J. Lilley, 206 Eastern Valley Way, Willoughby	95 3381

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Wybalena Committee Mesdames Millar, Stolz, Knight and Palmer
Promotion Ctte Mesdames Verco, Badger, Down and Ralph

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Representatives to:

National Council of Women	Mrs. Stolz, Lt. Col. H. Cross
W.Christian Temperance Union	Mrs. Hall
W.World Day of Prayer Ctte.	Mesdames Stolz, Hall, Lilley, Goninon and Lt. Col. M. Osborne.
N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and T.V.	Mrs. Palmer
Good Neighbour Council	Mesdames Hall and Gammie
A.C.C. State Committee	as available, as required
Inter-Church Aid Committee	Mrs. Moran
Div. Studies & Education	

MEETINGS

Council:	10.30 a.m. on fourth Friday of March, April, June, August, September, November in the Social Hall, Bible House (3rd Flr.) 95 Bathurst Street, Sydney
Annual Rally:	Fourth Friday of May
Fellowship Day:	Fourth Friday of July in various centres
World Community Day:	" Friday of October in various centres
Executive Meetings:	Third Friday of the month (excluding December, January) in the No.2 Committee Room, Methodist Church Offices, 139 Castlereagh Street, Sydney at 1 p.m.

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"WYBALENA" HOSTEL COMMITTEE

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It is with a sense of sadness I present the fourteenth and final Report of "Wybalena" Hostel.

We commenced this year with 17 girls in residence and when we closed the Hostel there were 12 girls - not many of these being among the original 17.

Five meetings were held with an average of 10 members attending.

We record our appreciation of the Matron, Mrs. Randle, who carried on without the aid of a cook for many weeks thus saving us from a greater deficiency than \$743.07 for the seven months.

Our Registrar, Mrs. Knight, had a very busy time with girls entering and leaving the Hostel so often.

The Treasurer, Mr. Chambers, has kept a firm hold on our finances and has bravely attended our meetings. Mr. Chambers was very concerned at our monthly deficit brought about by the small number of girls in residence so the Committee asked Mrs. Millar to consult her Co-Trustees. Their advice was to sell "Wybalena" as soon as possible, to bank the money realised from the sale of the property pending re-investment. The sale of "Wybalena" was discussed at W.I.C.C. meetings and the vote to sell was unanimous.

Cash in Bank on 31st March, 1967 stood at \$27,690.42. The trading loss of \$743.07 for seven months fully justified the decision to close the Hostel.

Our annual appeal letter, Christmas cards and cooking demonstration all helped to reduce our trading costs.

I appreciate all the help and support given me by the President, Mrs. Stolz, and members of the Committee and know that we all have a feeling of sadness, that, owing to changing times and conditions, we are unable to carry on.

Diana Gundelach
Hon. Secretary.

Addendum. This report cannot be closed without mentioning the splendid work done by Mrs. Gundelach as Secretary over the past few years, to Mrs. Stolz who has chaired our meetings so capably for the past year and who assisted Mrs. Millar in disposing of the furniture, etc., when the property was sold. This was a colossal task which took a great deal of time, so we offer our grateful thanks to these ladies.

E. Knight.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1967

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>
	<u>Reserve Account</u>	
Cash C'wealth Bank 1/5/66	\$1498.14	Transferred to Bank of N.S.W.
Bank Interest	<u>57.06</u>	Burwood - Trading Account
		<u>\$1555.20</u>
	<u>\$1555.20</u>	<u>\$1555.20</u>
	<u>Trading Account</u>	
Boarders' Fees, net	\$4222.71	Housekeeping
Burwood Council - refund		Wages
of deposit	40.00	Repairs & Replacements
Bank Interest	<u>67.86</u>	Gas & Electricity
<u>Total Receipts</u>	4330.57	Rates & Insurance, net
<u>Loss carried down</u>	<u>743.07</u>	Telephone, net
		<u>77.89</u>
	<u>\$5073.64</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>
		<u>\$5073.64</u>
<u>Appeals</u>		<u>Loss from Trading brought down</u>
Donations, net	125.31	743.07
Christmas Cards, net	61.23	Cash Bank 31/3/67
Cook. Demonstration, net	<u>25.20</u>	27690.42
<u>Total Appeals</u>	211.74	Cash Hand 31/3/67
		<u>-</u> 27690.42
<u>Realisation of Assets (Net)</u>		
Sale of Wybalena	24979.20	
Sale of Contents	<u>686.21</u>	
<u>Total Realisations</u>	25665.41	
<u>Trans. from Reserve A/c</u>	1555.20	
<u>Opening Balances 1/5/66</u>		
Cash in Bank	961.14	
Cash in Hand	<u>40.00</u> 1001.14	
	<u>\$28433.49</u>	<u>\$28433.49</u>

J. A. Chambers, Hon. Treasurer

I certify that this Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Eleven Months ended 31st March, 1967 of Wybalena Hostel Committee is correct and in accordance with the records produced, and explanations given to me.

P. McDougall, A.C.I.S. A.A.S.A. A.T.I.A.
Honorary Auditor, 23/4/67