



**ACW INC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
MINUTES OF Meeting  
Friday 14 August 2009 at 10.00 am**

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home.
2. **Devotions** Eileen Holley led the devotions with a reflection on "Please Lord, may I ...", e.g. 'relax', and a reading from Matthew Ch.8.
3. **Present** Jean Thomson OAM (in chair), Jan Abrahamffy, Constance Aronsen, Angela Devlin, Jacqueline Hipwell, Eileen Holley, Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Helen Raymond, Judith-Ann Sjostedt, Ruth Burmester OAM (NLM) and Evonne Sullivan AM (NLM).
4. **Apologies** Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Fran Moss.
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 10 July 2009 were moved Jacqueline Hipwell, seconded Jan Abrahamffy and accepted, noting change of date from 12 to 10 July 2009.

**Business arising**

5. a) Jean continues to communicate with Corazon Tabing-Reyes regarding her visit to Australia, although her visa has still not been confirmed. Corazon will leave Manila on Monday 14 September and arrive in Brisbane on Tuesday 15. She will then travel from Brisbane to Melbourne on Wednesday 16; Melbourne to Launceston on Friday 18; Launceston to Canberra (via Melbourne) on the morning of Monday 21, arriving into Canberra at approximately 10.30am. Corazon will attend the National Conference until Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and then travel to Adelaide for time with WKS Trustees and the new National Executive. She will return to Manila on Tuesday 29 September. Jean also continues to communicate with the travel agent and as previously advised, and because visa has not yet been issued, payment of fares has not yet been confirmed with WKS, so at this stage no bookings have been confirmed.

6. **Treasurer's report** Helen L presented her report – see attached. Helen L moved, Constance seconded, that her report be accepted. Agreed.

**Business arising**

6. a) Helen L proposed, seconded Judith-Ann that a thankyou letter and an honorarium of \$150 be paid to Pauline Hore for the auditing of the National Executive financial statements over the past two years. The meeting agreed.

b) Accounts were presented for payment from Helen R, Margaret and Judith-Ann for expenses incurred and these amounts will be included in the Treasurer's report in September 2009.

Moved Helen L, seconded Constance that accounts be passed for payment.

**7. Correspondence IN**

1. Anglican Women of Aust – change of address for coordinator (for Newsletter);
2. Minutes from Units - VIC (26/6/09); SA ( 10/7/09); QLD (22/6/09);
3. Reports from Mother's Union and Presbyterian Women of Australia for Working Papers. (There are no delegates from these groups);
4. *Newsette* (NSW) August 09.
5. Incoming Nat Exec with suggested themes for Special Days services (passed to Convenor);
6. Email from Judy Burge suggesting incoming Nat Exec confer with Nat Exec counterparts to get an insight into their upcoming responsibilities.

## Correspondence OUT

1. Nat Exec Minutes of 10 July 09 distributed;
2. Invitations to various leaders to attend Ecumenical service;
3. Shirley Birch – regrets that she cannot attend Conference;
4. Emails to and from Judith Brown re being pianist at Conference;
5. Invitation to Louise Page to be soloist at Service;
6. Survey summary sent to all Units.

Moved Helen R, seconded Jacqueline that inwards correspondence be received, and outwards correspondence be ratified. Agreed.

## 9. Reports

1) **FLC** – Jan reported that she had received a large parcel of 500 *Circle of Prayer* (C of P) No.19, from the Philippines and two smaller packages – one with one copy and a copy of the new flyer and one with 8 copies and 8 flyers. She had passed these on to each FLC convenor only to find they already had them. A further 500 copies of C of P had been ordered and would be brought to the Conference (if baggage allowance permits – otherwise they will be mailed to Jan). Copies of C of P, together with the new flyer, have been sent to QLD, SA, ACT and VIC and to NSW, WA, TAS, Alice Springs and Darwin, the latter Units with a covering letter and information on FLC and a copy of *A Legend and A Legacy*. Queensland have requested a further 100 copies of C of P, 100 FLC flyers and 100 copies of ACW leaflets.. In response to a request from Tasmania 50 prayer cards and flyers were sent at the end of July. Jan has been in touch with Major Wendy Friend in Darwin offering advice and support after Major Gail Watson was posted to PNG. At 27 July 2009 there had been no official notification of FLC grants. But Brenda Dickinson had advised Jan that Margaret Greenslade, who will take over as National FLC convenor in September, has also been in contact.

2) **WKS** – Constance reported that she had received an email from Judith Cayzer, NSW, advising that Imelda Aquino, the 2008 WK scholarship holder, is now in Jerusalem and is settling in well. The 2009 students, Christine and Inise are both doing well. Unfortunately Christine will be at College Mission Week during National Conference and is therefore not able to come to Canberra. It is hoped Inise will be able to attend, if only for a short time. The minutes of the WKS Trustees July meeting did not advise who the scholars for 2010 will be, but it is hoped they will be announced soon. Final correspondence, for this term of office, was sent to all states and territories and convenors from WA, VIC, ACT and Alice Springs are expected at the Conference. Constance thanked all those who have been so supportive of her work over the past two years and looks forward to meeting those whom she has not yet met in person at the Conference in September.

3) **Special Days** – Fran sent greetings and best wishes to all and included themes suggested by the Incoming National Executive, for special day services in 2010. Executive chose *Let there be light* for the next Service to be held in July. Fran will be advised of this.

4) **Social Justice** – Judith-Ann continues to gather information on *Alcopops*, particularly with regard to the amount likely to be raised by the Government with the increase in tax on these drinks. She is also focusing on Family Violence, and while the human impact is difficult to calculate, the projected economic cost continues to soar.

5) **Publications** – Eileen had received a copy of *Newsette*. She advised that the Tasmanian Unit are looking forward very much to Corazon Tabing-Reyes' visit. Eileen will produce a post-Conference Newsletter in late September, reporting on highlights of Conference, including photographs.

6) **ACWC** – Donna is presently overseas, but had passed on a letter from Taiwan regarding the latest typhoon catastrophe and the devastation and havoc that has occurred. She asked for prayers for those who have been deeply affected by this tragedy.

7) **Website** – Brenda, in her latest email of today's date (14/8/09) has sent yet another email to Marmalade Soul, continuing her efforts to resolve the requested change to the logo. Efforts will continue until the matter has been resolved, right up until the National Conference in September.

8) **Australian Women's Coalition** - President Jean will travel to Sydney tomorrow Saturday 15 August to attend a meeting, returning the next day.. This will probably be Jean's last meeting as AWC delegate as Margaret Flint will become the new delegate after September. The next meeting in October will deal with a "Young Women Offenders" project and what support this needs.

9) **President** – President Jean travelled to Brisbane on Monday 27 July to attend the QLD Unit meeting at Anne Street Uniting Church in the city. She was warmly welcomed and after the meeting lunched with Fran Moss and caught up with family before returning to Canberra on Tuesday 28 July 2009.

#### 10. General Business

- 1) It had been reported in the Victorian minutes of 26 June 2009 that a decision had been made to replace the communion vessels at Marysville Anglican Church. In light of this, the money received from ACWC in response to the Victorian Bushfires, would be sent to the Victorian Unit. Helen R would arrange a cheque for the \$760.57 and this together with a letter would be sent to the Victorian Unit.
- 2) **Conference planning** – well underway with another successful planning day last Friday 7 August 2009. The *Working Papers* are almost ready for printing and will be sent out by 21 August. The Ecumenical Order of Service is being finalised. Thanks were expressed to Helen R and Judith-Ann, together with input from Jacqueline, for a job well done. Helen R will now organise printing of same.

11. **Next Meeting** – at 10.00 am on Friday, 11 September 2009, at the same venue.

**Meeting closed** at 1.05 pm and members continued to discuss Conference planning over lunch.

Signed: Jean Thomson.....

Date: 11/09/2009

Jean Thomson, President

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**Treasurer's Report 14 August 2009**

**Cheque A/C**

Balance at 10.7.09 \$30114.59

**Receipts**

National Conference 2009-Registration	490.00	
Conference fees	11279.00	
Honouring Australian Church Women	100.00	
Sales – A Legend and A Legacy	17.50	
Postage refunded	7.50	
National Conference Travel Pool	495.00	
Donations – ACT Chief Minister's Dept.	1000.00	
Canberra Southern Cross Club	2750.00	
Contra	<u>180.00</u>	<u>16319.00</u>
		46433.59

**Payments**

National Travel	244.70	
National Conference Travel Pool	495.00	
National Conference 2009 –		
Travel WKS Delegate	330.00	
Travel Incoming Nat. Exec.	2800.00	
Hotel Heritage	5000.00	
Travel to WKS meeting-WKS Convenor	273.00	
Cover Honouring Australian Church Women		
Book and bolts – State units	60.00	
Float – Incoming National Exec. (to SA Unit)	1000.00	
Contra	<u>180.00</u>	<u>10382.70</u>
<b>Balance at 14.08.09</b>		<b><u>\$36050.89</u></b>

**A D F Call a/c**

Balance at 10.07.09 & 14.08.09 \$36486.86

**Balance of Funds**

National Conference Fund		13167.86
National Travel Fund	3770.82 – 244.70	3526.12
Overseas Conference & Travel Fund		3010.00
National Conference 2009		40560.00
Honouring Australian Church Women		100.00
ACWC - Victorian Bushfire Support		760.57
- Conference donations		3750.00
*Administration		<u>7663.20</u>
<b>Total cheque at call a/c</b>		<b><u>\$72537.75</u></b>

\*Plus \$1000 float to incoming Nat. Exec.

Helen Lloyd, National Treasurer  
14.08.09