

## 2003 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Winifred Kiek Trustees decided to award three women from Australia with the Scholarship in 2003. They are Monique Crabtree from Northam, Western Australia, Gaye Inall from Queensland and Susan Liersch from New South Wales.

### Monique Crabtree

Monique is married and has four children. She lives in Northam, Western Australia, a country town 100kms east of Perth. Monique and her family worship at the Churches of Christ in Northam.

Monique's studies have given her experience in Science, Business and School Religious Education, she has also worked as Secretary at a High School and was a co-leader in Study Tours to both North America and South Africa/South America.

Working part time intermittently since the arrival of her children, Monique has also undertaken further studies, particularly in the area of Religious Education. She is currently studying full time for Ministry at Tabor College, Perth, and wishes to continue the Bachelor of Ministry Degree (3-5 years).

Monique has been active in leadership roles in her local church. She is Secretary of the Ladies Fellowship and has taught Sunday School, Scripture and been involved in Bible Study groups. Her aim is to work full time in a local church, especially in Pastoral Care and Preaching.

### Gaye Inall

Gaye Inall is from Queensland. She was born profoundly deaf and uses Australian Sign Language. She is 39 years old. She has a BA in Teaching - 1993, and a BA in Education - 1997. In both courses she took a Major in Deaf Education. Gaye has studied one year of Education for Ministry (EFM). This course is licensed to the Diocese of Brisbane from the University of Swaneec in the United States of America.

Gaye's occupation is teacher of the deaf. She reads and writes in English, teaches in the Queensland State Education system to deaf students 13-18 years old and has had experience in advising the teachers of infants. She also teaches Deaf History, Language and Culture, and of being proud to be deaf, and how to live in a world built for those with perfect hearing.

Gaye takes an active role in the Parish of St Matthews Anglican Church, Holland Park. She has a Liturgical Assistance License, being able to assist the priest as Server and in the administration of Holy Communion. She can officiate at Services and preach the Word of God in the Parish. She runs two Signing Choirs, one for adults and the other for children. Gaye helps to run the Anglican Deaf Ministry Centre, which she helped to set up, and to train clergy on how to work with deaf people to meet their diverse needs.

The Scholarship will help cover Interpreting Fees, Course Fees text books and her travel. Gaye seeks to better meet the needs of deaf people and has shown great courage. Her long term vision is to be skilled in Theology to be able to communicate her faith in an authentic knowledgeable way to other members of the deaf community.

### Susan Liersch

Susan Liersch is married with three children and is an Occupational Therapist. She has worked in hospitals in New South Wales and Queensland, and has had a clerical placement in the United States of America. Her work experiences have been in the areas of Psychiatry (adults and adolescence), Pediatrics, General, Occupational and Drug Rehabilitation.

Susan currently works with Everyman's Welfare Service, a Christian undenominational group which is accredited by the Australian Defence Forces (ADF). She works in support of soldiers and their families at the Army Recruit Training Centre at Kapooka, New South Wales.

Susan takes a special interest in working with ADF cadets aged 12-14 years both male and female.

Recently she commenced working 8 hours per week as a youth worker with St Paul's Anglican Church in Turvey Tops, Wagga Wagga.

Susan wishes to improve her counselling skills and gain a greater understanding of family dynamics



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

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### THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP for 2003



Gaye Inall



Susan Liersch



Monique Crabtree

**THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP (WKS)**

This Scholarship is available to Christian women from multi cultural Australia, Pacific Island Nations and member countries of Asian Church Women's Conference who already have basic training in a chosen field of work.

It provides the opportunity for further theological training to better equip the scholar to provide leadership in her own country, church and community. The scholarship covers fares, tuition fees and accommodation and is awarded annually

When it is deemed more appropriate, the Scholarship Funds may be used for designated educational or charitable projects for women through the National Council of Churches of Australia World Christian Service.

**FUNDS – FELLOWSHIP DAY**

The offerings received at the Australian Church Women Fellowship Day Services, held throughout Australia in July each year, are invested and the interest used to finance the scholarship. Additional donations are encouraged and may be made at any time to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund through your State Unit/Territory Treasurer. (See list on back of sheet.)

**NATIONAL CONVENOR WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP**

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**THE WKS TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of the Scholarship, located in Adelaide, are responsible for investing funds and act as an advisory body to the National Executive of Australian Church Women

**WINIFRED KIEK FELLOWSHIP**

At the discretion of the Trustees, in consultation with the National Executive, funds will be made available (on a pre-determined basis) to invite a representative from the following bodies: Asian church Women's Conference; The Pacific Council of churches; Past Winifred Kiek Scholars; The Fellowship of the Least Coin International Committee; Church Women United Aotearoa/New Zealand or a noted Christian woman leader to attend the National Conference of Australian Church Women and visit State/Territory Units. An outstanding Christian woman visiting Australia at any other time may be invited to visit State/Territory Units under such a Fellowship.

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMORIAL BURSARY BOOK**

You are invited to nominate a Christian woman whose association with the work of Australian Church Women was noteworthy.

Donations are invited and the interest earned from the invested monies is used to provide a book grant to current Scholarship Holders.

A profile and photograph of the woman so honoured is then recorded in the Memorial Bursary Book, held by the National Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor.

**THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS**

Mrs Capt Lily Politine	1995
Rachel Rolland	1995
CCWA	1996
Rachael McManus	1997
Lt Joanne Harries	1997
Milise Taipaleti	1998
Mai Zin Zin Wah	1995
Sue Nitrai	2000
Celestial Lusi	2001
Lai Mui Ching (April)	2002
Monica Crabtree	2003
Gayle Inall	2003
Susan Liersch	2003

**WINIFRED KIEK FELLOWSHIP**

Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam	1981
Mrs Eunice Kim	1984
Mrs Rachel Matthew	1991
Mrs Annathai Abaysekara	1991
Rev Mary Y K Au	1993
Mrs Violet Sampa-Bredt	1993
Mrs Janice Shearer	1995
Deaconess Barkat K Dass (deceased)	1996
Rev Iluminada Domingo	1997
Dr Esther Byu	1999

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**Where they come from**

**What they do**

Fiji	Alcohol Education
Vanuatu	Leadership
Cambodia	Tailoring, Weaving, Literacy, English
Australia	Theological Education
Australia	Theological Education
Tonga	Theology
Myanmar	Theology
Australia	Theology
Solomon Islands	Theology
Hong Kong	MA on Women in Relation to Religion
Australia	Pastoral Care and Preaching
Australia	Theology for the Deaf
Australia	Counselling & Family Dynamics

**REVEREND WINIFRED KIEK, M.A., B.D.**

In 1927 Winifred Kiek was the first woman to be ordained in Australia in the (then) Congregational Church (now Uniting Church). She was a pioneer in working for a National Committee of all State Women's Inter-Church Councils which led to the formation of Australian Church Women, of which she was a Life Member.

Winifred worked for peace in local, state, national and international organisations, attending many world conferences.

Because of her concern for women in third world countries at the time, she was influential in the founding of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, which has now been awarded every year since 1965

**NATIONAL TREASURER**

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