

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

1964

It is with a deep sense of thankfulness to God that I present the Annual Report of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council for the year ending April 30th, 1964. This time last year we started out in faith, not at all certain about the new avenues of service opening up to us but convinced that the power of the Holy Spirit would lead us according to the perfect will of the Father. Those of us who were privileged to attend the first National Consultation of Australian Church Women, held in Sydney in March all agree that it was a thrilling and worthwhile experience and wish that all the members of the Council could have been present. What a tremendous impact it will make when Christians cease to emphasise their differences and concentrate on presenting a united witness to the world!

The Annual Rally was held in Wesley Chapel on Friday 28th June, when Mrs. B. C. Montgomerie was inducted as President. This made history, being the first occasion on which an Anglican has held this position. The guest speaker - Mrs. Edna Beales - told of her experiences among the people of South East Asia during her trip to Thailand and Hong Kong as the Australian representative to a conference of Asian Church Women.

At the July meeting it was decided to accept the invitation of the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women to become the unit through which A.C.W. will operate in N.S.W. and not to proceed with plans to form a National Inter-Church Council.

Mrs. Freer Latham, the World President of the Methodist Women's Federation was welcomed to the August meeting and gave an interesting and inspiring address on the work of the United Church Women of America.

Community Day was held on September 27th. As well as the central meeting in the C.E.N.E.F. Auditorium Community Day was held in Bathurst, Mangrove Mountain, Condoblin and West Oatley. Mrs. D. J. A. Verco was the speaker at the C.E.N.E.F. meeting and spoke about conditions in Greece and how the World Council of Churches is trying to meet the desperate need. The Worship Service used, was by courtesy of the United Church Women of America and the topic "Who is my Neighbour?"

During October members were given opportunities to hear two eminent overseas visitors. Miss Janet Lacey from England and Mlle Madelaine Barot, head of the Dept. of Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, and member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Reports were given by delegates at the meeting in October and Mrs. D. J. A. Verco was appointed Promotion Officer for the purpose of stimulating interest in the formation of suburban and country branches of the Women's Inter-Church Council. A recommendation was sent to the State Committee of the A.C.C. to organise a movement to promote peace.

Mrs. Millar was asked to prepare a history of "Wybalena" which she read at the November meeting. It is a simple and straightforward account of the completely dedicated service of the members of the Hostel and Appeals Committees and has been published. Copies are available. After the Council meeting the Hostel

Committee organised a "Bring and Buy" and served lunch followed by an interesting film supplied by the Ceylon Tea Company.

Following the usual custom the February meeting was held at "Wybalena" when members were given an opportunity to inspect the hostel.

The attendance at the March meeting was affected by a bus strike. Reports of the National Consultation of Australian Church Women were received. Mrs. Montgomerie and Lt. Col. Hazel Cross were the official delegates but Mrs. Verco, Deaconess Andrews and Mrs. Lilley were present as members of the Interim Committee. Mrs. Montgomerie expressed appreciation to the Interim Committee for the excellent arrangements during the consultation. Recommendations from the consultation to be tabled at the May meeting.

"Fellowship Day" was held on Friday 24th April at the Epping Baptist Church attended by about one hundred ladies from all the churches in the district. An impressive worship session was followed by a study. The topic - "Sharing the Common Life". We thank the Epping Baptist ladies for their warm welcome and cup of tea following the meeting.

Finally I would like to thank our President, Mrs. Montgomerie for her dignified and gracious leadership during the year, also the Minute Secretary and the Treasurer, Mrs. Millar and the members of the Hostel Committee, our delegates to other organisations and lastly all the council members for their confidence in me. If I have been able to contribute to the work of the Women's Inter-Church Council it has been by the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the encouragement of you all and I am deeply thankful.

Lorna Lilley,
Hon. Secretary.

PROMOTION

Since October 1963, 13 groups have been addressed and 7 more appointments have been made, making a total, up to date of 20 for the year. Of these groups all except two have been inter-church groups.

The addresses have been purely informative and presented under 3 headings:

1. A description of the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. - what it is and what it does.
2. The development over the past two years - the growing desire to extend the influence and experience of co-operation of Church women at the local and national levels.
3. The formation of Australian Church Women (A.C.W.), thus linking similar State Councils together at the National level. More recently, a report of the first Consultation of A.C.W. held in Sydney in March this year and the recommendations of the aim, structure, etc. drawn up at this Consultation have been presented.

The reception of this information has been most enthusiastic. In most cases, the groups visited have not known of the existence of the W.I.C.C. They are happy to know that they are a part of this Council and desire to have a greater part in this experience of co-operation.

God has led us in a wonderful way. Will you continue to pray for His strength and guidance as together we seek to extend this Christian co-operation and service?

Marjery I. Verco,
Promotion Officer.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL "WYBALENA" HOSTEL REPORT

1963-1964

I have much pleasure in presenting the 11th Annual Report of the "Wybalena" Hostel. It has been a satisfactory year from the point of view of enrolments and finances.

Six bi-monthly meetings were held with an average attendance of eight members. One special meeting was held in February when the W.I.C.C. came to Wybalena.

The domestic arrangements have gone smoothly under Miss Doughty's excellent management. There have been changes in cooks but at present we are happily served by Miss Farr.

OFFICE BEARERS. Mrs. Knight relinquished the office of Hon. Secretary after eleven years of faithful and efficient service but still acts as Registrar. Mrs. D. Gundelach became Hon. Secretary. Mr. Hall is still our faithful Treasurer. On the dissolution of the Appeals Committee most of its members joined the Hostel Committee and we are pleased to welcome them.

We were grieved to lose Mrs. Payten, a member of the Appeals Committee from 1950 and Treasurer from 1952 until her death in April 1963.

ENROLMENTS. We started 1964 with a full house of 21. Twelve girls from 1963 reapplied for 1964, but two failed to return and another girl finished her course in May. Thirteen new girls booked in for 1964 but of these three did not stay and went to another Hostel. There is much changing at the beginning of the year; girls going to other Hostels and Women's College that we now ask four weeks notice or in lieu of same two weeks board. We have received some letters from girls in appreciation of what the Committee has done for them.

During the two weeks from December 24th 1963 to January 7th 1964 when the Hostel was closed the house was burgled. Fortunately, apart from some of the girls' clothes, which they had left contrary to orders, and foodstuff, nothing was lost. This experience did lead us to review and increase our insurances as we were greatly undervalued.

IMPROVEMENTS. Owing to improvement in our finances we have been able to carry out some needed repairs. 1. All old mattresses have been replaced with inner-spring mattresses. 2. New bedspreads have been purchased. 3. Some new crockery and kitchen utensils bought. 4. Cooks room painted. 5. Five chairs repaired and re-covered. 6. Trees at back lopped and the yard cleared of undergrowth and rubbish.

FINANCE. The Treasurer reports a credit balance of £737.17.11 in the Hostel finances and £449.13.8 in our reserve account.

FUNCTIONS. In June a Prestige Products Parade was held at the home of Mrs. Wyper and was a financial and social success. We thank Mrs. Wyper for the use of her home. In November an American Luncheon was held at C.E.N.E.F. Auditorium when the Ceylon Tea Company showed slides and provided tea for the luncheon.

Our Christmas cards were very popular and 1,200 were quickly sold. The returns from these functions were added to our reserve fund.

In March we published "The Story of Wybalena" in booklet form. Our President, Mrs. N. Millar, was responsible for recording the story of this movement on behalf of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council lest we forget "those who have laboured in the past". We wish to record our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Millar.

Upon dissolution of the Appeal Committee in June 1963 Mesdames Millar, Knight, Hall and Wyper were made life members of the W.I.C.C.

We thank Matron and staff for their good work during the year, Mr. & Mrs. Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Hall and the members of the Committee and look forward to another year under the guidance of our Heavenly Father, to students and business girls.

D. M. Gundelach,
Hon. Secretary.

M. Millar,
President.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT to 30th APRIL, 1964

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Credit Balance 30.4.63	£24 4 6	Printing	£23 19 0
Affiliation Fees	7 17 0	Hire of Hall & Kitchen - Community Day	7 10 0
Collection at Rally	15 2 0	Donation - B & F B Scty.	3 3 0
"Wybalena" Hostel Committee		Affiliation Fees	6 6 0
$\frac{1}{2}$ Share cost Annual Report	9 0 0	Tea, Milk, Sugar	1 0 0
Collection - Community Day	11 3 9	Secretary's Expenses	1 10 3
" " (Bathurst Bch)	1 7 0	Australian Council of Churches	10 8 0
" Mdme.Barot Mtg.	5 17 3		
" Fellowship Day	11 14 9		
Bank Interest	15 9		
	£87 2 0		£53 16 3
		<u>Balance in Bank</u>	£33 5 9

L. Perriam,
Treasurer.

WYBALENA HOSTEL COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th April, 1964

<u>RECEIPTS</u>				<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Boarders' Fees - Net	£3965	3	9	Housekeeping	1414	4	6
Bank Interest and Refund Fee	9	1	2	Salaries & Wages	1355	1	2
Donation	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Gas & Electricity	259	13	10
<u>total Receipts</u>	£3975	5	11	Renovations, Repairs & Replacements	209	13	10
Cash in Bank 1.5.63	200	6	4	Rates & Insurance	153	7	5
Less Transfer to Wybalena Reserve Account	<u>24</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	Telephone - Net	41	18	11
	176	0	6	Committee Expenses	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
Cash in Hand 1.5.63	<u>38</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>total Payments</u>	£3453	7	2
	£214	19	2	Cash in Bank 30.4.64			
				696	17	11	
				Cash in Hand 30.4.64			
				<u>40</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>736</u>
							<u>17</u>
							<u>11</u>
	£4190	5	1		£4190	5	1

J. Hall,
Hon. Treasurer.

P. McDougall, A.C.I.S., A.A.S.A.,
Hon. Auditor, 7.5.64

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WYBALENA RESERVE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st March, 1964.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>				<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
<u>Balance Brought Forward</u>				Flowers for Mrs Payten	1	10	0
C'w. Trading Bank Bellevue Hill	255	8	5	Expenses - Mrs. Millar	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
C'w. Savings Bank Burwood	<u>24</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>total Payments</u>	4	13	8
	279	14	3	<u>Balance carried Forward</u>			
<u>Donations</u>				C'w Savings Bank Burwood	445	0	0
W. Suburbs auxiliary	30	0	0				
Mrs. D. Gundelach	10	0	0				
Others	<u>27</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>				
<u>Net Proceeds:</u>							
Prestige Parade	39	9	3				
Christmas cards	29	17	0				
Bring and Buy After-noon	27	10	5				
<u>Bank Interest</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>				
<u>total Receipts</u>	169	19	5				
	£449	13	8		£449	13	8
P. McDougall, ACIS., AASA, Hon. Auditor. 4.5.64							