

# A U S T R A L I A N   C H U R C H   W O M E N

## NEW SOUTH WALES STATE UNIT

### C O N S T I T U T I O N

1. NAME: Australian Church Women - New South Wales State Unit  
(hereinafter referred to, and which may on other occasions, where desired, be referred to, as "Australian Church Women - N.S.W. State Unit.")  
  
(The former name was "New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council.")
2. AIMS: To unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;  
To promote co-operation of men and women in the church, family and society;  
To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church;  
To provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together and  
To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.
3. COUNCIL: The Council of the N.S.W. State Unit shall consist of:
  - (a) Representatives who shall be appointed annually:
    - (i) 8 from each participating Church, appointed by the State Women's Organisation or by whatever means is appropriate to the particular Church,
    - (ii) 1 from each local group affiliated with the Council,
    - (iii) 2 from the State Organisation of any special interest group, which is granted affiliation by the Council.
  - (b) Life Members.

The Council shall meet at least six times a year.

4. OFFICERS: The Officers shall be President, Past President, President-Elect, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Membership Secretary, Hon. Treasurer. The President shall be nominated bi-ennially by each participating Church in rotation.
5. EXECUTIVE: The Executive shall consist of the Officers together with Convenors and Secretaries appointed for special purposes and at least one representative of any participating Church not already thus represented. The Executive may deal with any emergency but shall report any action taken at the next meeting of the Council.  
Business for Council meetings shall be prepared by the Executive which may draft recommendations for submission to the meeting. It shall also discharge such functions as shall be assigned to it by the Council. Meetings of the Executive shall be held as required and shall be convened by the President or any three of the Officers.
6. LOCAL GROUPS: Local Inter-Church groups desiring to participate in the work of Australian Church Women and subscribing to its aims may be granted affiliation and will be known as "- - - (Name of area) Church Women."
7. SUB-COMMITTEES: The Council shall have power to appoint sub-committees, not necessarily members of the Council, to deal with special work as required.
8. PROGRAMME & PROJECTS: The programme of the N.S.W. State Unit shall include the observance of Fellowship Day, in July, and World Community Day, in October and it will participate in the projects supported by Australian Church Women, namely Fellowship of the Least Coin and Winifred Kiek Scholarship.
9. AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a Council Meeting, providing that written notice of the proposed amendments has been given to all Council members at least two calendar months before.

10. DISSOLUTION: In the event of the dissolution of Australian Church Women, N.S.W. State Unit, its project and trust funds shall be paid to the purposes designated and its administrative funds to an inter-church or non-denominational cause decided on by the last Council meeting.
11. BY-LAWS: The Council may make by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution providing for matters of business and procedure at meetings, the conduct and method of elections and voting, quorums at meetings, finances and subscriptions and generally to give effect to this Constitution. Alterations to by-laws may be made at any Council Meeting provided notice has been given at the two previous Council Meetings.

BY-LAWS

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Annual membership fees shall be:
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| Denominations           | \$ 5.00 p.a. |
| Special Interest Groups | \$ 2.00 p.a. |
| Local Groups            | \$ 2.00 p.a. |
2. ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the April meeting of the Council. It shall appoint officers and auditor for the ensuing year and receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Council and the Annual Financial Statements. The financial year shall close on the last day of February.
3. INSTALLATION SERVICE: The Service for the installation of the new President shall be held instead of the Council Meeting in May, in association with the body nominating the President.
4. SPECIAL DAYS: The Special Days of Australian Church Women shall be held instead of a Council Meeting in July (Fellowship Day) and October (World Community Day).
5. REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES: Representatives from the Council to other bodies shall be appointed annually.

Normally they shall not serve in that capacity  
for more than three consecutive years.

6. QUORUM: For meetings both of the Council and of the Executive a quorum shall be one-third of the members eligible to attend.
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