

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

ANNUAL REPORT 1965

"This is not only a call to co-operation with other churches but a call to an unfailing warmth of loyalty to our own. For according to the measure of the loyalty of our own church-life will be the value of the contribution that we have to make to any united undertaking." These words were spoken by Miss Roseby at one of the inaugural meetings of the Women's Inter-Church Council and I believe they still apply today. Those who have contributed most to the cause of unity over the years have all been wholly dedicated to their own particular church. Thanks be to God for the unity of purpose in Christ!

Over the years since 1938 the Council has always received sterling support from the Salvation Army and such was the case again last June when the Annual Rally was held in the Congress Hall and Lt.Col. Hazel Cross was inducted as President. Lt. Col. Cross holds a very honoured post in the Salvation Army as head of the Home League for the Eastern Region and it has been a great privilege to have her presiding at our meetings throughout the year. The Speaker at the Annual Rally was Mrs. Capt. A. McDonald who has served with her husband in mission work in Rhodesia. Following the Rally the ladies of the Congress Hall served an enjoyable lunch.

In July reports were given by delegates to the various organisations with which the Council is affiliated and the draft of the constitution for Australian Church Women was presented and discussed. Some concern was expressed that the autonomy of the Council should be assured.

After disposing of routine business at the August meeting Deaconess Mary Andrews gave an interesting talk about the 'beginnings' of Deaconess House and the training given to the girls. Two of the students told of their experiences and work they were planning to do.

Following the decision of Australian Church Women to establish the Winifred Keik Scholarship a statement on the life and work of the Rev. Winifred Keik was prepared and read at the Council meeting in September. It was decided to open a special Project Fund in support of the Scholarship Fund. After twenty-seven years it was decided to forego the Annual Rally in favour of Fellowship Day so as not to create too many extra meetings. The Annual Meeting to be held in May in the church of the incoming president.

World Community Day 1964 with the topic "Christians and World Peace" proved to be a red letter day for the Council in N.S.W. for instead of a central meeting attended by perhaps 80 women, meetings were arranged in several suburban centres as well as Armidale, Bathurst, Gosford, Cooma and Mangrove Mountain resulting in an attendance of about 800 and a collection of over £100 for Freedom from Hunger. A very successful meeting was held in Canberra A.C.T. also. The success of the day was largely due to the dedicated enthusiasm of Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, the Promotion Officer whose report will be included below.

As is customary the first meeting for 1965 was held in the Wybalena Hostel, when the delegates to the First National Committee meetings (held in January)

reported on the conference. The Constitution was approved by the Australian Council of Churches and members were assured that the Women's Inter-Church Council would remain a completely autonomous body pledged to support Australian Church Women and its projects but not restricted to them. Following the business members were invited to inspect the Hostel. The report of the Hostel Committee is included below.

The speaker at the March meeting was the Rev. Walder of the Good Neighbour Council who told of the work of the Council and suggested ways by which we could help migrants to become contented citizens.

The Executive submitted nominations for office bearers for 1965-6 to the Council meeting in April. These were adopted and the list appears below.

In closing and in view of the fact that I am relinquishing the office of Hon. Secretary, I would like to take this opportunity of giving praise and thanks to God for the privilege of serving Him in this way. It has been a stimulating and rewarding experience. On behalf of the members of the Council I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the work of the Council during the year especially the members of the Hostel Committee who shoulder all the responsibility for the running of the Hostel, the Promotion Officer and finally our capable and dedicated President who has always given such practical and carefully prepared devotionals at all our meetings.

Finally, I want to join with Miss Roseby in her wishes for the Council when she said "I hope that the Council may continue to increase its influence, and to make a real impact upon the general movement in the direction of peace and goodwill and freedom - so helping on the coming of the Kingdom, for which we pray every day."

H.J. Lilley.
.....Hon. Secretary.

N.B. For those who are not acquainted with Miss Roseby, she was a foundation member of the Council and is a lovable and loving Christian with more than 90 years of wisdom to her credit. God Bless her!

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On behalf of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, I would like to express to Mrs. H.J. Lilley our very warm regard for her personally, and to thank her most sincerely for her efficient and "with human understanding" service during her time as Secretary of the Council.

As she relinquishes this office, we pray that God's strengthening presence will be with her in abundant measure. We look forward, too, to a continuance of what her Christian influence means within the Council.

My deep personal thanks are expressed to Mrs. Lilley for good partnership during my term of office as President.

Hazel V. Cross,
Lt. Colonel.

PROMOTION

World Community Day was observed on Friday, 23rd October, 1964, in 6 suburban and 8 country centres, instead of in one central meeting in Sydney, as in previous years. This decentralization resulted in over 1,000 women (including A.C.T.) sharing in worship and study of the topic "Christians and World Peace". The offerings from this day amounted to approximately £100 and were given to the Freedom from Hunger Appeal. Our thanks go to all who arranged these meetings, those who gave addresses and led the studies.

This year our aim has been to arrange the observance of Fellowship Day (July 23rd) and World Community Day (October 22nd) in an even greater number of suburban and country centres.

To assist in promotion, the metropolitan area has been divided into 6 regional zones and preliminary meetings have been held in each of these regions to plan Fellowship Day and World Community Day meetings for 1965.

The theme for Fellowship Day this year is "Bridges to Asia" and it is hoped that all who share in this worship and study will gain a greater understanding of our near neighbours in the Asian countries.

Our first "bridge" to Indonesia will take the form of the arrival in Sydney of Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa on May 21st. Miss Tan is the first recipient of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship set up by the Australian Church Women. Miss Tan is a Social Worker from Djakarta, Indonesia, and will be engaged in post-graduate studies in child care. Offerings on Fellowship Day will be paid into this Scholarship Fund.

The theme for World Community Day, 1965, will be "International Co-operation" and Dr. Appleton, Archbishop of Perth is preparing the worship service and study for this day.

We are thankful to God for a year of thrilling advance and greater co-operation of Church Women throughout our State.

Marjory Verco,
Promotion Officer.

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

FROM 22nd MAY, 1964 to 12th APRIL, 1965.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Brought Forward	£ 33 5 9	Secretary's Expenses	£ 5 0 0
Affiliation Fees	14 19 0	Promotion Officer's Expenses	25 0 0
Collection at Rally	12 6 0	Sundries (Rubber stamp & Speakers Exps.)	3 6 6
Donation - Expenses of Delegate to Asian Confs.	2 0 0	Donations - WCTU 1964/5	1 0 0
Epping Branch for Freedom from Hunger Campaign	17 6 6	" B.&F.B. Scty.	3 3 0
Community Day Collections	128 9 10	Affiliation Fees - National Council of Women	4 4 0
Bank Interest to Dec.1964	15 5	Affiliation Fees - Children's Films & T.V.	2 2 0
		Australian Council of Churches Don. - exps. Asian Confs.	2 0 0
		" Conference Exps.	2 5 0
		" Duplicating	12 5 2
		" Freedom from Hunger	123 10 10
		Balance carried forward	<u>25 6 0</u>
	<u>£209 2 6</u>		<u>£209 2 6</u>

PROJECT FUND A/c. £10.

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

HOSTEL REPORT 1964 - 1965

I have much pleasure in presenting the 12th annual report of Wybalena Hostel.

Six bi-monthly meetings have been held with an average attendance of ten, and one special meeting attended by ten members was held on 15th January when Mrs. Pittman was asked to accept the position of Matron.

During the year 22 girls were on the Hostel books but we finished the year with 16. At present there are 19 girls in residence.

In December Miss Doughty intimated she would not be returning to the Hostel after her vacation for health reasons. We should like to record our appreciation of Miss Doughty's work at Wybalena for the past 10 years. Our best wishes go with her in any future occupation she may take up.

On 21st January, 1965, Mrs. Pittman became Matron and has proved herself very capable and understanding.

We record our appreciation of Mrs. Newman who acted as Matron from 24th December 1964 to 21st January, 1965 which enabled us to keep the Hostel open during the Christmas vacation.

We are very happy to have had Miss Farr as cook for over 12 months.

Mrs. Knight still continues her good work as Registrar. Thank you Mrs. Knight.

FINANCE

Our reserve fund stands at £1055.2.11 and the Hostel fund shows a balance of £210.18.0. Once more we are indebted to the Gillespie Trust for a donation of £150. and express our sincere thanks.

IMPROVEMENTS

We have had trees lopped and grounds cleared. Kitchen, Laundry and Shower recesses painted, new curtains in Lounge room and Hall, chairs re-covered and repaired, new furniture for two bedrooms, new automatic toaster, cutlery, towel rails for all girls, numbers on bedroom doors, a new Westinghouse washing machine and a druggett for lounge donated by the Secretary.

STORY OF WYBALENA

In July 200 copies of "Story of Wybalena" together with an appeal letter were sent to women's groups in the affiliated Churches. This realised £76.8.6 for our funds. This story was very painstakingly written by Mrs. M. Millar and our thanks go to her for this splendid little book. 1200 Christmas cards with recipes were sold bringing in £18.18.3.

On 9th September we held a Cooking Demonstration and Jewellery Parade by courtesy of S.C.C. and Messrs. Angus & Coote. This was a pleasant and successful function realising £25.3.0.

We have plans for remodelling the upstairs bathroom and many other improvements as funds permit.

Several extremely busy days were spent by Committee members in January heat repairing, listing and spring cleaning the Hostel in readiness for the new Matron. In this we were very ably advised and assisted by Mrs. Newman.

We look forward to another year of continued loyalty and support of a hard working Committee and Staff in maintaining "Wybalena" true to its name which means Happy Fireside.

D. Gundelach
Hon. Secretary.

M. Millar
Chairwoman.

ADDENDUM.

It gives me great pleasure to commend our President, Mrs. M. Millar and our Secretary, Mrs. Gundelach for their work and gracious demeanour during the past year.

E. Knight.

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WYBALENA HOSTEL COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1965

<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Payments</u>		
Boarders Fees	3,762	12 6	Housekeeping	1,605	18 0
Bank Interest	12	11 6	Salaries & Wages	1,423	14 4
Cash in Bank 1/5/64	696	17 11	Renovations & Repairs & Replacements	414	2 5
Cash in Hand 1/5/64	40	0 0	Gas & Electricity	269	13 5
		736 17 11	Rates & Insurance	185	17 5
			Telephone	51	19 2
			Committee Expenses	48	9 11
			Total Payments	3,999	14 8
			Transfer Wybalena Reserve Account	340	16 9
			Cash in Bank 30/4/64	131	10 6
			Cash in Hand 30/4/64	40	0 0
				£4,512	1 11
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Sgd.: J. Hall, Hon. Treasurer.

Sgd.: P.M. McDougall, A.C.I.S., A.A.S.A.,
Hon. Auditor. 8/5/65