

# Major Lynette Middleton

Born 23 May 1944 Merewether NSW

Education Leaving Certificate  
Teacher's Certificate  
Salvation Army Officers Training College

Family Married to Ken  
Two daughters, Yvette and Karen



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After her commissioning as a Salvation Army Officer Lynette served on the Training College staff as a Training Officer, then as teacher in charge of the school within a Vocational Training [Detention] Centre for Girls.

Following her marriage in January 1972, Lynette served with Ken in a number of corps in Qld and NSW before being appointed to The Salvation Army's work in Pakistan where they served for four years. Subsequent overseas appointments included four years in Seoul, South Korea and three years at International Headquarters in London, plus short periods relieving in Chisinau, Moldova and in Taiwan.

Lynette also held a number of appointments at Territorial Headquarters in Sydney. These included Employee Training Co-ordinator, Community Services Consultant and Chairman of the Moral and Social Issues Council.

Her first involvement with Australian Church Women was with the Southport, Qld branch between 1973 and 1975. She was a member of ACT Unit 1979-1981.

Lyn served as President ACW NSW State Unit 2004-2006 after being President Elect in 2003, later Immediate Past President, then Asian Church Women's Conference Convener.

Lyn served as The Salvation Army's representative on National Council of Women NSW and ACT, and the NSW Council of Churches.

## **Major Lynette Middleton – President**

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Two years of study at Armidale Teachers' College followed High School and then came four years of teaching at Blacktown in Sydney's western suburbs before Lyn responded to the call of God to full time service as an officer in The Salvation Army.

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While partnering Ken in corps work Lyn not only led worship and took her turn at preaching but she was also responsible for all the women's ministries associated with each corps.

While in Pakistan, Lyn ran a Transit Hostel for itinerants and backpackers, served as cashier in the Finance Department and was correspondent for the Indian sub-continent War Cry.

In Korea, Lyn was the Child Sponsorship Secretary, processing the overseas sponsorship of the children in the Salvation Army's children's homes throughout the country.

At International Headquarters in London, Lyn was the Missionary Literature and Translation Secretary, providing literature for developing countries *in a language they could understand at a price they could afford*.

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Lyn has been on the Executive of NSW State Unit Inc since 2003 when she was President elect, then State President 2004-2006, immediate Past President 2006-2007,

Asian Church Women's Conference Convener 2008-2012 and is currently Special Days Convener.

Lyn and Ken have two married daughters and a pigeon pair of grandchildren.

# Jennifer Peffer

Born 4 November 1937 Haberfield

Education Croydon Public, Burwood Girls' High School  
Metropolitan Business College – Secretarial  
Petersham Technical College – Accounting  
NSW Baptist Theological College – Deaconess  
Craft and IT courses – ongoing

Family Married to Roger Peffer OAM  
Two children, both living overseas  
Roslyn married to Rev Andrew Hall (UK),  
Granddaughters Lucy, Anna & Sophie  
Stuart married to Louise (Munich, Germany)  
Grandson William



Jennifer attended Anglican and Congregational Churches before becoming a Baptist in 1959 following the Billy Graham Crusade and marrying a Baptist layman.

She is currently in membership at Eastwood Baptist Church where she is the convener for flowers, prayer chain, and treasurer of both Ladies' Fellowship and Leisuretime, and does some IT work as well. Jennifer and Roger are the joint co-ordinators of the church's Leisuretime group. Roger is the Church Secretary and one of the Organists, and Jennifer assists him with some of his clerical work and church publications.

Both have been heavily involved over a period of years in Baptist Community Services NSW & ACT.

Jennifer Peffer became President of ACW NSW in 2008, having been a Baptist representative on ACW Council since 2003.

Jennifer believes her early exposure to Christian work and witness in other denominations has given her a broader vision of working together in Australian Church Women.

### **Mrs Jennifer Peffer - Treasurer**

Jennifer has been attending ACW NSW Inc. as a Baptist Council Member for over 10 years and has served as State President and currently is the Editor of the quarterly magazine, Newsette and Secretary/Treasurer of the local ACW Epping Branch.

Jennifer feels very comfortable with the ecumenical ethos of ACW – her early years were spent in the Anglican Church with her family – then some years involved in the Congregational Church and Youth Department, finally settling into the Baptist denomination after living in New Zealand for a time.

Following on from High School she undertook secretarial training and accounting – skills which she has used continuously since in secular and church organisations. Immediately prior to studying at the NSW Baptist Theological College where she graduated as a Deaconess, she was responsible for the finances of the Billy Graham “Hour of Decision” Sydney office. Further experience was gained in Church situations and the Baptist Union Youth & Christian Education Department before she married Roger Peffer, a Baptist layman, very involved with denominational work.

Both have been active together in the local Church and wider community based agencies – Roger in an Administrative capacity and Jennifer usually with financial/secretarial responsibilities. She also worked for the State Education Department for 20 years as Senior Admin. Assistant In Primary Schools and then as a part time Library Assistant as she worked towards retirement.

In retirement their efforts are concentrated in their local Church. Jennifer currently is responsible for the Prayer Chain, is Secretary/Treasurer of the Ladies’ Fellowship and manages property bookings, Prayer Chain and rosters.

Roger & Jennifer have two adult children, both married and actively involved in church life.....Roslyn married to a Baptist Pastor and they have 3 girls....and Stuart involved in the Anglican church with his wife, Louise, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Jennifer’s interests include all handcrafts, sewing, knitting etc., reading and seeking to keep updated with computer skills.