



NSW State Unit

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday,  
21st August, 2000 at 10.30 a.m.

President Jan Harrison welcomed members and for Devotions read from Hebrews 12:1-3 - "Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us" - she likened our Christian life to the discipline of the Olympic athletes and swimmers - we must keep in our "lanes". Ephesians 2:10 - God in our union with Christ Jesus has created us for a life of good works, which he has prepared for us to do". She opened the meeting with prayer that God would guide and direct our decisions as we seek to serve Him.

IN REMEMBRANCE: Heather Badgery spoke of our late Anglican Council member, Vi Minty who had died recently. Vi had been President of the City Branch and a Council member for some years. Heather had visited her (as it happened) on the day she died and was able to bring our love and greetings. Heather, Edith and Barry Ridge attended the Thanksgiving Service for Vi's life at the Lottie Stewart Chapel. Vi had been very involved at the Lottie Stewart Hospital for 15 or more years and was greatly loved. She also helped at the Chesalon Nursing Home at Harris Park in many practical ways, a caring Christian lady. Our sympathy was extended to Vi's family.

PRESENT: 35

APOLOGIES: Joan Tong, (Country service), Irene Carder, Elizabeth Walker, Edith Ridge, Bev Elliott, Judith Cayzer, Elaine Wilson, Olive Edmondson, Glad West, Marie McCann and others as recorded .

President Jan then interviewed Marie Majoor who had had an unexpected visit to Balgo in the East Kimberley where Pat Walker of the Pauline Society had been working since 1997. The aboriginal folk living at the Mission were one of the last groups to live in the desert - they spoke their own language . Marie said it was a privilege to meet such lovely gentle people.

President Jan then introduced Lisa Jackson who had spoken to us previously on her involvement with the World Council of Churches meeting in Geneva. *JRA*  
Lisa had travelled with many Church ~~ministers~~ and lay people to Uluru in the Pilgrimage to the Heart, and she gave us a wonderful description of the Journey and the folk they had encountered along the way. The Pilgrimage had commenced in Canberra where the Governor-General, Sir William Deane had farewelled them - they were each given a scarf in colours of the desert and other parts of Australia they would travel, and a "privilege pack" of a shell, water, biscuits, etc. They travelled by bus to Narrandera, Cobar, Griffith, Wilcannia, Broken Hill, Port Augusta, Woomera (where they met some refugees who had left the Detention Camp), Coober Pedy, and to Yulara and eventually Uluru. At each town they visited, they were greeted and welcomed by the Church people a very emotional and wonderful experience. The spirit of Reconciliation was very apparent. The Service at Uluru was so spiritual and meaningful. The Pilgrimage had been filmed by Compass. Helen Hill thanked Lisa very much for giving us such a wonderful insight into the Pilgrimage and gave her a small gift in appreciation.

The Minutes of Council Meeting of 19th June, 2000 were read and confirmed on the motion of Rhoda Gates and Joyce Liddell. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY - 17th July - Rhoda Gates and Helen Stutchbury both said they had found the day very helpful in their respective circumstances. The Salvation Army lady from Kyogle had said she felt it was a very positive day with lots of food for thought. 65+ present.
2. FELLOWSHIP DAY - Olive Beverley said her Branch enjoyed the theme of the meeting and were happy to have President Jan as their speaker. Reports received were very complimentary regarding the Service.
3. CALENDARS: ready for distribution to each denomination. \$7.50 each. Money to be collected and given "in bulk" to the Treasurer.
4. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 16th October - (no September meeting because of Olympic Games). There will be a Trading Table.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Fellowship Day Offertories very satisfactory.

There is a further amount to be sent to Padma who was most grateful for our assistance. *JRH*

The profit from the sale of calendars goes to our pledge to send \$5000 to ACWC - *per year for 10 years*  
Marie moved that her report be received and cheques ratified for payment.  
Seconded Jean Porteous. Carried. (Report appended.)

ACWC: Joan Tong had prepared two notices - "A pleasant Sunday afternoon" 5 November, 2000 - 3.00 p.m. The Salvation Army Sydney Korean Corps, 286 Burwood Road, Belmore. Afternoon tea.  
Council members to distribute to Churches in the vicinity of Belmore and encourage members to attend.

SPECIAL DAYS: Packing Day for World Community Day Services will be Monday 28th August 2000 at 1.30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells read from the Circle of Prayer, "A Voice from Egypt" and prayed as our "least" coins were collected.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery had written *Margery* Margery Verco and received reply that she is much better and sends greetings to all. *JRH*  
She had written Janet Lang, Norma Harrop, Lily Hanlon (had reply, she is getting better,) Robin Phillis (had reply, very positive as she endures further treatment) Glad Camlin, Maureen Bowen and Edith Ridge and Doris Haberfield.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Edith Ridge had been in contact with Yvonne Sullivan ACT Unit who informed her that the WKS Scholar, Sue Nitrai is doing very well with her studies at St. Mark's National Theology Centre.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid had attended Platform for Action meeting with Heather Badgery - a booklet has been sent to us covering various areas - Heather Badgery interested in Health aspect of Aged and Heather in Transport problems. *JRH*

Further copies are available from: Platform for Action Steering Committee  
PO Box A840  
Sydney South 1235

Platform for Action 2000 to 2002  
Issues of Concern for people of NSW.  
Their office is 282 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Heather tabled "Enquiry into Crimes Amendment Child Protection - Excessive Punishment Bill - 2000.

Coalition 99 - Poster prepared by Joan Tong and Peg Blake had been well received.  
Women's News.

SOCIAL ISSUES (CONT.)

Heather had written to Mr. Carr re gaming machines in shopping centres and had received a reply from Acting Premier, Andrew Refshauge. We had also received a reply to our letter to Mr. Lowy, Westfield from Westfield Shopping Centre Management Company from John C. Shroder, Director. Our letter was written after an application was made to Burwood Council to set up gaming machines in the new centre.

They were most sympathetic to our concerns and were aware of the legislation which precludes the introduction of poker machines/gaming into enclosed shopping centres, but not on a retrospective basis.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

PWA Annual Conference 3rd July - President Jan attended.

Anglican Board of Mission Australia Special Service of Holy Communion, 26th July  
President Jan attended

Baptist Women's Session of Annual Assembly, 31st July - Helen Richardson attended.

NCW Foundation Day Luncheon 11th August - President Jan attended.

Sydney Day Mission Support Group Annual Thank Offering Service, 14th August -  
Ruth Moore and Margaret Jessup attended.

Bush Church Aid Society's Women's Auxiliary Thanksgiving Rally & Luncheon,  
16th August - President Jan attended.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

Jan had spoken at the Fellowship Day Services at Seven Hills/Toongabbie and Sutherland Branches and at the West Oatley Uniting Church Women's Fellowship.

CORRESPONDENCE (Inward)

1. National Executive Circular 2000/5 and 2000/6
2. Minutes of National Executive - 20th June and 18th July
3. Bruce King - thanks for congratulatory letter re OAM
4. Marie McCann - thanks for wishes and prayers, Catholic Weekly article for files
5. PPSEAWA Notice of Annual General Meeting, 23rd August 2000
6. Val Bowen, Chatswood/Willoughby Branch - report of Fellowship Day
7. Bible Society - Project 2000 - Ukraine
8. NCW Quarterly Bulletin, June 2000
9. Doris Haberfield - resignation with regret - unable to attend meetings
10. ACW ACT Unit Newsletter, July/August/September
11. Women's Calendar August-September 2000
12. Partners, July 2000
13. PWA Representatives -
14. NCW Annual Meeting and Nomination Form
15. Letter of resignation - Glenys Holley

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. National Secretary - Council Minutes 17th April
2. Marj. Dredge - letter of thanks
3. Lorraine Hensby - letter of thanks
4. World Conference of Churches of Christ Women's Fellowship
5. National Gathering of Churches of Christ Women's Fellowship
6. Robyn Henry - Booking Dates for rooms for 2001
7. Glenys Holley - report of Spiritual Enrichment Day
8. Philip Minty - sympathy letter
9. Judith Ryan - World Day of Prayer

GENERAL AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

President Jan thanked Glenys Holley very much for her most efficient contribution to Australian Church Women as Secretary and said how very much we would miss her. She wished Glenys and her husband Brian health and happiness in their new appointments in North and Western Queensland and that God would bless their ministry abundantly.

Mrs. Isabel Hewitt has offered to take the position of Secretary and it was moved Peg Blake seconded Valmai Renn that Mrs. Hewitt be appointed Carried.

Because of Marie McCann's resignation from the World Day of Prayer Committee, and the Ecumenical Council as Observer, it is necessary to find replacements. Brenda Dickinson offered to attend the Ecumenical Council and was subsequently appointed as Observer. Next meeting 4th November. Members were asked to consider joining the World Day of Prayer Committee.

Glenys Holley had attended the Salvation Army Conference in Atlanta, USA. The theme 'Carrying the flame into the future'. 18,000 in attendance from all over the world - Wonderful speakers, Charles Coulson who commenced the Prison Fellowship, Bill Hybels, Joni Erikson, and Rev. Bernice King (Martin Luther King's daughter) Prayer watch - choir, bands. Glenys said the whole experience was wonderful, spiritually uplifting and encouraging.

It was Deaconess Thora Thomas' 85th Birthday and her manuscript of her life story "Betwixt & Between" had been launched and dedicated on Sunday 20th. Greetings were given to Thora who had recently been very ill.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 16th October, 2000

Morning Tea: Presbyterian  
Chairs: Anglican

President Jan thanked the Anglican ladies for morning tea and the Churches of Christ ladies for preparing the room. Jan then prayed for Glenys and her husband, Brian in their move, for Edith and her family, Bev and her family, Noeline and Robin, and gave thanks for Deaconess Thora's return to health and committed us all to the Lord's service. The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

Confirmed

J. R. Hannon

Date

16th October 2000

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW UNIT

Actual Balances as at 30.09.00

	30.09.00	31.08.00
Administration-	691.03	1064.20
Interest	200.46	200.46
Stock	34.37	191.67
Newspapers	1465.65	1460.65
O/Seas travel	419.08	419.08
Functions Days	165.25	165.25
State Conference	780.91	780.91
F.L.C.	1639.10	1689.30
WKS	223.04	223.04
Fellowship Day	4452.75	3857.45
World Community Day	165.27	194.45
A.C.W.C. Partners	20.00	20.00
A.C.W.C. Bulletins	44.00	44.00
A.C.W.C. Endowment fund	42.00	42.00
Love Offering - Padma	40.00	40.00
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	<u>\$10052.37</u>	<u>\$10839.01</u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
for two months ended 30.09.00

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	1.08.00		
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			9088.89
Associate Members		20.00	
Affiliation fees		15.00	
Donations		0.00	
Stock		0.00	
Newsette		50.00	
Overseas travel fund		7.40	
FLC		104.80	
Winifred Kiek S'ship		0.00	
Fellowship Day Service		3534.00	
Spiritual Enrichment Day		0.00	
ACWC - Partners		0.00	
▪ - Bulletins		0.00	
▪ - Endowment Fund		0.00	
▪ - Glebe Board		0.00	
▪ - CBA		0.00	
Love Offering for Padma		40.00	3771.20
			<u>12860.09</u>
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Printing/Stationery		125.00	
Postage/Phone		112.00	
Stock		1658.80	
Newsette		159.15	
Special Functions - Expenses		91.15	
Fellowship Least Coin		50.20	
World Community Day - Printing & Postage		359.72	
PPSEAWA - Annual subscription		30.00	
NSW Ecumenical Council - Donation		15.00	
ACW Nat.Exec.-Further reimbursement airfare for Nat.Presid.		200.00	
Government Charges		6.70	2807.72
			<u>10052.37</u>
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
The Salvation Army - Printing		92.00	
Denys Holley - Secretarial Expenses - Postage/Phone		22.00	
UCA NSW Synod -Printing WCD Services		235.00	
Printing further services for WCD		30.00	
Jan Harrison - President's expenses - Donation NSW Ecum.Ccl	15.00		
Postage	45.00		
Photocopying	15.00	75.00	
Shirley Wells - Paper for FLC inserts in WCD services		50.20	
ACW Nat.Exec.-Further reimbursement for airfare for Pres.		200.00	
Board of Finance & Property - Postage WCD Services		94.72	
ACW Nat.Exec. - Circle of Prayer	137.50		
History book	19.80	157.30	
Marie Majoor - FLC - Stamps	45.00		
Envelopes	3.65		
Receipt book	1.95	50.60	
Jan Harrison - Printing & Stationery		21.00	
Niroosha Ebenezer - Love Offering		40.00	
Heather Badgery - Phone calls/postage	15.50		
Stationery	29.55	45.05	
<i>Maria Megaw - Computer Paper</i>		<i>24.55</i>	
<i>Acw Nat. Exec - Bussey Book - D Woodham</i>		<i>25.00</i>	