

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING 9-10-2006

PRESENT: E. Johnson, E. Reidy, A. Murray, B. Lacy, I. Bray, U. Birtchnell, M. Welford, L. Adam, J. Maher, J. Morley.

APOLOGIES: B. Skilbeck, D. Bryan.

WELCOME: E. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DEVOTIONS: M. Welford led devotions based on Psalm 46 and opened the meeting with prayer, giving thanks for the life and witness of Margaret Watson.

MINUTES of 11-9-2006 were confirmed on the motion of U. Birtchnell, sec. L. Adam, and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: 1. **Ratification of Appointment of Iris Bray as Treasurer.** The appointment has been ratified by all State/Territory Units except Northern Territory. All Units were concerned and supportive of Iris as she takes up this role. Elaine Johnson welcomed Iris as Treasurer and dedicated Iris using the words of the Commitment Service from the 2005 National Conference.

2. **ACWC Assembly.** E. Reidy led the meeting in prayer for the Assembly, beginning today.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN 1. Ratification of Appointment of Iris Bray as Treasurer from WA, SA, TAS, QLD, VIC, ACT State units. Also letters of support on the death of Margaret Watson.

2. ACW QLD Unit – minutes 24/7/06. History of Unit to be compiled for ACW web site by Secretary.

3. ACW QLD Unit – minutes 28/8/06. Qld Rail Travel pass renewed and held by secretary.

4. ACW QLD Unit – AGM minutes and Annual report 28/8/06. Country branches in Mackay, Bundaberg and Rockhampton.

5. ACW WA Unit – minutes 18/8/06. Concern for right of Disabled due to disbandment of National Disability and Carers Council.

6. ACW SA Unit – minutes 8/9/06. Ratification of Aileen Eldridge's appointment as SA co-ordinator of National Web site.

7. Working Together – Aust. Evangelical Alliance Inc. Issue 3, 2006. To E. Johnson.

8. B. Skilbeck – copy of letter to State Special Days Conveners.

9. UCAF Synod of Victoria/Tasmania – invitation to AGM on 31/10/06. E. Johnson and B. Lacy will go.

10. Hope Street Urban Compassion – Annual Report 2005/2006.

11. ACWC Newsletter, July-September 2006.

12. ACW WA Unit – minutes 15/9/06. Celebrating 40 years. B. Lacy to send congratulations.

13. ACW TAS Unit – request for latest listing of National Executive.

OUT 1. Emails to all State Units seeking ratification of appointment of Iris Bray as National Treasurer.

2. Emails to all States advising passing of Margaret Watson 29/9/06.

ACWC 1. Agenda for ACWC Executive Committee.

2. Annam – report of situation with Korea and The Philippines.

3. Yasuko – prayer request for her mother undergoing cancer surgery.

4. Pat Walker – reminder to State Units to reorder ACWC Newsletter

5. Pat Walker – information that Mongolia will be asking for membership at the General Assembly.

6. ACWC Financial Report (Income)

REPORTS: 1. **President.** Elaine Johnson reported that she visited Margaret Watson at Cabrini 14th, 20th, 26th and 28th September. On 20th L. Adam went with Elaine to take a flower arrangement and letter of thanks and appreciation. Photos of the occasion were taken and Executive members were given updates on Margaret's condition. Elaine spoke on behalf of the wider church at the Funeral on 4 October. She phoned Margaret's husband several times and visited him after Margaret passed away. Elaine delivered financial records to Iris Bray and received emails from Lyn Green, Nancy McLaren, Fran Moss and a card from Peg Sanders following Margaret's passing.

Elaine sent emails to Pat Walker regarding receipts and working papers for the Assembly and received an email from Donna Bryan with ACWC Assembly information. A personal message was sent to Pat, Donna, Kaylea, Laurel and Lee for the group, assuring them of our prayers.

Elaine received a copy of the SA Celebration service from U. Birtchnell and collected the Newsletter from D. Bryan for proof-reading.

2. Vice President. Eunice Reidy reported that ACW QLD Unit has submitted the names of Mrs Lena Meadows and Major Miriam Pratt to be included in the book "Honouring Australian Church Women", and all the necessary information on the work and life of these women, along with a donation of \$80.

3. Treasurer. Iris Bray presented the Financial Statement to 30 September, 2006. The Tax Office will be notified of the change of treasurer. A donation of \$50 will be sent to Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute in memory of Margaret Watson.

4. Winifred Keik Scholarship Convener. Una Birtchnell received the following:

* \$42 for cards sold.

* Form commemorating SA women who have contributed to ACW.

Una spoke to Judith Cayzer about the visit of Vivian Cheung and to M. Dennis about the \$30 cheque.

Una gave a report on her trip to Adelaide to attend the ACW Celebration Lunch.

5. Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener. Lola Adam reported that she had sent a parcel to M. Florence with 200 brochures, 300 bookmarks, 50 money boxes and 200 prayer cards. A parcel was delivered to Lin Morison. A Letter and invoice was sent to J. Lang, NSW. A letter was sent to M. Clarke suggesting the YWCA/Solomon Islands project could be submitted by SA Unit as a grant request. Letter sent to Esther Byu asking for triplicate ICFLC forms and 500 cards, brochures, bookmarks and money boxes. 150 brochures and 10 "Circle of Prayer" booklets were sent to L. Edwards, WA. J. Miller notified that 150 prayer cards would be sent as soon as they arrived from Esther.

6. Australian Women's Coalition. Anne Murray thanked all ACW members and their family/friends who completed the Life/Family/Work surveys. A report of the results will be received in due course.

To get a copy of the Round Table events for all states go to [www_invitation Roundtable_Aug06.pdf\(47KB\)](http://www_invitation Roundtable_Aug06.pdf(47KB))

The AWC September Newsletter contains reports on International Council of women 31st General Assembly, Kiev, National Council of Jewish Women discussions relating to books and films from various cultures, White Ribbon Day on 25 November. Website – www.awcaus.org.au

Request for input to the 2007 UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) regarding the Status of the "girl child" and the engagement of men and boys in realizing gender equality.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. **Timetable.** Treasurer, Reminder to units to forward all monies. Orders and money for ACWC Bulletins.

FLC grant applications to National Executive by the end of April.

2. Honouring Australian Church Women. A submission will be prepared for Margaret Watson.

3. Meeting Dates for 2007. 12 February, 19 March, 16 April, 14 May, 4 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September.

4. National Conference 2007. Time was spent planning for Conference.

CLOSING PRAYER: E. Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 November at 10am at VCC rooms.

Devotions – U. Birtchnell Morning tea – J. Morley

President.....

Date.....

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM 5:10:06 TO 8:11:06

RECEIPTS

Balance 5 th October	24,001.16	
ACW NSW	12:00	Circle of Prayer
ACW Queensland	80.00	WKS
ACW Tasmania	30.00	Winifred Book
ACW SA	100.00	" "
GST	20.00	

\$24,243.16

EXPENSES

P. MacCallum Cancer Don.	50.00
P Walker Petty Cash	36.55
J Morly Petty Cash	200.00
L Adam Petty Cash	100.00
In Bank as at 8..11.06	23,856.61

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Iris Bray
Hon. Treasurer