



# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

## NSW STATE UNIT INC.

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 held at 222 Pitt St Sydney

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**WELCOMES:** President Isabel Hewitt welcomed all to the meeting following the AGM

**PRESENT:** 37      **APOLOGIES:** 13 [as for AGM]

**CONFIRMATION of the MINUTES:** The minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed on the motion of Jan Jeffrey and seconded by Carmel Keys. Passed.

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

**National Executive from NSW 2013-2015:** Isabel stated that a meeting was to be held later that day to discuss the proposed themes for the 2 years, the National Conference 2015 and the costing for Incoming National Executive to travel and attend the National Conference in WA October 2013.

**Considerations for National Conference in WA:** Forms for registration have arrived. Isabel read names of those from NSW included in Honouring Australian Church Women and asked for consideration of names to be proposed. There would need to be a list of Honours received and notification of deaths in the NSW Unit.

**Dedication Day at Hamilton Uniting Church:** Isabel outlined instructions for the day.

**Jean Arnot Luncheon Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Peg Blake has accepted the invitation to attend. Her daughter will accompany her with President Isabel. Others from New South Wales State Unit Inc are: Brenda Dickinson, Mina Whybourne, Helen Hill, Heather Reid & Pat Sutton. Payment to be made by 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Helen Richardson thanked all for the vote of confidence in her continuing as treasurer for New South Wales State Unit Inc, and indicated that she will not be accepting nomination for the position in 2014. Balance as at 31.03.13 was \$9571.95 Presented statements to the end of March, and moved that the report be accepted and this was seconded by Beatrice Kay. Passed.

**Fellowship of the Least Coin [F.L.C]** Lillian Hodges informed the meeting that the total amount of grants [June 2012-June 2103] distributed from the international body was \$444,945. Highlights from projects around the world were read, which included a *Women Literacy Program in Togo*, and *Project Empowering Women through Leadership Training in Kenya*, and *Project Needle in Poland*. Lillian read a short devotional from Titilia from Fiji, where we were challenged to overcome evil by doing good for the betterment of all. The prayer asked God to make us instruments of change.

**Special Days:** Lyn Middleton spoke about the Service for Fellowship Day 2013 and demonstrated a creative way of presenting the service. The service is in the hands of the printers and orders will be available at the Dedication Day in May.

**Winifred Kiek Scholars [W.K.S]** In the absence of Judith Cayzer, her report was read by Pamela. The report for W.K.S is in the Annual Report, and the next edition of *Newsette*. Judith had Easter greeting from Leinamau from Vanuatu, and a card from Nighat Gulzar living in Philadelphia USA. Nighat requests prayer for her employment situation. Pray for the 2014 scholars, Lou, Berebere, Christina and Veranaisi.

**Social Issues:** Rae Goth tabled her report regarding littering, vaccination of children and economic refugees. Addresses for contacting the authorities regarding these matters were included. Rae would like information about any replies received.

**Pastoral Care:** Helen Hill asked continuing prayer for the following people. Shirley Wells [increasing restrictions]; Olive and John Edmonstone [supporting the grieving family] Edith Ridge and husband – Barry; Jennifer Pepper recovering from knee replacement; Dorothy Kenning recovering from breast surgery; Heather Badgery completion of ray treatment; Rae Goth [husband John having chemotherapy].

**Newsette:** Jennifer Pepper sent in report to say that the May edition for *Newsette* should go to the printer this week. Her apologies for any delay which has occurred. Since her recent surgery, Jennifer can only do short times at the computer. All convenors are reminded that a piece needs to be submitted for each report to keep the readers informed. All other contributions to comply with the guidelines as stated last meeting. Material for the next issue to be to Jennifer by **6<sup>th</sup> July**, hard copy or email. A report from the Dedication Day to be prepared with photos if possible. In 2014 another person will need to do *Newsette*.

**Publicity:** No report

The reports were received on the motion of Jan Harrison and Helen Hill.



**CORRESPONDENCE: [Inwards]**

March 2013 Minutes from National Executive

Acknowledgment from Margaret Ker [National Secretary] of receipt of NSW Unit ratification for Special Days project – 2013

Guidelines for subsidies for travel/ accommodation for National Conference [WA] for Incoming National Executive [NSW] from Margaret Ker

From Margaret Ker regarding Winifred Kiek Scholars for 2013.

Newsletter from Sth Australia Unit

Reports for inclusion in Annual Report NSW

From Commissioner Jan Condon re: hiring of venue for Spiritual Enrichment Day – September 16<sup>th</sup> 2013

From Lutheran Women

Response from Peg Blake re: nomination to attend Jean Arnot Luncheon Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013

From Ana Scarf – National Council of Women

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship *Connexion* quarterly Magazine April 2013 edition

**CORRESPONDENCE ( Outwards):**

To Margaret Ker [National Executive] stating NSW Unit Ratification of Special Days Project 2013

To Margaret Ker [National Executive] re: NSW Unit responses to National Constitution Review

Invitations sent to denominational representatives & interest groups for Dedication Day May 2013

Peg Blake re: nomination to attend Jean Arnot Luncheon Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013; National Council of Women – Ana Scarf

Lutheran Women

To Ash Sellars re: booking of Function Centre at The Salvation Army 140 Elizabeth Street Sydney for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

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Pamela moved that the correspondence be accepted – seconded by Jan Jeffrey Passed.

**HONOURING AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN:** Isabel gave snippets from the lives of Shirley Brooks, Margaret Florence, Aileen Mortensen, Ailsa Skippen and Mina Whybourne.

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Bible Society:** Rhyllis spoke of the visit of the Chairman of the Zimbabwean Bible Society. He told of some of the trials & tribulations that the people face. On the other hand there are 55% of the population now committed Christians and 80-85% name Christianity as their religion. Many African countries are named as Christian. There is a great move towards literacy for all. Nigeria has the fastest church growth in the world. Missionaries are being sent to other parts of the world from the countries that first heard of Christ from missionaries in the past. There are many points for prayers of thanksgiving.

**Ecumenical Council [NSW]** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May there is a service at St James at 6pm in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Girls' Brigade:** No report

**National Council of Women [NCW]:** Nominations for women over 90 for our Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon, to be held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> have been received and over 20 women are to be honoured this year. The Guest Speaker at the Lunch will be Rhodanthe Lipsett, OAM, a retired midwife who has just released her latest book on baby care. The Australian College of Midwives has established the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Midwives Scholarship Trust in her name.

NCW's Foundation Day Luncheon will be held on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Grand Dining Room at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel. NCW continue to encourage members and affiliated organisations to express to Members of Parliament their concern and unhappiness at the prevalence of betting/gambling on TV and the impact these advertisements have on children and families.

I attended the Sydney MU's Festival Service at St Andrew's Cathedral on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Members and Friends of NCW Morning Tea for April will be held this Wednesday in the Brasserie of the Wesley Centre.

**Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association [PPSEAWA]** Edith expressed thanks for concern shown for her and Barry. Mention was made of contact with Dorothy Woodhouse and Glad West. At the PPSEAWA meeting in February, members broke into groups to discuss 1. Natural disaster & food security 2. Our biodiversity, Our identity, Our responsibility. 3. Managing the home environment for a peaceful and balanced family existence. In March, a young woman from the Fiji Embassy introduced aspects of her country and what could be expected at the planned PPSEAWA Conference. At the AGM in March, Mary Cabrera became President. Marjorie Wood OAM has resigned as secretary due to poor health. The Autumn Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

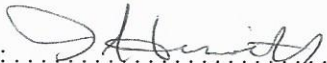
**World Day of Prayer:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/ to ATTEND:** MU Annual Festival Service 22/03/13; CWLA Centenary Mass & Luncheon 19/04/13; Sydney Day Mission Support Group – Mission Get-together 29/04/2013

**Next Meeting** is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June      Morning Tea: The Salvation Army      Chair Duties: Churches of Christ

Isabel prayed a benediction to close the meeting.

As you go from here may you find the Creative Spirit of God go with you, to inspire you and delight you, as you find words and actions to bring blessing to others all the days of your life. Amen.

Signed: ..........

Date: ...17..6..2013...

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**1 MARCH - 31 MARCH 2013**

CREDIT BALANCE AT BANK 1 March 2013 9145.69

INCOME March

Fellowship of the Least Coin	173.50	
Newsette	200.00	
Fees	60.00	
Travel Fund	131.50	
Bank Interest	<u>0.16</u>	<u>565.16</u>
		9710.85

PAYMENTS March

Catholic Womens League	90.00	
L. Middleton - Special Days	13.95	
M. Noel - Envelopes & Stamps	<u>34.95</u>	<u>138.90</u>
Cash Book Balance		9571.95

Bank Balance 31 March 2013 9571.95

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID:

Fair Trading NSW

Newsette Postage

<i>M. Mail - Printing + Postage</i>	<i>25.80</i>
<i>P. Jermans - " "</i>	<i>61.88</i>