



**ACW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
MINUTES OF Meeting  
Friday 12 September 2008 at 10.00 am**

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home.
2. **Devotions** Jean led the devotions with a quote from Hebrews 11:32-40 "the story of faith" and prayers were said for our sisters in South Korea and for all those who lost their lives and loved ones in the September 11 attacks (seven year anniversary).
3. **Present** Jean Thomson (in chair), Constance Aronsen, Angela Devlin, Jacqueline Hipwell, Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Helen Raymond, Judith-Ann Sjostedt, Evonne Sullivan (NLM).
4. **Apologies** Jan Abrahamffy, Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Eileen Holley, Fran Moss, Ruth Burmester (NLM).
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 8 August 2008, were tabled as read and accepted on **motion** of Helen R, seconded Constance Aronsen.  
  
5 a) **Business arising.** Consideration of the ACWC Order of Service 2009 will be dealt with under 'general business'.
6. **Treasurer's report** as attached.  
**Moved** Helen L, seconded Judith-Ann that report be received.  
  
6 a) **Business arising.**
  1. Accounts for payment included \$108.05 to President Jean and \$60 to Helen R. All agreed these amount be paid.
  2. Helen L advised that the accounts were last audited to 14 November 2007 and an audit would need to be done for the period 15 November 2007 until 30 June 2008. Helen R would give Helen L contact details of someone who may be able to do the audit.
7. **Correspondence IN September 2008**
  1. VIC Minutes of meeting 17 June 08
  2. ACW (VIC) NEWS June-July 08
  3. Eunice Reidy passed on invitation for National to attend national Breast Cancer Foundation & Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia Annual Research update in Melbourne on 30 September from 1.45 to 7.00pm at the Walter and Eliza Institute. Perhaps someone from VIC Unit could represent National.
  4. QLD Unit Minutes of meeting 25 July 2008.
  5. QLD Unit Address List, 2008-09
  6. ACT Unit Newsletter Sept-October 08.
  7. ACT Unit Minutes of meeting 27 June 2008.
  8. SA Unit Minutes 8 August 2008.
  9. University of Queensland and Office for Women Research Study. (Participation of women in community-based not-for-profit organisations.)

10. Nungalinga College Darwin Newsletter. Farewell to Sister Mary Louise, Acting Principal for 18 months, and introducing new principal Rev Dr Lee Levett-Olsen, former principal of Coolamon College.
11. Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission news (3 copies via SA and Vic. Change of address sent!)
12. Email from Lynne Price, Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia, asking for support for their request to Prime Minister to have 2010 to be recognised as the "Year of the Girl Guide". This has not been granted yet, even though Scouting has received recognition and lots of funding.
13. Letter from Governor-General's Office saying that an invitation to the Conference Service would be considered early in 2009.
14. ACT Unit – response to Nat Exec survey.
15. Letter from Jean Roberts with thanks for good wishes after her surgery.

#### **Correspondence OUT September 2008**

1. Minutes of Nat Exec meeting 8 August 08 emailed to all Units and Life Members. Hard copies sent where needed.
2. National Executive Surveys posted to all State and Territory Units.
3. President Jean to NSW Unit accepting invitation to attend ACW NSW Conference Day on 15 September.
4. Messages of sympathy to Betty Farrell (ACT Unit L/M) on the death of her husband Mike on 29 August.
5. AWC Surveys on "Preparation for Ageing" sent to all State Units.

#### **From Social Issues Convenor, Correspondence INWARDS**

1. Reply from Jenny Macklin to my letter to the Prime Minister re assistance to carers.
2. Reply from Senator Conroy re Internet Filtering from Dept. of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy.
3. Reply from Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts in reply to my letter re "Depiction of children in government publications".
4. Clearinghouse Newsletter No.33

**OUTWARDS:** 2nd letter to Ms V. Hart, Department of Health and Ageing re Alcopops etc.

**Moved** Constance, seconded Helen R, that inwards correspondence be received, and outwards correspondence be ratified. Agreed.

#### **8. Reports**

- 1) **FLC** Jan was still overseas so no report in her absence.
- 2) **WKS** Constance reported on receipt of progress reports from Imelda Aquino. Imelda is in the process of fulfilling the requirements to become a long term career missionary of the Phillipino World Mission. Details had been received from Judith Cayzer on the two successful candidates for WKS in 2009 - Christine Ferguson from Victoria and Inise Foiakau from NSW.
- 3) **Special Days** Fran M has received a letter of thanks from the Girls Brigade, Qld., in anticipation of donation for their special project. Also news that the Rev Carol Bennett (UCA Synod) gave a very good address at the Fellowship Day Service held in Brisbane, although numbers were down possibly due to the abysmal weather conditions.
- 4) **Social Justice** Judith-Ann read the response to her letter to the Prime Minister from Jenny Macklin, a reply from Senator Conroy regarding internet filtering and a reply from Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts in response to Judith-Ann's letter about the "depiction of children in Government publications". A new protocol is being developed and be available on 1 January 2009. A follow-up letter has been sent to Ms V Hart in the Department of Health and Ageing regarding alcopops etc.

- 5) **Newsletter** Eileen has been working hard on completing the Newsletters and it is almost ready for printing and should be in the mail before the end of September.
- 6) **ACWC** Donna not in attendance, so no report presented.
- 7) **Website** Brenda forwarded an email from Jeff Hanbury (web designer) suggesting a cost of \$95 for four 'incidents' of approximately 15 minutes each, annually, for technical support. This is in addition to the annual cost of maintaining the site, currently \$220. Approval is needed from National but further information was needed before any final decision is made in this regard.
- 8) **AWC** President Jean will attend ACW NSW Conference Day on Monday 15 September 2008 in Sydney.
9. **General Business**
  1. ACT Unit motion re "Honouring Australian Church Women" – amendment should include the words "to include members who are still living".
  2. Helen R advised that 'incorporation' was well in hand and should be complete and lodged soon.
  3. A draft of the 2009 ACWC Day Order of Worship, with the theme "Generation to Generation" was available, discussed and suggestions made. Jean would now finalise this order of worship.

**10. Next Meeting** – at 10am on Friday 10 October, at the same venue.

**Meeting closed at 12.30pm**

The members then discussed Conference planning and some ACT / Housekeeping matters.

Signed: Jean Thomson  
(Jean Thomson, President)

Date: 10.10.08

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