

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



**Minutes of Meeting held on June 20, 2005 at
Piccadilly Court, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney, at 1.15 p.m.**

Chair:	Major Nancy McLaren	President
Present:	Mrs Cela Cooper	First Vice President
	Mrs Janet Harrison	Second Vice President
	Mrs Isabel Hewitt	Secretary
	Mrs Nola Dickson	Treasurer
	Mrs Brenda Dickinson	Minutes Secretary
	Sister Marie Craddock	Publicity Convenor
	Mrs Edith Ridge	Publications Editor
	Miss Shirley Wells	Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor
	Mrs Jean Porteous	Social Issues Convenor
	Major Eileen Holley	Special Days Convenor
	Major Joan Tong	Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor
	Major Lyn Middleton	President, NSW State Unit

Devotions: Nancy read from John 17. Jesus showed God's love to all those he came into contact with. Good Christian people have been an influence in our lives and, as Christian women, we should also show God's love towards those people who are within our sphere of influence.

- 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of the Meeting held on May 9, 2005, were confirmed as a true record of proceedings with the following corrections:
Page 2, line 19 delete "ICACWA" and insert "ACWC".
Page 3, line 20 delete "Constitution" and insert "Guidelines".

2. MATTERS ARISING:

Incorporation of Australian Church Women National Executive:

Mrs. Jean Porteous and Mrs. Cela Cooper reported on extensive investigations that had taken place regarding Incorporation of National Executive. The matter is still not clear and further enquiries are being undertaken. Decision to be made at the next meeting as to whether incorporation is necessary.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward Correspondence:

ACW SA Unit – Minutes 13/5/2005

ACW TAS Unit – AGM Minutes 23/5/2005, Report, Address list

ACW ACT Unit – 4-6/2005 *Newsletter*

ACW NSW Unit – Minutes 18/4/2005, AGM Minutes 18/4/2005

ACW VIC Unit – Minutes 22/4/2005

ACW WA Unit – Minutes 20/5/2005

ACW QLD Unit – Minutes 18/4/2005

Pat Walker – Reports on *Cambodia 2005*;

Women's Seminar on Micro Finance & Gender Justice

Heather Badgery - *Honouring Australian Church Women*

Leeola Loughnan – update and thanks

Maureen Clark

Laurel Pearce

Mrs M Jeffery

ACTU – re industrial relations agenda

Crown Content – re directory entry

Working Together 1/2005, 2/2005; *Association Executive* 05-1; *Marri-lom Murrin* 2/2005

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Correspondence (continued).

Outward Correspondence:

Leeola Loughnan
Esther Byu

4. REPORTS:

President (Major Nancy McLaren)

Visited South Australia State Unit in Adelaide 25-26th May and Victoria State Unit in Melbourne 26-27th May.

Thank you so very much for the wonderful hospitality that was given me at both Adelaide and Melbourne and for the opportunity to meet with so many of you. Some of you travelled a long way to come to the meetings and on such a cold day as well, so I am truly grateful to you for allowing me this time with you. My thanks to Coralie, Elaine & Ern for opening their homes and for the fellowship we shared. I do look forward to travelling to Brisbane to be with the Unit members and guests at the Fellowship Day on 29th July. We are looking forward to meeting with all of you who are able to come to the Conference in October and plans are well under way for a great time of fellowship.

Treasurer (Nola Dickson)

1. Financial Statement as at 31 May 2005 is attached.

Treasurer's Report as at 31 May 2005 was received (moved Nola Dickson, seconded Jean Porteous).

2. **Review of Guidelines – National Treasurer:** A sub-committee consisting of the President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Special Days Convenor met on 23.5.05 and 6.6.05 at 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, to conduct this review. Work is still continuing on this matter.

3. Investing of Funds: This item formed part of the Agenda of an In-House meeting of National Executive on April 4, 2005 and is brought to this meeting of National Executive for ratification of a decision taken by the above sub-committee on 23.5.05.

Treasurer moved that \$10,000 from Conference Account be moved into an Investment Account at call through Uniting Church Property Investment Fund. Seconded by Secretary and carried unanimously.

Secretary (Mrs Isabel Hewitt)

Isabel has spent time working on "Honouring Australian Church Women" book and will be meeting with Cela Cooper to check and edit.

Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener (Shirley Wells)

Grant Application for South Australia project "Lutheran Community Sewing Group" has been forwarded to the International Secretary for consideration. The purpose of this project is to teach basic sewing skills in a secure and Christian environment to new arrivals to our country and to help them purchase their own sewing machines.

100 only copies of "Circle of prayer" Volume 17 have been received and distributed to the State Units. We are still awaiting the arrival of the bulk of our order.

Expressions of our love and prayers have been sent to ACT FLC Convenor Mrs Jan Abrahamffy on the death of her husband, Lt. Colonel Stefan Abrahamffy.

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FLC Convenor's Report (continued)..

Correspondence Out:

- 13/5/05 Letter and Grant Application to ACWC Executive Secretary
- " Letter to ICFLC Executive Secretary advising Grant Application sent.
- 10/5/05 Copies of Volume 17 "Circle of prayer" sent to all State Units.
- 17/5/05 Sympathy card to ACT FLC Convenor Mrs Jan Abrahamffy.

Correspondence In:

- 10/5/05 100 copies of Volume 17 "Circle of prayer" received.
- 9/5/05 & 26/5/05 Letters from Tasmania FLC Convenor. Return thanks received from Mrs. Jan Abrahamffy.

Publications Editor (Edith Ridge)

- The next edition of ACW News will be in August.
- The contact person for the Gender Commission is Alicia Simpfendorfer, 23 Gerald Crescent, DOONSIDE 2767, who will be happy to receive mail on behalf of the Commission.

Special Days Convenor (Major Eileen Holley)

Correspondence In:

- Report for National Conference received from:
 - Victoria
 - Queensland
 - South Australia
 - ACT

Correspondence Out:

- World Community Day Order of Service material to all Units/Darwin & Alice Springs.

Publicity Convenor (Sr Marie Craddock)

- Notifying the general Press about the National Conference. Plus radio stations. It was suggested to invite the Manly Daily to print an advertisement and publish an article on the Conference. Also to feature the Conference in The Salvation Army's publication "Women in Touch".
- Public Transport timetable, as prepared by Marie, will be sent out with the Working Papers.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor (Major Joan Tong)

WKS Information leaflet has been updated and after proof-reading will be saved on disk and sent to State Units. The suggestion is that this version can be updated by adding the latest scholar each year.

Social Issues Convener (Jean Porteous)

Wrote to the State Units to promote the needs of Young Carers.

Also asked if they would like to give their comments on the difference between Social Issues and Social Justice.

The title of the Social Justice/Issues Convenors: Sub-committee will confer and write a rationale and proposal to amend the Guidelines (page 5, item 6.2.1.b) regarding the title of Social Justice Issues Convenor.

Reports received, with thanks.

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5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Major Elaine Johnson attended the Face-to-Face Meeting in Melbourne.
2. It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Mrs. Jean Hambley, who has represented ACW on the Australian Women's Coalition. A substitute person is requested for a teleconference on 1st August with AWC.

3. ACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 9 TO 14, 2005:

1. **Publication of private names and addresses:** This matter was raised with National Executive by a State Unit. After discussion it was noted that it is all right to publish if people give their permission. Should people not wish to supply personal details, an alternative address is requested. This matter to be brought up at National Conference.

6. NEXT MEETING: July 25, 2005, Level 8 Meeting Room, 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney at 10.00 a.m.

Meeting closed at 4.00 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes Confirmed:

Date:

National President.