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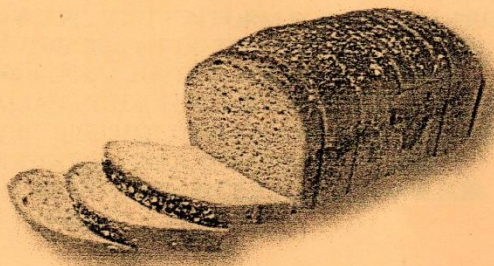


**21<sup>st</sup> National Conference**

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**Geelong Conference Centre  
Victoria**

**MINUTES**



**‘Sharing the Loaf’**

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN 21<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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## **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN 21<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

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### **"SHARING THE LOAF"**

### **CONFERENCE MINUTES**

#### **MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2007**

#### **4pm CONFERENCE SESSION 1**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

##### **WELCOME**

Major Elaine Johnson welcomed everyone in the name of Jesus. Elaine said, "For some it may be their first conference, others have come many times, we are pleased that you have come. Our theme is - Sharing the Loaf.

We pay our respects to those who have cared for the land over many centuries.

Since we met at Collaroy some have had health concerns and some have passed away.

We especially remember Margaret Watson who died on 30 September last year.

We welcome our Special Guest, Shu-Wen, who has travelled from Taiwan, our Bible Study Leader, Merryl Blair and our Special Visitors from Northern Territory, Clara Inkamala and Noreen Hudson. We welcome National Life Members, Incoming National Executive, ACWC Representative, Donna Bryan and WK Trust Representative, Maureen Clark who will arrive soon. We also welcome all State Units, Lynette Green, Salvation Army, Alyson Madsen, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and Pauline Smit, World Day of Prayer".

Elaine thanked the members of Tasmanian Unit who have been very supportive in all our preparations for the Conference. She also remembered Peg Sanders and Leeola Loughnan who were unable to come because of illness.

##### **OPENING SERVICE**

Major Elaine Johnson's address was based on the theme for 2005-2007, "Sharing the Loaf". She used the reading from the Bible, Exodus 16, where every day the Israelites gathered manna and also Ecclesiastes 11:1, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days". Elaine encouraged everyone to be generous and share themselves with others. To illustrate this Elaine told the story of a little girl who saved 57c to help to build a bigger church. Inspired by this generosity others gave large amounts of money so that the Temple Baptist Church could be built. If God can do this with 57c what will he do if we share the loaf? We have the privilege to share God's love every day.

The hymn "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was then sung and Elaine closed the service with prayer.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Major Elaine Johnson introduced the members of the National Executive.

The National Executive then sang "Make yourself at home with us!", a special arrangement for the National Conference in Geelong, 24-28 September 2007.

Elaine gave a brief History of ACW and everyone sang "21 Today" to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> National Conference.

Anne Murray explained how everyone would work together in groups to complete several jigsaws and in the process new relationships would be formed.

Eunice Reidy distributed special cup cakes made to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> National Conference. These were not to be eaten but to be kept as a memento of this special Conference.

The Theme Song, "Share the Loaf", written by Lynette Green, and accompanied by Lynette on the piano, was then sung for the first time.

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## **7.30pm CONFERENCE SESSION 2**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

### **GREETINGS AND APOLOGIES**

Mrs Deane Bray, Mothers' Union Australia

Baptist Women of the South West Pacific

Women's Ministries Churches of Christ in Australia, Mrs Marj Dredge

National Council of Churches in Australia, Gender Commission, Ms Bernice Moore

Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association

Presbyterian Women's Association

Lieut-Colonel Judith Jeffrey, The Salvation Army Southern Territory

Major Laurel Pearce, WA Unit

Major Joan Tong retired

Mrs Ruth Burmester and Mrs Evonnie Sullivan, National Life Members

GFS Melbourne

Mrs Coralie Wright in Turkey

Mrs Peg Sanders, WA Unit & Mrs Leola Loughnan, WA Unit (subsequent apology)

### **2007/1 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS & REFERENCE COMMITTEE**

That Lorraine Davis and Jan Harrison be appointed as Scrutineers and Shirley Birch, Marie Majoor and Edith Ridge be appointed as the Reference Committee.

Moved Jean Thomson, sec. Nancy McLaren. Carried.

### **2007/2 CONFIRMATION OF 2005 CONFERENCE MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Australian Church Women National Conference held at Collaroy NSW in October 2005 be confirmed.

Moved Barbara Lacy, sec. Carmel Keys. Carried.

### **2007/3 CORRECTIONS TO WORKING PAPERS**

Page 3. Add to Incoming National Executive. Minute Secretary – Mrs Angela Devlin, Special Days Convener – Mrs Fran Moss. Profiles were circulated.

Page 4. Under Victorian Unit. Add – Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam  
 Under NSW Unit. Change Mrs Valma Pethybridge to Major Valma Pethybridge  
 Under NSW Unit. Add Mrs Marie McCann, Visitor  
 Under Tas Unit. Mrs Kath Pearce is an Observer not a Visitor  
 Page 5. Under WA Unit. Rev Lee Edwards is a Delegate not a visitor  
 Under Special Interest Groups – cross out Delegate, substitute Observer  
 Under National Denominational Representatives. Add -  
 Women's Ministries Churches of Christ – Delegate, Mrs Lola Adam  
 MU Australia – Delegate, Mrs Una Birtchnell  
 Under Day Visitors. Add – Dr Norma Kochne)  
 Mrs Helen Barras) Lutheran Women of Australia  
 Miss Christine Dyer, Victorian Unit  
 Mrs Anne Kennedy, MU Melbourne  
 Under NT Unit. Change Captain Kaye Viney to Major Kaye Viney  
 Page 55. Motion 4. Correction/addition – second paragraph of rationale should read –  
 'While up to 7 members of the incoming National Executive nominees have  
 observer status if present at the National Conference (refer to 6.1.1b(v), no  
 similar provision is at present in place for non-voting members of the current  
 National Executive. These members are organizing the Conference and so are  
 all expected to attend, but at present they would only have "visitor" status.'  
 Barbara Lacy moved, sec. Lee Edwards, that the corrections be received. Carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Barbara Lacy read a letter from Margaret Flint, SA Unit. After due consideration SA Unit  
 have accepted the responsibility of undertaking the role of National Executive for  
 2009/2011.

#### 2007/4 NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT p.10

Major Elaine Johnson presented her report. Elaine appreciated the hospitality she  
 received when visiting the State Units. She was able to speak at the funeral of Margaret  
 Watson, on behalf of ACW.

Elaine Johnson moved, sec. Barbara Lacy, that the report be received. Carried.

#### 2007/5 NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT p.11

Barbara Lacy presented her report and thanked everyone for their co-operation. She also  
 added the following statement to her report. "Further to the letters to Politicians  
 expressing concern for greater care for mental health, it was announced on 20 September  
 that the Australian Government had launched a website entitled  
[www.mentalhealth.gov.au](http://www.mentalhealth.gov.au).

Barbara Lacy moved, sec. Betty Farrell, that the report be received. Carried.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE

Eunice Reidy led a Service of Remembrance for those members who have passed into  
 God's eternal presence since our last Conference. As each name was read out a flower  
 was placed in a vase by a representative from the corresponding State Unit.

Like the beautiful flowers in our gardens, these women have brought a fragrance to our lives, and the life and work of Australian Church Women. A poem, "After the Rain" by Pat Kerr, was then read. The service concluded with prayer.

#### EVENING DEVOTIONS

Victorian Unit led devotions on the theme "New Spirit, New Vision, New Hope". The Scripture reading was Isaiah 65:19-23 and Eunice Smith spoke about "The Isaiah Vision". The devotions concluded with prayers for peace.

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#### TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2007

#### **9am CONFERENCE SESSION 3**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

#### MORNING DEVOTIONS

Tasmanian Unit led devotions on the theme "The Bread of Life". They dramatized the Bible reading, John 6:1-13 and read a devotion from Smith Wigglesworth Devotional Book. The devotions concluded with a Responsive Lord's Prayer.

#### BIBLE STUDY

Lola Adam introduced Dr Merryl Blair. Merryl was born in Brisbane and worked as a nurse for 20 years. She then became a Youth Minister and Lecturer in Old Testament at the Churches of Christ Theological College. She was awarded a Doctorate in 2006 and is currently President of Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria/Tasmania.

Merryl's first Bible Study was "Sharing the Loaf of Desperation". She told the story of Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath from I Kings 17: 8-16 in a most enlightening and engrossing way. She raised a number of questions – Why is the widow being allowed to starve? Why does God send Elijah to her? Elijah brings hope to the widow, she gives her last food and finds salvation. They become a household and then her son dies. When her son recovers the woman recognizes that God has been with them.

Questions for reflection were then discussed in groups. At the end of the session responses were gathered from the groups.

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#### **11am CONFERENCE SESSION 4**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

#### **2007/6 STATE UNIT REPORTS**

ACT Unit p.34. Margaret Lawton presented this report.

NSW Unit p.35. Isabel Hewitt presented this report. It was worthwhile to sponsor a child to Camp WerX in 2007. They are still looking for details of some of the past presidents.

Alice Springs Unit p.36a. Kaye Viney presented this report. Kaye said it is good to be part of ACW.

QLD Unit p.36. Aileen Mortensen presented this report.

SA Unit p.37. Margaret Flint presented this report. Margaret said that it had been a remarkable year, celebrating 70 years of SA Unit Inc and the visit of the President.



Elaine Johnson congratulated Margaret on her OAM award and the Unit on their Community Concern Program.

TAS Unit p.38. Juanita Miller presented this report. Juanita said that it had been pleasant to work on the Internet with the National Executive.

VIC Unit p.39. Anne Murray presented this report. Anne thanked Donna Bryan, Kaylea Fearn and Rathie Selvaratnam for news from the ACWC Assembly.

WA Unit p. 40. Margaret Ker presented this report. Margaret described how she had been appointed to represent the Council of Churches WA on the Women's Advisory network of WA. Money she earns from this appointment will be donated to the State Unit. Congratulations to Margaret on this appointment. We will pray for you. Margaret Ker moved, sec. Carmel Keys, that the reports be received. Carried.

#### **2007/7 ARCHIVIST'S REPORT p.30.**

Edith Ridge presented this report. Edith explained how easy it had been to find the reports from the first National Conference for Elaine Johnson.

Constance Aronsen moved, sec. Juanita Miller, that the report be received. Carried.

#### **2007/8 NATIONAL CONVENERS' REPORTS**

Fellowship of the Least Coin p.19. Lola Adam presented this report. Lola reported that postage is very costly so some Units add postage when they pay on their invoices.

Special Days p.20. Beth Skilbeck presented this report. Beth explained that there is no need to worry if it is not possible to produce a Service in colour, black & white is OK.

Winifred Kick Scholarship p. 21. Una Birtchnell presented this report. Una tabled letters from Leinamau Manrogoana and Cathy Paraka, 2007 scholars.

Publication Editor p. 28. Donna Bryan presented this report. Donna emphasized that production and postage of the ACW News is very expensive and recommended that the Newsletter be placed on the website so that more people will see it at less cost.

Publicity Officer p. 29. Joan Maher presented this report. Joan said she enjoyed the work.

Social Justice Issues p. 29. Marian Welford presented this report.

Maureen Clark moved, sec. Jacqueline Hipwell, that the reports be received. Carried.

#### **DISCUSSION ON NATIONAL NEWSLETTER**

Elaine Johnson posed the question – How often would you like a Newsletter?

Donna Bryan stated that she had produced 2 Newsletters per year. State newsletters should be sent to the National Convener or circulated to other States or placed on the State website.

Some speakers felt that 2 Newsletters per year was enough, others wanted more.

Although most of those present had access to the Internet it was felt that the newsletter still needs to be printed for people who do not have access to the internet.

Sometimes the newsletter arrives at the wrong time and cannot be distributed for more than a month, by which time the news is "old". Old news is no good.

Circular letters need to be copied and sent to members.

If you have copies of the Newsletter left over then it is good to distribute them outside the membership.

**2007/9 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER REPORT p.51**

Pauline Smit presented this report. Pauline said that the International Meeting in Toronto was a highlight of her life. She encouraged everyone to use the special service for students in schools as we need young people. Don't worry about small numbers at services. Take money out of the offering for publicity.

Pauline Smit moved, sec. Betty Farrell, that the report be received. Carried.

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**2pm CONFERENCE SESSION 5**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

The Service commenced with a procession of Banners. Major Elaine Johnson welcomed everyone and introduced Vince Ross, Director of Narana Creations, an Aboriginal Cultural Interpretation Centre at Grovedale, not far from the Conference Centre. Vince then acknowledged the people of the land and called on all present to build a better nation together.

Elaine Johnson welcomed the special guests – Maureen Daniels, pianist, Shu-Wen Chiang, Dr Jill Tabart, Guest Speaker, Dr Merryl Blair, Debbie Howard, soloist, Rev Stuart Murray, who brought Jill Tabart from Melbourne and Frank Watson, who drove Elaine to Geelong to make arrangements for the Conference early in 2006. Rev Dr Kevin Yelverton of the Inner City Church Association in Geelong was unable to attend.

Mrs Ronnie Palmer read the Scripture Reading, John 6: 32-40 and Rev Marian Welford led the prayers of Confession and Intercession. Mrs Debbie Howard sang a beautiful Solo. Ms Shu-Wen Chiang brought a greeting from the Asian Church Women's Conference and presented a Token of Love. Elaine Johnson responded, promising to pray for Shu-Wen in all her duties.

Mrs Barbara Lacy read the Scripture Reading, Luke 7: 36-50 and Debbie Howard sang "There is strength in the name of the Lord". Mrs Eunice Reidy introduced Dr Jill Tabart, medical doctor, lay preacher and former President of the Uniting Church in Australia. In 1993, when ACW Conference was held in Tasmania, Jill was Guest Speaker at the Ecumenical Service in Launceston.

Jill began her address by telling the story of a Peace Forum held on the East Coast of Bougainville. 70-80 women were expected to come but 800 came to make a stand for peace. The women had to carry their beds, food and babies but they came because they believed that violence and revenge don't work whereas love for those in need does work. Jill was being taught that one person can make a difference.

Turning to the first Scripture Reading, Jill explained that we believe that Jesus is the Bread of Life, available to all who need it. The second Scripture reading is about Simon the Pharisee and the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with ointment and wiped them with her hair. Jesus tells Simon a story that has a sting in the tail. Simon's sins are pride in his own goodness but the love of the weeping woman shows how much she has been forgiven. We are called to share the loaf and to realize that the greatest ones among us must be servants. We must be like the women of Bougainville, real peacemakers.

Elaine thanked Jill for her challenging address and Debbie for her Solos.

The Service closed with the hymn, "Christ, be our light!"



**4pm CONFERENCE SESSION 6**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

**2007/10 NATIONAL DENOMINATIONAL & AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS REPORTS**

MU Australia p.41. Una Birtchnell presented this report.

Baptist Women's Union of the South West Pacific p.42.

Catholic Women's League Australia p.43. Mary Schulz presented this report.

Lutheran Women of Australia p.44. Norma Koehne presented this report.

NCCA Gender Commission p.45. Barbara Lacy presented this report.

Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association Australia p.46. Edith Ridge presented this report. Edith reported that Coral Fleming is now the President.

The Salvation Army Eastern Territory Women's Ministries p.47. Nancy McLaren presented this report.

The Salvation Army Southern Territory Women's Ministries p.48. Iris Bray presented this report.

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship p.49. Alyson Madsen presented this report and showed a short film called "Sharing the vision".

Women's Ministries Churches of Christ in Australia p.50. Lola Adam presented this report. Lola reported that Marj Dredge sends greetings.

Helen Raymond moved, sec. Maureen Clark, that the reports be received. Carried.

**DEPARTURE OF LYNETTE GREEN**

Elaine Johnson thanked Lynette Green for coming to share some time at Conference. Lynette replied that she is happy for the Theme Song to be used anywhere even though Copyright is mentioned on page 64.

**2007/11 MOTION 11 p. 57. POST SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR TPV HOLDERS**

**The ACW West Australian Unit moves:**

That Australian Church Women request the Commonwealth Government to investigate the provision of adequate post secondary education opportunities for holders of Temporary Protection Visas who have successfully completed secondary education in Australia.

Moved Margaret Ker, sec. Lee Edwards.

Lyn Middleton moved, sec. Margaret Flint, the following amendment -

That Australian Church Women request the Commonwealth Government to investigate the provision of adequate post secondary education for holders of Temporary Protection Visas who have successfully completed secondary education in Australia.

The amendment was carried. The amendment became the motion and was carried.

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**7.30pm CONFERENCE SESSION 7**

**Chair: Mrs Anne Murray**

**2007/12 ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE REPORT p.31**

Donna Bryan presented this report. Donna thanked Lee Edwards for organizing the wonderful tour after the ACWC Assembly and Pat Walker for making the T-shirts.

Donna also explained that she had noticed in the Handbook that funds donated to The Signature Fund are divided into 3 parts – 30% to Endowment Fund, 30% to Projects and 40% to Education and Scholarships. Because the Endowment Fund is mentioned on the form that is sent to State Treasurers each year Donna obtained a statement about the Endowment fund from ACWC. Donna read this statement and reported that National Executive had decided to remove the Endowment Fund from the Treasurers' form. Donna Bryan moved, sec. Constance Aronsen, that the report be received. Carried.

#### ADDRESS BY SHU-WEN, ACWC

Donna Bryan introduced Shu-Wen and thanked her for coming.

Shu-Wen began by giving a Brief History of ACWC. The seeds of the ACWC were sprouted in 1956 in America and the first ACWC Assembly was held in 1958 in Hong Kong. She went on to explain how ACWC has modified its visions and missions to fit our Asian sisters' real needs. ACWC has developed such projects as the following: training programs for leadership/women's economical independence/educating & empowering young women, promoting attention to gender issues and violence against women.

Shu-Wen described ways to promote ACWC and then spoke about the current concerns of ACWC e.g. awareness of gender issues and awareness of HIV/AIDS. One of the current challenges of ACWC is that it is looking for financial independence. Since most of the Asian Churches are used to relying on the support of outside churches and organizations it is not easy to change from being a receiver to a giver. However change is proceeding step by step. One example is the decision to send Rev Dominica to East Timor for 2 years. If the mission is successful then ACWC will take care of the program from 2009.

Shu-Wen concluded by saying that we, the Australian sisters and all of ACWC members, are sharing the same loaf of faith. Our aim is not only to maintain the relationship of the big ACWC family, but to enlarge the kingdom of heaven in the world.

Shu-Wen's Address was greeted with acclamation.

Following Shu-Wen's address Elaine Johnson announced that there would be a Love Offering for Rev Dominica's Mission to East Timor.

#### EVENING DEVOTIONS

NSW Unit led devotions using the Scripture Readings, Psalm 110(111), Psalm 147 and I Corinthians 11:23-25. The devotions concluded with the hymn "Ev'ry morning that breaks there are mercies anew".

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#### WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2007

#### **9am CONFERENCE SESSION 8**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

#### **MORNING DEVOTIONS**

Northern Territory Unit led devotions using Psalm 23. Clara Inkamala and Noreen Hudson sang 2 beautiful hymns in their own native language and they helped everyone to

sing "Have a little talk with Jesus" partly in English and partly in 2 Aboriginal languages.

#### BIBLE STUDY

Dr Merryl Blair's second Bible Study was "Sharing the Loaf of God's Overflowing Generosity" based on John 6. Merryl pointed out that John tells the story of the Miraculous Feeding in a different way to the other Gospels. In John the emphasis is on the being of Jesus. It fits with the story of the Woman at the Well, related in chapter 4. Meetings at wells usually end up with a marriage, in the Bible. The betrothal here is between Heaven and Earth. The Feeding is at the time of Passover. A boy brings the food not the adult disciples. The gathering up indicates that no one is lost. The Walking on Water story follows then the Bread of Life dialogue. Bread and water for eternal life, the two stories go together. Flesh and Blood is John's Eucharist. The disciples say it is too hard. There is enough for everyone, indicating that the hope is that all will come into eternal life. The Questions for Reflection were discussed in the groups.

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#### 11am CONFERENCE SESSION 9

Chair: Mrs Eunice Reidy

##### 2007/13 NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT p.12-18.

Iris Bray presented this report. Iris explained that an extra report for the Year ended 30 June 2007, signed by the Auditor, had been circulated. The Auditor contacted the Australian Taxation Office and cancelled the GST. He has also provided a full report on the GST.

Iris Bray moved, sec. Helen Lloyd, that the report be received. Carried.

##### 2007/14 MOTION 1. FINANCIAL REVIEW. p. 52 & 53.

**National Executive moves that the current clause in Guidelines on Page 10**

That for each of the following two years an amount of up to \$1,000 be transferred from National Conference Fund for Administration costs.  
**be deleted.**

Moved Joy Morley, sec. Lee Edwards. Carried.

##### 2007/15 MOTION 2. FINANCIAL REVIEW. p.52 & 53.

**National Executive moves that the current clause in Guidelines on page 10**

That the maximum amount of \$2,500 per biennium be made available from National Conference Funds to provide Expenses for the National President or her representative, when invited, to attend special functions interstate.

**be replaced with**

#### **NATIONAL TRAVEL FUND**

The Fund is to cover Expenses for the National President or her representative, when invited, to attend special functions interstate. All Units are urged to support this fund annually. The maximum amount of \$2,500 per biennium will be made available for the National President's Travel expenses.

Moved Joy Morley, sec. Marian Welford. Carried. (One delegate abstaining)

There was a lot of discussion about how much each State unit should contribute to the National Travel Fund. It was suggested that the Incoming National Executive could investigate this matter and bring recommendations to the next National Conference. It was acknowledged that the smaller State units could not be expected to contribute as much as the larger State Units. At the moment contributions to all the Funds are voluntary.

**2007/16 MOTION 3. FINANCIAL REVIEW. p. 52 & 54.**

**National Executive moves that the current clause in Guidelines on Page 10 OVERSEAS CONFERENCE FUND**

This fund is to provide financial assistance to representatives to Overseas Conferences. be replaced with

**OVERSEAS CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL FUND**

This Fund is to provide financial assistance to representatives to ACWC Assembly and other Overseas Conferences. The Registration Fees for Australia's four (4) voting delegates to ACWC Assembly will be covered by this Fund.

Moved Joy Morley, sec. Eunice Smith. Carried.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT p.54.**

Joy Morley presented this report. Joy explained that it was not possible to put forward any change to the Guidelines regarding using less than 10% of the FLC money because it would be needed to cover the cost of producing the upgraded Newsletters and WKS leaflets. It was recommended that the Incoming National Executive try to find a good interest bearing account because the interest on the UCA account has been of great benefit in 2005-2007. There was a healthy balance in the account on 23 July 2007 but a number of bills still have to be paid. It is hoped that a balance of about \$7100 will be passed on to the Incoming National Executive, the same as was received from the previous National Executive. There are still many Winifred Kiek books to be sold before a profit is made. The Form that is sent out to State Treasurers each year has been revised to fit in with the changes that have been made. Copies are available.

**2007/17 ELECTION OF NEW NATIONAL LIFE MEMBER p.58.**

The nomination of Mrs Edith Ridge of the NSW Unit was read by Carmel Keys.

Carmel Keys moved, sec. Betty Farrell, that the nomination be accepted. Carried.

Major Elaine Johnson inducted Mrs Edith Ridge as a National Life Member and Edith was welcomed by the other National Life Members present.

Edith responded by saying that she joined ACW in ACT and that was where she became really involved. She thanked NSW Unit for the generous words that were written about her. Edith thanked God for the support she had received and affirmed her belief in ecumenism.

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**1.30pm CONFERENCE SESSION 10**

**BUS TRIP TO NARANA CREATIONS, GROVEDALE & QUEENSCLIFF**

**OFFERING FOR REV DOMINICA**

Elaine Johnson reported that \$840 had been donated.

**2007/18 WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST REPORT p.22 – 27.**

Maureen Clark presented this report. Maureen asked for prayer for the 1972 Scholar whose husband died recently. She also asked for prayer for Imelda Aquino who is working with Muslim women.

Maureen Clark moved, sec. Margaret Ker, that the report be received. Carried.

**2007/19 RECOMMENDATION 1 FROM WKS TRUST p.22.**

That the surplus of \$1,728.62 from the 2005 scholar be transferred to the Winifred Kiek Fellowship Fund.

Moved Maureen Clark, sec. Margaret Florence. Carried.

**2007/20 RECOMMENDATION 2 FROM WKS TRUST p.22.**

That the surplus in the Honouring Australian Church Women Fund of \$446.34 for the 2004 scholar and the surplus of \$958.85 for the 2005 scholars be transferred to capital in that fund.

Moved Maureen Clark, sec. I. Hewitt. Carried.

**2007/21 RECOMMENDATION 3 FROM WKS TRUST p. 22.**

That the surplus in the Honouring Australian Church Women Fund of \$565 for the 2006 scholar be transferred to the 2008 scholar.

Moved Maureen Clark, sec. Margaret Flint. Carried.

**2007/22 APPOINTMENT OF WINIFRED KIEK TRUSTEES p.59.**

SA Unit recommends that Mrs Jean Roberts OAM of the Churches of Christ and Mrs Maureen Clark of the Catholic Church be reappointed as trustees for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust for a further four (4) year term.

Mrs Lois Denholm of the Salvation Army be appointed Trustee for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust to replace Major Wanda McKeand, whose four (4) year term has expired and who does not wish to be reappointed.

Mrs Cynthia Gifford of the Uniting Church be appointed as Trustee for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust to replace Mrs Judith Atherton, who has resigned.

Moved Margaret Flint, sec. Aileen Eldridge. Carried.

**2007/23 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S COALITION REPORT p.32.**

Anne Murray presented this report. Anne reported that Jean Thomson had agreed to be nominated as the new delegate to AWC and Helen Raymond could act as alternate.

Anne Murray moved, sec. Lee Edwards, that the report be received and that Jean Thomson be appointed as the new delegate to AWC. Carried.

**ADDRESS BY JANET NELSON, AUTHOR OF "LET US PRAY"**

Anne Murray introduced Janet Nelson.

Janet began by outlining her life story. She became an Anglican when she married. In 1975 she was attending All Saints, Newtown, Geelong, and was on a roster to lead intercessions. She spent hours searching for suitable prayers until eventually she decided to write her own. The prayers she wrote were based on the lectionary readings for the day. Later she was asked to lead a workshop on prayer and she included some of the prayers she had already written. This led to a request to produce a book of prayers for the 3 years of the Lectionary. She began writing, working on one prayer each week.

Although the first publisher closed when she had nearly completed the book, another publisher accepted the manuscript.

Janet then spoke about Intercessory Prayer. She said that our intercessions are our response to the Word we hear. If we pray for change, we may be changed.

Finally, Janet read a number of the prayers from her book. She said she is amazed at how and where the prayers have been used.

**EVENING DEVOTIONS**

SA Unit led devotions, telling the stories of "Granny Davis" and the Baker's Dozen. By slicing bread, the loaf seems to go further and more are fed. God's love is like the Baker's Dozen blessing us with more than enough. The reading was Philippians 4: 17b, 18-20, 23, taken from The Message.

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**THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**9am CONFERENCE SESSION 12**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

**MORNING DEVOTIONS**

WA Unit led devotions, praising God for our country, Australia. Symbols of Australia were presented, an Australian Canticle of Praise was read and a special Australian Hymn, "God of gum tree and of quandong" was sung.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Dr Merryl Blair's final Bible Study was "Sharing the Loaf of the Journey", based on Luke 24: 13-35, Walking with a Stranger to Emmaus. Merryl compared the Resurrection Stories in the four Gospels. She pointed out that of the two who are the main characters in the story, only Cleopas is identified. As the other apparently lived in the same place, it could have been Cleopas' wife. Jesus gives them space and allows them to discover who he is. When the bread was blessed they recognized Him. This was a Eucharistic meal. Going back to Jerusalem they affirm that the Lord is risen, they recognize the accompanying presence of Christ.

We need to keep up the dialogue because we don't know where we will get to and we must keep coming to the table to talk.

The groups thanked Merryl for showing us women are there in the Bible.

Donna Bryan thanked Merryl for her wonderful Bible Studies.



**11am CONFERENCE SESSION 13**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

**2007/24 MOTION 4. p.55. NUMBER OF OBSERVERS FOR NAT. EXECUTIVE**

**Australian Capital Territory Unit moves to amend the Constitution**

- 6 Administration
- 6.1 National Conference
- 6.1.1 Membership
  - (a) Voting Members
  - (b) Observers

**Add (vii) Up to 7 (seven) members of current National Executive.**

Moved Helen Lloyd, sec. Jacqueline Hipwell. Carried.

**2007/25 MOTION 5. p.55. ROTATION FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**The National Executive proposes change to Page 34 Guidelines**

**Suggested rotation for National Executive commencing 2007**

- Australian Capital Territory
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia
- New South Wales
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Northern Territory

Moved Barbara Lacy, sec. Constance Aronsen. Carried.

**2007/26 MOTION 6. p.55. APPLICATION FORM FOR SPECIAL PROJECT**

**The National Executive proposes change to Page 37 Guidelines**

**Application Form for Special Project, first sentence**

**The Unit making this application is asked to complete the form below and send to the National Special Days Convener by the end of February.**

Moved Beth Skilbeck, sec. Juanita Miller. The motion was tabled and was to be reworded. It was to be presented later in the Conference.

**2007/27 MOTION 7. p. 55. RECIPIENT OF THE SPECIAL PROJECT**

**The National Executive proposes addition to Page 23 Guidelines – Special Days – Add to 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph – World Community Day**

**The name and details of the proposed recipient of the Special Project shall be forwarded to all State/Territory Units for approval by 31<sup>st</sup> March, and all applicants advised of the decision by National Executive.**

Moved Beth Skilbeck, sec. Margaret Ker. Carried.

**2007/28 MOTION 8. p. 56. SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES CONVENER**

**NSW Unit proposes:**

**That the portfolio currently termed 'Social Justice Issues' (Convener) in the Constitution and Guidelines of ACW be titled 'Social Issues' (Convener) rather**

than 'Social Justice Issues' (Convener), and address issues upholding community values aligned with the Christian ideals implicit in the ACW Constitution rather than issues which are potentially divisive. Clause 2.2 of the Constitution states that "ACW aims to promote co-operation, understanding and reconciliation between men and women in church, family and society".

Moved Isabel Hewitt, sec. Nancy McLaren.

Lee Edwards moved the following amendment, sec. Margaret Ker.

That the portfolio currently termed 'Social Justice Issues' (Convener) in the Constitution and Guidelines of ACW be titled 'Social Awareness Issues' (Convener).

The amendment was not carried.

The original motion was then put to the vote. It was not carried. For 12, Against 18.

#### HONOURS AWARDED TO AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMBERS

Elaine Johnson read the list of awards on page 7 of the Working papers. It was received with acclamation. Lorraine Davis also mentioned Nancy Branston of Tasmania who received an Order of Australia Medal.

#### HONOURING AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Eunice Reidy read the list of new entries for Honouring Australian Church Women.

Tasmania Shirley Brooks

Joan Davis

Patricia Dodd

New South Wales Nancy McLaren

Joan Tong

Shirley Wells

Queensland Ina Collard

Lena Meadows

Miriam Pratt

Victoria Berna Foster

Dorothy Fry

Margaret Watson

Thanks to Isabel Hewitt there are now photos for Elizabeth Ashton of Victoria and Mary Seavington Wood of Tasmania. There is also an updated Index available.

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#### 2pm CONFERENCE SESSION 14

Chair: Major Elaine Johnson

#### PRAYER QUILT WORKSHOP

Major Elaine Johnson introduced Major Betty Carpenter from USA. Betty has been in Camberwell, Victoria for 2 years and has been a Salvation Army Officer for 38 Years. She has 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Betty told the story of how she became involved in Prayer Quilt Ministry. A grandson was in a coma so they made a bright quilt for him. Every time they tied a knot they prayed for him. He always had the quilt with him but after 11 years he died. Betty made quilts for others in the hospital and so began the Prayer Quilt Ministry.

The Ministry was advertised on the internet and Kits were designed. There are now 680 Quilt Chapters, one in Victoria. Betty explained how the Ministry works and what is in the Kits. Some of the quilts she has made were on display. Betty then displayed a quilt she had prepared for Shu-Wen to take home with her. Everyone was invited to tie a knot on the quilt and say a prayer for Shu-Wen using the prayer requests nominated by Shu-wen. Una Birtchnell thanked Betty Carpenter for her inspiring presentation.

#### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

Barbara Lacy spoke about the arrangement of Prayer Partners.

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#### **4pm CONFERENCE SESSION 15**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

#### **2007/29 AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WEBSITE REPORT p. 33.**

Brenda Dickinson presented this report.

Brenda Dickinson moved, sec. Carmel Keys, that the report be received. Carried.

#### **2007/30 MOTION 10. p. 57. WEBSITE TO BE ADDED TO CONSTITUTION**

**The National Executive moves that the incoming National Executive add to the Constitution, Page 2, at the 2009 National Conference**

##### **3. Objects**

3.5 Website: The National Executive of Australian Church Women shall be responsible for the operation of the Website.

Moved Barbara Lacy, sec. Maureen Clark. Carried

#### **2007/31 MOTION 9. p. 57. GUIDELINES WEBSITE MANAGER**

**The National Executive moves that the Guidelines – Website Manager be adopted**

The National Website Manager shall

1. take direction from and report to the National Executive;
2. be responsible for maintaining the Website;
3. be responsible for editing the National page of the Website;
4. maintain contact with each State's contact/website manager and arrange password for that State Unit.

The State Unit Website Manager shall

1. be responsible for maintaining and editing the State Unit Website;
2. maintain contact with the National Website Manager.

Moved Barbara Lacy, sec. Juanita Miller. Carried.

#### **LAUNCH OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WEBSITE**

Brenda Dickinson thanked the National Executive and Jeff and Sheree Hanbury for help in setting up the Website. Elaine Johnson launched the Website. Brenda then showed the pages of the Website on the big screen.

#### **FAREWELL TO NORTHERN TERRITORY PARTICIPANTS**

Elaine Johnson explained that it was time to say goodbye to Kaye Viney, Noreen Hudson and Clara Inkamala because they would be leaving early in the morning. Elaine said that it had been a thrill to have them at Conference. Kaye responded by thanking everyone and wishing them God's Blessings. Elaine and Ronnie Palmer then offered prayers as hands were laid on Noreen and Clara.

#### **STATE WEBSITE MANAGERS**

Brenda Dickinson asked the State Website Managers – Kaye Viney (NT), Juanita Miller (TAS), Aileen Eldridge (SA), Margaret Ker (WA), Donna Bryan (VIC) and Brenda Dickinson (NSW) – to stand. Brenda said that she would send instructions to them soon.

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#### **6pm CONFERENCE SESSION 16**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

#### **DINNER**

The Conference Dinner was held to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> National Conference, with special table decorations, soloist, Jocelyn McKay, and highlighted with an inventive cake.

#### **INSTALLATION AND DEDICATION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

Outgoing National President, Major Elaine Johnson, led this service. The Incoming National Executive was introduced and affirmed their commitment to serve in their new capacity. All members of Australian Church Women present affirmed their commitment to prayerfully support the National Executive and to uphold the aims and objectives of Australian Church Women. The President's Bible was then presented to Incoming National President, Mrs Jean Thomson, and Badges of Office were exchanged. Jean Thomson announced that the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Conference would be held 21-25 September, 2009 at the Heritage Motor Inn Hotel at Narrabundah, ACT.

#### **EVENING DEVOTIONS**

ACT Unit led the devotions on the theme "Faith in the Future". The Bible Reading was Hebrews 11: 1-4 (GNB) and the Hymns were "Have faith in God, my heart" and "Your hand O God, has guided". The devotions closed with the Blessing – May the Lord watch over us, while we are separated from each other.

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#### **FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2007**

#### **9.15am CONFERENCE SESSION 17**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

#### **MORNING DEVOTIONS**

Queensland Unit led devotions on the theme "Vessels Fit for Service". Psalm 78: 1-7 was read responsively, followed by a dramatic reading in which a rather ordinary plate is discovered to be the right one for holding the communion bread. The closing prayer was for strength, wisdom, compassion and understanding.

#### **PRESENTATION OF PRAYER QUILT TO SHU-WEN**

Elaine Johnson said that every knot in the Quilt represents a prayer. She asked Shu-Wen to remember, when life is difficult, that Australian Church Women are praying for her and that God will give her strength. Elaine then presented the Quilt to Shu-Wen with love.

Shu-Wen responded saying that she had been refreshed and her patience had come back. It had been a healing journey and she had been affected by the enthusiasm around her. She asked everyone to keep praying and she promised that Australian Church Women would always be in her mind.

#### **2007/32 MOTION 6 REWORDED. APPLICATION FORM FOR SPECIAL PROJECT National Executive moves that the current clause in Guidelines on Page 37**

##### **Application Form for Special Project**

The Unit making this application is asked to complete the form below and send to the National Executive Secretary by the date suggested, usually February. The name of the proposed recipient should be forwarded to all State/Territory Units for approval by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

##### **be replaced with**

##### **Application Form for Special Project**

The unit making this application is asked to complete the form below and send to the National Special Days Convener by the end of February.

##### **Rationale:**

It would save time for the applications to be sent to the Special Days Convener direct to enable preparation of her recommendations to the March meeting of National Executive. Suggest the end of February because it allows for State Units to meet in February and for National Executive to meet in March. Having 31<sup>st</sup> March at this point proved confusing to many people.

Moved Marian Welford, sec. Anne Murray. Carried.

#### **PHOTOS**

Photos were taken of Past National Presidents, Outgoing National Executive and Past National Secretaries.

#### **MEETING OF NATIONAL & STATE UNIT CONVENERS**

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#### **11.15am CONFERENCE SESSION 18**

**Chair: Major Elaine Johnson**

#### **CLOSING WORSHIP**

Elaine Johnson led the Service using the text, Isaiah 55:12, "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace". The peace was shared and the Conference Theme Song was sung for the last time. The Service closed with the Benediction – "The blessing of God who calls, equips and sustains us in our calling and sharing the loaf is upon us".

Immediate Past President, Nancy McLaren congratulated the National Executive for the running of the Conference. The Hallelujah Chorus concluded the Conference.

#### **Profiles Incoming National Executive 2007/2009**

##### **Angela Devlin – Minute Secretary**

Angela was born and educated in Belfast and immigrated to Australia with her husband Barney and two young daughters, Marcia and Berenice, in January 1972. Barney taught in Young, NSW, until August 1973, when they moved to Canberra. In October of that year Angela joined the administrative staff at the Australian National University (ANU) and remained there, in various positions until she retired at the end of 1999, although until the end of last year she continued to be employed in diverse contractual appointments there.

Angela now works as a volunteer with Rev Professor James Haire at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture and has kept up to date with technology and associated computer literacy.

Since 1975 she has been an active member of her parish of St Thomas the Apostle at Kambah, and serves regularly as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and as a reader. She is a qualified teacher of religion and has served as Secretary on the School Board of St Thomas, and as a parent representative on the Board of Stirling College in Rivett.

Angela has held various executive positions in the Catholic Women's League (CWL) at Regional Archdiocesan and National levels and has coordinated and arranged conferences at all levels. She is a life-time member of the association. At present she is the President of St Christopher's branch of CWL, Secretary of Central region and Editor of the CWL Archdiocesan Newsletter, which is produced every two months.

Angela's interests include cooking, reading, writing, traveling, music, theatre, cryptic crosswords, golf and spending time with her family, especially her four wonderful grandchildren, together with a wide circle of friends.

##### **Fran Moss – Special Days Convener**

Fran was brought up in country Victoria and lived in many places, as her father was a Presbyterian Minister. So all her growing up was done within the Church.

Living in Werribee from the time she was 14 years old, she was very involved in the Church Sunday School, Youth Group, Choir, and the local UCAF group. She loved tennis and took her turn in every position of the Committee of the Church Tennis Club. She did a Child Care Course after leaving school, followed by a year of Nurse training. As the nursing did not work out, Fran ended up working in the ANZ Bank in Werribee. She was married in the local Church by her father in 1960. She has four children and six grand-children.

Fran's great interest in the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship over the past twenty-seven years or more has taken her to many positions in that organization, from local to Presbytery Representative on the Victorian UCAF Council, to President in 1992-93. Then onto National Secretary when it was Victoria's turn in 2000 to 2003. She has attended National, South Pacific Area and World Conferences which have all been wonderful experiences.

Fran has always had an interest in Ecumenism, and represented UCA on the Victorian Council of Churches as well as ACW, VIC Unit. She was ACW President during 1996-97. Fran has attended a number of ACW National Conferences and two ACWC Conferences.

Fran moved to Brisbane at the end of 2005 to be near her daughter Cheryl and family. It was not easy leaving Werribee after 51 years. Thankfully she has settled down in Wynnum West and is involved in ACW and UCAF, just to keep her 'out of trouble'!!

She appreciates very much the invitation by the ACT Unit to be part of the ACW National Committee over the next two years.



# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

## INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

		2007 \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
State Contributions		
Alice Springs	466.30	
WA	5,378.45	
ACT	3,936.61	
Tasmania	3,258.53	
NSW	22,596.17	
Queensland	7,447.43	
Victoria	10,041.75	
SA	8,608.00	61,733.24
Circle of Prayer		60.00
Sale of Winifred Book		
SA	300.00	
Tasmania	30.00	
Victoria	112.50	442.50
Honoring Australian Church Women		
Tasmania	120.00	
ACT	50.00	
Victoria	182.50	352.50
Unifem		24.00
Fundraising		1,902.35
GST refund		58.00
National Conference		27,880.00
National Travel Donation		200.00
Colliers Charitable Fund		5,000.00
Lucindale Guild - for WKS		100.00
FLC Anniversary Book		
Victoria	30.00	
WA	15.00	
Tasmania	15.00	
L Adam	30.00	
Queensland	60.00	150.00
Bank Interest		2,340.14
		<u>100,242.73</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

## **EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>2007</b>
		<b>\$</b>
Presidents Travel		1,316.95
Petty Cash		736.55
UNIFEM		24.00
FLC		42,514.00
Bank Fee		28.00
Australian Christian Womens Conference		
Project	5,973.60	
Affiliation Fees	500.00	
Bulletins	756.00	
Bank Fees	56.00	7,285.60
W K Trust		
Honoring Christian Women	355.50	
W K Scholarship	3,309.85	
W K Fellowship Day	9,000.00	12,665.35
"Merijig" Project		4,088.95
Endowment		750.00
Donation "P McCallum"		50.00
National Conference Expenses		274.50
		<u>69,733.90</u>

## **INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

Income	100,242.73
Expenditure	69,733.90
Surplus for the Year	<u>30,508.83</u>
Retained Surpluses at the Beginning of the Year	23,804.61
Retained Surpluses at the End of the Year	<u>54,313.44</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2007**

	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash at Bank	54,352.44
GST Receivable	25.00
	<u>54,377.44</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
GST repayable	<u>64.00</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>54,313.44</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	
Retained profits	<u>54,313.44</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**  
**TO THE MEMBER OF**  
**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**Scope**

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Australian Church Women - National Executive for the financial year ended 30 June 2007, as set out on pages 3 to 6. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Australian Church Women - National Executive. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Constitution of the Australian Church Women - National Executive. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Australian Church Women - National Executive as at 30 June 2007 and the income received and expenditure paid for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**Collins Melody**  
**259 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn**

  
Principal: Ron Melody

Dated: 20 August 2007

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Guests**

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President	Major Elaine Johnson, 26/300 Elgar Rd., Box Hill Sth	Vic 3128 – Delegate
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Social Justice Conv	Rev Marian Welford, 2/36 Grevillea Road, Oak Park	Vic 3046 – Delegate Vic
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Secretary	Mrs Margaret Lawton, 10 Pope Street, Hughes	ACT 2605 – Delegate
Treasurer	Mrs Helen Lloyd, 7 Mokoan Place, Duffy	ACT 2611 Delegate ACT
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FLC Convener	Mrs Jan Abrahamffy, 142 Burrinjuck Crescent, Duffy	ACT 2611 Observer ACT
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Social Justice Conv	Mrs Judith-Ann Sjostedt, 3 Dethridge St., Higgins	ACT 2615 – Apology
Special Days Conv	Mrs Fran Moss, 41/7A Copernicus Street, Wynnum West	Q'ld 4178 – Observer
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SA 5163 Delegate

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NSW 2133 Visitor

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NSW 2041 Delegate S/A

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NSW 2125 Visitor

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Q'ld 4179 Delegate

Mrs Fran Moss, 41/7A Copernicus St., Wynnum West

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SA 5096 Delegate

Miss Margaret Flint OAM, 56 Fisher Street, Norwood

SA 5067 Delegate

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SA 5045 Observer

Mrs Pat Walker, 6/31 Royal Avenue, Pooraka

SA 5095 Visitor

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TAS 7310 Visitor

Mrs Kath Pearce, 2/40 George Street, Devonport

TAS 7310 Observer



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Mrs Shirley Wallis, 14 Hoddle Way, Altona Meadows	VIC 3028	Observer
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Mrs Margaret Ker, 92 Vincent Street, Mt Lawley	WA 6050	Delegate
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Mrs Una Birtchnell, 10 Lyrebird Court, Boronia	VIC 3155	Delegate
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**Catholic Women's League Australia Inc.**

Mrs Mary Schulz, 12 Willow Drive, Kapunda	SA 5373	Delegate
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**Women's Ministries Churches of Christ Australia**

Mrs Lola Adam, 27 Byron Street, Box Hill South	VIC 3128	Delegate
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