

NSW Women's Inter-Church Council Constitutions – dates not known

N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council

CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. Name:

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council.

Section 2. Council:

The Council shall consist of—

- (a) Members of Women's Organisations belonging to any branch of the Christian Church desirous of participating in its work and subscribing to its aims as stated in Section 3.
- (b) Personal members accepting the aims as stated in Section 3 may be admitted as personal members of the Council.

Section 3. Aims:

- (a) To promote friendship and co-operation between the women of the various branches of the Christian Church.
- (b) To provide an avenue whereby they may unitedly serve the Kingdom of God, particularly with regard to Social Reform, and Right International Relationships.

Section 4. Fees:

- (a) Each Participating Church shall pay an Annual Fee of one guinea (£1/1/-) and have the right to appoint six representatives to the General Committee.
- (b) Personal Members shall pay an annual subscription of five shillings (5/-) which shall entitle them to a copy of the annual report.

Section 5. Local Branches:

Local Interchurch Women's Movements desirous of participating in the work of the N.S.W. Women's Interchurch Council and subscribing to its aims as stated in Section 3 may become affiliated branches upon the payment of 5/- per annum. Each Local Branch shall supply an annual report of its work to the Council.

Section 6. General Committee:

The Council shall act through a General Committee composed of six representatives of each participating Church. This Committee shall meet monthly from February to November, and at such other times as the Executive Committee may deem necessary. The meeting in August shall be the annual business meeting at which the Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be presented—officers elected and any other relevant business transacted. Nine members to form a quorum.

Section 7. Officers:

These shall be president, two vice-presidents, treasurer and secretary, or secretaries. These officers shall be elected annually from and by the General Committee at its annual business meeting. All elections shall be by ballot. The president shall be elected from each participating church in rotation.

Section 8. Executive.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers specified above, together with the immediate past president. The Executive Committee shall meet as required, three members to form a quorum.

Section 9. Council:

The Council shall meet at least once a year.

Section 10. Sub-Committees:

The General Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees—not necessarily members of the General Committee—to deal with special work as required from time to time.

Section 11. Alterations to Constitution:

Alterations to this Constitution may be made at any General Committee meeting, notice of same having been given at the previous meeting of the General Committee.

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(a) Members of Women's Organisations belonging to any branch of the Christian Church desirous of participating in its work and subscribing to its aims as stated in Section 3.
(b) Individuals accepting the aims as stated in Section 2 may be admitted as individual members of the Council.

Section 3. Aims:
(a) To promote friendship and co-operation between the women of the various branches of the Christian Church.
(b) To provide an avenue whereby they may unitedly serve the Kingdom of God, particularly with regard to Social Reform and right International Relationships.

Section 4. Fees:
(a) Each participating Church shall pay an annual fee of one guinea (£1/1/-) and have the right to appoint eight representatives to the General Committee.
(b) Individual members shall pay an annual subscription of five shillings (5/-) which shall entitle them to attend the monthly meetings of the General Committee without voting.

Section 5. Local Branches:
Local Inter-church Women's Movements desirous of participating in the work of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council and subscribing to its aims as stated in Section 3 may become affiliated branches upon the payment of 5/- per annum. Each such Local Branch shall have one and an alternative representative with power to vote. Each Local Branch shall supply an annual report of its work to the Council.

Section 6. General Committee:
The Council shall act through a General Committee composed of eight representatives of each participating Church, and life members, also two members from the Women Citizens' Wybalena Hostel Appeals Committee and any representatives appointed under Section 5. This Committee shall meet monthly from February to November, and at such other times as the Executive Committee may deem necessary. The meeting in May shall be the annual business meeting at which the Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be presented — officers elected, and any other relevant business transacted. Fifteen (15) members to form a quorum.

Section 7. Officers:

These shall be president, four or more vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary, and recording secretary. These officers shall be elected annually from and by the General Committee at its annual business meeting. All elections shall be by ballot. The president shall be elected from each participating Church in rotation.

Section 8. Executive:

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers specified above, together with the immediate past-president, and the Chairman of the Appeals Committee or her deputy. The Executive Committee shall meet as required, five members to form a quorum.
- (b) That the powers of the executive shall be to deal with any emergency and to make any decisions that must be made and shall report to the next Meeting of the General Committee for endorsement thereof and shall further have the power to make public utterances on behalf of the Council on any matters that arise in relation to any public events that the executive may deem advisable, provided however, that such public utterance is referred to the next Meeting of the General Committee for endorsement.
- (c) That it shall be competent for the executive to call a Special Meeting of the Committee on the giving of three (3) days notice in writing to the members thereof.

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The Council shall meet at least once a year.

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The General Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees — not necessarily members of the General Committee — to deal with special work as required from time to time.

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Alterations to this Constitution may be made at any General Committee meeting, notice of same having been given at the previous meeting of the General Committee.

Adopted September 1968

CONSTITUTION

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

1. NAME: New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council
2. AIM:
 1. To promote fellowship and co-operation between women of all Branches of the Christian Church, and
 2. To provide an avenue whereby Christian women, as directed and used by God, may unitedly strive to establish His Kingdom on earth by the application of the teachings of Christ to Community, National and International relationships.
3. RELATIONSHIP:

The N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council is the State Unit of Australian Church Women*, to whose aims, programme and projects it subscribes.
4. COUNCIL:

The Council shall consist of:

 - (a) Representatives who shall be appointed annually:
 - (i) 8 from each participating Church, appointed by the State Women's organisation or by whatever means is appropriate to the particular Church,
 - (ii) 1 from each local Branch,
 - (iii) 2 from the State organisation of any special interest group which is granted affiliation by the Council.
 - (b) Life Members.

The Council shall meet at least six times a year.
5. OFFICERS:

The Officers shall be President, Past President, President-Elect, Vice Presidents, Secretary/s, and Treasurer/s. The President shall be nominated ^{ANNUALLY} by each participating Church in rotation.
6. EXECUTIVE:

The Executive shall consist of the Officers and Conveners and Secretaries appointed for special purposes. Each participating Church shall have at least one representative on the Executive. The Executive shall have authority to deal with any emergency and to make necessary decisions, and shall report to the next Council Meeting any such action taken. The Executive shall arrange the business for Council meetings and where necessary draft recommendations to facilitate business. The Executive shall carry out functions delegated to it by the Council. The Executive shall meet as required.
7. BRANCHES:

Local inter-church groups desiring to participate in the work of the Council and subscribing to its aims may be granted affiliation as Branches. Each Branch is entitled to a representative or proxy at Council meetings.
8. SUB-COMMITTEES:

The Council shall have power to appoint sub-committees, not necessarily members of the Council, to deal with special work as required.
9. AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a Council Meeting, providing that written notice of the proposed amendments has been given to all members at least three calendar months before.
10. DISSOLUTION:

In the event of the dissolution of the Council, its project and trust funds shall be paid to the purposes designated and its administrative funds to an inter-church or non-denominational cause decided upon by the last Council Meeting.

11. BY-LAWS:

The Council may make by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution providing for matters of business and procedure at meetings, the conduct and method of elections and voting, quorums at meetings, finances and subscriptions and generally to give effect to this Constitution. Alterations to by-laws may be made at any Council Meeting, provided notice has been given at the two previous Council Meetings.

BY-LAWS

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Annual membership fees shall be:

Denominations	\$4 p.a.
Special Interest Groups	\$1 p.a.
Branches	\$1 p.a.

2. ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the April meeting. It shall appoint the officers and auditor for the ensuing year and receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Council and the Annual Financial Statements. The financial year shall end on 31st March.

3. ANNUAL RALLY:

The Annual Rally and installation of the new President shall be held instead of the Council Meeting in May, in association with the body nominating the new President.

4. SPECIAL DAYS:

The Special Days of A.C.W. shall be held instead of a Council Meeting in July (Fellowship Day) and October (World Community Day). The date of the Council Meeting shall be altered if the regular meeting falls on the day of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

5. LOCAL GROUPS:

Local inter-church groups of women, recognised by the Council but not yet affiliated Branches, may send an observer, with power to speak but not to propose resolutions or vote, to Council meetings.

6. REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES:

Representatives from the Council to other bodies shall be appointed annually. They shall not serve as a representative to that body for more than three consecutive years.

Participating Churches are:

Baptist (Women's Federation)
 Church of England (Archbishop of Sydney)
 Churches of Christ (Christian Women's Fellowship)
 Congregational (Women's Fellowship)
 Lutheran
 Methodist (Women's Federation)
 Presbyterian (Women's Association - P.W.M.U. Standing Committee)
 Society of Friends (Annual Meeting)
 The Salvation Army (Territorial Commander)

Special Interest Group:

Y.W.C.A.

* Australian Church Women - Aim, Programme and Projects

Aim - To unite Australian church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to promote co-operation of men and women in the church, family and society; to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church; to provide opportunities for Christian women of different churches to worship, study and serve together and to encourage fellowship across national boundaries.
 Programme - Fellowship Day (July) and World Community Day (October)
 Projects - Fellowship of the Least Coin and Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

CONSTITUTION

Adopted September 1978
Amended March 1973

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The Executive shall consist of the Officers together with Conveners and Secretaries appointed for special purposes and at least one representative of each participating Church not already thus represented.
The Executive may deal with any emergency but shall report any action taken at the next meeting of the Council.
Business for Council meetings shall be prepared by the Executive which may draft recommendations for submission to the meeting. It shall also discharge such functions as shall be assigned to it by the Council.
Meetings of the Executive shall be held as required and shall be convened by the President or any three of the Officers.
7. BRANCHES:
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6. REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES:

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7. QUORUM:

Both for the Council Meeting and for the Executive Committee, a quorum shall be 33% of those eligible to attend the meeting as members.

Participating Churches are:

Baptist (Women's Federation)
 Church of England (Archbishop of Sydney)
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 Congregational (Women's Fellowship)
 Methodist (Women's Federation)
 Presbyterian (Women's Association - P.W.M.U. Standing Committee)
 Roman Catholic (Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenism)
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 The Salvation Army (Territorial Commander)

Special Interest Groups:

Girls' Brigade
 Y.W.C.A.

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N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

20th November, 1972

Notice is hereby given that at the February 1973 Council Meeting moves will be made to alter the Constitution of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council as follows:

- Clause 5 insert the word "annually" after the words "the President shall be nominated.."
- Clause 6 this paragraph to be deleted and the following inserted in its place:
- Executive
- The Executive shall consist of the Officers together with Conveners and Secretaries appointed for special purposes and at least one representative of each participating Church not already thus represented.
- The Executive may deal with any emergency but shall report any action taken at the next meeting of the Council.
- Business for Council meetings shall be prepared by the Executive which may draft recommendations for submission to the meeting. It shall also discharge such functions as shall be assigned to it by the Council.
- Meetings of the Executive shall be held as required and shall be convened by the President or any three of the Officers.
- By-law 6 add the word "normally" before the beginning of the second sentence.
- Quorum should be included in By-law section. Add the following:
- Quorum - both for the Council Meeting and for the Executive committee, a quorum shall be 33% of those eligible to attend the meeting as members.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

33/250 Jersey Road,
Woollahra, N.S.W. 2025.

2nd July, 1976.

RE: Proposed change of name

At the last Annual Meeting of this Council it was agreed that steps be taken to alter the name of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council to "Australian Church Women, N.S.W. Unit". In connection with this proposal we are now approaching the Church authorities or denominational organisations by whom representatives to the Council are appointed, seeking their approval of the proposed change of title.

Since the establishment of Australian Church Women in 1963, Inter-church Councils in most States have adopted the name of "Australian Church Women - --- State Unit"; in fact, the N.S.W. Council is one of only two retaining this name. Acting as the State Unit for A.C.W., our Council is responsible for organising the observance of "Fellowship Day" and "World Community Day" annually, and is involved in gaining interest in and support for the "Winifred Kiek Scholarship" fund and the "Fellowship of the Least Coin", which are the special projects sponsored by Australian Church Women.

Our Council has been invited to establish the Working Committee, (i.e. the Executive) of Australian Church Women in N.S.W. for the biennial period commencing in August, 1977. It seems, therefore, an appropriate time for us to assume the new title, and we hope that the member bodies represented on the Council will approve of our proposed course of action.

I should appreciate receiving your reply if possible by the end of July.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss D.M. Mitchell)
Honorary Secretary.

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8th November, 1976

Mrs. W. Dougherty,
56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHBY. 2068.

Dear Mrs. Dougherty,

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council and
Australian Church Women N.S.W. State Unit
Constitution

1. Seeing that the existing body known as "New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council" is proposing to become (instead of under its present status) a State Unit of the "Australian Church Women," it would be necessary for the present body to amend its Constitution to cover the changes. This also should help in enabling the "new" body to claim to be the successor of the "old" body, with the benefits that would bring in relation to gifts and bequests made in the "old" name.
2. I do not see however, how you could avoid being classed as a State Unit of the "Australian Church Women," if the Constitution of the existing body of New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council is amended to suit the requirements of the "Australian Church Women,"; and if, in response to those amendments, the Australian Church Women accept you as the N.S.W. State Unit of that body, I think your "old" body would have inevitably changed its status, and have become the N.S.W. Unit of the Australian Church Women, and would not merely be "linked" to the Australian Church Women.
3. You could of course, attempt, if you wish, to hold yourselves out as only "linked" to the Australian body, but on any challenge, either legal or practical, I am inclined to think that the mere "link" status could not be upheld.
4. In order to effect the change by way of amendment to your existing Constitution pursuant to "1" above, you would need to follow the procedure for amendment laid down in your existing Constitution, by giving three months' written notice to the meeting of the present Council, and having the amending resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting at the Council meeting. In view of the changes proposed being so fundamental, you might consider giving the notice to all members of the existing body, if that is thought fit and is not too cumbersome a task. If that were done, and a larger-than-Council meeting held, I would suggest that you have two votes taken at the meeting, one vote being the Council members only (as that is the legal vote to amend the Constitution) and the other vote by the whole meeting. The whole meeting vote should, I think, be taken first, as that may provide some controlling guidance to the Council members, when they vote alone.

Mrs. W. Dougherty

8th November, 1976

5. I would also suggest that the notice calling the meeting should have included with it, a draft of the proposed new Constitution, and that the resolution to be ^{prepared} prepared, at the meeting be, "that the existing Constitution be amended by substituting the suggested draft for the existing Constitution."

6. As machinery for the change-over of officers, I would suggest that at the meeting changing the Constitution, a resolution be passed to the following effect:-

"That the present Council and officers continue until the first meeting of the Council under the amended Constitution."

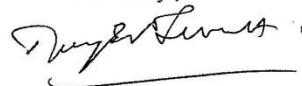
7. From the legal point of view I find in the draft Constitution little that needs changing. I suggest that the first item of "Name," might read as follows:-

"1. Name. ^{Church Women} Australian Women's ~~Council~~ - New South Wales State Unit (hereinafter referred to, and which may on other occasions, where desired, be referred to, as "Australian ^{Church} Women's ~~Council~~ - N.S.W. State Unit.") ("The former name was "New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council.")"

If you would like to discuss with me any aspect of the changed Constitution I will be happy to do so at any time.

I return herewith the existing Constitution and draft of the new Constitution.

Yours faithfully,



P.S. If the length of notice required for an amendment to the Constitution stated at three months in the existing Constitution was thought too long, the word "three" in the third line of paragraph 9 of the Constitution could be changed to read "two." Occasion may arise where you need to have an amendment to the Constitution settled in a speedier time than the three months would allow.

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33 Macquarie Towers,
250 Jersey Road,
Woollahra, 2025.

Your Ref: RET:ML

November 30, 1976.

Mr. R.E.Tebbutt, B.A., LL.B.,
Solicitor,
Q B E Building,
82 Pitt Street,
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Mr. Tebbutt,

On behalf of our President and members of the Executive, I should like to express deep appreciation of your kind help in connection with the matter of amending the Constitution of this Council, and for the advice given in your letter to Mrs. W.Dougherty, dated November 8, 1976.

We are well aware of the time and thought which you have given to discussion with Mrs. Dougherty and to preparation of your statement, which is of the utmost assistance to us in dealing with the important matter of amending the Constitution, to implement the decision to change the name of the Council. We are, indeed, most grateful.

Yours faithfully,



Miss D.M.Mitchell.
Honorary Secretary.

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A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N .

N E W S O U T H W A L E S S T A T E U N I T

C O N S T I T U T I O N .

1. NAME: Australian Church Women - New South Wales State Unit (hereinafter referred to, and which may on other occasions, where desired, be referred to, as "Australian Church Women - N.S.W. ~~Unit~~ State Unit.")
(The former name was "New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council.")
2. AIMS: To unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
To promote co-operation of men and women in the church, family and society;
To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church;
To provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together and to
To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.
3. COUNCIL: The Council of the N.S.W. State Unit shall consist of:
 - (a) Representatives who shall be appointed annually:
 - (i) 8 from each participating Church, appointed by the State Women's Organisation or by whatever means is appropriate to the particular Church,
 - (ii) 1 from each local group affiliated with the Council,
 - (iii) 2 from the State Organisation of any special interest group, which is granted affiliation by the Council.
 - (b) Life Members.The Council shall meet at least six times a year.
4. OFFICERS: The Officers shall be President, Past President, President-Elect, Vice-Presidents, Hon. ~~Treasurer~~ Secretary, Membership Secretary, Hon. Treasurer. The President shall be nominated bi-ennially by each participating Church in rotation.
5. EXECUTIVE: The Executive shall consist of the Officers together with Conveners and Secretaries appointed for special purposes and at least one representative of any participating Church not already thus represented. The Executive may deal with any emergency but shall report any action taken at the next meeting of the Council.
Business for Council meetings shall be prepared by the Executive which may draft recommendations for submission to the meeting. It shall also discharge such functions as shall be assigned to it by the Council. Meetings of the Executive shall be held as required and shall be convened by the President or any three of the Officers.
6. LOCAL GROUPS: Local Inter-Church groups desiring to participate in the work of Australian Church Women and subscribing to its aims may be granted affiliation and will be known as " - - - (Name of area) Church Women."
7. SUB-COMMITTEES: The Council shall have power to appoint sub-committees, not necessarily members of the Council, to deal with special work as required.
8. PROGRAMME & PROJECTS: The programme of the N.S.W. State Unit shall include the observance of Fellowship Day, in July, and World Community Day, in October and it will participate in the projects supported by Australian Church Women, namely Fellowship of the Least Coin and Winifred Kiek Scholarship.
9. ~~REVISION~~ AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a Council Meeting, providing that written notice of the proposed amendments has been given to all Council members at least *Two* ~~three~~ calendar months before.
10. DISSOLUTION: In the event of the dissolution of Australian Church Women, N.S.W. State Unit, its project and trust funds shall be paid to the purposes designated and its administrative funds to an inter-church or non-denominational cause decided on by the last Council meeting.

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BY- LAWS

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Annual membership fees shall be:

Denominations	£ 5.00 p.a.
Special Interest Groups	£ 2.00 p.a.
Local Groups	£ 2.00 p.a.
 2. ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the April meeting of the Council. It shall appoint the officers and auditor for the ensuing year and receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Council and the Annual Financial Statements. The financial year shall close on the last day of February.
 3. INSTALLATION SERVICE: The Service for the installation of the new President shall be held instead of the Council Meeting in May, in association with the body nominating the President.
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 5. REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES: Representatives from the Council to other bodies shall be appointed annually. Normally they shall not serve in that capacity for more than three consecutive years.
 6. QUORUM: For meetings both of the Council and of the Executive a quorum shall be one-third of the members eligible to attend.
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