

MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT  
COUNCIL MEETING held on 21st March, 1983. at 139  
Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

PRESENT - 34

APOLOGIES - Mesdames Bent, Whyburn, Stevens, Ralph, Dougherty,  
Thorpe, Renn, Haertsch, Biles, Edna Baker.

DEVOTIONS - Took the form of a pre-Easter meditation arranged  
by the president.

MINUTES Previous meetings minutes confirmed Mrs. Lean/Andrews

CORRESPONDENCE- Inwards- Mrs. Ackland  
Secretary N.W.C.  
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Chatswood/Willoughby Branch

BUSINESS ARISING- Rev. McMahon as speaker for the annual May Service  
President, secretary and incoming treasurer recommended to attend  
National Committee Meeting in Melbourne during August, 1983.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT- Presented and moved by Miss Mitchell-  
\$150 be sent to International Travel Fund.

FISHBURN MEMORIAL- Moved by Miss Mitchell/Mrs. Cameron that donations  
amounting to \$150.60c as a memorial to the late Mrs. Fishburn be made  
up to \$200 from the funds. Two suggestions- to be decided next  
meeting whether to send to national scholarship fund or keep it as a  
State Unit investment.

MEMORIAL MINUTE- Mrs. Florence Fishburn was a member of Australian <sup>C H U R C H</sup>  
Women (State Unit) for over twenty five years, representing the  
Churches of Christ Women's Fellowship. She served as C.W.F.  
superintendent of our hospitals and Homes Committee and was State  
President of C.W.F. in 1959. Florence was a much loved sister,  
completely self-less, hospitable, with a deep faith in her Lord  
which led her to be ever ready to help those in need and encourage  
others, especially anyone upon whom the responsibility of leadership  
was placed. She was faithful to our State Committee and enthusiastic  
to promote her local branch. Acted as F.L.C. Convener during 1969.  
We have no doubt that Florence has entered into the joy of her Lord.

SPEAKER- Mrs. Jean Anderson brought to our attention the work of  
translating the Bible into braille by the Bible Society, and  
particularly the blind natives of New Guinea and Indonesia who  
are reached by this work of skill and dedication.

CONVENERS REPORTS

WINIFRED KIEK- Convener brought greetings from Barkat Das who is  
collecting slides and hopes to send them to Australia. Korean  
scholar soon due to arrive in Adelaide.

PROMOTIONS- Members were encouraged to promote A.C.W. by  
distributing the kit prepared by convener.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN- Mention was made of Grants to  
Australia.

Moved by Mrs. Betty Davis / Stanhope letter be sent to N.W.C.  
re our concern for grants allocated to Australia when other  
countries were in greater need.

PUBLICITY- May Service and Special Days will be well publicised.

NEWSLETTE- 125 subscribers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse-

\*I wish to invite Miss Doris Mitchell to accept my nomination to become a Life Member of Australian Church Women N.S.W. State Unit. She has served this organisation unstintingly over the past ten years, first as President elect in 1973, one year as president in 1974-75, Secretary 1975-77. Miss Mitchell then vacated this position to become Secretary of the National Working Committee for the next two years while that body was in Sydney. During that time plans were made for the Causeway with U.S.A. Church Women United and New Zealand Council of Churches Women's Committee for a Consultation. This took place in 1979 at Wahroonga. Miss Mitchell served during this term also as State Unit Treasurer, and has continued in that office until this year, 1983, a total of six years. Miss Mitchell is a member of the Anglican Church.

BENEDICTION 12.45 p.m.    tea served by the Catholic ladies.

SIGNED Marianne Davis

DATE 18.4.83.