



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 18 February 2002 at 10.30 a.m.

WELCOME: President Jan Harrison welcomed everyone to the first Council for 2002, with particular reference to Ramona Cowle a new Baptist representative; Alwyn Warren after surgery; and Elsie Cox who has had a triple bypass and thanks the people of ACW who prayed for her. Robin Phillis asked for prayers for her twin sister Diane who is going to Pakistan.

DEVOTIONS: Shirley Wells used the words of Jeremiah in Lamentations: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" to focus our thoughts for our first meeting of the new year. Prayer was offered for Jan as leader, members, National Executive and prayer partners, Pakistan.

PRESENT: 48 members as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 10 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of 19 November 2001: The Minutes were confirmed on the motion of Thora Thomas and Norma Dumbrell.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. INSTALLATION & DEDICATION SERVICE at Auburn Church of Christ, 90A Auburn Road, Auburn, 10.30 am 20 May 2002. Jean Porteous is working on invitations, service, catering and publicity. Flyers will be available next meeting. Church is 10 minute walk from Auburn station, limited parking available.
2. STATE CONFERENCE - Sydney Congress Hall Function Centre, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, Monday 16 September 2002 - \$25 per person all inclusive. Robyn Claydon has indicated that she is available as Speaker for the occasion.
3. CITY OF SYDNEY BRANCH. Edith Ridge encouraged members to support the city World Day of Prayer Service if possible to help build the framework for World Community Day later in the year.
4. The Australia Day Award half scholarship given through National Council of Women NSW went to Joanne Lee Cohen. Joanne is pursuing a career in nursing and is a member of the Catholic Church. Jan reported that she had met not only Joanne at the luncheon, but Fiona Collins as well.
5. The matter of Ethnic Involvement in Australian Church Women was mentioned at November Council meeting. Executive felt that this could be a topic looked at in a seminar situation, perhaps at State Conference.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor reported that she had just received the books back from the Auditor. December balance was \$6139.75 and \$12,696 had been sent to National for Fellowship of the Least Coin. Marie also advised that she will be moving to Perth, highlighting the urgent need for a replacement treasurer. Marie moved, seconded Mina Whybourne that the report be received and payments ratified for Newsette, service at St James and paper. Carried

Elaine Wilson sat with Marie with a view to assessing whether she could take on the position of treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan reported that Daphne Peterson is unable to continue in this position, and Heather Badgery has been filling in.

PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery reported that Dorothy Woodhouse has bursitis and has been having injections which help. She hopes to get to the Installation Service. Peg Blake needs prayers. Padma is helping look after her grandchild. Badges are available at a cost of \$6.00.

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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Heather Reid shared with Council the report of the delivery of the canoe for the Girls Brigade in the Solomon Islands which was purchased with a grant from FLC. Shirley Wells reported that the application made for funds to train four health care workers from East Timor in Cairns was successful. An amount of US\$3670 was applied for but the amount of the grant is not yet known. Shirley led a short devotional from Circle of Prayer.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Mina Whybourne had received Christmas greetings from several Scholars: Doreen Tie Chin Bing (Tan) in Kuching, Malaysia; Rachel Sobana Kanly now in Kuwait; Malai Mahamaneerat in Bangkok; Nighat Gulzar in Philadelphia USA; Rachel McManus in Port Macquarie. Celestial Lusi should now be back in the Solomon Islands and the Scholar for 2002 is Lai Mui Ching, known as April, but no word has come from Hong Kong. Australia is next in turn for a scholar - a woman 25-40 for study in 2003 - applications close end of May and need to be forwarded to Perth before that time.

NEWSETTE: The latest issue has recently been sent. Thanks to Beryl for her work. Permission was sought to reproduce an article printed in Newsette.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper tabled (i)pamphlets from the Alzheimer's Association. (ii) Platform for Action: Success Report.

Update of Fairwear from its website, Cela reported that the 'no sweat shop' label is being used by four companies - hoping this number will grow - members are urged to look out for the label. DJ's has refused to support the campaign. The manufacturers of Triumph underwear have been targeted in an effort to stop manufacture in Myanmar. The 'Clean Clothes Campaign' in Europe is also trying to improve the code of conduct towards workers in Myanmar. The Premier has promised \$4 million to protect outworkers in the clothing industry in NSW. Cela had attended the Indigenous and Refugee Women's Human Rights Court which she found an amazing and overwhelming experience. Sessions focused on the multiple oppressions faced by hundreds of women. We are faced with the question 'What are we doing about them? How can we bring about change to produce a better future for these women and their families?'

With the current debate about asylum seekers Executive proposed that the following letter be sent to the Minister for Immigration:

"The members of the NSW Unit of Australian Church Women are very aware of the complex and difficult issues surrounding asylum seekers in this country. We acknowledge the illegal trade of people smuggling must be stopped and we know that no country is always able to accept all those who attempt to emigrate.

However, we ask that your department seek every possible means to accelerate the process of the refugee determination system and thus shorten the length of time asylum seekers are kept in immigration holding centres.

Assuring you of the prayers of the members of this organisation at this critical time."

Moved Cela Cooper and seconded Elizabeth Walker that the letter be sent. Carried. It was agreed that the letter should be sent to National and printed in the minutes.

Racism Conference to be held at the Sydney Opera House and National has asked that someone from NSW represent them. Cela is willing to go and Heather ^{Reid} ~~Badger~~ will attend if Cela is unable to do so. Executive to decide if another person should go from NSW. JR 12

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ASIAN CHURCH WOMENS CONFERENCE: Barbara Lacy wants a skirt from Chang Mai and Shirley Wells indicated that she could supply one.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder reported that the theme for Fellowship Day in July is *Rejoice in the Lord*. Because of concern at the cost of printing when the Uniting Church sent work out when it could not cope Council members were asked if they knew of a printer we could keep in mind for backup.

FUNCTIONS: Helen Richardson will liaise with Jean Porteous for Installation Service.

PUBLICITY: Peg Blake will do work as possible, but is still unable to attend meetings.

Moved Margaret Redmond, seconded Joyce Liddell that the reports be received.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Robyn Henry UCA - Receipt/thanks for payment
 2. Baptist Women NSW/ACT - Ramona Cowle new representative
 3. NCW NSW - Australia Day Award
 4. Margaret Weller - FLC donation
 5. National Executive - Circular 2002/1 - Constitution/Guideline Changes
Unit/Territory Directories
Minutes 19/11/2001, 21/1/2002
'Beyond Tolerance' Conference on Racism 12-13/3/2002
Lee Edwards - inability to attend in March
 6. YWCA NSW Events: Lunch Seminar 27/2; International Women's Day 8/3/2002
- Publications:
ACW News November 2001-February 2002
ACW ACT Newsletter January-March 2002
ACWC Bulletin October-December 2001
NCW Forward Together - December 2001, February 2002

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. Edith Ridge - thanks for World Community Day Service at St James
2. Mrs M Proust - thanks for \$70 donation for Prayer Partner, Pakistan
3. Rev. Lee Edwards - copy of Jan's initial letter
4. Lisa Jackson - re appointment to ACWC Assembly

Moved Robin Phillis, seconded Margaret Hawkins that the inward mail be received and the outward mail endorsed. Carried.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Judith Baker reported that a service had been held in the city with visitors from branches to go through the prepared order. Slides about Romania were shown. The service does not stress negatives - is good.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Agreed that Nola Dickson should be encouraged to attend the NSW Ecumenical Council meeting at Bathurst with financial support.

GIRLS BRIGADE: Heather Reid showed the certificate of appreciation she had received from the Girls Brigade for acting as their representative for many years. Heather had been able to speak about Australian Church Women at the presentation. The new representative to ACW is Lorna Steel.

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FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. CWL Australia Inc. at Wollongong 23/1/2002
2. NCW NSW Australia Day Luncheon 25/1/2002
3. UCAF Dedication Service 13/2/2002
4. Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon 12/4/2002 - Jan to go
5. UNIFEM Breakfast or Luncheon Monday 4/3/2002
6. Mothers Union 22/3/2002
7. Australian Board of Missions 27/3/2002

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Jan reported that Padma is looking after Anusha's baby. Thora Thomas has a book launch with musical program March 10, 2.30 at Harbord Uniting Church.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Agreed that when a mailing is going to Branches a copy of the NSW Constitution be included along with an Information Leaflet and covering letter. This would ensure that change of personnel would be kept up to date and informed about Australian Church Women.
2. It was proposed that a committee be set up with a view to forming a National Executive for 2003. Jan Harrison would be happy to convene such a committee. It was moved Elizabeth Walker, seconded Norma Dumbrell:
In order to establish a National Executive for 2003 a Nominating Committee be formed with the President and Secretary appointed by Council and other denominations appoint a representative and alternate. Carried
3. With the Annual General Meeting in April nomination forms are available.
4. Proposed that a Trading Table be held at March Council Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 18 March 2001 - Morning Tea - Baptist
Chairs - Salvation Army

Jan Harrison thanked the Salvation Army ladies for providing morning tea before she closed the meeting with prayer.

Confirmed: J. R. Harrison

Date: 18th March 2002

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS for two months ended 31.12.01

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.11.01			18617.22
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Donations		10.00	
Affiliation		82.00	
Associate Members		40.00	
Stock		2975.50	
Newsette		400.00	
FLC		7547.65	
Winifred Kiek S'ship		155.30	
Fellowship Day Service		0.00	
World Community Day		2340.75	
ACWC Partners		153.20	
Glebe Board - Interest		0.00	
Bank Interest		0.00	
Refund Insurance for Airfare to Nat. Conference		70.00	
Donation for Pakistan Prayers Partners		70.00	
Australia Day Luncheon - Contra		45.00	
Expense A/c		<u>105.15</u>	<u>13994.55</u>
			32611.77
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Printing Ch. in Aust. - Use of meeting rooms		250.00	
Long - Accom. for International Visitor		150.00	
Newsette - Postage	82.46		
Printing	<u>80.80</u>	163.26	
Labels		84.90	
Transfd to Newsette Subscription		5.00	
Presidents Expenses - Printing & Stationery	18.00		
Postage & Phone	<u>13.50</u>	31.50	
Pastoral Care Expenses		52.50	
National Council Women NSW - Scholarship Aust. Day		500.00	
Aust. Day Luncheon - Contra		45.00	
F'ship Least Coin - Postage		48.75	
World Community Day at St James - Expenses		15.70	
Stationery		44.97	
Cancelled Cheque - Lakemba ACW	77.00		
Glad Camlin Lakemba ACW - Reimbursement of overpayment	72.00		
Newsette Subscription	<u>5.00</u>	0.00	
ACW National Executive - Fellowship Least Coin	12696.50		
Winifred Kiek S'ship	239.03		
Fellowship Day Service	3886.51		
World Community Day	4378.40		
National Travel Fund	150.00		
Overseas Travel Fund	150.00		
ACWC - Bulletin	15.00		
Partners	500.00		
Endowment Fund	3000.00		
Pakistan Prayer Partners	<u>70.00</u>	25085.44	
Government Charges		<u>5.00</u>	<u>26472.02</u>
			6139.75
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Nola Dickson - Newsette Expenses - Labels	84.90		
Edith Ridge - Expenses for Service at St James	15.70		
Joan Tong - Stationery - Coloured paper	44.97		