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nationally and internationally.*

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## From our President

During the last few weeks I have been involved with gift buying. This brings with it the usual problems of giving something suitable as well as staying within the budget. Not only that, but finding a gift that the other person finds agreeable presents something of a dilemma for all of us. Because I appreciate receiving gifts that were made by the giver, I have often done the same for others. I have to admit that this has not always been well received.

Paul wrote quite extensively on spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12. He has told us that through the Holy Spirit we have received gifts that we should use in our responses to others. When we put them all together as we work with one another for the good of God's Kingdom, what a marvellous repository of gifts we have. Gifts are not much use though if they sit unopened tied up with pretty ribbons - God needs us to use our gifts. James poses the question for us. *"What good is it if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds ?.... Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do."*

By now, some of you will know that my husband and I are planning a trip around Australia before some of our frequent flyer points expire. We have decided to visit each of the mainland State and

Territory Capitals as well as Alice Springs and Launceston between 13 October and 19 November. I am hopeful that I may be able to meet as many members of ACW as possible during our holiday.

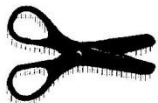
On the 8th July I was able to represent A.C.W. at the opening service of the Girls Brigade 7th International conference. The service was a joyous occasion where 38 countries were represented. On the 9th July Andrea West (Federal member for Bowman) held a morning tea for the Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, and I was able to attend with several hundred others for an informal morning.

I have received an invitation from the N.S.W. Unit to attend their 60th Anniversary on 20th July and am looking forward to sharing in their celebration.

God bless you all.

  
Aileen

*'Faith is not a sense nor sight nor reason' but taking God at His word'.*



**Snippet from:-**

**South Australia.:-** Word is to hand that the Winter Morning Teas, which this year will benefit Childhood Cancer Association are progressing very well. (Congratulations and may the remainder of your Teas be even more successful. ed)

***Please Note: Contributions for next issue (November December January) will need to be submitted by 10th October 1998***

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Greetings to all ACW members throughout Australia! To those who are not well we extend our best wishes for a complete recovery.

Canberra is in its mid-winter phase during these days, often with temperatures down to minus seven. Despite this and a heavy fog which did not lift until late morning, June meeting of the ACT Unit was well attended and enjoyed by all. The welcome hot tea and biscuits which preceded the business of the meeting was greatly appreciated. Devotions were presented by Life Member Ruth Burmester OAM who traced the Spirit of God through Old Testament revelation until the time of Jesus Christ.

A warm welcome was extended to Sheila Gilpin a new delegate from St. James Uniting Church Fellowship, Curtin. Congratulations to St. Andrews PWA stalwarts Betty Laurie and Nan Raven on being presented with Certificates of Merit "In Appreciation of Christ and His Church as members of St. Andrews PWA Canberra".

Both Betty and Nan, now residents of St. Andrews Village at Hughes ACT are highly deserving of this recognition.

President Evonne returned to Canberra on June 15 after a 'wonderful month' (Evonne's words) in Darwin. During that time she was pleased to make telephone contact with Darwin Branch Convenors Elizabeth Appleby and Captain Annette Shearer. On the 17th May Evonne welcomed her 11th grandchild Claire Maree, daughter for Maree and Leon Helmers and a sister for 2 1/2 yr. old Patrick. Evonne and Jean Thomson now maintain that they have the two most beautiful grand-daughters in Canberra.

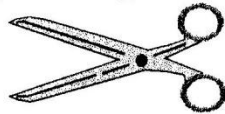
ACT Unit was well represented at the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Celebrations of N.S.W. State Unit on July 20th. President Evonne Sullivan, Secretary Annette Wilson, Vice President Olga Scott and Treasurer Helen Lloyd were pleased to attend. The planning committee for the 1999 Fellowship Day Order of Service is progressing under the direction of Vice President Jean Hambley.

Jean Thomson's husband Neville is making excellent recovery after heart surgery on July 6th. Neville and Jean appreciate your prayers and messages of support.

May the Lord continue to bless your ministry in His Name.

Annette Wilson (Honorary Secretary)

**Snippet from:-**



**VICTORIA:-** Will you be in Melbourne on Monday 31st August? If so you will be welcome to join the Victorian Unit as they meet for the Film Luncheon to be held at the Trak Cinema in Toorak Road, South Yarra. For a cost of \$11 you can enjoy the film "Her Majesty, Mrs. Brown" and have lunch with great people - what more could you desire? Contact members of A.C.W.(Vic) Unit for tickets or the ticket secretary on Tel.(03)9478 2572.

Members of the Victorian Unit were very pleased that the 1998 W.K.Scholar, Milise Taipaleti was able to attend the April Council Meeting of A.C.W. to share some of her story which enabled those present to appreciate the talent and dedication of this young woman.

The annual Quiet Day was organised by Vice President Shirley Wallis assisted by Mrs. Maureen Daniels. The attendance was very encouraging and the time spent in quietness before the Lord was beneficial.

## **Your Garden of Success**

by D. J. Harrington

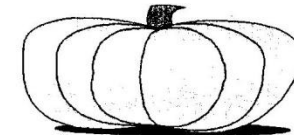
### **First Plant 7 Rows of Peas.**

Presence  
Promptness  
Preparation  
Patience  
Perseverance  
Positive Action  
Prayer



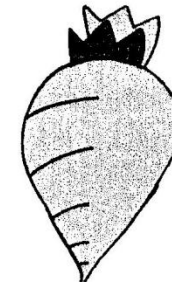
### **Then Plant 7 Rows of Squash**

Squash Gossip  
Squash Indifference  
Squash Negativity  
Squash Worry  
Squash Envy  
Squash Greed  
Squash Fear



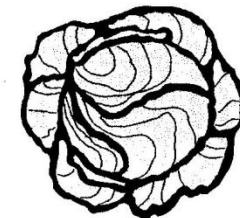
### **Next Plant 9 Rows of Turnips**

Turn -up for Training  
Turn-up on Time  
Turn-up with a Smile  
Turn-up with New Ideas  
Turn-up with New Goals  
Turn-up with New Prospects  
Turn-up with Excitement  
Turn-up with a Positive Attitude  
Turn-up with Determination to Make Everything Count for  
Good and be Worthwhile



### **No Garden is Complete without Lettuce**

Let us be Faithful to Our Duty  
Let us be Honest with Ourselves  
Let us be Unselfish and Loyal  
Let us be True to Our Obligations  
Let us Have Fun and Enjoyment  
Let us Obey the Rules & Regulations  
Let us Love and Help One Another



And Last but Not least

**LET US ASK FOR GOD'S HELP**

**Snippet from:-**



**N.S.W.:-**July 20th was a special day for N.S.W. Unit when they celebrated 60 years of fellowship and service.

Mrs. Peg. Blake writes in her final Presidential letter--"Begun by a handful of women, in a time of unrest, even with the threat of a World War our Unit's Anniversary is surely proof of how faith and a vision can grow." It was expected that approximately 40 Services would be held on Fellowship Day.

We congratulate N.S.W. and pray that their 'mustard tree' will continue to grow as they now look forward to a further decade with A.C.W..

.Congratulations also to Mrs Nancye Mitchell for her success at the recent AUSSI Masters Swimming Championships in Hobart. Nancye is a member of Sutherland Branch. and began swimming competitively at 10. As a 16 year old Nancye won the National Junior Freestyle Championship in Hobart. Now, nearly 60 years later, in the same city, she again swam as a champion. At 75 years she won Gold in the 400, 200, 100, 50 metre freestyle and the 50 metre backstroke. Nancye says her prowess in swimming is a "God-given gift." Nancye is active in her Church, Mothers' Union and Bush Aid Society Auxiliary.



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