

Minutes of Australian Church Women N.S.W. State Unit meeting held at Pitt St.
UNITING CHURCH ON 11/20th Feb. 1978.

The Service of Renewal and Dedication was held in the church at 10.30a.m. Those taking part, Mrs. Lt. Col. Baker the leader, Deaconess Andrews, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Dougherty, and Mrs. Stanhope received the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering. Beautiful solos were rendered by Janet Jeffrey, Brig. Smith was the pianist, and a fine address was given by Mrs. Lilian Wells, O.B.E.-N.S.W. Moderator of the Uniting Church. About 70 ladies were present, and were invited to light refreshments following the service.

The President welcomed 31 members to the Council meeting which followed. There were apologies from Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Oates, Dame Monica Gallagher, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Stevens, and Mrs. Ralph. Some other members who had attended the service were unable to stay for the meeting.

Mrs. Regan informed us she was a new representative from the Roman Catholic Church. Several visitors also remained for the meeting. Women's League.

November Council meeting minutes were read and confirmed.

Correspondence. Inwards.

Working Committee minutes Nov. and Dec.

Letter Working Committee re Theologically trained women as in Nov W, at W.

It was reported names had been forwarded, to South Australia for Consultation.

Return thanks Dorothy Martin and Joy Holland.

Major Stelstra with addresses Greek Orthodox Church.

Invitation W.W.D. of P. in Congress Hall.

Sister Freney re resignation,

A.C.W. Heather Stevens re Fellowship Day Service printing.

Mrs. Stipewich re thank you for get well card and information, and P.W.A.

Presbyterians rep. to executive, Mrs. Stipewich, and Mrs. Carlisle to Council.

Trading Partners invitation to launching.

Mrs. Udy A.C.C. Social Worker re Submission for F.L.C. grant.

Mrs. Dougherty letter acknowledging nomination to A.C.W.C.

Outwards.

Baptist ladies,

A.C.W. re nomination Mrs. Dougherty.

Thank you letter Major Stelstra.

Two letters Greek Orthodox Fathers.

W.W.D of Prayer re Mrs. Gummow's nomination.

Acknowledgement Bishop Muldoon.

Mrs. Wells re Service.

Leaflets, newsletters and calendars sent out.

Booking 139 Castlereagh St. for future Council meetings.

Sympathy Card Commissioner Pindred.

Correspondence received.

Financial Statement. Miss Mitchell commented about our finances, and P.L.C. fund, an increase on last year.

Convenors Reports. Mrs. Lean reported a new leaflet was in process of being prepared for promotion material.

Mrs. McCann reported she would have publicised the Service.

Mrs. Stanhope gave F.L.C. report, and reported 1979 as international year of the child.

Deaconess Andrews reported about the W.K. Scholar. Tapita Das from Bangladesh.

Mrs. Woodhouse reported on the discussion groups being held, 2 weeks had been successful, and plans for 3 more sessions, being held at Pitt St. Centre.

It was reported we hoped to have prepared this year a History of our Organization.

It was reported the next meeting would be held at 139 Castlereagh St. on Mar. 20th

when it was hoped the Winifred Kiehl Scholar, Sister Barkat Dass, from Pakistan, would be able to speak. She was due to arrive on Sat. 25th Feb.

April would be the Annual Meeting.

It was reported Mrs. Woodhouse and Mrs. McCann had attended Trading Partners Launching and there was the possibility we could follow this up later as a fund raising project as well as help people in 3rd world countries.

Deaconess Andrews reported Mrs. Dougherty, A.C.W. National President, had attended the National Committee Meetings in Sydney earlier in February of the Women's World Day of Prayer. It was reported Deaconess is now National Liaison Officer, and would be attending the World meeting in Tanzania, to represent Australia.

INTERNATIONAL ZAMBIA

Deaconess Andrews reported that the Y.W.C.A. planned to sell their property at Kirrabilli. It was resolved that a letter be written, and Mrs. Dougherty, who was familiar with the details, to write, expressing the wish of A.C.W. N.S.W. Unit that as the money had been given to 'Tremayne' Hostel, for the "Wybalena Wing" for students and business girls, from the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, this name, "Wybalena," be preserved in some form in their future plans, as a means of keeping faith with the ladies in the past who had worked so hard for the "Wybalena" Hostel, and raised the original money.

The meeting closed with the benediction. ~~at 6:30 pm~~

E. A. J. Jones.....Confirmed.
20th March 1978.