

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**



**Minutes of meeting held Monday 18 February 2002 at 76 Abernethy Rd, Belmont**

The meeting commenced at 9:55 a.m.

**Chair:** Rev. Lee Edwards

**Present:** Barbara Bourhill, Olive Dell, Catherine Derries, Phillis Dolling, Margaret Ker, Leeola Loughnan, Sheila Mellar, Laurel Pearce, Janet Watts, Leila Wilson

**Apologies:** None

**Welcome** Lee Edwards

**Devotions** Barbara Bourhill. Barbara shared three items reflecting our focus on community: Acts 2, Circle of Prayer 14 (item highlighting the impact of lack of community) and a prayer with the theme of Christians forming a community of faith travelling towards God.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** accepted with correction to correspondence and insertion of "edited by Illuminada Domingo" after *Unleashing the Power Within Us* (ACWC report).

**Business Arising:** None.

**Correspondence:** List circulated.

Inwards Item 13: noted that overall cost of minutes may have to be reviewed.

**Reports**

*President* (Lee Edwards)

- Correspondence Item 22: Jan Harrison (ACW NSW) attended installation of CWL National Executive in Wollongong. Our thanks to Jan for representing ACW at this function.
- Wildflower Tours for Conference 2003: deferred to General Business.
- 'Honouring Women' programme had been discussed when Lee in Canberra. Agreed that Laurel Pearce would prepare a synopsis to encourage Units to participate. Phillis Dowling to include item in next newsletter.
- 'Balancing Life and Work' – information to Laurel.
- Conference 2003: draft of letter to Governor re civic reception approved.

*Vice Presidents* (Barbara Bourhill)

- Barbara noted Memorial Book to be discussed at State Unit meeting.

*Treasurer* (Sheila Mellar)

- Report circulated. Lee noted that ACW ACT had expressed appreciation of informative report included in last minutes.
- It was clarified that the Memorial Book Fund provides books for WKS scholars.
- It was agreed to invest \$10, 000 from the National Conference Fund. Sheila to investigate options.
- Financial report accepted.

*Fellowship of the Least Coin* (Olive Dell): Nothing to report.

*Winifred Kiek Scholarship* (Janet Watts)

- Brochures being printed by Cypress Printers; folded, bundles of 50.
- Memorial Book to be mentioned in WKS letter and taken to Fellowship Service.
- Information has been collected on most scholars from 1965 onwards.

*Publications/Publicity* (Phillis Dolling)

- Leeola noted that she requires further copies.

- Costs of newsletter: Envelopes \$60.40, Printing (500) \$352 stapled/folded. Total \$417.65 including postage.
- Lee noted that the newsletter had also received favourable comments in ACT.
- Deadline for material for next issue: 20 March.

*Special Days* (Catherine Derries)

- Letter to be sent to each State with Fellowship Day booklet.
- Six originals needed, last page left blank for State news/contact details.

*Social Justice* (Laurel Pearce)

- Correspondence as listed.
- Submission re children in detention: NSW and SA Units contacted. Laurel had also spoken to John Dolling who worked at Port Hedland for some years. He felt that centres should be freer and closer to centres of population. Families should be housed in area separated from unaccompanied children. Lee noted that, while visiting Canberra, she had been told that NCW is campaigning for unaccompanied children to be brought out of camps. John also felt that service to refugees needs to be improved – continuity in provision of contact person, full access to interpreters. Laurel will follow up to complete submission (also hoping to contact Eira Clapton and Rosemary Miller): deadline 15 March.
- Letter to ACWC members re National Conference Resolution 15 approved. Copies to be sent to Barbara Lacy and Pat Walker.
- ACWC report submitted by Barbara Lacy. It was agreed that we endorse the nomination made by ACWC Executive at their conference in Adelaide in September 2001 for the position of ACWC Executive Secretary.

**General Business**

- Venues for Conference 2003  
At the invitation of Lee Edwards, Margaret Ker presented detailed comparison of two preferred venues: *Kingswood College* and *Swanleigh*, noting that other university colleges and boarding schools did not appear to provide the necessary facilities. After discussion of the two options, it was resolved: That the 2003 Conference be held from 6 October to 10 October 2003 at Swanleigh, Middle Swan.  
Moved: Barbara Bourhill Carried unanimously.  
Seconded: Janet Watts  
Further details will be to hand shortly.
- Wildflower tours in association with Conference: Lee Edwards provided details of proposed tours. Before Conference: overnight tour \$230 (coach, accommodation/meals/entry). After Conference (Scenic South West) \$500. Prices as at February 2002.
- Civic reception: agreed that response to this would determine timing of church service and half-day tour.
- Lee presented her report on her Canberra visit at the invitation of the Office of the Status of Women. A copy of the report will be forwarded to each Unit. Margaret Ker expressed the appreciation of all National Executive members for Lee's representation of ACW at this event.

The meeting closed at 2 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday 20 March 2002  
Chair and Devotions: Leila Wilson  
Morning Tea: Laurel Pearce

## CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

1. 24/1/02 Barbara Lacy – advice for Special Project money sent to Shunila Ruth, Pakistan, clarification of ACW rep to ACWC, gifts for ACWC conference.
2. 25/1/02 Shunila Ruth – acknowledged receipt of advise of money sent - \$US 2815.93.
3. 28/1/02 Johnah Domingo – advising book “Unleashing the Power Within Us” has been posted. Invoice to follow.
4. 29/1/02 Catholics for a Free Choice – Ban on Condoms by Bishops.
5. 29/1/02 Janet Watts – letter to WKS convenors, WKS info on past scholars.
6. 29/1/02 Laurel Pearce – request internet info on Human Rights Comm on ‘National Inquiry into Children in Immigration’.
7. 31/1/02 ACW ACT Unit Newsletter.
8. 31/1/02 ACW ACT Jean Thomson – advising receipt of minutes, etc.
9. 07/2/02 ACW NSW Unit Newsette - February.
10. 07/2/02 Aust Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse Paper 5 plus other information.
11. 07/2/02 BPW Australia Chat Page January 2002.
12. 07/2/02 ACWC Bulletin – October-December 2001.
13. 12/2/02 ACW QLD – Mollie Jean Hunt –good wishes for our term as National Exec/requests 3 or 4 copies of minutes.
14. 12/2/02 Barbara Lacy – copy of letter sent to ACWC Australian members re travel, etc.
15. 12/2/02 Barbara Lacy – has confirmation of money sent to Shunila Ruth, Pakistan been received, info on voting.
16. 14/2/02 Maureen Clark – email for ICFLC from Kikono Xtian Women’s Self Reliance be forwarded to Esther Byu.
17. 14/2/02 Maureen Clark – photocopying of minutes cost to previous National Executive.
18. 14/2/02 Esther Byu – receipt of two applications (Uganda and India).
19. 15/2/02 Barbara Lacy – report to meeting to be held 18<sup>th</sup> February.
20. 16/2/02 ACW ACT Jean Thomson – keeping in touch.
21. 16/2/02 Barbara Lacy – comments on agenda for meeting.
22. Lee Edwards: ACW NSW Jan Harrison – report on attendance at CWLA Installation of National Executive on 23/1/02.
23. Laurel Pearce: National Council of Women Newsletter Bulletin 4.
24. BPW Chat page.
25. Its’ an Honour.
26. Tracks – Tracks to Reconciliation Newsletter.
27. CCA News – re urgent call from Pakistan churches for peace not war.
28. Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency newsletter.
29. In Unity – National Council of Churches –includes letter from WCC says Aust treatment of asylum seekers troubling.
30. Working Together – Australian Evangelical Alliance – ‘terrorism & the Gospel of Peace, articles on Aust’s responses to asylum seekers, articles looking at how US Foreign Policy contributes to terror.

## CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

1. 22/1/02 Census 2001 – requesting information on number of women in mainstream churches – information for Lee.
2. 24/1/02 Shunila Ruth, Talitha Kumi Welfare Centre – bank details of amount US\$2815.93 sent by electronic mail from Special Project 2001.
3. 24/1/02 Barbara Lacy – advising Special Project money forwarded by electronic mail, advising on official directory, info on ACWC liturgy copyright.
4. 28/1/02 Illuminada Domingo – requesting 6 copies of ‘Unleashing the Power Within Us’.
5. 23/1/02 ACW ACT Jean Thomson – info on address for minutes, etc.
6. 24/1/02 Directory of Australian Association – requesting more information on our previous, if at all, participation, as well as any relevant information on their history.
7. 30/1/02 ACW NSW Isabel Hewitt – asking for representation at the “Beyond Tolerance” National Conference on racism.
8. 14/2/02 Esther Byu, ICFLC – acknowledging receipt of information from Uganda and India.
9. 16/2/02 Illuminada Domingo – advising change of address for National Executive and requesting invoice for ordered books.

A. C. W. NATIONAL COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 16-1-02 TO 18-2-02

		<u>A/C BALANCE</u>
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP BALANCE B/FWD 15-1-02.	11213-55	<u>AS AT 18-1-0</u>
23-1-02. TRANSFERRED TO W.K.S. TRUSTEES	11213-55	NIL
W.K.S. MEMORIAL BOOK FUND	10-00	10-00
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SPECIAL PROJECT BALANCE B/FWD 15-1-02	5458-30	
23-1-02. TRANSFERRED TO TALITHA KUMI WELFARE CENTRE	5458-30	NIL
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ACWC MONIES BALANCE B/FWD 15-1-02	8648-20	
NO ACTIVITY ON A/C		8648-20
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ADMINISTRATION A/C BALANCE B/FWD 15-1-02	3452-71	
INTEREST	0-13	
DONATION (TOWARDS POSTAGE)	50-00	
PAYMENTS:-		
PETTY CASH		455-00
POSTAGE		93-90
STATIONERY		28-40
BANK DRAFT		26-10
PRINTING (ACW NEWS)		352-00
CHG A/C SERVICE FEE		1-35
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THE FOLLOWING A/Cs HAVE NIL BALANCES		
FLC, WKS, A.C.W.C. BULLETINS, W.C.D, F/SHIP DAY.		NIL
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MONIES HELD

A.C.W.C.	8648-20
NATIONAL TRAVEL	513-35
OVERSEAS "	150-00
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	11959-97
OVERSEAS "	3568-10
W.K.S. MEMORIAL BOOK	<hr/> 10-00
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ACTUAL WORKING MONIES ADMIN A/C      \$ 2546-09