



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 20 August 2001 at 10.30 am.

President Jan Harrison welcomed back Ethel Wladysiuk after illness. Jan spoke of hope renewing itself every morning. In Jesus - life, hope & liberty - being free from whatever binds us. In Australia we take our freedom lightly - but captive status is a frightening possibility as we hear of those in hostage situations. Scriptural passages assure liberty to captives, the setting free of the oppressed so that even those who lack physical freedom may be spiritually enriched. Jan prayed for those in captivity and bondage.

PRESENT: 37 members as recorded

APOLOGIES: 12 as recorded

The Minutes of Council Meeting of Monday 18 June 2001 were confirmed on the motion of Thora Thomas and Lily Hanlon. Carried.

### BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Spiritual Enrichment Day was a time of renewal as people contemplated the Images of God. The efforts of Colleen O'Sullivan and Marie Craddock were much appreciated.
2. Fellowship Day had seen good attendances, happy occasions and thought provoking addresses.
3. State Conference - Sydney Congress Hall Function Centre, Elizabeth Street, Sydney has been booked for Monday, 16 September 2002. Rate quoted is \$25 per person.
4. National Conference Adelaide 24-28 September 2001. Notices of Motion were distributed to Council members to enable comments to be made for the guidance of delegates and observers attending the conference.
5. City of Sydney Branch - Arrangements are in hand for a World Community Day Service in St James Church King Street, Tuesday, 23 October 2001 at 12.15 p.m. The Rev. Susanne Pain will give the address. Edith Ridge encouraged all who do not have branch meetings to attend. There is a possibility that light refreshments will be organised to follow the service. Publicity can now go ahead.
6. Annual General Meeting minutes recorded Daphne Peterson's name incorrectly. It was therefore moved Judith Baker and seconded Helen Hill that the correction be made, with apologies to Daphne.
7. Uma David from Chennai (Madras) in India will be visiting Sydney en route to Adelaide and will attend our meeting on Monday 17 September 2001. Uma is a Vice President of ACWC, a member of the Church of South India and a representative on the FLC International Committee. It was decided that each denominational group provide two plates of food (except the Catholic ladies who are on morning tea). Also decided that there should be an offering towards ACWC funds. Arrangements for Uma's itinerary in Sydney are proceeding, and members were asked to advise of functions/meetings which Uma could visit.
8. Volunteers Information from June meeting is being collated.

### INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT ELECT:

Jan Harrison interviewed Jean Porteous in an effort to help Council members know something of the background of our President Elect. Jean said she had grown up in a Christian home, and as a child she learned to put God first. She worked as a cashier in Sydney before training as a nurse at Western Suburbs Hospital - a hospital which had a strong Nurses' Christian Fellowship. Although her aspirations were in midwifery, a vacancy in a leprosy hospital in India was offered and she took up the challenge. Leprosy is a curable disease if given early treatment - true when Jean took up the job, and even truer today. Multi drug therapy renders the disease inactive in 3-5 years, and only 12 months for non-infectious leprosy. People in the clinics/hospitals run by Christian missions heard the gospel - felt peace and asked questions about the beliefs of those who ministered to them. Jean said she had many happy memories of her time in India. She currently serves on the Leprosy Mission National Council.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Report was circulated. Marie Majoor moved, seconded Beryl McLaughlin that report be received. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP: Daphne Peterson reported that a new address list was being compiled. She asked members to check that their details were correct.

PASTORAL CARE: Dss Heather Badgery reported that she had received a card from Helen Richardson from London. Cards had been sent to Rhoda Gates, Robyn Collins, Peg Blake, Alison Todd, Mina Whybourne and Lucelle King. Cela Cooper is to go to the UK soon. Noelene Roose's knee replacement has broken down. Margaret Hawkins is to have hip and knee surgery. Ethel Wladysiuk is back after illness. Alwyn Warren was not well enough to come.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells advised that she still has copies of *Circle of Prayer*. Shirley led us in a devotional - A Voice from Lebanon - God's Uplifting Power - "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

WINIFRED KEIK SCHOLARSHIP: In Mina Whybourne's absence Edith Ridge reported on her contact with Dorothy Ferrier about the poor communication regarding scholars. Many do not come to Australia, do not necessarily have good English, but there is a need to inform those responsible for providing the money for scholarships. It is proposed that National Conference should explore ways to keep information coming, for example by developing the role of sponsoring bodies as channels of information.

NEWSETTE: Thanks to Beryl McLaughlin for the latest informative issue.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper reported on an article on the internet about the women only village in Ethiopia - matrecare international - telling of fistula treatment.

On the Fair wear campaign it has been observed that many retailers have signed, but not much has happened as yet. Cela suggested that if members see the label it would be good to congratulate, but if it is not seen, then perhaps it would be good to write and ask why it is not appearing.

Seniors Information Service, Level 5, 280 Pitt Street Sydney has brochures listing fact sheets on a range of relevant topics - such as concessions, housing, services, meals on wheels, events - which can be ordered. The phone line 13 12 44 guarantees 'real people answer the phone', and 13 14 50 is the number for non English speakers.

ACWC: The fund raising calendars are available for each denominational group to sell. Price is \$8 and there are three designs: Wildflowers, Rainforest, Chris Huber's Australia.

SPECIAL DAYS: The theme for World Community Day in October is 'Living in Hope'. Offerings will support a project in Pakistan. Packing day is September 3 at 9.30 am.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. National Executive - Letter 23/7/2001, motions, profiles of nominees
2. National Executive - Minutes 17/7/2001 - Circular 2001/16, 17, 18
3. Robyn Henry - confirmation room bookings 2002
4. Asian Church Woman Newsletter
5. NSW Ec Cnl WISE Day Away Thurs 6 Sept - Aboriginal Women's Meeting House, Picton
6. Mission Partners (Uniting Church)
7. Festival of Light - celebration 1/10/2001
8. Baptist Women of NSW/ACT - Session at Assembly 24/9/2001 - Elizabeth Walker to go
9. PPSEAWA - AGM, nomination form, fees due
10. NCW Award and Affiliation
11. Womenspace issue 15, August 2001

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. National Executive - Annual report, minutes
2. National Executive - Unit report, motions, deaths/awards
3. Robyn Henry - room bookings 2002
4. Festival of Light - change of address
5. Peta Pearson (2)
6. Don Napier on death of Margaret (WA)
7. Spiritual Enrichment Day - thank you letters
8. Beth Skilbeck - new Victorian President - congratulations
9. PWA National - National Secretary reporting - representing National President
10. Roslyn Hartwig - PR on ACW
11. Padma Ebenezer - 50th birthday card

Moved Elizabeth Walker and seconded Sandra Wise that the correspondence be received.  
Carried.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Preparations for next Day are proceeding, groups meeting in areas to familiarise themselves with service supplied from Romania.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: New executive coming up, looking at future for NCW. Woman of the Year Award was made at NCW Luncheon 14 August. Jan reported that Judith Riding had won the award and Peg Blake had received a certificate. Peg had enjoyed the luncheon very much. Members were reminded that the Norma Topp Annual Youth Award is made later in the year, and they were asked to pass on information to church youth groups who might wish to be considered.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. PWA Meeting & Luncheon 9/7/2001 - thanks to Joyce Liddell who attended
2. PWA National Assembly 23/7/2001 - Jan represented Marj Dredge National President
3. NCW Luncheon - Woman of the Year Award - 14/8/2001
4. Bush Church Aid Rally 9/8/2001 - Jan attended
5. Sydney Day Mission Support Group 13/8/2001 Roseville - thanks to Margaret Jessup
6. Polding Lecture - 27 August 2001 at St John's College University of Sydney 7.30 pm
7. Professor John D'Arcy May: Confronting the reality of Auschwitz 7.30 for 8.00 pm  
22/8/2001 National Council of Jewish Women, 111 Queen Street, Woollahra

GENERAL BUSINESS: Trading Table at November Council Meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: National Executive had notified that Federation Sunday would be observed later in the year. Joan Tong had downloaded a certificate which could be made available to denominational groups wishing to acknowledge efforts of generally 'unnoticed' people who work in a voluntary capacity.

It was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Father Chris Toohey as he takes up his appointment as Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes.

Sandra Wise reported that Dorothy Lumb has been moved into care in Mowll Village Donald Coburn Centre. Anyone who could visit would be appreciated.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 17 September 2001, 10.00 am - Morning Tea - Catholic  
Chairs - Presbyterian

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: President Jan Harrison closed the meeting at 12.30 pm praying for those not well, those travelling overseas, for forthcoming events and for safe travel home.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
for two months ended 31.07.01**

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.06.01			8218.21
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Donations		0.00	
Affiliation		60.00	
Associate Members		60.00	
Stock		180.00	
Newsette		15.00	
FLC		776.45	
Winifred Kiek S'ship		0.00	
Fellowship Day Service		913.45	
World Community Day		0.00	
ACWC Partners		53.15	
Glebe Board - Interest		54.60	
Bank Interest		70.44	2183.09
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DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Printing & Stationery		35.35	
Postage & phone		12.50	
Fellowship Day Service - Printing	274.00		
Postage	<u>110.09</u>	384.09	
NSW Ecumenical Council - 1/2 yearly meeting		25.00	
PPSEAWA - Winter Luncheon		20.00	
ACW National Executive - 2 Delegates - Rego & Accommodation	490.00		
2 Observers - Rego	<u>120.00</u>	610.00	
NCW Foundation Day Luncheon		90.00	
Gifts for guests		33.00	
Government Charges		7.37	1217.31
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CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
NSW Ecumenical Council - 1/2 yearly meeting		25.00	
NCW NSW - Foundation Day Luncheon - President & guest	90.00		
Contra - ACW members	<u>270.00</u>	360.00	
ACW National Executive - 2 Delegates	490.00		
2 Observers	<u>120.00</u>	610.00	
Daphne Peterson - Name labels for Spiritual Reflection Day		45.00	
eryl McLaughlin - Postage Newsette		92.52	
UCA - NSW Synod - Printing Newsette		75.40	
PPSEAWA - Annual Subscription		30.00	
Jan Harrison - Photocopying	20.00		
Postage	3.50		
Tea/coffee	9.40		
Gift for Sr C O'Sullivan	50.00		
Reimbursement for Conference Airfare	<u>239.49</u>	322.49	