



**Australian Church Women Inc**  
**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**  
**MINUTES of Meeting**  
**Friday 12 June 2009 at 10.00 am**

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home. The Executive congratulated Jean on the award of Member (OAM) in the General Division in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2009.
2. **Devotions** Helen L led the devotions with readings from *Circle of Prayer Vol. 16* – Corinthians 9:23-25, Hebrews 12:1-3 and 2 Timothy 4:7, followed by a prayer - "on the wings of prayer".
3. **Present** Jean Thomson OAM (in chair), Angela Devlin, Jacqueline Hipwell, Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Fran Moss, Helen Raymond, Ruth Burmester OAM (NLM) and Evonne Sullivan AM (NLM).
4. **Apologies** Jan Abrahamffy, Constance Aronsen, Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Eileen Holley.
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 3 April 2009 were moved Helen R, seconded Judith-Ann and accepted. (Note: There was no meeting held during May because many members were away.)  
**Business arising (from previous correspondence)**
  5. a) Units in Queensland and Tasmania had sent invitations for the ICFLC Executive Secretary, Corazon Tabing-Reyes, who will be attending the National in September under a WKS Fellowship, to visit their states during her time in Australia. Jean had prepared a suggested itinerary and with the help of a travel agent received a quote on travel costs. Corazon will arrive in Brisbane on 14 September and return to Manila on 29 September. Travel to Launceston 17 Sept, to Canberra 21 Sept, to Adelaide 25 or 26 Sept, Adelaide-Manila Tuesday 29 Sept. Unfortunately she will not be able to accept an invitation from NSW unit to visit them in mid-October.
6. **Treasurer's Report** Helen L presented her report – see attached. (It was noted that two cheques received from the Anglican Church, Grafton, had been forwarded on by Maureen Clark as her name appears on a XXX website.) Moved Helen L, seconded Jacqueline that the June report be accepted.  
**Business arising (accounts for payment)**
  6. a) It was agreed that Fran be paid \$100 towards her travel expenses and \$10 to make up a short fall in her petty cash. Moved Helen R, seconded Jacqueline that this payment be approved.
7. **Correspondence IN**
  1. WA Unit accepting role of National Executive in 2011-2013;
  2. Letter from Executive Secretary to the Governor-General with apologies that the Governor General will be not be able to attend the Ecumenical Service on Tuesday 22 September, but issuing an invitation to attend morning tea at Government House at 11am on Thursday 24 September 2009;
  3. TAS Unit minutes 27 April 2009;
  4. NSW Minutes of meeting held on 16 March 2009;
  5. WA Unit Minutes of meeting held on 20 March, April and 15 May 2009;
  6. NCJWA and NCWA sent greetings for Conference, but inability to attend,

7. *Newsette NSW Unit* May 2009;
8. CWLA Newsletter March 2009;
9. Archdiocesan Canberra-Goulburn CWL Newsletter Jun-July 2009;
10. SA Unit listing names of proposed incoming National Executive,
11. SA Unit with motion regarding implementation of Incorporation;
12. TAS Unit Secretary report for Conference, via email;
13. VIC Unit Secretary report for Conference, via email;
14. ACT Unit Newsletter April 2009;
15. Jean Condon, Salvation Army Eastern Division – inability to attend Conference but nominating other SA ACW members to be representatives;
16. Nungalinya College Newsletter;
17. NSW Unit 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2009;
18. Brenda D re including ACW information on Office of Status of Women website;
19. Various emails and letters regarding visit of Cora to States;
20. Various re details of Conference;
21. Email from Pat Burchell (VIC) re her husband travelling to Canberra with her for the Conference;
22. Letter from Jon Stanhope, Chief Minister of the ACT offering grant of \$1000 towards printing expenses for Conference;
23. NCJW Council Bulletin 2009;
24. Anti-poverty week brochure – 11-17 October 2009;
25. Congratulations from SA Unit and ACT Unit to Jean on her OAM award;
26. Congratulations from Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, on Jean's OAM award;
27. AWC relating to the National Human Rights Review, including current priorities and list of AWC member organisations;
28. Apologies from Ms Tanya Pliberseck MP, unable to attend Ecumenical Service on 22 Sept., 2009;
29. Information regarding "Winter Tales".
31. World Day of Prayer organisers regarding their National Conference, November 2009;
32. Confirmation of receipt of application for Women's Leadership and Development Program grants;
33. Response from Canberra Southern Cross club regarding grant for Conference – tbc.

#### **Correspondence OUT**

1. National Executive minutes of 3 April emailed/posted;
2. Invitations to attend Conference sent to Nat. Life Members and Heads of affiliated organisations;
3. Reply to SA Unit regarding Incorporation rules corrections;
4. Invitation to Ms Tanya Pliberseck MP to attend Ecumenical Service on 22 Sept., 2009;
5. Thank you to Chief Minister of ACT, Jon Stanhope, for \$1000 grant towards printing expenses;
6. Letters to Vicki Cullen on 1 and 25 May regarding Bible Studies at the Conference;
7. Application for funding to 2008-09 Women's Leadership and Development Program grants;
8. Reply to Pat Burchell – her husband is welcome to accompany her to Conference.

#### **9. Reports**

1) **FLC** – Jan reported, in her absence, that on 16 April she had posted application forms for the FLC grant to Shu Wen. On 3 May she wrote to all FLC state convenors requesting summaries of their dealings since the last National Conference in Geelong. Reports from ACT, VIC, SA and TAS Units FLC convenors.

2) **WKS** - Constance (presently in South Australia attending WKS meeting) sent report that she has received some responses from former WKS students.

3) **Special Days** – Fran reported that all orders of service, prepared by WA, for World Community Day in October had gone out to all States and Territory Units. She is currently preparing her report and will ask if the new incoming National Executive have yet decided on a theme for their term of office.

4) **Social Justice** – Judith-Ann advised that she has received responses from TAS, VIC, and WA so far. Some items of interest from the Autumn 2009 Edition of *Clearing House* include a small grants fund from the Office for Women, Government of SA has been created for women in drought affected communities. The Rural Women's Community Grants 2009 provide organizations with an opportunity to receive small grants up to \$1000 towards a community project that will build resilience within the community and support the continued work of local organizations. The Body Shop Australia has provided a seeding grant for a project that will develop hairdresser's skills in effective communication around relationship abuse and difficulties, as well as serious health issues, loss and grief and depression. Blog [thebodyshop.com.au/2009/1/hairdressers-talking-health-htm](http://thebodyshop.com.au/2009/1/hairdressers-talking-health-htm) Koora the Kangaroo project – this school based community education project aims to address children's attitudes to violence in the central western Queensland community of Woorabinda. The project revolved around stories written by Ailsa Weazel, and the development of a Koora 'mascot' to accompany story telling. Queensland centre for domestic and family violence research supported the program through assistance with project development, printing of resources, including illustrated stories and evaluation.

5) **Publications** – It was noted that items for the next Newsletter should be with Eileen as soon as possible.

6) **ACWC** – Donna reported that over the past two years she has assisted the ACWC office in an editorial capacity. She sent a report on her attendance at the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial of the ACWC Executive Committee, which was held in Seoul, Korea from 17-22 April 2009. Items discussed included proposals for fundraising; amendments to the Constitution; the process of search committee for new Executive Secretary 2011-2014; cooperation with the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) for WEAVE in East Timor after 2009; the process of editing the ACWC history book, to name but a few. Also, preparations are underway for the 14<sup>th</sup> ACWC Assembly to be held in Indonesia in January 2010. ACW had four delegates for the 2006 General Assembly. Donna is on both the General and the Executive Committees of ACWC, but is the only member of the Executive Committee in their first term. In order to retain continuity on the Executive, Donna will serve another four year term and remain the National Representative for Australia. Pat Walker will complete her second four-year term in 2010. ACW needs to select two delegates to attend the next Assembly.

7) **Website** – Although the ACW web page has been updated to incorporate the word "Incorporation", the logo, to date, has not been changed. This is despite several follow-ups from Brenda to Jeff and Sheree the web managers, who were to supply a "mock-up" of the requested change to the logo before billing the National Executive for work done. No "mock-up" or invoice has been received and the logo remains unchanged. We will keep trying to resolve the issue.

8) **Aust Women's Coalition** - President Jean had received a letter from the AWC President, Dr Gabrielle Casper, regarding activities relating to the National Human Rights Review. AWC is eager to stay involved in the human rights review process and is actively encouraging member organisations to participate in the national human rights consultation forums. ACW is currently a member organisation of AWC and will be kept up to date with developments. AWC's final report on the health and welfare issues affection young women and girls is due for completion in October this year.

9) **President** – Jean had prepared a written report on her visit to SA and WA Units from 8 May until 17 May 2009. On arrival in Adelaide on 8 May, she was met by Anne Parnis and she attended the May meeting of SA Unit, with some 50 women from all parts of Adelaide in attendance. Jean brought greetings from the National Executive and outlined some aspects of the National Conference to be held in September. Afterwards there was a short meeting with WKS trustees. Over the next few days she was welcome at many gatherings and met many members of ACW, sharing fellowship and talking about National matters. Then on 13 May Jean flew to Perth and was met by Lee Edwards. She soon discovered Perth to be a very 'spread out' place and spent time travelling by train and car to meet up with many members of ACW. At the regular meeting of ACW WA Unit, she again she brought greetings from the National Executive and was also able to outline some aspects of the National Conference. Jean felt most welcome and enjoyed her time in both SA

and WA. Her hostesses were very thoughtful and generous and Jean was glad of the opportunity to share information about ACW all over Australia and make members more aware of our national ecumenical character.

#### 10. General Business

- 1) **Conference Planning** is well underway with another day of planning to be held on Monday 29 June.
- 2) **Unit Survey** report to be finalised and distributed shortly.
- 3) **Honouring Australian Church Women** Cela Cooper is presently holding both Australian and ACT Unit books. New covers and "bolts" should be ready by the end of June and Ruth Burmester would check to establish if 9 sets of "bolts" could be supplied and these would be passed on to the Units to facilitate expansion of their books.
- 4) **National Reports** a reminder to all respective Unit convenors to send in reports, so National reports can be prepared. This should be done as soon as possible.

#### 11. Next Meeting – at 10.00 am on Friday, 10 July 2009, at the same venue.

**Meeting closed** at 12.40 pm and members continued to discuss Conference planning over lunch.

Signed: Jean Thomson Date: 10.7.09  
Jean Thomson, President

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**Treasurer's Report 12 June 2009**

**Cheque A/C**

Balance at 3.4.09 \$7306.67

**Receipts**

Sale 5 ACW badges	15.00		
ACWC Donation	500.00		
Honouring Australian Church Women	200.00		
National Conference 2009			
Registrations	1350.00		
Conference fees	<u>8819.00</u>	<u>10169.00</u>	<u>10884.00</u>
			\$18190.67

**Payments**

Airfares President (SA & WA visit)	675.70		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Leaflets (extra)	233.17		
Postage – WKS Leaflets	82.50		
ACWC	500.00		
National News – April to June 2009	438.36		
Postage National News – Jan to March and April to June 2009	78.35		<u>2008.08</u>

**Balance at 12.6.09 \$16182.59**

**A D F Call a/c**

Balance at 12 06.09	\$22943.14
Add interest	<u>543.72</u>
<b>Balance at 12.06.09</b>	<b><u>\$23486.86</u></b>

**Balance of Funds at 12.6.09**

National Travel Fund (\$4296.52 less 675.70)	3620.82
National Conference Fund	13017.86
Overseas Conference & Travel Fund	2860.00
Honouring Australian Church Women	210.00
Victorian Bushfire Support (from ACWC Relief Fund)	760.57
National Conference 2009 (Registration & Conf fees)	10169.00
Administration	<u>9031.20</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b><u>\$39669.45</u></b>

Helen Lloyd, National Treasurer  
12.6.2009