

## Australian Church Women National Life Member

### MRS EDITH RIDGE - NEW SOUTH WALES



Edith's involvement with Australian Church Women dates from the 1960s. Her efforts were instrumental in establishing a branch which functioned at Blackheath in the Blue Mountains for some years. As a member of the Strathfield/Homebush Branch 1983 -1989 Edith was President of the Branch twice.

On the NSW State Unit Executive Edith has held the positions of President, Minute Secretary, Secretary, Special Days Convener and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener. In recognition of her contribution to the Unit she was made a Life Member in May 1999. Edith has been a diligent representative of ACW to National Council of Women NSW and to Pan Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association. Her reports are interesting and informative, helping Council members to be aware of the activities of these organisations.

Holding office in the ACT Unit saw Edith as President for four years, and Vice President for one year.

Edith has been the Archivist for Australian Church Women since 1985 and in years to come the real value of this responsibility will be recognized. On the NSW National Executive 2003 – 2005 Edith was Publications Editor, and her wise counsel was valued highly in Executive deliberations. She has attended National conferences since 1979, missing only two in those years.

The role of minister's wife is one which Edith has filled with dedication. In the Methodist Church and then in the Uniting Church, Barry and Edith have worked hard to fulfill their separate and joint roles. Since retirement from parish ministry the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship has been the focus of their work, and Edith edits and produces a Newsletter for UCAF NSW.

The NSW State Unit Inc of Australian Church Women puts forward Edith Ridge as a very worthy National Life Member of Australian Church Women.