



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday  
15TH NOVEMBER, 1999 at 10.30 a.m.

Major Joan Tong (a former President) chaired the meeting in the absence overseas of President Rev. Elizabeth Walker and Past-President Peg Blake's indisposition. Joan welcomed members and Major Glenys Holley at her first Council Meeting as Secretary. She also welcomed Major Val Pethybridge and Brig. Flo Whittaker and Mrs. Laura Wilkins.

Joan told members that Mrs. Glad West (a former President) was in hospital and on her recovery would be moving to Willandra Retirement Village.

Her devotions were based on Luke 4 - Jesus was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" -  
She spoke of the message of Jubilee - and opened the meeting with prayer, giving thanks "In Christ we are one".

Joan then introduced Miss Lisa Jackson from NCCA who had been a Steward at the World Council of Churches Central Committee Meeting in Geneva from 15th August to 4th September. (We had assisted with her fare.)

Lisa said she was most grateful for our assistance and said that the experience of attending the Meeting and being involved was quite wonderful. She spoke most eloquently of the joy of meeting so many Christian folk from all over the world and was pleased to have the opportunity to learn all about ecumenism in the world and how it operates. Lisa presented a very full report she had written - most comprehensive and very professional. She also had circulated photographs to members - she was a very able ambassador. Joan thanked Lisa for attending our meeting and presented her with a small gift in appreciation.

The MINUTES of Council Meeting of 20th September, 1999 were read and confirmed on the motion of Norma Harrop and Judith Cayzer. Carried.

### BUSINESS ARISING:

1. NATIONAL CONFERENCE - BRISBANE SEPTEMBER 1999 - President Elizabeth Walker had written a comprehensive report for Newsette which Edith read to the meeting.
2. ACWC - Service at Campsie Salvation Army Citadel - very well attended and a very happy occasion. The Philippino Choir, Vietnamese Choir and the Korean Choir were delightful and the Salvation Army Band greatly enjoyed. Offering was \$300.
3. INTERFAITH DIALOGUE - President Elizabeth will contact Sister Tricia Madigan re attending February Council Meeting.
4. OZINDO BIKE RIDE - Fiona Collins will arrive back in Sydney on 21st November. She and her team have raised \$50,000. Welcome Home Luncheon at Parliament House on 29th November - President Elizabeth will attend, also Shirley Wells and Mina Whybourne.
5. 2000 PROGRAMME prepared - copy for each member.
6. STATE CONFERENCE - 11 & 12 MAY, 2000 - at Salvation Army Centre at Stanmore. Arrive 9 a.m. on 11th - leave after lunch on 12th. \$88 per day. Details to be finalised.
6. PUBLICITY CONVENER - It was moved Edith Ridge seconded Norma Harrop that Peg Blake be appointed as Publicity Convener. Carried.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor presented her report and commented that expenses have increased over the last twelve months. It was therefore necessary to increase fees from 1st January 2000. She moved that the following increases be approved:

Denominational Groups	from \$15.00 per annum to	\$25.00
Local Branches	" \$10.00 " " "	\$15.00
Small groups		\$10.00
Organisations, e.g. YWCA, WCTU, Girls' Brigade	from \$10.00 per annum to	\$15.00

seconded Joan Tong. Carried.

TRADING TABLE: Marie suggested that a Trading Table - "Bring & Buy" be held two or three times a year - to be stocked with items known to sell. Perhaps hold at Ecumenical luncheon and Installation Service.

Marie moved that her report be received and accounts passed for payment. Seconded Lily Hanlon. Carried.

NEWSETTE: Has been posted - November issue. Deadline for February issue - 18th Jan.

ACWC: Bulletin's price will remain at \$15.00.

Joan Tong reported that Lynette Green had been promoted to Lt.Colonel and would be flying to Kenya where she will be working in the Kenya and Uganda area. Letter of congratulation to be sent. Lynette has resigned from ACWC as a consequence.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: FLC Badges available at \$3. Shirley Wells further reported: International Committee will be meeting in Jamaica when they will determine the distribution of the "Least Coins". We should keep Esther Byu in our prayers. She read from Circle of Prayer and prayed.

SPECIAL DAYS: 40 Services were held but only 27 reports have been received. The delay in sending reports and collections is very inconvenient for the Treasurer as the books have to be closed at the end of November.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: 42 members present - 13 apologies.

New membership directory available.

Heather Badgery had attended I.Y.O.P. Forum on 13 October (as Heather Reid was overseas) - report attached.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - Edith Ridge had received letter from Dorothy Ferrier, National WKS Convener and WKS Trustee, - Mai Zin Zin Wah had arrived in Singapore at Trinity College - because of her late arrival, her studies will extend into 2000. She asks for our prayers during this new and challenging time of her life. The scholar for 2000, Suzanna Nitrai of Canberra will study at St. Mark's Theological Centre., Canberra. The scholar for 2001 is to come from the Pacific Area.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid spoke of various issues raised at Coalition '99 -

1. 18th November - a Seminar "Seniors on the Move" - Transport and Ageing Population
2. 15th December - "Taking Charge - Decision Making for later life" - to be held Conference Room, 83 Clarence Street, Sydney  
RSVP Geraldine Caswell 9367-6841
3. Launch of Platform for Action - 24th November -  
Concern expressed regarding genetic engineering Food.

We should write to Craig Knowles, Minister of Health, to support the Dental Domiciliary Service attached to Westmead Hospital.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. Baptist Women's Day, 20 September, 1999 - Edith Ridge attended.  
Enjoyable day with many young women and children present. Good fellowship.  
Beryl Kirkwood (President) welcomed those attending in her usual happy manner.  
Speaker: Janet Gaukroger - theme "Jesus for all time".
2. Prayer-on-Wheels "Get Together Day" 16th October - very interesting and informative day - Rev. Ken Shakespeare and Mrs. Joan Dewberry (Diversional Therapist) speakers. Merle Menzies, Peg Blake and Mina Whybourne attended.
3. NCW End of Year Function - 25th November - 6 p.m.
4. NCW Welcome Back Ozinda Luncheon, Monday 29th November, 12 noon.  
President Elizabeth Walker, Shirley Wells, Marie Majoer, Mina Whybourne.
5. St. Stephens Uniting Church Christmas Luncheon - 1st December - Irene Carder and Glenys Holley will attend.
6. NCW "Celebrate being an Australian" Luncheon - President Elizabeth will attend.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

1. ECUMENICAL COUNCIL Joan Tong has completed a two year term as President.  
Rev. Alistair Christie, Uniting Church minister is new President.
2. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Noeline Roose thanked members who had assisted with Packing Day. She said that the recently appointed secretary had died suddenly.  
A special Thanksgiving Service will be held on 27th May 2000 at 1.30 p.m. in the Salvation Army Congress Hall, Sydney.
3. PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Sr Marie Craddock said that at their September meeting, Sr Josephine Mitchell had spoken of the dreadful atrocities in East Timor.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward);

1. National Secretary 27th October - NCCA Network on Women & Gender Relationships. meeting Thurs. 4th November - (was cancelled)
2. National Secretary 29th October - World Community Day Service for 2000 - our responsibility - draft due end February - will be put together by Executive and presented to February Council.
3. National Secretary, 4th November -  
World Community Day Project for 2000  
Reprint of p.10 of Nat. Guidelines for WKS  
Reprint of p.16 of Nat. Guidelines for WKS Timetable  
Guidelines for Nat. Soc. Justice Convener  
Guidelines for Nat. Pub. Officer.
4. Women & Girls Emergency Centre - members for Management Committee - invitation postpone discussion until next meeting.
5. NCW Bulletin
6. Thank you letters from Phyl McKinnirey, Heather Badgery, Ethel Wladysiuk  
Barbara Grealy.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. National Secretary - NSW Constitution (old and revised)
2. The Editor, The Record - commenting on interesting articles.
3. Rev. Rowena Curtis - congratulations on ordination
4. Rev. Dorothy Harris-Gordon - congratulations on ordination.

Correspondence inwards was received and outwards endorsed on motion of  
Pat Sutton and Cela Cooper. Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Ds Thora Thomas said she had received a letter from Illuminada Domingo with thanks for our sympathy.
2. Sunday 28th November - at 3.30 p.m. -St. James Church, King Street, Bishop Tutu will speak.
3. 20/21 November - Cardinal Freeman Village, Ashfield - Great Shepherd sale.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 21st February, 2000.

Morning tea - Uniting Church  
Chairs - Catholic

Chairperson Joan Tong thanked the Catholic ladies for preparing morning tea and the Presbyterian ladies for attending to the setting up of room, etc. She then closed the meeting with prayer at 12.40 p.m.

Confirmed



Date

21-02-00