

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS 1995

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON:

MONDAY JULY 17, 11.00 A.M., SCOTS CHURCH.
SPEAKER: SR. LYNNE GREEN - WOMEN IN ECUMENISM -
WORKING TOWARDS VISIBLE UNITY.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY:

MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 9.30 A.M., SCOTS CHURCH
THEME: CHRISTIAN LOVE - TOLERANCE OR INTOLERANCE?
SPEAKERS: MRS JOY JARMAN, MISS SHEILA SPENCER

SPECIAL DAYS 1995

FELLOWSHIP DAY - JULY (recommended to be held last Friday where possible). This service is held by most local branches of ACW. Offering received for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - OCTOBER (recommended to be held last Friday where possible). This service is held by most local branches of ACW. Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings received and dedicated.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE, MELBOURNE, AUGUST 21 - 25.
(Registration forms available now.)

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1994/95

It does not seem twelve months since we were together in Central Baptist Church for my installation as President of the NSW Unit. It has been a wonderful year of fellowship and sharing with so many Christians of differing persuasions. And A.C.W. seems to be 'on the move'.

The past year has seen the commencement of new branches and groups holding Special Day services. They were in Camden, Dulwich Hill, Gosford, Goulburn, Penrith, The Entrance and Fairfield. This is a wonderful follow-on from the publicity and promotion that has been undertaken during the past 18 months or so. Thank you to those members of the executive who have been responsible for these initiatives.

It was a thrill to know that the World Community Day service for October 1994, which was written by our unit, was so well received. As one of the small group who drew up the Order of Service, I feel very grateful that the Lord used this occasion and people were blessed by it. I was invited to speak at the service arranged by the new group at Camden. Most people there had never heard of ACW so it was the breaking of new ground. Many commented very positively.

As your President, I was also asked to speak at the World Day of Prayer services at Leura and The Oaks. I have also been able to accept invitations to represent ACW on a number of other occasions. In May last year, the Uniting Church's Mission Get Together at Croydon; in June the PWA annual conference at Chalmers Street Church, Surry Hills; in August, the Uniting Church's Home and Inland Mission Thank-Offering Annual Service at Roseville. This year, I have attended the Mothers' Union Annual Service in St Andrews Cathedral and the Salvation Army Family Festival at Homebush. I was glad to be part of the promotional team which travelled to Gosford last August to share ACW with women on the Central Coast area and to be involved in the first Asian Church Women's Conference

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(ACWC) service held in Sydney last November. I have had the opportunity of speaking at many other churches and, on each occasion, have asked 'could I have a 5 minute 'commercial' for ACW?' Thus many more women have learned what ACW is about.

The Ecumenical Luncheon last October was quite an event. It was held twice! This was owing to a nasty accident which befell Marie McCann the day prior to the first luncheon.

Our Winifred Kiek Scholar for 1994, Nighat Gulzar from Lahore, Pakistan was with us for a short time and members of the executive went with her on a ferry trip to Manly. It is always a thrill to meet these young women who receive our scholarship and to know that their time in Australia proves so fruitful to them for their future ministry. Mina Whybourne does a great job in caring for these girls.

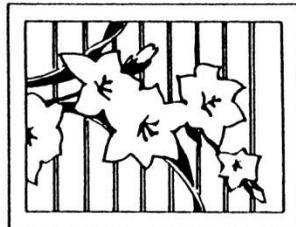
It was also a privilege to meet with three Korean ladies, one of whom was Eunice Kim, previous executive secretary of ACWC known to so many of us, as they stopped over in Sydney en-route to Melbourne for the World Day of Prayer meetings. The executive also met Navamani Peters, World President of WDP as she passed through Sydney on her return journey from Melbourne where she was re-elected as world president.

The greatest highlight of my first year has been the opportunity to visit Taiwan as one of the Australian delegates to the Asian Church Women's Conference 10th Assembly. There I met so many Christians from Asian countries, many whose names I have heard and now I am able to put faces to those names. The Assembly gave me a greater insight into the needs and problems so many of our Christian sisters face in their local cultures. I particularly appreciated the Bible Studies as well as the fellowship. I thank God and the National Executive for permitting me to be one of your representatives.

A special word of thanks to my husband who acts as typist for so much of my needs. This is definitely not one of my skills.

I look forward to my second (and final) year in office and pray that my theme 'CHRIST PRE-EMINENT' may be exemplified both in my life and in each of us who make up the NSW Unit of ACW.

LUCELLE KING, PRESIDENT



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

I consider it a great privilege to serve as secretary for Australian Church Women (ACW) NSW Unit. Following in the footsteps of such a wonderful and efficient secretary as **EDITH RIDGE** has been made easier because of her work. I sincerely thank Edith for the way in which she shares her knowledge so generously and enthusiastically. (I often need to phone for information and advice, Barry [her husband] usually says "Now you won't keep her too long, will you!")

The convenors will give a detailed report of their programme so it remains my pleasant duty to thank them each for the work they have done.

LUCELLE KING, PRESIDENT - Lucelle has completed a very good year. She has accepted the role of president with dignity and enthusiasm, making herself available for many meetings, both to speak as well as to represent ACW. (And also to sing!)

MARIE MAJOOR, TREASURER - Marie is truly a treasure! We congratulate her on becoming President for Catholic Women's League, Broken Bay Diocese, and she manages to combine this as well as her other duties with marvellous efficiency. Her work as treasurer for our unit has involved a lot of work this year, and we also faced the unhappy task of acknowledging a discrepancy in our system. We have worked to rectify this by asking the branches to either open an account for ACW monies, or to bank directly with the state unit. We thank Marie for the work she has done during this difficult period. As you will see by the balance sheet, the finances are in very good order.

PEG BLAKE, MINUTE SECRETARY - I could not be secretary without a minute secretary, so without Peg, I could do 'nothing'. Peg is an excellent minute secretary and has done a great task in condensing our 'hours' of talking into a concise report. We congratulate Peg on her nomination by the Presbyterian Church as their President to ACW, for the years 96/97 and we pray that God will prepare and equip her for this great task.

SHIRLEY WELLS, FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN - Shirley's work has entailed a lot of business for FLC and we are delighted that our submission for Shalom College, Townsville resulted in a grant being made from the International FLC. This work continues to grow as more people are informed and share the vision.

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MINA WHYBOURNE, WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - After a very busy couple of years, Mina has been pleased to have a 'quieter' time with only a short visit from the scholar from Pakistan - Nighat. Nevertheless, Mina keeps in touch with the national scene and we are fully informed at all times. Mina does a wonderful job keeping in touch with former scholars too.

EDITH RIDGE, PROMOTION/SPECIAL DAYS - For a former secretary, this is an ideal task. Edith 'knows' everything!!!! Her planning and preparation ensure that the special days go without a hitch. (We would like the branches to take more care with their preparation, e.g. by opening their parcels as soon as they arrive, where possible arranging a meeting of those taking part prior to the day etc.) Special teaching regarding the conducting of special days was given at the March council meeting, and by all reports, very worth while.

MARIE McCANN, SPECIAL FUNCTIONS - This has been a marvellous addition to our programme and the functions for 1994, our State Conference, and Ecumenical Luncheon proved to be 'winners' Marie is a visionary, and with great enthusiasm and creativity brings into being some excellent meetings.

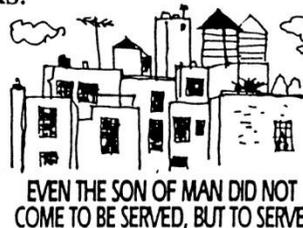
BETH FINLAY, BRANCHES - This is an important area of our work as we seek to maintain and to grow. Beth is our liaison person from the council to the branches, keeping them informed of current activities.

HEATHER REID, MEMBERSHIP & SOCIAL ISSUES - What a great work is being done by Heather. She is representing us at many meetings where social issues are discussed, keeping us informed and on our toes with our responsibility to many issues.

BERYL McLAUGHLIN, NEWSETTE EDITOR - each issue of Newsette is a mine of information. It breathes energy to our unit! Thank you Beryl, and to **CARMEL EMMET** (Newsette Secretary), for the fine work.

HAZEL McIVER, PUBLICITY - Hazel has taken up this work with great diligence. Papers and radio stations are given notice of ACW happenings, thus increasing awareness of our movement.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL CONVENORS.



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For the first time in NSW we held the **ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (ACWC)**, worship service in November. Whilst not being a huge success, nevertheless it was a beginning, and this year it is hoped to hold the service in a suburban church, with participation by women of Chinese and Korean congregations. Pray for us.

The activities of ACWC have been highlighted this year with the quadrennial conference in Taiwan which both Lucelle and I were able to attend. I was especially challenged by the dedication of our Asian sisters, many serving the Lord in very difficult circumstances. The most notable decision of this conference was concerning the **INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN**. The decision was taken for this body to now become separate from ACWC. We expect to receive copy of their constitution, and details of membership during this year.

The monthly council meetings continue to be chock-full of business. There is also time to share together devotionally, and from time to time we are able to include a speaker. We were delighted to hear from **MRS PEG McENTEE** State President of Catholic Women's League (CWL) at the August meeting. Peg spoke to us about the two run-up conferences in Manila and Djakarta as preliminaries to the World Conference for Women, to be held in Beijing this year. The CWL as a participating Non-Government Organisation (NGO) are preparing a submission in support of the women of PNG. Other NGO's from Australia will be represented and we look forward to the reports.

We thank each denomination and affiliated group for their support and for providing us with good representatives.

Many of the representatives are asked to do extra service to National Council of Women, World Day of Prayer, NSW Council of Children's Film and Television, and NSW Ecumenical Council. Thank you to them all. Special thanks to **MRS COLONEL PETERSON** who represented us for many years on the Ecumenical Council but has had to resign because of ill-health.

May God continue to bless us as we work and witness together. Hallelujah.
JOAN TONG (Secretary)

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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (FLC)

This year, Fellowship of the Least Coin celebrates 39 years of service, and we are excited at the way it keeps on growing, and how it joins christian women together in a wonderful fellowship of prayer. It has indeed been a privilege to again share in the concerns, sufferings, oppressions and suppressions of so many needy people, and to be able to uplift them in prayer.

We, in NSW have been pleased to welcome many individual members and church groups into the fellowship, and special mention must be made of the support we are receiving from our Girls Brigade companies. It is encouraging to know that both young and old are united in prayer and giving for peace, justice and reconciliation. I would like to thank all who have promoted FLC at meetings in both city and country churches, and would remind you that I have a good supply of offering boxes, FLC leaflets, prayer cards and 1993 Annual Reports. Circle of Prayer, Volume 13 is now available and the theme: "**PARTNERSHIP IN A CHANGING WORLD**" is so relevant to our times. Copies are available at a cost of \$2.00, or \$2.50 posted.

World Community Day in October was a highlight of the year, when many women (and a few men) gathered together in many areas in city and country to worship and dedicate their least coins. I'm sorry that I can't have personal contact with you all, but please accept my sincere thanks for your tremendous support. It was an honour and privilege to share the FLC story with the members of the Lane Cove/Longueville branch at their Community Day service. To the hundreds of ladies who, during the year, mail their offerings to the treasurer, I also say thank you.

We have been delighted to hear that our application for an FLC grant for Shalom Christian College at Townsville has been successful, and a cheque for \$5000.00 will be sent to them in May '95. Shalom College (founded in 1991) is an exciting new venture in multicultural, non-denominational, co-educational day and boarding school. The current enrolment includes children who are Aboriginal, Torres-Strait islanders, Pacific islanders, New Zealand, Maori and European descent. At Shalom, cultural diversity in our society is acknowledged, accepted and celebrated. Let us thank God for his provision of this grant, and continue to pray for all who are involved with the teaching, care, and administration of the college.

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Shirin Samuel (Executive Secretary of the International Committee for FLC) has again kept us well informed of the happenings world-wide, and we thank her for her encouragement and guidance.

May God bless us all as we step out together into a new year of service.
SHIRLEY WELLS (FLC CONVENOR)

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP (WKS)

This scholarship is intended for christian women from Asian, Indian or Pacific areas who already have basic training in a chosen field of work.

Our 1994 scholar, Miss Nighat Gulzar came from Lahore, Pakistan. She has a degree in commerce and works as an accountant in the Women's Office of the Raiwind Diocese. Her ecumenical involvements include women's concerns, the Christian Conference of Asia and the Ecumenical Leadership workshop for women in Asia.

Nighat worked in the Uniting Church Synod office in Adelaide in a work experience situation, particularly with computers, and she had the opportunity to improve her skills in office organisation and management. She finished her studies at the end of June and then spent four days in Melbourne, four days in Canberra, and four in Sydney before returning to Lahore on July 17.

While in Sydney, Nighat was able to attend the Fellowship Day service at Wirreanda Retirement Village, Pennant Hills, and the Fellowship Day service at the Uniting Church, North Parramatta where she was able to meet and converse with ACW members. From Parramatta she was driven to the city where ten ACW members including three from Western Australia were able to meet her during an enjoyable trip to Manly on the ferry. She was a charming young lady, 23 yrs of age, and wore the most beautiful Pakistani dress of tunics and trousers. We have heard from Nighat that she is delighted to be able to use the computer skills she learned in Adelaide and very appreciative of the time she spent in Australia.

Malai Mahamaneerat, our 1993 scholar, is very busy at the St Louis Hospital, Bangkok, lecturing and studying. Margaret Napier, a WA ACW member and an ACWC member was able to visit Malai and the hospital and was very impressed with the hospital and Malai's work there. The Sisters considered the time Malai spent in Australia very valuable and were grateful to Australian Church Women for the scholarship given to Malai.

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We were pleased to hear news of Doreen Tie (1990 scholar), from Sarawak, Malaysia, who told us of her wedding to Philip and sent photographs. She is very busy at the school for handicapped children and arranges many activities for them, including involvement in a Christmas pageant.

Rachel Sobana Kanly (1993 scholar) has resumed working at the Catherine Booth hospital in Nagercoil India. Her son is now 18 months old, her husband will be returning from Kuwait soon, and she is looking forward to this very much.

Deaconess Barkat Dass (1978 scholar, Pakistan) was very grateful for our prayers in the situation of the hostel and was able to report that all is going well with a good staff team working. Barkat is responsible for all the women's work in the Diocese of Karachi as well as for the hostel.

Our scholars all seek our continued prayers for them in their various situations.

Two WK Scholarships have been offered for 1995 - to Mrs Captain Lily Politini of The Salvation Army, Fiji, to attend the Women's Christian Temperance Union World Conference in Melbourne in May with a view to returning to Fiji to run educational programmes on alcoholism, and to Miss Rachel Rolland of Vanuatu to attend a Women's Leadership Development course at a Training Centre, Rabaul PNG (10 Month course), to return to Vanuatu to work as a Presbyterian Women's Mission Union (PWMU) worker on one of the outer islands. Because of the recent earthquake in Rabaul and the consequent devastation, this scholarship is being held for Rachel until a suitable alternative training centre is found.

It is a wonderful privilege for me to be involved with our scholars and it has been stimulating and exciting to share with them our witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am very appreciative of the assistance of the WKS committee in arranging the programme for Nighat and my special thanks to our president, Lucelle King, and to all members of the executive for their encouragement, advice and support.

MINA WHYBOURNE, WKS CONVENOR



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SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

This convenership is a new one, designed to extend our work to contact more women in order to hear what they are thinking on church and social matters and consequently to act on consensus of what they say.

Our first state conference was held at Golden Grove at Newtown, April 27-30 1994, the theme being "Christian Focus on the Family". The excellent speakers were Julie Brackenreg, Robin Bali, Dr Marlene Goldsmith, Rev David Gill and Rev. Ray Williamson. There was a feast of information and inspiration. Recommendations from the council and branch member participants were far reaching. They are summed up as seeing ACW as a very strong unified group, addressing social issues, serving and praying together.

The ecumenical luncheons which were held in August and October were informative and provided the opportunity for interdenominational sharing in prayer and table fellowship. At the first luncheon speakers were Esiteri Kamikamica and Mary Sigansococ, both Fijian women. At the second one Marie McCann spoke on her theological consultations in China.

MARIE McCANN, CONVENOR

PROMOTIONS

It is my pleasure to report another successful year for this convenership, covering as it does both promotion of ACW and the duties associated with Fellowship and World Community Days.

During 1994 we reaped the benefits of work done in previous years and by other convenors when we added seven new centres holding World Community Day for the first time. It was exciting to be a part of these new ventures and to see the enthusiasm of the women who had worked for the introduction of ACW in their area.

To these new organisers, I say a big 'Thank you' and pray that their efforts will again be rewarded in 1995. The centres we welcomed were: Camden, Dulwich Hill, Fairfield, Gosford, Goulburn, The Entrance, Lower Blue Mountains (the old Penrith group, under a new name, re-grouped and in a new venue).

While numbers are decreasing in some areas, others are growing. We are encouraged to read in the reports sent to us after the services that men are

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beginning to take seriously our invitation for them to join in our services. One group reported that two men had taken part in their service.

The theme for Fellowship Day was 'Our News is Good News' and this lovely service came to us from the ACT unit. Perhaps I am prejudiced, but I always feel that when the ACT and NSW units have produced the service, we know we will be especially blessed! We printed 2000 copies of the service for Fellowship Day and 1,359 people attended. The total collection (for Winifred Kiek Scholarship) was \$4,626.90. Services were sent to 34 centres. A few centres were fortunate in having the 1994 scholar Nighat Gulzar at their service.

For World Community Day we printed 2,440 services. Attendances were 1,709 in the 42 centres where we had sent orders of service. Offerings for ACWC and Shalom Christian College totalled \$4,612.53. Offerings for Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) dedicated at these services have been reported on by the FLC convenor. News from the national convenor indicated that Shalom College will receive \$4,723.40 as a result of World Community Day Offerings.

We were disappointed to hear that one service was cancelled because another organisation came into the small country town and held a full day activity on the very day that had been set aside for ACW. We do try to work co-operatively with other organisations and with our member churcheswhat can we say?

'We Are Called to Peace' written by a committee of council members of all our denominations was indeed a lovely service. The executive received many congratulations from people who appreciated the service. The very appropriate cover was designed by our president Lucelle King.

We continue to receive reports about the 'excellent' speakers. Our list of speakers is highly recommended to organisers. Our members go with joy to the services and serve their Lord and ACW with distinction.

I thank these speakers for making our reading of the reports so pleasant (both Marie Majoor our treasurer and I read them with great interest), and the members of my committee who work so hard twice a year to pack the service. The staff of the Uniting Church Department of Accounting and Office Services and the staff of the Secretariat gave me great assistance this year in producing orders and making available the excellent facilities of their office, in particular the collating machine. I thank Peg Blake too for setting my feet in the right paths and for all her help, especially with Fellowship Day.

EDITH RIDGE, CONVENOR

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NEWSETTE

It is a rewarding task to serve as editor of our little state unit news magazine, 'Newsette' as it is produced four times each year. I have appreciated the faithfulness of the president and various conveners in meeting the 'deadlines' and having their reports to me on time.

As well as branches, state and national information and news, I enjoy finding and including material from as wide a variety of sources as I can, so that readers may hear of wider activities and needs of people and churches in many countries, beyond that of which we hear in our own churches and missions, and sometimes to be able to meet some of those needs, as we thank God for the blessings and freedom that we enjoy.

It is very encouraging to receive compliments from readers, and commendation for some particular article they have found interesting or helpful.

I do record my thanks to Carmel Emmett, Newsette distribution secretary, and Marie Majoor, state treasurer, who with me make up the 'team' to collate, fold and post out each issue.

If you do not receive Newsette, and would like to, the subscription is \$5.00 per year, and should be sent to the treasurer:

Mrs M Majoor, 521 Mowbray Rd, Lane Cove, NSW 2066.

BERYL McLAUGHLIN, EDITOR

BRANCHES

Thank you for the responses that have come from the branches during the year. Thank you for the reports that came in where Fellowship Day and World Community Day services were held. All services were reasonably well attended and this is encouraging.

I know it is far from easy for the women in rural areas who have had to, and are still facing great hardship, and at times working under great difficulty, but I do praise God for your continued faithfulness. As another year of service with ACW commences, I pray that God's rich blessing may be upon all our branch members,

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may he shower you with his love and grant you strength that you may be encouraged in your service for him.

BETH FINLAY, CONVENOR

MEMBERSHIP

Attendance at our monthly council meetings has been excellent, with the addition of several new representatives. Some of the denominations have had full attendance at many of our meetings, and local branches have been well represented too.

Overheard was one council member, who had missed several meetings due to health problems, "I didn't know how much I'd missed council till I came back!"

So why don't you take the opportunity to join us for a visit, and enjoy the fellowship with your council and branch representatives.

HEATHER REID, CONVENOR

GIRLS BRIGADE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Once again I have enjoyed representing Girls Brigade on the council of the NSW unit. It was with great pleasure that I was able to notify the unit that during the Girls Brigade National Conference held in Canberra last September, the president announced to all states, that Brigade had been affiliated to the national body of Australian Church Women.

Again I have spoken to state council of Girls Brigade and kept our state executive informed of all ACW activities.

HEATHER REID

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION (WCTU)

The WCTU representatives on NSW state unit are Mrs Lil Morris and Mrs Dora Quarumby, who attend council meetings regularly and report back on ACW to their state executive.

WCTU has been active for more than a century in the area of home protection, and of encouraging an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle. Activities include the producing and distributing of a wide variety of informative literature and non-alcoholic recipe sheets; non-al drinks demonstrations; a women's alcoholic counselling service; a

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT) **STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 10 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1994** **CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1994** \$1243-19 **ADD RECEIPTS FOR 10 MONTHS**

Organisation A/c			
Affiliation Fees	390-00		
Associate Membership Fees	155-00	545-00	
Donations - General	103-00		
- Tea Money	75-65	178-65	
Offering - Installation Service	547-75		
Less expenses	150-95	396-80	
Special Events Days	811-00		
Less expenses	267-56	543-44	
"Newsette" subscriptions & donations	736-50		
Less Cost of Production & postage	375-99	360-51	
A.C.W.C. Bulletin subscriptions		112-00	
5% handling of Offertories for - FLC/F'ship Day/Wld Com. Day/W.K.S.		894-03	
Special funds			
F.L.C.	9887-21		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	361-05		
Fellowship Day Service	4626-90		
World Community Day Service	4677-93	19553-09	
Interest - Commonwealth Bank	101-55		
- Glebe Board	384-81	486-36	
State Conference	2245-00		
Less expenses	2103-25	141-75	
Sales - Promotional Items	2627-91		
Less cost	1177-02	1450-89	
Governor's Breakfast		106-00 (c)	
Sale of Craft - Commission		352-30	
Reimbursement for Lost Badge		15-00	
L. King		3-50 (c)	
NSW Baptist		33-00 (c)	
World Day of Prayer		120-00 (c)	25292-32
			26535-51
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR 10 MONTHS			
Printing & Stationery		183-74	
Postage		213-60	
Publicity		126-40	
Promotions		60-72	
Photos for records		48-50	
Sundry Expenses		217-23	
Festival of Flowers - St Andrew's	105-00		
Less Donations	92-85	12-15	
Government Charges		48-63	
		910-97	26535-51

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 10 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1994
PAYMENTS (CONTD.)

	910-97	26535-51	
National Treasurer - ACWC Bulletins	152-00		
" " - Travel Fund	150-00		
" " Less Trading Table	98-50	51-50	
" " - ACWC Partners	500-00		
" " Less Donations	383-10	116-90	
<u>Subscriptions -</u>			
N.S.W. Childrens Film & T.V. - Affiliation	10-00		
N.C.C.A. - Membership Ecumenical Friends	60-00		
National Council of Women -			
" " " " - Annual Luncheon	35-00		
" " " " - Lunch (Jan '95)	35-00		
" " " " - Seminar	50-00		
<u>Donation - NSW Ecumenical Council</u>	25-00		
<u>Governor's Breakfast -</u>	106-00 (c)		
- President	26-50		
World Day of Prayer	120-00 (c)		
Baptist Central Church	33-00 (c)		
" " "	3-50 (c)		
Executive Badges	75-00		
Uniting Ch. Board - Use of rooms	200-00		
<u>Special Funds</u>			
Fellowship of the Least Coin	8578-83		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	299-30		
Fellowship Day Service	4040-54		
World Community Day Service	4070-31		
	16988-98		
Add entitlement & expenses	1693-88	18682-86	20693-23

CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C 31/12/1994

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Auditors Report

I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Australian Church Women (N S W State Unit) and find that the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Capital Funds Statement for the ten (10) months ended the 31st December 1994, in my opinion, give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Australian Church Women (N S W Unit) as at that date.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

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F.M. Fryirs ASA Honorary Auditor

SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTSFELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Receipts for year ended 31-12-1994		9128-38	
<u>Less payments</u>			
Expenses	98-15		
National Executive	8578-83		
5% entitlement ACW NSW	451-40	9128-38	

NIL

Receipts for December

758-83 C/fwd

FELLOWSHIP DAY SERVICE

Receipts for year ended 31-12-1994		4626-90	
<u>Less payments</u>			
Printing/Postage	364-70		
Bank fee - Returned cheque	9-00		
National Executive	4040-54		
5% entitlement ACW NSW	212-66	4626-90	

NIL BALANCE

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE

Receipts for year ending 31-12-1994		4612-53	
<u>Less payments</u>			
Printing/Postage	308-00		
Refund overpayment - ACW The Entrance	20-00		
National Executive	4070-31		
5% Entitlement ACW NSW	214-22	4612-53	

NIL

Receipts for December

65-40 C/fwd

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Receipts for year ending 31-12-1994		315-05	
<u>Less payments</u>			
National Executive	299-30		
5% entitlement ACW NSW	15-75	315-05	

NIL BALANCE

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 31st DECEMBER, 1994

<u>BALANCES</u>		<u>FUNDS</u>	
<u>COMMONWEALTH BANK -</u>			
<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>	\$5842-28	<u>ORGANISATION A/C</u>	9578-44
<u>GLEBE ADMINISTRATION</u>		"NEWSETTIE"	
<u>BOARD</u>	6000-00	B/fwd 1-3-94 161-38	
		Subscriptions	
		& Donations 736-50	
		897-88	
		Less costs 375-99	521-89
		<u>OVERSEAS TRAVEL</u>	
		B/fwd 1-3-94 163-03	
		Add Receipts 98-50	
		261-53	
		Less payment 150-00	111-53
		<u>STOCK</u>	
		B/fwd 1-3-94 61-00	
		Add Sales 2627-91	
		2688-91	
		Less Purchases	
		1177-02	
		1818-16	
		Less Tsfd	
		ACWC Partners 76-90	
		1741-26	
		Less Tsfd	
		Administration	
		A/c 1434-99	NIL
		<u>STATE CONFERENCE</u>	
		B/fwd 1-3-94 121-00	
		Add Receipts 2245-00	
		2366-00	
		Less Expenses 2103-25	262-75
		<u>ACWC PARTNERS</u>	
		B/fwd 1-3-94 40-00	
		Donations 383-10	
		Add - Tsfd	
		from Stock A/c 76-90	
		500-00	
		Less Payment 500-00	NIL
		<u>SPECIAL FUNCTION DAYS</u>	
		Receipts 811-00	
		Less Expenses 267-56	543-44
		F'ship L.Coin	758-83
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program for schools, youth clubs and camps etc using puppets, seeking to influence children and young people to accept an alcohol and drug-free standard for their lives.

WCTU is active in the fight against gambling, pornography, violence and other damaging elements in society, through monitoring the media, lobbying politicians regarding proposed legislation, sending letters, petitions, votergrams about any matters of concern, or giving commendation where merited, seeking to fulfil our motto of "For God, Home and Humanity".

A concern and problem in present days, in common with many organisations, is the difficulty of finding new and younger members to take up the task which those who have served for many years are having to lay down.

BERYL McLAUGHLIN, WCTU STATE SECRETARY

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP)

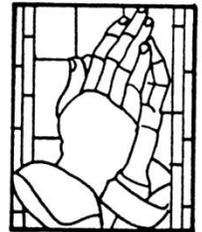
The World Day of Prayer still has an important ministry, particularly in the state of NSW, and it is encouraging to know that right round the state hundreds of services are being held and thousands of men and women are attending and strengthening the bonds of fellowship between people of all cultures and creeds.

The city service was held this year at St Andrews Cathedral in the presence of Mrs Shirley Sinclair, wife of the Governor of NSW, who took part in the service. The speaker was Mrs Pam Goodhew (wife of the Archbishop of Sydney) and musical support was given by St Andrews school choir. The ladies of the Cathedral served an enjoyable luncheon at the conclusion of the service.

A large proportion of the moneys received by the World Day of Prayer committee is donated to the Bible Society who are most appreciative of this generosity. A significant happening in 1995 was that the World Day of Prayer international committee held its quadrennial meetings in Melbourne covering 15 days. There were 156 delegates from more than 70 countries, and Mrs Noelene Roose (President NSW committee) represented NSW.

The World Day of Prayer throughout the world is alive and well.

RUTH SMITH, ACW REP. TO WDP



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NSW COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S FILMS & TELEVISION

The committee are delighted that the Summit Conference has been held in Victoria. This is a remarkable achievement for this vigilant organisation, who by monitoring programmes and alerting channels and advertising of their concern for the affect they have on our children, have now obtained world recognition and co-operation. The president, Mrs Millicent Halley and her office bearers are to be congratulated on their excellent organisation for our children's welfare.

All concerned women are asked to participate in this criticism and praise to ensure that a good influence is evident for the future.

MOLLIE CRAIG, ACW REP.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Due to ill-health, our most capable and faithful representative, Mrs Colonel Peterson, retired from the position. We are grateful to her for her generous ecumenical service and pray for blessings for her. I was appointed to fill the gap, but too late for the AGM in October. I attended the seminar on "The Human Cost of Unemployment", Feb.1. We found that unemployment is a severe and continuing factor in the lowering of the self esteem of the victim. We are urged to help in this area of need.

MARIE McCANN, ACW REP.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (NCW)

NCW has had a busy and interesting year, and it is a privilege to represent you all on the council and to work together with representatives from other women's organisations. The president, Mrs Joan Elliston was a welcome guest and speaker at our ACW Ecumenical Luncheon on 29.8.94 and we thank her for her interest in ACW. A seminar on violence "Supporting Schools Initiatives" was organised and held at Parliament House Theatre in August and this was very well attended - our thanks to Miss Heather Reid who represented ACW and so ably reported back to us.

NCW week was celebrated with stalls in Pitt St, City, and various shopping centres. Literature covering many important issues was distributed from these stalls.

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The end of the year function was well attended with approximately 150 members and friends enjoying a very pleasant evening. Mrs Shirley Sinclair - wife of the Governor of NSW was an interesting speaker, as was Martha Sears. A delightful musical programme and supper concluded a very successful evening.

NCW meets on the last Thursday evening each month and it has been a pleasure to represent you.

BETH FINLAY, SHIRLEY WELLS, ACW REPS

ANGLICAN MOTHERS' UNION (MU)

The Anglican delegation to state council includes representation of the Mothers' Union. At each Mothers' Union council meeting a report is given of ACW activities.

Mothers' Union members were requested to write letters of disapproval and objection to the Sydney casino and the escalation of gambling in our society, to Mrs Anne Cohen MP, Chief Secretary and Minister for Administrative Services.

Mothers' Union is supportive of all that ACW is endeavouring to achieve.

MARGARET ANDRIES MU REP TO ACW

IN MEMORIAM

OLWYN LEAN,
foundation member of the Lane Cove-Longueville branch, served on the state executive and council of the NSW unit for many years. More recently, Olwyn was a foundation member of the Bellingen branch.

WIN DOUGHERTY,
state secretary, 1967-1970, state president (representing Methodist Federation) 1973, national president 1977-1979. In 1977 the NSW State Unit made Win a Life Member.

ARMIDALE WOMEN'S INTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

This branch is known as the Armidale Women's Inter Church Fellowship, made up of representatives of the main churches in Armidale.

This branch organises three inter-church services each year: World Day of Prayer, Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

In conjunction with the Community day service, a fundraising activity is held to raise funds for a local need. Last October a very successful Hymn Fest was held, with proceeds going to the local region's Life Education van.

World Day of Prayer service was again very successful with 96 people present. A highlight was the contribution of ladies from Tanzania, Uganda and Sierra Leone, who read sections from the service.

Plans are being made for a Unity Week 'Simply Sharing' meal in May. The service will be followed by a simple meal of rice et, with donations going to Force Ten.

JEAN LATHAM, SECRETARY

BURWOOD/CONCORD

At the annual meeting in February the same office bearers were returned to their respective positions, i.e. President, Mrs Elsie Pullar, North Croydon Uniting Church, Secretary, Mrs Dorothy Lewis, Malvern Hill Uniting Church, Treasurer, Mrs Hilda Miller, St Lukes Anglican Concord, and the two Vice-Presidents are Mrs Leah Pickering, St Marys Catholic, Concord, and Mrs Lorna Money, Uniting Church, Concord.

Regrettably Mrs Money passed away on March 28 after many months of ill-health. We are grateful for her service to this branch over many years and her memorial service in Concord Uniting Church was attended by a number of our members. At the meeting in July, Major Yvonne Slade from the Salvation Army was appointed the second Vice-President of our branch.

The first of our annual services was held on July 28 when we met in St Andrews Anglican Church, Strathfield, for the Fellowship Day service. The guest speaker Mrs Mercina Soulos, spoke on the theme "Our News is Good News" and the

soloist was our good friend and supporter Mrs Rita Zammit. We thank Miss Connie Secomb for officiating at the organ once again. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Mary Easson and Mrs Maureen Murray as well as Mr Paul Zammit to this service which was prepared by the Australian Capital Territory unit of Australian Church Women. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed over a light luncheon following the service and we thank helpers from St Andrews for their welcome.

The second service was held on October 27 in the Uniting Church Concord. This World Community Day service was written by a committee of the NSW unit of ACW comprised of representatives of each affiliated denomination. Miss Ruth Ridley spoke on the theme 'We are Called to Peace' and requested that the hymn 'It is well with my soul' be sung during the service. The soloist, Miss Sandra Batey had unknowingly chosen this very hymn as her part in the service, so we felt God's hand was guiding us through the day. Thank you to all the helpers for their hospitality, and to Miss Connie Secomb for being our organist once again.

We are grateful to Burwood Uniting Church for allowing us the use of their Fellowship Hall for our three business meetings during the year.

Those of us who attend these ACW branch meetings are enjoying the fellowship between denominations and feel we are growing closer with each year that passes. We hope that these friendships will continue into the future and we praise God that barriers between denominations are being broken.

DOROTHY LEWIS, SECRETARY

CHATSWOOD/WILLOUGHBY

Another successful year was completed at the annual meeting in March. It was reported that in spite of the fact we no longer hold street stalls, but trading tables at our two services, we still donated only a slightly reduced amount to our local charities, amounting to \$250.

Fellowship Day Service was held at Chatswood Central Uniting Church with Mrs Vi Minty as speaker, offering being \$132 with 37 present. World Community Day was observed at the Church of Christ with Mrs Peg Blake as speaker, 40 present and offering \$133.60, and FLC \$301.70. Six denominations are taking part in our services. We again took under our umbrella the World Day of Prayer service, Miss Sheila Spencer being the speaker at St Stephens Anglican, Willoughby.

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We thanked our retiring president, Mrs Jeannine Alves and welcomed Mrs Nora Cliff for her two year term. After eight years our treasurer retired, Mrs Frances Gray, and we welcomed Mrs Linelle Smith as treasurer as well as our representative to state unit, following Mrs Major Glenys Holley's removal from the district.

Many of our ladies attend 'Willoughby Women Praying Together', a group who meet for one hour on the 1st Friday of the month in different churches.

A tribute was paid to Mrs Win Dougherty who had chaired our first meeting in 1976 - then Mayoress of Willoughby, and later state life member and national president of ACW. She passed away after a long illness, many attending the Thanksgiving Service at Willoughby.

The secretary attended the state unit's installation service in May, the 2 day conference, 2 ecumenical luncheons, and the Asian Church Women's service.

We look forward to the year ahead that it will be fruitful to us ecumenically and personally, and in God's service.

DOROTHY WOODHOUSE, SECRETARY

CITY OF SYDNEY

The Fellowship Day service in 1994 was held in St Stephen's Uniting Church Macquarie St and it was good to be back there after a lapse of quite a few years. There was a sizeable representation from the city churches and there were many appreciative comments about the service itself and about the address given by Mrs Peg Blake drawing our attention to the dangers of present day teachings in the community.

At the service, new office bearers were announced, namely President, Mrs Maureen Bowen of the Catholic Women's League, Treasurer, Mrs Beth Finlay of Scots Church and Secretary Mrs Vi Minty representing St Phillips.

World Community Day service was held at Scots Church where our speaker was Mrs Beth Finlay who gave us a very helpful address and it was sad that because of other commitments our numbers were small.

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In November members of the branch assisted at a service to mark the Asian Church Women's Conference held in St Patrick's church.

We were saddened to learn of the death on August 6, of Sister David, one of our early members who during her time as Parish Sister at St Patrick's supported ACW faithfully. After retirement as Parish Sister, she continued her support until she became too frail. Her friendship and her sparkly smile will long be remembered and we give thanks for the fellowship we enjoyed with her.

VI MINTY, HON. SECRETARY

GLADESVILLE/HUNTERS HILL

It is pleasing to report that our speakers for this year's services were chosen by the denomination in whose church the service was being held, from the speaker's list provided by ACW. These were most enjoyable days, with a service followed by a luncheon. The dedication of our speakers, in being prepared to give themselves in the Lord's service and travel to speak to us was very much appreciated.

We have six denominations participating in our branch. The attendances, offerings and sale of promotional items have reflected a good interest in this area for ACW.

BERYL DAVIS

LANE COVE\LONGUEVILLE

Another year of working together in our Lord's service has been enjoyed. How privileged we feel to have the opportunity of bringing together members of congregations from all denominations in our area, to worship our Saviour. His divine example of LOVE in its total and truest sense has brought joy and nourishing fellowship to each of us as we have worked together and shared this love.

We attended seven meetings and three services during 1994. World Day of Prayer was held at Finlayson St. Uniting Church. Lucelle King, newly installed state president of ACW was guest speaker and soloist.

Fellowship Day was held at St Michael's Catholic Church, Lane Cove. Major Joan Tong made the theme come alive with her address and songs with the ukulele!

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Community Day was held at St Andrews Anglican Church. Beth Finlay was the speaker and Shirley Wells spoke about FLC. A charming duet was sung by Joan Gostelow, and Jack Tooker, 'Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me'.

Activities arranged by NSW state council were attended by several members. These included the state conference, following which our branch took the initiative to hold an ecumenical service for the week of prayer for christian unity, this being held at St Andrews Anglican Church.

We also attended the installation of Mrs Lucelle King, and the ecumenical luncheon in August. We came together for our Christmas lunch on Dec. 5 and were delighted to have several past members join us.

We thank our president Dorothy for another year of excellence in leading our services and presenting the guests. We thank all who contributed their talents to make a success of each service. Thank you to all those who worked and gave their time to supply food and beverage after each service. And we thank all those who came along to claim:

'WE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST'

LOIS MAZE, BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

STRATHFIELD/HOMEBUSH

1994/95 has seen the deepening of friendships among the ladies of this branch. Denominations are lost sight of and all are 'One in Christ'.

Our Fellowship Day service was held at St David's Presbyterian, West Strathfield, where our speaker was Miss Kath White who had recently returned from Nepal.

Community Day service was held in the South Strathfield Uniting Church, a first for them and our speaker was Edith Ridge, who was warmly welcomed back by her 'old' friends.

The World Day of Prayer service was held at St Thomas's Anglican, Enfield where our speaker was Mrs Ev Simms, recently returned from missionary service in Zaire.

Attendance at services range between 60-70 ladies and a few men, and all voted that each service is a blessing and that our speakers brought helpful thoughts and a challenge to us all.

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Our branch consists of seven denominations, with some having more than one church involved. We give thanks to God for the one-ness of our ladies and for their willingness to be part of the work of ACW.

Apart from local involvement, members are encouraged to attend and benefit from the wider activities of ACW at state level, such as the annual dedication service, spiritual enrichment days, ecumenical luncheon and state conference.

WINNIE HALL, PRESIDENT

BERYL McLAUGHLIN, BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

NORTH RYDE

The North Ryde branch was formed in 1967 as the Women's Inter-Church Council at a meeting held at North Ryde Congregational church. It has continued to hold two services each year and planning meetings. 1994 services were held in the evenings at Macquarie Presbyterian Church and Marsfield Community Church. Attendances at services average 35 from 6 - 8 churches.

JUDITH GOODWIN, SECRETARY

PARRAMATTA

The Parramatta branch meets as a committee three times a year, to plan the Fellowship and World Community Day services. We have four participating denominations although we have made many attempts to involve others.

Our celebrations are held in the churches of these denominations, throughout the community with always good publicity from our local papers for which we are most grateful. We rotate leadership of the committee every two years around these denominations. We have felt they have always been good planning meetings resulting in attendances between 50 and 60. We would like to see more and are always discussing how we can get more people involved. Those of us who attend find the services of great inspiration and insight into other worshipping groups.

1994 has proved a good year of inter-relating with other denominations and our prayer is that 1995 will prove a greater time of inspiration, love and togetherness. We pray that it will continue to be a great time of communication, relationships and understanding of each other as we work independently yet together in God's service.

LAURETTE JACKSON

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SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Our branch continues to flourish. All churches in our large area are invited to our services, and our committee of 10/12 committed members meet together to plan meetings, distribute invitations, organise publicity in their churches etc., ..a very dedicated group of ladies.

We were delighted to have our popular president Peg Blake back in action this year after her hip operation. Peg was the speaker at Fellowship Day and gave a very positive address on the theme. The service was held at the St John Bosco Church, Engadine, a very beautiful church and we were warmly welcomed by the parish priest, and the president of the Ladies Guild, Judith Ryan. The singing was very joyful and we were especially delighted with the beautiful singing of the soloist, Diana McNeil's daughter. (Diana with Judith had organised the day at their church together with a very sumptuous luncheon) The attendance was 140 and all enjoyed warm fellowship together.

We commence our services with the theme song, 'In Christ we are one' and members are now familiar with the tune and sing it joyfully.

World Community Day was held at the Presbyterian Church, Caringbah, president Peg's 'home' church, where a warm welcome was extended to all. Mrs Vi Minty spoke very well on the theme 'We are called to peace'. A gentleman gave a very moving testimony as to God's peace - experienced when his wife died suddenly. He knew she was with the Lord immediately and rested in the sure knowledge. Judy Rough sang two beautiful solos. It was a most uplifting and joyous service - and all enjoyed fellowship over lunch. The collections at both services were very generous and all enjoyed fellowship over lunch.

MINA WHYBOURNE, SECRETARY

SEVEN HILLS/TOONGABBIE

This branch functioned successfully during 1994.

Fellowship Day in July was held in Grantham Heights Uniting Church with 50 people attending and ten churches taking part. Community Day was held at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church, Wentworthville with 55 present and nine churches participating.

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Our members also attended and took part in the World Day of Prayer.

During 1995 the number of churches in our branch will be reduced as the Salvation Army Citadel at Toongabbie has closed and the latest church to join us has decided not to continue to host services. We regret these losses but at least some of the Salvation Army ladies will continue to attend.

As the day chosen for our christmas party clashed with another gathering it was agreed that we would combine the two events. A very happy event ensued with lunch, carol singing, and items both inspiring and humorous provided by the various churches.

St Peters Anglican has continued to make the hall available to the committee for planning meetings. Our president continues to be an inspiring leader
LEONIE MEETH, HON. SEC.

WOOLLAHRA

Goodwin Village has held services for World Community Day and Fellowship Day, which have been most appreciated.

As a number of our residents have travelled overseas it is good to get them involved in these services. The FLC is well supported. Our village shop keeps a box for least coin contributions too. Our resident population for health and other reasons has been changing and we miss some of our good support.

To leaders of ACW in suburbs and country areas I would suggest making contact with retirement villages and if possible arrange for services for them, and promotion of FLC. (Good suggestion!)

MARY ANDREWS, DEACONESS

