

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers,
held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 13 April, 1992.

At the commencement of the day, the President, Mrs Major Joan Tong gave a welcome to all present. She especially welcomed Past President, Mrs Marjory Baker and invited her to take the Chair for the Annual Meeting.

OPENING. Mrs Baker greeted those present and invited Miss Heather Reid, delegate from the Girls' Brigade, to conduct DEVOTIONS.

After an opening prayer, Heather read John 12, verses 1-7, the story of the visit to Bethany, where Mary used the expensive perfume to wash the feet of Jesus, afterwards wiping them with her hair. This shy, quiet, modest woman used her most precious possession to do this for her Lord. She showed insight in anointing Jesus for his death. His critics didn't acknowledge that Jesus too had the gift of insight. Girls' Brigade in its work with girls and young women, acknowledges the gifts of these people, just as Jesus saw and used people's qualities. Heather incorporated in her devotions information about Girls' Brigade. Its motto is 'To seek, to serve and to follow Jesus Christ'. The Council was most interested in learning about the beginnings, organisation and work of Girls' Brigade. It, too, is an inter-denominational organisation.

THOSE PRESENT are recorded in the attendance sheets and numbered 46. APOLOGIES recorded were 14.

MINUTES of the Meeting, April 15, 1991 were read and confirmed as a correct record. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES. It was reported that the 1990-1991 Financial Statement as presented to the AGM of 1991 was adopted at the June, 1991 Council meeting, after the Auditor had passed the Treasurer's Books.

REPORTS.

1. President's Report. Mrs Tong read the report that will be published in the 1992 Annual Report (formerly Newsletter). She began her report with words from Psalm 91 and told the Council that her time as President has been a wonderful two years. Thanks to her Executives in that time were expressed. She has enjoyed representing ACW at many functions and has learned much from these associations. Highlights of the term for her were the visit to our state of Winifred Kiek Scholar, Rachel Sobana; the National Conference in 1991 (Joan was co-opted to the National Committee as the NSW State Unit President and served that committee with distinction. Secretary's comment); the 1991 Spiritual Enrichment Day; the success of the Pen Project (this was Joan's initiative and she worked very hard for it. Sec.); the involvement of ACW in the Media Awareness Project Australia (MAPA); the opportunity of going to the ACWC meetings in Bangkok, as a member of the General Committee of ACWC.

During this term, stronger links have been formed with groups like YMCA and with the denominations.

In stepping aside from office, Mrs Tong recommended her successor, Miss Phyl McKinnirey. She asked for prayer and support for Phyl. In concluding, she thanked ACW for having her as President.

2. Secretary's Report. This report, too, will be Published in the Annual Report. The Secretary reported on the growth of ACW in NSW and the involvement of members in the National Conference, the two Special Days, particularly mentioning the Fellowship Day service 'Serve the Lord With Gladness', written by the NSW Unit. The introduction of Associate Membership during the year has proved to be very successful, there are 15 Associate Members enrolled. Thanks were expressed to the President for her leadership, to the Executive members for their enthusiasm and to all members who have served ACW in any way during the year.

3. Treasurer's Report. In presenting her Annual Report and Financial

Statement, Mrs Lumb reported that the books have been Audited. She thanked Mrs McLaughlin for her suggestion of an Auditor in Mr Frank Fryirs, who was able to audit in a very short space of time. Mrs Lumb announced that \$1,000 profit from the Pen Project has been added to the amount in our Investment Account with the Glebe Board. Fellowship of the Least Coin collections were very good. A motion of thanks to the Treasurer was moved and carried by acclamation. The Council is very appreciative of the good work our Treasurer does.

4. Convenors' Reports. Reports from all the Convenors were tabled and will be published in the Annual Report. They were taken as read and adopted on the motion of Miss Doris Mitchell and Brigadier Mabel Ward.

APPRECIATION. Mrs Marjory Baker thanked the President, Secretary, Treasurer and all the Convenors for their year's work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Council was asked to accept the nominations for all office bearers and convenors, as read. There being no multiple nominations, the ballot was declared as follows:-

President.	Miss Phyl McKinnirey.	Catholic.
Past President.	Mrs Major Joan Tong.	Salvation Army.
Secretary.	Mrs Edith Ridge.	Uniting Church.
Treasurer.	Mrs Dorothy Lumb.	Anglican.
Membership Secretary.	Mrs Marie Majoor.	Catholic.
W.K.S.	Mrs Mina Whybourne.	Anglican.
F.L.C.	Miss Shirley Wells.	Baptist.
Promotions.	Mrs Peg Blake.	Presbyterian.
Publicity.	Miss Jeanne Sutherland.	Anglican.
Newsette Editor.	Mrs Beryl McLaughlin.	Anglican.
Auditor.	Mr Frank Fryirs.	ACA

Newsette Secretary. The Executive nominated Mrs Marie Majoor to again fill this position and the Council endorsed this.

Stock Secretary. Mrs Rae Aldridge was nominated and elected. Mrs Lt. Col. Desley Dawkins was thanked for her work in this position during 1991.

Denominations not represented on the Executive. Mrs Marjory Baker was appointed to represent the Churches of Christ and Mrs Helen Danko was invited to find an Ukrainian Orthodox member at her convenience.

COMMITTEES. WKS. Convenor, plus Y. Davis, J. Tong, L. King, Deac. M. Andrews, Brig. M. Ward.

F.L.C. The Convenor and Mrs Major Joan Tong, with special attention to A.C.W.C. reports and news.

Promotions. Convenor, plus H. Stutchbury, P. Cameron, M. Hawkins, M. Jessup, B. R. Smith, M. Baker, V. Minty.

Publicity. Convenor, plus Mrs M. Jessup, Mrs V. Renn, Miss H. Reid.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

National Council of Women. Misses Shirley Wells and Jeanne Sutherland.

The Secretary was asked to write to NCW nominating Miss Jeanne Sutherland, as avoting delegate to be a member of the NCW Executive.

World Day of Prayer. C. Great, R. Smith, P. McKinnirey, C. Edmonstone, D. Lumb.

Ecumenical Council. (Fraternal Member). Mrs Col. F. Peterson.

NCW Council Children's Films & TV. M. Craig, M. McCann.

COURTESIES. Miss McKinnirey was welcomed as the incoming President and she thanked the Executive for the warm welcome she has already received as a member of the Executive during the last year; all members of the 1992 Executive were congratulated, as were the members of committees & those who will represent us at other organisations. Those who are leaving office were warmly thanked.

President-Elect. A letter is to be sent to the Baptist Women's Fellowship, inviting them to appoint one of their members to become President-elect.

CLOSING. The Annual General Meeting was closed with the Benediction.

CONFIRMED. *J. McKinnirey* 17 April, 1993.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY, 1992

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1991

\$2,483.98

ADD RECEIPTS FOR 12 MONTHS

Organisation A/c

Affiliation Fees 364.00
Associate Membership Fees 150.00

514.00

Less Affiliation Fees Overpaid 30.00 484.00

Donations - General 106.00

- Festival of Flowers 56.00 162.00

Offering - Annual Service 412.80

Sales - History Books 93.00

Souvenirs - Ex Natnl.

Conference 1,043.75

Less Cost 982.45 61.30

Sales - Pens 2,314.00

Teaspoons 42.50

Badges 134.60

F.L.C. Badges 24.00

F.L.C. Spoons 10.00

"Circle of Prayer" 40.50

Overseas Travel - Tea Money 50.90

Trading Table 127.10 178.00

Spiritual Refreshment Day 335.00

Less Expenses 330.00 5.00

"NEWSETTE" Subscriptions & Donations

Less 972.96

Cost of production, printing, and postage 919.07 53.89

A.C.W.C. Bulletin Subscriptions 119.50 (C)

A.C.W.C. "Partners 92.00 (C)

5% handling of Offertories for F.L.C.,

Fellowship Day, and World Community Day 915.94

Special Funds

F.L.C. 10,881.29

Winifred Kiek Scholarship 128.45

Fellowship Day 5,079.09

World Community Day 4,167.88 20,256.71

INTEREST

Westpac Current A/c 219.65

Glebe Administration Board 488.72 708.37

26,108.11

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS

Printing & Stationery 206.55

Postage 97.71

Expenses - Annual Dedication Service 75.00

Video of Natnl. Confnce. Service (for archives) 20.00

Photo. members of Natnl. Confnce. " " 10.00

Sundry Expenses 66.19

Bank Charges 11.00

Administration 405.00

Donation - Kuching School for Handicapped

150.00

Less - Donations received 111.25 38.75

A.C.W.C. Bulletin Subscriptions 120.00 (C)

National Conference Expenses 634.00

" " share travel expenses 245.00

National Treasurer - Overseas Travel 150.00

CARRIED FORWARD 2,079.20

28,592.09

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY, 1992

<u>PAYMENTS (CONTD.)</u>	2,079.20	28,592.09
<u>Purchases for Stock - Pens</u>	1,052.25	
Badges	49.95	1,102.20
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
National Council of Women	30.00	
N.S.W. Films for Children & TV	10.00	
"Living under the Southern Cross"	20.00	
N.S.W. Ecumenical Council	20.00	
Expenses - Fellowship Day	230.00 X	
Expenses - World Community Day	287.50 X	3,778.90
X X(to be deducted from Offerings at Services - 1992)		
<u>Special Funds</u>		
F.L.C.	10,299.12	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	128.45	
Fellowship Day	4,738.94	
World Community Day	3,884.14	
<u>Add</u>	19,050.65	
Expenses & percentage entitlement	1,206.06	20,256.71
Promotion Expenses		50.84
Flowers for Festival of Flowers		41.30
National Treasurer - A.C.W.C. Partners (1991)		500.00
" " - A.C.W.C. Partners (1991/92)		92.00
Publicity Expenses		214.00
Media Awareness Project Australia		208.43
		25,142.18
<u>CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C 29/2/1992</u>		\$3,449.91

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 29TH FEBRUARY, 1992

<u>BALANCES</u>	<u>FUNDS</u>	
<u>WESTPAC CURRENT A/C</u> \$3,449.91	<u>ORGANISATION A/C</u>	6,536.35)
<u>INVESTMENT WITH</u>	<u>PENS</u>)
<u>GLEBE ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>Sales</u>)
<u>BOARD</u> 5,000.00	<u>Balance 1/3/91</u> 2,314.00)
	106.50)
	2,420.50)
	<u>Less Cost</u> 1,052.25)
		1,368.25)
		7,904.60
	<u>"NEWSETTE"</u>	
	<u>Subscriptions &</u>	
	<u>Donations</u> 972.96	
	<u>Less Cost of pre-</u>	
	<u>duction, printing</u>	
	<u>and postage</u> 919.07	53.89
	<u>OVERSEAS TRAVEL</u>	
	<u>Balance 1/3/91</u> 45.53	
	<u>Add recd. during</u>	
	<u>Year</u> 178.00	
	223.53	
	<u>Less Payment</u> 150.00	73.53
	<u>STOCK</u>	
	<u>Badges & Spoons 1/3/91</u>	
	265.49	
	<u>Less Sales</u>	
	<u>Badges</u> 158.60	
	<u>Spoons</u> 52.50	
	211.10	
	54.39	
	<u>Add purchase</u>	
	<u>Badges</u> 49.95	104.34
<u>\$8,449.91</u>		<u>\$8,136.36</u>

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BALANCES

BROUGHT FORWARD \$8,449.91

\$8,449.91

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FUNDS

BROUGHT FORWARD

\$8,136.36

HISTORY BOOKS (COST)

Balance 1/3/91 287.21

Less Sales during

Year (COST) 34.96 252.25

SOUVENIRS - Ex Natnl. Confnce.

Sales 1,043.75

Less Cost 982.45 61.30

\$8,449.91

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Dorothy Lumb
(Dorothy Lumb)
Hon. Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of account and records of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. State Unit) for the year ended 29th February, 1992. In my opinion the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 29th February, '92, show a true and correct view of the result for that year, and of the state of affairs as at 29th February, 1992.

M. Fyfe ASA

THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 1991-1992

As we come to review another busy year in Australian Church Women, I am conscious of the great sense of fellowship and support that has been around and underneath me during this year. Any work that we undertake to do for God, he blesses and of this I have been very aware. For the strength that he supplies I give him thanks; for the support of all the Executive and Council members I am grateful and for the loving interest members have shown in my well fare, I am humbly and deeply appreciative.

It was a delight for us to begin our year with the Annual Dedication service in the attractive surroundings of the Salvation Army Congress Hall. At this service we were privileged to have as our speaker, former National President Mrs Dorothy Haensel of Adelaide. Dorothy gave us a feast in her address and in the information she shared about projects of ACW in Winifred Kiek Scholarship (of which she is a Trustee), Fellowship of the Least Coin and Asian Church Women's Conference. After the service a time of fellowship was enjoyed over lunch in the Salvation Army's lunch room.

We enjoyed our time there so much, that we held a Spiritual Enrichment day there in October. The response to this new venture was very good and the morning and afternoon speakers were excellent. The success of this day has encouraged us to consider repeating the day perhaps later this year or in 1993. To Mrs Patricia Burke for her devotional segment, to Mrs Clara Clarke and Mrs Colonel Ruth Clavert for their wonderful sessions, we say again, many thanks. The day was all too short!

Again during 1991 we were privileged to have studying in our State, the Winifred Kiek Scholar. Rachel Sobana was based in NSW and much of her course was done in Sydney hospitals, and in some country ones, before she left us to travel to other states. We all felt that we came to know Rachel as a friend and it is good to hear that she has settled back into her nursing work in India. We are pleased too, to receive news of the 1990 Scholar Doreen Tie.

The importance of the Scholarship was brought home to us in November, when Mrs Sadie Simmons shared with us the visit she had made to Kuching, where she had met Doreen's family and had seen for herself the work that Doreen is doing at the school for disabled children. After this meeting, we sent a gift of books to Doreen for the school, bought with money collected at the Council meetings as a love gift.

We report with joy that ACW continues to grow. Promotions Convenor, Peg Blake is kept busy sending out Information Kits and following up those who are interested in ACW.

At the March, 1992 Council meeting we were able to announce that the Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhood of Australia has affiliated with ACW, and this brings to eight, the number of denominations in our Unit. We welcome these ladies and look forward to a time of great fellowship with them.

Fellowship Day in 1991 saw the use around Australia of the service NSW had written, 'Praise the Lord With Gladness'. We received some very welcome compliments after this service.

Because the National Committee was based in NSW we seemed to have a very busy year. It was our pleasure to assist the Committee in many ways at the Conference at Collaroy in September. The Open Seminar Day during Conference was a highlight of the week we spent with delegates and visitors from other State Units. How good it was to see that meeting hall filled with NSW Unit people who had come from all-over to share this inspiring day with us.

During the year we 'went commercial' as a means of raising money for National Committee and for our Unit. The Pen Project proved to be a popular way of letting people know about ACW and the tea towels designed by Lucelle King and produced for Conference are still in demand.

Our President, Joan Tong, was the driving force behind these projects and led the capable team of secretarial helpers at the Conference, also. Thank you, Joan, for all your leadership during another year. We will look back on your two years of Presidency with love and gratitude for all you have been to us and for all you have done for ACW.

Joan's enthusiasm for ACW has shown itself in many ways. Not least of these was the idea to use the different denominational groups represented at Council meetings to encourage more support for ACW in our home churches and through the areas of our Synod connections. Plans are under way for increased awareness of ACW in our denominations.

Associate Members. This new idea for NSW Unit is off the ground and running. We have been pleased to welcome as Associate Members fifteen ladies who responded to our invitation.

Our links with other Ecumenical bodies were strengthened in March, when Jenny Johnston of the Australian Council of Churches spoke to us about her work as a Field Worker in the ACC's Refugee Re-settlement Scheme. We hope to be able to support Jenny in this work during the coming year.

NSW Unit thanks those members who represent us as delegates to other organisations; we are all thankful to the people who host the morning teas each month; to the Convenors who faithfully carry out their tasks of Promotion, Publicity, editing and mailing "Newsette", keeping a watchful eye on our membership lists (a terrible job!) keeping us informed and inspired about the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and Fellowship of the Least Coin, we say 'thank you for all you do so well'.

We enjoy our meetings at the Uniting Church's headquarters and are grateful for the use of this building.

What can we say about the stewardship of our Treasurer? She keeps a stern but loving eye on our finances. Thank you, Dorothy.

Mary Andrews continues to astound us with her stamina and persistence at the Trading Table. Thank you, Mary.

As we come to the end of this Report, we come also to the end of a term of Presidency. We are able to look back with a sense of deep thanksgiving for the inspiration that led the Salvation Army to appoint Mrs Major Joan Tong to this position. She has proved to be a true servant of our Lord and with unflagging energy has led us in two wonderful years. Thank you, Joan for all your love and care for us and for ACW. We know God will bless you in your continuing life with him.

We look forward to a new year and a new term of office with Miss Phyl McKinnirey as the incoming President. Already Phyl has become a dear friend to us in NSW State Unit and we go forward with her in confidence that more good times are ahead of us in ACW.

For all the blessings of our God we give thanks, and we go forward in faith, knowing that the best is yet to be in Christ Jesus.

Edith Ridge. 13.4.92
Honorary Secretary.

