

## Australian Church Women National Life Member

### MRS OLIVE GRACE ACKLAND – VICTORIA - 1987



**BORN:** 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1923 at Sealake, Victoria.

**EDUCATION:** Trained Primary Teachers Certificate, Melbourne Teachers College

**MARRIED:** October 1946 to Laurence Ackland, widowed April 1985, They had four sons and one daughter and several grandchildren.

**Church Involvement:** Originally Methodist, now a member of the Uniting Church in Australia, Parish of Coburg, Congregation of Merlynston.

Elder – Secretary Parish Council of Elders.

Treasurer, Merlynston Congregation.

Uniting Church Fellowship/encourager of local ecumenical activities.

Served as a Member of Synod Ecumenical Affairs Committee

Member U.C.F. Assembly Outreach Committee.

#### ACW Involvement:

- 1 Represented Methodist Women 1965 – 1977 and then U.C.A. 1977 – 1986.
- 2 President 1970/71 and 1984/5.
- 3 Other positions held – Secretary/ Minute Secretary/Special Days Convener.
- 4 National Committee 1981-1983 Special Days Convener.
- 5 Attended National Conferences 1975, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987.
- 6 National Delegate to Asian Church Womens Conference 1982, 1986.
- 7 Member of General Committee and Executive Committee A.C.W.C. 1982, 1986.
- 8 Attended Consultation on Tourism and Prostitution, Taiwan, 1985.
- 9 Represented A.C.W. C. at All India Council of Christian Women Assembly in Madras, 1986 as part of Team visit to India.
- 10 Attended A.C.W.C. Assembly in Bali 1982 and Bangkok 1986.

#### Other Ecumenical Involvement:

- 1 Victorian Council of Churches - Local Ecumenism Commission.
- 2 Coburg Interchurch Council – Assistant Secretary.
- 3 Local organizer for Special Days and World Day of Prayer.

#### Community Involvement:

- 1 Coburg Citizens Advice Bureau - Hon. Treasurer and volunteer counsellor.
- 2 Home Tutor – Teaching English to migrants.
- 3 Kindergarten and School Committees in earlier years.

#### Interests:

- 1 Studying to qualify as a Lay Preacher.
- 2 Status of Women in Church and Society.
- 3 Inclusive Language in Worship.
- 4 Involvement of Lay People in Worship.
- 5 Travel – overseas and in Australia.
- 6 Family/Church/Home/Garden.
- 7 Banner making /Knitting / Reading.
- 8 Cryptic crosswords.