

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of a Meeting held on February 22nd 1993 at 10a.m. at St. Stephens Uniting Church, Launceston.

PRESENT: Mesdames L. Davis (Pres.), A. Fitzgerald (Sec.), M. Hewitt (V.Pres), N. Bransden (Min. Sec.), S. Brooks, J. Smith (Tas. Exec), P. Marsden (Publications), Miss B. Brown (W.K.S.)

APOLOGIES: Mesdames A. Ison (Treasurer), J. Miller (F.L.C.), P. Wells (Special Days)

OPENING The President opened with prayer and a reading from Ephesians 4:11-16.

Mrs. Davis announced that Mrs. Joan Smith had been co-opted to National Executive for remaining months.

BIBLE PRESENTATION Tasmanian Unit made a presentation to National Executive of a Bible to be passed on to future executives. All former National Presidents to be recorded in same.

MINUTES The Minutes of the November Meeting were confirmed as circulated Moved B. Brown, seconded M. Hewitt.

BUSINESS ARISING 1. Malaini Durandudau, Sr-Lanka - 1990 monies have now been received. Original bank draft had not been cashed.

CORRESPONDENCE:  
PRESIDENTS

1. Inward.
  - 1.1 Shirin Samuel - F.L.C. circulars.
  - 1.2 Rachel Sobana - thanks for wedding gift and other news.
  - 1.3 Melini Devanandra - re missing bank draft
  - 1.4 Letter and Parcel from Indian Orphanage
  - 1.5 Barbara Grearley S.A. - re National Conference.
  - 1.6 Audrey Sherwin - re query to Shirin Samuel re allocation of grant money received and administration costs.
2. Outward
  - 2.1 Elizabeth Walker - enclosing Melini's letter.
  - 2.2 Report to A.C.W. News on Barkat Dass WKS 1978.
  - 2.3 A.C.T. Unit -
  - 2.4 Shirin Samuel

- SECRETARY
1. Inward
    - 1.1 Kalpana Airan - Christmas Greetings.
    - 1.2 Mary Au - Christmas Greetings.
    - 1.3 CCA News - Editions Sept. to Dec.
    - 1.4 Malini Devananda - 2 letters re missing Bank Draft.
    - 1.5 Rosemary van Emmerik - retyping Constitution.
    - 1.6 J. Miller - F.L.C. information for Meeting.
    - 1.7 N.S.W. Unit - Minutes of Council Meetings for Sept. and Oct. News of Shirley Wells' and Peg Blake's illnesses; Miss Doris Mitchell received OAM; query re November Minutes items.
    - 1.8 W.A. Unit - Support for consultation with aboriginal women.
    - 1.9 Kalpana Airan - re lost letter and visit for Conference.
    - 1.10 A.C.T. Unit - January Newsletter.
    - 1.11 A.C.T. Unit - Minutes of November, August Meetings.
    - 1.12 VIC Unit - Minutes of November Meeting.
    - 1.13 Tas Unit - Minutes of November Meeting.
    - 1.14 W.A. Unit - Minutes of November Meeting.
    - 1.15 Qld Unit - Minutes of November Meeting.
    - 1.16 Dickensons Travel - offer of services for Conference arrangements

- 1.17 Tas Convention Bureau - re assistance with Conference.
- 1.18 Sheraton Hobart Hotel - re assistance with Conference.
- 1.19 Westend Hotel - accommodation prices
- 1.20 B.R.W. - invitation to Affirmative Action Awards.
- 1.21 A.C.T.U. - re equal pay
- 1.21 A.C.T.U. - re Coalition's policies.
- 1.22 Mahlab Information - - re film "Not a Bedroom War".
- 1.23 Uni. of Canberra - questionnaire.
- 1.24 Heart Foundation - Invitation to Meeting in Canberra.
- 1.25 ANESBWA = Annual Report
- 1.26 CAPOW - re employment of an administrative officer.
- 1.27 N.W.C.C. Newsletter
- 1.28 Govt. Response to "Half Way to Equal."
- 1.29 Action News
- 1.30 Workshift Circular
- 1.31 Equal employment opportunity Annual Conference 1993
- 1.32 N.W.C.C. News.
- 1.33 Oswomen (2 copies)

## 2. Outward

- 2.1 D. Haensel - Forwarding W.K.S. monies for 1992.
- 2.2 Kalpana J. Airan - advising Mary Au invited for National Conf.
- 2.2 Malini Devananda - re missing Bank Draft..

TREASURERS Letter from Anne Pattel-Gray accepting invitation to attend Conference.  
Letter from Joan Tong re ordering more stock.

## BUSINESS ARISING

1. Orphanage in India has sent crochet work, approx value \$150. This to be handled by State Unit.
2. Rosemary van Emmerik - to be given go-ahead when W.K.S. Forms received.
3. Anne Pattel Gray (Aborigine & Torres Island Commission) can attend Conference on September 15th - Alison to arrange acceptance. Conference with aborigine women to be discussed at Conference.
4. Mrs. Brooks shared with us good wishes sent to her as National President elect from S.A., NSW, A.C.T. Units, National Committee of Uniting Church and State Commanding Officer S.A. Mrs. Pender.
5. National Executive extended best wishes and God's blessing to Shirley Wells and Peg Blake (N.S.W. Exec) who are to have hip surgery.
6. Joan Tong re souvenirs - arrangements to be made in contact with Victorian Unit.

TREASURERS REPORT: Unavailable due to illness of Treasurer.

## F.L.C. REPORT

1. Reminders have been sent out re grant applications.
2. Brochures and spoons sent to mainland.
3. 600 copies of Circle of Prayer ordered.
4. A.C.W. brochures available.
5. F.L.C. Brochures - more to be printed.

## SPECIAL DAYS

Correction has been made in Fellowship Day Service.  
World Community Day Service to the convenor by end of March.

## W.K.S.

A revised Application Form has been approved by the Trustees.  
New standard forms will be presented at Conference for discussion.  
Moved B. Brown, seconded A. Fitzgerald.

Card received from 1992 Scholar Ana who is now working in Tonga.

1993 Scholar Marlai Mahamaneerat is expected in Australia in April.

News had been received recently about 1978 scholar Barket Das.

News of Rachel (W.K.S. 1991) who was recently married and is now continuing her work at the hospital.

Motions to Conference will include discussion re W.K.S. and Aborigine Trusts.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS

1. New copies of revised Constitution will be ordered. Quote to cover printing etc. \$439.80 with cost of engraving to be added. 1 copy to each unit - 1 for Trustees - 2 copies to Executive - further copies the responsibility of Units.

2. Conference. A draft Registration Form was shown. These will be distributed early March.

Separate Bank Account to be opened for Conference Fees.  
Deposit to be paid for venue booking.

3. State Units are reminded that nominations must be sent for A.C.W.C. representative.

4. Phyl Marsden reported on her pleasure in meeting with Margaret Napier in Hobart.

FAREWELL

Mrs. Davis who has taken leave of absence presented the President's Badge and Bible to Mrs. Brooks. Mrs. Aileen Fitzgerald made a presentation to Mrs. Davis in appreciation of her work and wished the family God's speed and blessing in their new vocation.

NEXT MEETING will be held in Burnie on March 22nd at 11a.m.