



**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
NSW STATE UNIT INC.**

***Minutes of Council Meeting, Monday 21 June 2021  
10.30 am Level 10, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney  
and by Conference Call***

**WELCOME:** President Tricia Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those joining by teleconference.

**DEVOTIONS:** Tricia read Romans 8: 28-34, "... all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose..." She emphasised that with the closure of ACW NSW we need to have concern for members who are grieving that this is to happen. We need to find ways to support them, and help them continue friendships that have been formed through ACW. In prayer, thanks were given for the faithfulness and dedication of ACW members, and guidance sought for living out our Christian witness.

**PRESENT:** Pat Cory, Sr Elizabeth Delaney, Tricia Graham, Margaret Gregory, Valerie Hazlewood, Judy Hicks, Isabel Hewitt, Peg McEntee, Martha Noel, Helen Richardson, Jay Turner. By teleconference: Ramona Cowle, Pamela Freeman, Jan Harrison, Elizabeth McEwen,

**APOLOGIES:** Ros Abbey, Judith Cayzer, Yvonne Coorey, Olive Edmondstone, Rae Goth, Lillian Hodges, Sue Meehan, Lyn Middleton, Jennifer Peffer, Moya Potts, Tex Quirk, Heather Reid.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 19 April 2021, *were confirmed on the Motion of Peg McEntee and Valerie Hazlewood. Carried.*

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- 1) Arrangements for 15<sup>th</sup> November Meeting at St Stephens Church are still to be confirmed.
- 2) Department of Fair Trading requirements. In order to meet the requirements it is proposed to hold an ACW NSW Council meeting 21 February 2022 by which time the books will have been audited.
- 3) Application to Department of Fair Trading. Notice is given that the following motion will be brought to Council in August:

Pat Cory, Public Officer, moves that ACW NSW State Unit Inc Apply for "voluntary cancellation of our registration as an association" in light of the decision made at the April Council Meeting that ACW NSW State Unit Inc *will cease its operations at the end of 2021. The Unit's funds will be distributed in accordance with the current Constitution.'*  
Seconded by:

- 4) National Conference – October 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Adelaide – draft program shows that although the program ends on Wednesday evening it will require people travelling by air to stay overnight, departing on Thursday morning. National Executive Minutes indicated a change of hotel, but as yet there has been no indication of costs.

## REPORTS:

**Treasurer:** Pat Cory presented the Statement of Receipts and Payments 1 April to 31 May 2021. The Credit Balance at Bank at 1 April 2021 was \$1541.31; Total Income for April/May was \$1028.75; Total Payments for that period \$255.91. Unpresented cheques \$226.99. Credit Balance as per bank statement \$2314.15.

Accounts for payment: Reimburse E. McEwen for Teleconference (April) \$49.54; Reimburse M. Noel, postage and stationery \$61.00; E. McEwen replace #001648 \$55.07; Petty Cash \$46.20. Cancel cheque 001648 not received in mail by E. McEwen \$15.00.

*Pat moved that the Financial Report be accepted and the accounts be paid; Seconded by Margaret Gregory. Carried.*

Pat reported that on the closure of Sutherland Branch their remaining funds were sent to Winifred Keik Scholarship. A group who had met at Wallsend Uniting Church sent a donation of \$100 for FLC and reported that they are unable to continue as a group.

**Fellowship of the Least Coin:** Moya Potts was an apology. FLC donations are still being received, boosted by donations made in memory of Edith Ridge.

**Special Days:** Lyn Middleton sent an apology. Orders of Service have been sent to Branches. The service will again be on the ACW website.

Kincumber will celebrate Fellowship Day on Friday 23 July at Star of the Sea Terrigal.

Burwood/Concord/Strathfield, and Illawarra Branches will be conducting Fellowship Day. The Entrance/Long Jetty will not hold a combined service but will meet in small church groups.

**Winifred Kiek Scholarship:** Judith Cayzer sent apologies and emailed her report:

- 2021 Scholars =. Sandra Pawar (Sydney/ NSW). In July, Sandra will attend a Sydney Missionary Bible College Course as part of her scholarship - 'Teaching in Intercultural Settings.'

Kate Johnson (Townsville / QLD) Kate is doing ACOM studies with update from WKS Trustees and National Convenor Maureen. Kate has completed first unit 'Non Profit Governance'. She was nervous of 'legal jargon' but found the 2 Facilitators created a safe place to explore learnings. Kate said it was very helpful to have extra weekly tutorials. Her total mark was 83 /100!

- Eslie (Vanuatu /2016) On 11 June, Vanuatu was still covid free and the rollout of vaccination had commenced with frontline workers. Recently Scripture Union Vanuatu organised a Secondary School Rally and approximately 500 students from 4 schools came together. This program was suspended last year.

- Fellowship Day Service to be online end July. National ACW website thanks to Donna Bryan.  
- National Exec. / WKS Trustees, as they determine the future management of WK Scholarship.  
- Trustees deciding on 2022 Scholars to be from Pacific Island Nations.

# Prayer points for us throughout. The girls are always thankful for our partnership and support.

**Social Issues:** Rae Goth was an apology. A draft letter was available for members to write to the Prime Minister commending his promise to supply vaccines to poorer nations, and encouraging him to do so.

**Membership:** As before, souvenirs: old style badges, bookmarks were available for people to take.

A request was made for a contact list to be available after the closure of ACW NSW and Elizabeth McEwen indicated she would be able to do this, but permission would be needed for names to be included.

**Pastoral Care:** Jennifer Peffer has continued Pastoral Care Prayer and Praise points which have been well received. Prayers have been asked for Lyn Middleton's sister in Brisbane who has had health problems recently. Appreciation was expressed for the effort put into Jennifer's work, especially considering the demands on her personally at the present time.

**ACWC:** No report

**Reports received:** The Reports were received on the Motion of Martha Noel and Seconded by Elizabeth Delaney. Carried

**Correspondence – Inwards**

20/4 Website Report ACW Units  
21/4 Alison Ridge re Edith & FLC Donation  
23/4 Alison Ridge re Edith's death  
26/4 M. Ker, WA Unit, message re Edith Ridge  
26/4 J. Ridge request for FLC & ACW Logo  
26/4 PWA re Members only Conference  
5/05 Hot Air Conference invoice April mtg.  
13/5 P. McEntee re death of Cela Cooper  
13/4 Orange Uniting Fellowship – FLC  
14/5 M. Dredge re Annual Report and Motion re Winding up process  
15/5 Liza Lamas FLC Updates  
16/5 SA Unit, death of Bishop McCall  
16/5 Alison Ridge – advice cheque sent for FLC  
16/5 Morrisset Uniting re donation to FLC  
25/5 Valerie Hazlewood visit to Helen Hill  
27/5 NE – Minutes 18 May  
29/5 NE – Deadlines for National Conference  
PPSEAWA Invitation Winter Luncheon

**Correspondence – Outwards**

Response to emails from Alison Ridge  
21/4 National Sec. & President, NSW Annual Report & Office Bearers; Motion to close ACW NSW  
22/4 ACW Units – NSW Annual Report  
23/4 Ridge family – condolences  
23/4 NE & State Units – Edith Ridge  
23/4 Donna Bryan re response website report  
26/4 to Judith Ridge - logos  
27/4 to A. Ridge – message from WA Unit  
4/5 From T. Graham to Rev K. Day re Nov. meeting at St Stephens  
11/5 AGM Minutes to P. Cory  
13/5 Orange Uniting F'ship – Treasurer's address  
30/5 to NE re Deadline dates for Conference  
Response to V. Hazlewood re H. Hill  
Response to NE  
Response to NE  
Response to PPSEAWA  
To Helen Richardson & Olive Edmondstone re Jean Arnot Memorial

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) The Executive have agreed to nominate Olive Edmondstone and Helen Richardson to be honoured in the NCW Jean Arnot Memorial Event 2021.
- 2) Elizabeth will attend the PPSEAWA luncheon Wednesday 23 June.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Ratification of Motion to Conference requested by National Executive:**

**Motion to enable the current NE to see through the winding up process.**

*The ACW NSW Unit Inc. moves that:*

*The current SA ACW National Executive remain in office to oversee the voluntary dissolution process of Australian Church Women Inc. that the constitution requires.*

*Rationale: In the event of a resolution being taken that ACW Inc. be dissolved, ACW NSW Unit Inc. moves this motion.*

Moved: Tricia Graham, Seconded: Elizabeth Delaney. Carried

2) **Honouring Australian Church Women:** Nomination of Helen Richardson was moved by Elizabeth McEwen, and seconded by Margaret Gregory. Carried

In view of the proposed closure of ACW NSW members mentioned the following concerns:

- The need to alert people who wish to contribute to Fellowship of the Least Coin or Winifred Keik Scholarship as to where donations can be sent. This information will need to come from National Executive.
- The hope that local inter church contacts would continue and be encouraged by whatever way is deemed appropriate: e.g. coffee morning, invitations to a special event. Illawarra ladies intend to continue as a friendship group as Illawarra Christian Women.
- National Council of Women will be advised of the proposed closure of ACW NSW, and that as a result ACW will not be renewing membership of NCW.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021      Morning Tea: Catholic

**CLOSE OF MEETING:** There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer at 11.15 am.