

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



Minutes of Meeting held on November 17, 2003 at Piccadilly Court
222 Pitt Street, Sydney, at 1.00 p.m.

Chair:	Major Nancy McLaren	President
Present:	Mrs Cela Cooper	First Vice President
	Mrs Janet Harrison	Second Vice President
	Mrs Isabel Hewitt	Secretary
	Mrs Nola Dickson	Treasurer
	Mrs Brenda Dickinson	Minutes Secretary
	Sister Marie Craddock	Publicity Officer
	Mrs Edith Ridge	Publications Convenor
	Major Eileen Holley	Special Days Convenor
	Miss Shirley Wells	Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor
	Mrs Jean Porteous	Social Issues Convenor

Apologies: Major Joan Tong (WKS Convenor).

Devotions: Nancy McLaren. Nancy shared from Psalm 34 – which exhorts us to give God the thanks and praise due to him. V. 8 "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." He blesses those who honour him and we can say "thank you" for that today.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of previous Meeting, dated September 15th, 2003 accepted. "Piccadilly Court, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney" was noted as being the correct address of the location.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

2.1 Fundraising – National Executive and NSW State Unit. Results of ongoing fundraising projects were noted and suggestions for future ideas were received. Sister Marie Craddock to find out more information on holding a Morning Tea fundraising event.

2.2. 2005 National Conference.

1. Venue: Nancy reported she has booked The Salvation Army Collaroy Conference Centre from Sunday 9 to Friday 14 October 2005.

2. Guest Speaker/Bible Study Leader for 2005 Conference. Committee members were asked to bring their suggestions to the next meeting on January 19, 2004.

3. Program Ideas. It was noted that the 50th anniversary of Fellowship of the Least Coin will occur in 2006. Shirley to write to Esther Byu, International Secretary for FLC, in Thailand to enquire where the International Committee is having their meeting that year. Discussion took place about the proposed program and suggestions were noted.

4. Tourist Information. Deferred to a future meeting.

5. Application Form. Form to be worked on early next year.

2.3 Booking of Meeting Room for Executive Meetings.

Jan has booked the rooms for 2004. Dates and times as follows:-

January	19	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	August	16	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
February	16	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	*September	13	9.30 am – 3.00 pm
March	15	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	*October	11	9.30 am – 3.00 pm
April	19	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	November	15	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
May	10	*9.30 am – 3.00 pm			
June	21	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm			
July	19	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm			

*No Council Meeting.

2.4. ACW Website. Information to be obtained for next meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE (List attached).

4. REPORTS: Vice-Presidents, Secretary, FLC Convenor, WKS Convenor, Publicity Convenor, Social Justice Convenor. Nothing to report as yet.

President: Committee members selected their choice of a Letterhead, as designed by Nancy.

Treasurer: (Nola Dickson). An account has been opened with the National Bank and four signatories arranged. Any two to sign.

Publications Convenor: (Edith Ridge). Marie will follow up on a logo for ACW News keeping in mind our Theme: "Forward together in Christ" and our Scripture verse Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord build the house its builders labour in vain."

Special Days Convenor: (Eileen Holley). Draft Order of Service received from NSW State Unit for Fellowship Day 2004 for checking.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ACW Guidelines. Nancy to photocopy and give to each committee member.

1.1. Time Table of Events. Progress was checked against the time-table as set out in the Guidelines. Convenors to take appropriate actions. Eileen to write to State Units for suggestions regarding World Community Day projects and report to February National Executive meeting.

1.2. Addresses. Isabel supplied committee members with relevant up-to-date addresses.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Publicity: Marie to write to certain organisations letting them know that NSW is now the National Executive, and asking for their prayers.

2. ACW News: Edith asked for Convenors' Reports and profiles for ACW News.

7. NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2004.

Inward Correspondence:

ACW VIC Unit – Minutes 22/8/03, 24/10/2003, letter 5/11

ACW QLD Unit – Minutes 25/8/2003, 22/9/2003, letter 28/10, address list

ACW WA Unit – Minutes 19/9/2003

ACW SA Unit – Minutes 12/9/03, 17/10/2003

ACW Tas Unit – Minutes 15/9/2003

Churches of Christ Women's Ministries: New national office bearers – Victoria

Pat Walker – reports: ACW National Conference; ACWC Executive Council Tokyo;

General Committee 2004

ACW ACT – Newsletter Oct-Dec 2003

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Working Together 2003-Issue 3

AWC October 2003 News Sheet

Health & Medical Law Update

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The Record Spring 2003

Aust Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse newsletters