

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney,  
on Monday 24 April 1995

OPENING: The President, Mrs Lucelle King, welcomed members and visitors and led devotions which centred on faith and deeds, reading from Jas. 2:14-24. We were reminded that it is what we do because of our faith that saves us - our faith must show in the life we live, in our actions, our attitudes and our reactions. Faith puts us right with God. Our deeds are the outcome of our faith. We must put Christ first - He is pre-eminent in our lives and because of our faith we live the way Christ would have us live. Devotions ended with prayer.

The President then called on Mrs Edith Ridge to take the chair to conduct the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers.

MINUTES of the AGM 18 April 1994, having been read at the June 1994 council meeting and initialled, were taken as read and were confirmed as a correct record.

REPORTS: It was noted that the reports of the President, Secretary and the Conveners have been submitted for publication in the Annual Report.

The President, commenting on her report, said how thrilled she had been to have opportunities to represent ACW on many occasions, always learning along the way from other denominations. Even when presenting music and message in a personal capacity she insisted on taking a few minutes to speak about ACW and distribute explanatory literature. Lucelle especially mentioned her appreciation of being able to represent ACW in Taiwan at the 10th Assembly of ACWC and was grateful for this opportunity given by the National Executive.

The Secretary read a paragraph from her report: 'I consider it a great privilege to serve as Secretary for ACW (NSW Unit). Following in the footsteps of such a wonderful and efficient secretary as Edith Ridge, has been made easier because of her work. I sincerely thank Edith for the way in which she shares her knowledge so generously and enthusiastically. We thank each denomination and affiliated group for their support and for providing us with good reports.'

Joan concluded with the prayer, 'May God continue to bless us as we work and witness together. Hallelujah!'

The Treasurer intimated that the money received this year was very favourable compared to that taken the previous year, and thanked everyone for the wonderful financial support. Members were urged to encourage people in their denominations to support Partners with ACWC, emphasising the possibility of collecting through the various groups attending special services. It is not an impossible goal; when we consider that  $\pm 2,000$  people attended special services last year, the \$500 required should be easily obtained. Thanks were extended to Marie for her splendid work as Treasurer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mrs Ridge explained that as only four nominations had been received for positions, the vacancies remaining would be filled by the Executive at the next meeting (as required in the Constitution - 5.5) and will be announced at the Dedication Service on 15 May. Members endorsed the appointment of the following:

PRESIDENT	Mrs Lucelle King	Baptist
PAST PRESIDENT	Miss Phyl McKinnirey	Catholic
MINUTE SECRETARY	Mrs Mina Whybourne	Anglican
TREASURER	Mrs Marie Majoore	Catholic
PROMOTION CONVENER	Mrs Edith Ridge	Uniting Church
NEWSETTE EDITOR	Mrs Beryl McLaughlin	Anglican

It was noted that the positions still to be filled are those of: Secretary and Membership Secretary, WKS, FLC, Publicity, Branches, Special Functions and Social Issues Conveners.

Mrs Mina Whybourne, who has relinquished the Convenership of WKS, thanked everyone for giving her support during her term of office. A vote of thanks, through acclamation, was extended to Mina for the painstaking manner in which she had attended to her duties and the loving and caring way in which she had looked after the WKS scholars who had all greatly appreciated the kindness of their "second Mum".

AUDITOR: The meeting approved the appointment of Mr Frank Fryirs ASA as auditor.

NEWSETTE MANAGER: Mrs Carmel Emmett was re-appointed.

STOCK SECRETARY: Mrs Averil Whybird was nominated in her absence, subject to her acceptance.

COMMITTEES:

WKS: Convener plus L King, M Andrews, M Ward, P McKinnirey

FLC: Convener plus J Tong, D Lumb.

PROMOTION: Convener plus P Cameron, M Hawkins, M Jessup, M Baker, V Minty, E Cox L Maze, M Craig, M Andries, P Blake.

PUBLICITY: Convener plus M Jessup, M Craig, P McKinnirey

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS: Convener plus M Ward, M Majoor, B Finlay

SOCIAL ISSUES: Convener plus M McCann

TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

National Council of Women: Shirley Wells and Beth Finlay

World Day of Prayer: Ruth Smith, Olive Edmondstone, Marie McCann, Lois Maze and Judith Baker *Margaret Jessup*

NSW Ecumenical Council: Marie McCann

NSW Council for Children's Films & Television: Mollie Craig, ~~Margaret Jessup~~ and Heather Reid.

It was noted that additional names for committees will be considered up to 8 May.

FURTHER BUSINESS: The President reminded members that in this YEAR OF TOLERANCE it had been decided to take as the theme for Spiritual Enrichment Day on 9 October "Christian Love - Tolerance or Intolerance?".

A reminder was given that National Conference was to be held in Victoria on 21-25 August, 1995 and that anyone could register as a visitor.

Mrs Ridge wished the President well at the start of her second year in office, congratulating her on the very good year past.

Thanks were extended to Mrs Ridge for so capably conducting the meeting which she then declared closed.

Members then adjourned to the business of the monthly meeting.

INITIALLED .....

19 June 1995

CONFIRMED *[Signature]* .....

15 April 1996

Minute Secretary:

*[Signature: Blake]*

