

Australian Church Women National Life Member

Mrs Rachel Horne Cocks [nee Leighton] - Tasmania - 1987



Born: 1919 in Hobart, Tasmania.

Education: Hobart schools

Nursing Education: Royal Hobart Hospital 1938 – 44

Certificate of General Nursing 1942

Certificate of Child Health Care 1943

Certificate of Obstetric Nursing 1943

Certificate of Tuberculosis Nursing 1960

Denomination:

Worked as a District Nurse West Coast Tasmania 1944 – 46

Then Medical Missionary Nurse with London Missionary Society Gemo Island Hospital and Gulf District, Papua 1946 – 1960.

Charge Sister and an Assistant Matron Royal Hobart Hospital 1960 -71.

Married: 1970 to Rev. Norman F. Cocks.

ACW Involvement:

Secretary Tasmanian State Unit 1970.

National Representative Asian Church Women's Conference 1974-78.

National Representative ACWC and Member of Executive 1978-82.

National President Australian Church Women 1980-82.

Other interests: Embroidery, Art, French Studies.

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Passed away 16th August 1995.

Born in Hobart, Rachel trained as a nurse gaining certificates in general nursing, midwifery, child welfare and tuberculosis nursing. Following several years in bush nursing in Tasmania she went to Papua New Guinea with the London Missionary Society as Matron of Gemo Hospital. After 14 years in PNG she returned to Hobart's Royal Hobart Hospital as Assistant Matron. She was married to Rev Norman Cocks who passed away several years ago.

Filling positions of President and Secretary of the Tasmanian Unit, she attended national Conferences in 1972, 1974, 1975 and 1977. As delegate to ACWC Assembly in Bangkok in 1974 and the Tokyo Assembly in 1978, Rachel represented Australia for a continuous period of 8 years on ACWC. During that time she participated in the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the FLC in Manila during 1980.

As a very successful National President of ACW from 1979 – 81, Rachel chaired the first National conference to be held in Tasmania.

In 1987 Rachel was honoured in becoming Tasmania Unit 's National Life Member. As she was unable to attend Conference in Adelaide the award was presented to her later in Tasmania with Unit members and friends present. On receiving the badge she gave thanks to God for the award and expressed how much ACW had been part of her life which she had really enjoyed.

We praise and thank God for the selfless leadership of Rachel of the women of Tasmania and for her contribution to ACW and ACWC. She is remembered with gratitude, love and respect. It is certain that the Lord will be saying to her: "Well done good and faithful servant!"
Shirley Brooks

A Christian is the keyhole through which other folk see God. – Robert E. Gibson