



**ACW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
MINUTES of Meeting
Friday 13 February 2009 at 10.00 am**

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home.
2. **Devotions** Angela Devlin led the devotions with reflections on the words of the "Our Father" taken from "The Divine Journey – A Spiritual Understanding" by Lon Amick. Prayers were also offered for all those affected by the bushfires in Victoria, and the floods in Queensland.
3. **Present** Jean Thomson (in chair), Jan Abrahamffy, Constance Aronsen, Angela Devlin, Jacqueline Hipwell, Eileen Holley, Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Helen Raymond, Judith-Ann Sjostedt, Ruth Burmester (NLM) and Evonne Sullivan (NLM).
4. **Apologies** Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Fran Moss.
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 16 January 2009 were accepted on motion of Constance and Judith-Ann.
Business arising
ACWC 2009 Liturgy will be sent to ACWC during the next week.
6. **Treasurer's Report** Helen L presented her report – see attached. Helen asked that a typographical error in her last report be amended, i.e. the amount against National Conference Fund should have read 13017.86 (not 13107.86). This was corrected.
Moved Helen L, seconded Jacqueline that the February report be accepted.
Business arising
Helen had received a receipt and 'thank you' letter from the Girls' Brigade Qld for the donation of \$3810 as the Special Project 2008.
7. **General business**
Conference Planning: Draft brochure/registration form available for consideration. The National Executive has set aside Monday 27 April as a full planning day.
8. **Correspondence IN Feb 2009**
 1. Many emails from ACWC to Donna, with sympathy and prayers for Vic Bushfire victims
 2. ACWC decision to release Emergency Funds for VIC Bushfire appeal. (President and ACWC Rep agreed to accept a token donation. N/Exec bank details to be sent to Shu-Wen and Treasurer)
 3. VIC Unit confirming Olive Ackland's contact details
 4. CWL (Canberra Goulburn) Newsletter (Feb-March)
 5. *Newsette* (NSW Unit) February
 6. Thank you and receipt from Girls' Brigade QLD.

Correspondence OUT Feb 2009

1. Letter to Vicky Cullen
2. Condolence card to Peg Butz
3. Get-well card to Shirley Birch
4. President – emails to Donna Bryan (VIC Unit) re bushfires
5. Responses to Donna re ACWC sympathy during bushfires
6. Letter to WA Unit inviting them to take up National duties in 2011–13.

Moved Helen R that IN/Correspondence be received and OUT/Correspondence be ratified, seconded Judith-Ann.

9. Reports

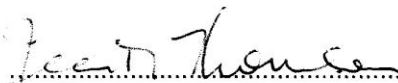
- 1) **FLC** - Towards the end of January Jan reported receiving a parcel from ICFLC containing 733 money boxes. Due to orders from Victoria and the ACT "Circles of Prayer" stocks are now depleted until the next printing, but some flyers on FLC and prayer cards are still in stock.
- 2) **WKS** - One of the WK scholars, Inise Foiakau visited Canberra in early February and President Jean and Constance were able to share a short time with her. Christine Ferguson at Victorian Bible College has also been in contact. On 4 February the first letter for 2009 was sent to all convenors, enclosing copies of recent emails from students. Imelda's graduation is to take place on 2 April 2009, but she is unlikely to attend due to her work commitments in Dubai.
- 3) **Special Days** -
 - a) *Fellowship Day Service* - master sheets to be forwarded to ACT/States Units last week in February.
 - b) *World Community Day Special Project* - consideration to be given to possible recipient(s) (as presented by Special Days Convenor). Names of suggested recipient(s) to be forwarded to ACT/State Units for approval by **31 March 2009**, so that appropriate information may be inserted in the World Community Day Order of Service. Draft order of Service to be presented to National Executive for approval.
- 4) **Social Justice** - Judith-Ann reported on a successful "Uplift Campaign" supplying undergarments to women in Fiji. She had received a reply to her letter to the PM from Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, regarding food labelling and genetically modified foods. Two books were enclosed "Choosing the Right Stuff" and "GM Foods".
- 5) **Publications** - Eileen advised that items for the next Newsletter should be with her by 13 March 2009 please. More information will also be included on the National Conference.
- 6) **ACWC** - Donna has received an invitation to attend an ACWC Committee meeting in Korea in April.
- 7) **Website** - Brenda will be asked to update the ACW web page with information on the Conference and Angela will attend to this in the near future.
- 8) **AWC** - President Jean reported on her attendance at an AWC meeting in Sydney on 7-8 February 2009. A major review is currently being undertaken, including a name change and this will be further discussed and considered at a meeting to be held on Canberra on 24 February 2009.

10. General Business

- 1) **Incorporation** - Helen R has now completed all the paperwork required for lodgement. The ACT/States will be officially notified once incorporation is in place. Thanks were expressed to Helen and her husband and it was agreed that a small token of appreciation would be made to Oliver for his contribution.

11. **Next Meeting** - at 10.00 am on Friday, 13 March 2009, at the same venue. As the April meeting would coincide with Good Friday, it was decided to hold that meeting on Friday 3 April 2009.

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm and members continued to discuss Conference planning over lunch.

Signed: 
(Jean Thomson, President)

Date: 13.03.09

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Treasurer's Report 13 February 2009

Cheque A/C

Balance at 16.01.09 \$69483.05

Receipts

Honouring Australian Church Women	10.00	
Circles of Prayer	<u>9.00</u>	<u>19.00</u>
		69502.05

Payments

National News – Jan-Mar 09	427.30	
FLC (Euro 20483.60)	41000.00	
WKS Trust:-		
Fellowship Day offerings	9257.36	
Donations	<u>183.64</u>	9441.00
The Girls' Brigade QLD Inc		3810.00
ACWC (US\$4094.26):-		
WCD Offerings	3810.00	
Donations	1080.00	
ACWC Newsletters 09 (69)	828.00	
ACWC Affiliation	<u>550.00</u>	6268.00
Bank Fees – International Transfers	<u>55.00</u>	<u>61001.30</u>
Balance at 13.02.09		<u>8500.75</u>

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Balance at 16.01.09 and 13.02.09 22943.14

Balance of Funds at 13.02.09

National Travel Fund	4296.52
National Conference Fund	13017.86
Overseas Conf & Travel Fund	2860.00
Honouring Australian Church Women	10.00
*Administration	<u>11259.51</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$31443.89</u>

* Includes transfers from:

Fellowship Day Offerings	1027.68
World Community Day Offerings	842.29
FLC	<u>806.94</u>
	<u>\$2676.91</u>

Helen Lloyd, National Treasurer
13.02.09