



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
NSW STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 17th June 2002 at 10.30 a.m.

WELCOME: Past President Jan Harrison welcomed President Jean Porteous to her first Council Meeting as President. President Jean then welcomed members especially Cela Cooper after her recent hip surgery and Miss Bonnie Lyons from Burwood/Concord Branch. She mentioned absent members - Isabel Hewitt (our Secretary) at present in Lebanon, Elaine Wilson, Treasurer undergoing cataract removal today, Judith Cayzer, (attending a special funeral) Edith Ridge ~~unwell~~, Helen Richardson making good progress after delicate surgery and Peg Blake making slow progress after her recent surgery.

on holidays

DEVOTIONS: President Jean took her devotions from Exodus 20 - the ten Commandments especially the Fourth - "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy". Rest is important. This is also emphasised in Exodus 23:10-12 A "burnt out" person through lack of rest through service is not useful to God. We must be aware. Jean prayed that God would guide our meeting and our decisions and that he would uphold, Helen, Peg, Elaine and Edith, praising Him for Cela's recovery and asking for safe travel for Isabel.

PRESENT: 42 members as recorded

APOLOGIES: 9 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: of 15th April, 2002. The Minutes were confirmed on the motion of Robyn Collins and Peg Bameron. Carried.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of 15th April 2002 were initialled - on the motion of Jan Harrison and Robin Phillis. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. INSTALLATION DAY at Auburn Church of Christ - 20th May. 130 present. A wonderful day of prayer, praise and fellowship. Excellent programme. Hospitality of Church of Christ ladies very warm and welcoming.
2. STATE CONFERENCE: 16th September - Sydney Congress Hall Function Centre, Elizabeth Street, Sydney - \$25 per person all inclusive. Robyn Claydon to be the speaker - a good attendance required - a deposit could be paid - all to be paid at August meeting. Encourage friends to attend.
3. ACWC SERVICE: 29th September 2002 - Church of Christ, Wilde Street and Waterside Crescent, Carramar. 2 p.m. Good parking. (Refer ACWC Report).
4. CITY OF SYDNEY BRANCH: Mary Melville through President of C.W.L. has arranged for World Community Day Service to be held in the Crypt of St. Mary's Cathedral on 22nd October.
5. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 2003 - Jan Harrison reported on meeting of 3rd June - had prepared a form asking that names be submitted for positions - 12 persons required. Job descriptions appear in Australian Constitution. Prayerful consideration needs to be given - names to be submitted at next Council meeting 19th August.

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6. REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS: Several items have been received and delivered - very much appreciated. A lady from Wagga had responded to the article in Newsette with a contribution.
7. VISIT TO ORANGE: FLC/ACW - 3 September 2002 - coffee morning at Parish Centre, Anson Street Uniting Church. Shirley Wells has this in hand.
8. POSITIONS still vacant: Fellowship of Least Coin Convener & Publicity. President Jean expressed our thanks to Shirley Wells for her long and dedicated service as FLC Convener and presented her with a book in appreciation.  
Regarding PUBLICITY, perhaps someone with computer skills will come forward  
PPSEAWA Committee Vacancy - representative required - meetings once a month - 4th Wednesday - 11 to 2 - held at Wesley Centre.
9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STATE CONFERENCE 2000 re tenure: No change at present considered.
10. PRIVACY PROTECTION: If members would prefer not to have their names and addresses printed in Directory, could indicate this.  
Otherwise could sign appropriate paper in agreement.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Beryl McLaughlin presented the Report on behalf of Elaine Wilson. Balance as at 31st May was \$8297.16. Accounts due for payment were \$96.10, N. Dickson, Ecumenical Council expenses and National Executive \$20. Beryl moved, seconded Judith Baker that Report be received and accounts passed for payment. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Heather Reid read a Devotion prepared by Maya Michael for the situation in India/Pakistan and prayed that peace would prevail.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper thanked members for their prayers - she had made a wonderful recovery from her replacement hip operation and was walking well. She asked members if they had any concerns re social issues she could follow up. She mentioned that Sister Lorraine was very appreciative for the gifts received for the refugees.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - (ACWC) Pleasant Sunday Afternoon - Joan Tong - 29th September - Church of Christ, Carramar - Korean Choir - happy to come - encourage family and friends to attend.  
Leaflets will be available.

Joan reported that Lisa Jackson would represent Australia at the ACWC Conference in Seoul, Korea from 10-15 October. Anyone may attend the Conference - always a wonderful time of fellowship with our Asian friends.  
Lisa is to take some postcards from our members - of our flora and fauna with a personal message - several have been received - bring to August meeting.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather had written to Isabel wishing her well on her trip overseas; to Patricia Burke with congratulations on receipt of her A.M.. She had received "thank you" letters from Cela Cooper, Lois Maze and cards from Thora Thomas who had been very busy, preaching, visiting, and enjoying herself.

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NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin said that deadline for August issue would be 15th July - any reports to be posted to her.  
Possibility of a Barcode to be added to envelopes - being investigated.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer had submitted report - she had spoken to Janet Watts, WKS National Convener - would send her some information regarding the 2002 Scholar Lai Mui Ching (April) - her address, etc.  
Only one application had been received for WKS Scholarship.  
Letter had been received from Rachel McManus thanking members for their gift to her and asking for our prayers as she works out her future studies.  
Letter had been received from Nighat Gulzar still in Philadelphia with her husband - no plans to return to Lahore, Pakistan because of present unrest.  
She is thankful for our love and prayers.  
Rachel Subana Kanly has written from Kuwait where she is working as a Staff Nurse with the Oil Company - Brian at School and Keren in Kindergarten.  
Having a holiday in Nagercoil, India in August.  
Rev. Catherine Min ordained in Pusan in Korea - she is Mothers Union worker for Diocese of Pusan, and was to attend Anglican Consultation for Provincial Mission and Evangelism in Nairobi in May 2002.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Nola Dickson had attended the Meeting at Bathurst on 11th May - much discussion re difficulties in country areas - rural economy - full report attached. Annual General Meeting 9th November.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Judith Baker said that the Service for 2003 had been received and discussed.

Reports received on motion of Norma Dumbrell and Helen Hill. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. NSW Churches of Christ CWF - greetings/congratulations to Jean Porteous
2. Newcastle District CWF - greetings/congratulations
3. National Executive - Minutes 15/4/2002, Circular 2002/4 & addition to circular
4. Thora Thomas - greetings from Northern Ireland.
5. Thank you from Padma Ebenezer - thanking for our loving friendship and concern - returning home 20 July.

CORRESPONDENCE (Outward)

1. Commonwealth Bank - change of office bearers
2. Margaret Ker - correction of address
3. Mr. Bruce Armstrong - thanks
4. Beverly Beaman - Churches of Christ CWF - thanks
5. National Executive - Minutes 18/3/2002, 15/5/2002, new office bearers.
6. Aux Captain Robyn Collins - to speak at Willoughby 26/7/2002.

Moved Robin Phillis seconded Pat Sutton that the inward mail be received and the outward mail endorsed. Carried.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. PPSEAWA (NSW) - President's Luncheon 22/5/2002 - Jan Harrison and Jean Porteous attended - Jan spoke about the Aims, etc. of Australian Church Women.
2. PWA NSW - Annual Conference 8/7/2002 at 10.00 a.m. at Chalmers Street Presbyterian Church.
3. National Council of Women Foundation Day Luncheon - 2nd August, 2002 Parliament House, Sydney - Ms Simone Young, speaker.  
President Jean will attend.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Queens' Birthday Honours - to Mrs. Patricia Burke - A.M. - she had been involved for 17 years as a supporter of Overseas Aid and Development. (Patricia had been Fellowship of Least Coin Convener for our Unit for some years.)  
Mrs. Ann Burton - received OAM - service to the community through the Catholic Church - (involved with Strathfield Branch of ACW)
2. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE: for ACW public meetings.  
Ms Bonnie Lyons of Burwood/Concord Branch had had this matter brought to her attention and requested our ruling on the matter.

Mr. Porteous had investigated the matter on our behalf -

There are two risk: PROPERTY OWNERS' - where the meeting is being held  
e.g. if floorboards are rotten, and someone is injured, their responsibility

OCCUPIERS - e.g. if tea, water is spilled and  
some-one slips and is injured- the occupier is responsible. ACW could be sued.

President Jean recommended that our NSW Unit of ACW become Incorporated - should an accident occur and we are Incorporated, only our assets could be sued - not the members of Executive.

After some discussion, it was moved Ethel Wladysluk seconded Lily Hanlon that the Executive take the appropriate steps through the Department of Fair Trading for the NSW Unit of Australian Church Women to become incorporated forthwith. Carried.

Under Incorporation, it is necessary that a Public Officer be appointed. It was moved Jan Harrison seconded Valmai Renn that President Jean Porteous be appointed Public Officer. Carried.

Robin Phillis asked for prayer for the Murree Christian School, Pakistan that the staff and children may remain safe in the present situation of hostilities between India and Pakistan.

NEXT MEETING: 19 August 2002.

President Jean thanked the Presbyterian ladies for morning tea and the Anglican ladies for preparing the meeting room. Next month, the Catholic ladies are on roster for morning tea and the Presbyterian ladies to organise the meeting room.

President Jean closed the meeting with prayer especially remembering the Murree School in Pakistan, at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed

Jean L. Porteous

Date

19th August, 2002



# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
*"Towards Community"*

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2002

Dear Members of Australian Church Women,

At our last National Executive meeting the attached letter was received and read out to members. It was decided to write to all Units to ask members what they think should be the action for the National Executive to take.

We will appreciate your advice as soon as your meeting is held.

I do apologise for the delay in sending this letter but all has not been as it should with the Loughnan household! We have experienced 8 deaths to close family friends within 10 weeks, illness with our youngest grandchild (all is starting to look okay but Jack may have to have an operation on his ear), Terry's health scare, my heavy dose of a cold in which I had to take to my bed for a number of days over 3 weeks, plus other happenings which we had not expected. Anyway it appears that we are all on the mend and look forward to better days.

Yours sincerely,

Leeola Loughnan  
National Executive Secretary

Australian Church Women seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries, to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

# Australians for Just Refugee Programs (Inc)

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## Patrons:

Phillip Adams AO  
Julian Burnside QC  
Rev Tim Costello  
Rev Bill Crews AM  
Kate Durham  
Malcolm Fraser AC  
Carrillo Gantner AO  
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Bill Kelty  
Julia King  
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Dear Ms Loughnan

Australians for Just Refugee Programs (Inc) is a national umbrella campaign organisation, which plans to coordinate and fund activities consistent with our goal:

*We believe that Australia's policies toward refugees and asylum seekers should at all times reflect respect, decency and traditional Australian generosity to those in need, while advancing Australia's international standing and national interests. We aim to achieve just and compassionate treatment of refugees, consistent with the human rights standards which Australia has developed and endorsed.*

To date we have received over 3,000 individual donations from all over the country. Through these donations we were able to underwrite the recent *Show Mercy* concert at Sydney Town Hall, the full-house public meeting at Melbourne Town Hall last week, the *Tribute to the Tampa*, along with a whole range of other projects and grants such as funding for legal representation to refugees in detention.

All this has been while we work to design our overall National Campaign Strategy.

As I write this letter our list of Patrons continues to grow. You will note our current Patrons on this letter.

We write to invite Australian Church Women to become one of our Organisational Supporters. This means that your organisation supports our goal, is willing to be publicly identified with the campaign, and is willing to participate in activities as appropriate.

More information on our organisation is available at our website - [www.justrefugeeprograms.com.au](http://www.justrefugeeprograms.com.au) including the full list of Organisational Membership.

Please contact me at your convenience on 02 9566 2222 or by email to [mail@justrefugeeprograms.com.au](mailto:mail@justrefugeeprograms.com.au) to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



HOWARD GLENN  
National Director

29 May 2002

Organisational Supporters listed at  
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