

ANNUAL MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. UNIT)
HELD ON 18th APRIL, 1988.
at 12.05 p.m.

The President, Mrs. June Graham, constituted the Meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Graham welcomed those present, especially the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Janet Drury.

There were 38 members present. Apologies were received from members as per Attendance Book.

MINUTES: It was moved, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the 1987 Annual Meeting be adopted.

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

The Secretary's Report was read and received .

The Treasurer reported a Credit Balance of \$13,816.20 as at 29th February. Report adopted.

Brig. Ruth Smith moved that the Meeting be adjourned and recommenced after the Guest Speaker. This was carried. 12.20 p.m.

Mrs. Graham then introduced Mrs. Drury of the Salvation Army who had spent several years in Burma. With her husband, a Hydro Geologist with A.D.A.B. and her children, she left for Burma on 14th December, 1984. Early 1960s saw the closure of Burma and in 1965 Missionaries were expelled. However, the Christians continued worshipping, despite the attempt to brain-wash the Burmese people into Socialism. Government prevents all Church witness, however, Baptist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Salvation Army still remain true to Christ. There is great wealth and great poverty. Government agents and police very suspicious of foreign visitors or workers. A visit from A.C.W. members Lynette Green and Olive Ackland, who brought gifts of soap etc., was very welcome and heartening. Through all these experiences 16 new Officers were being trained and there is hope for the future. Mrs. Drury asked for our prayers that those in authority might turn from their ways and that the Christians might stand firm.

Mrs. Baker thanked our Speaker and made a presentation to her.

The Meeting recommenced at 1.10 p.m.

Because of the late hour it was decided that all Conveners' Reports be tabled.

The President declared all positions vacant and the following office bearers were elected:

Secretary:	Mrs. Marie McCann.
Recording Secretary:	Mrs. Edith Ridge.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Dorothy Lumb.
Conveners:	
F.L.C.	Mrs. Glad West.
W.K.S.	Mrs. Yvonne Davis.
PUBLICITY:	Mrs. Lucille King.
Membership:	Brig. Mabel Ward.
Promotions:	Mrs. June Graham.
Newsette Editor:	Mrs. Mina Whyburn.
Subscription Secretary:	Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse.
Committees:	
W.K.S.:	Brig. Ward, Mrs. King, Mrs. Finlay.
Promotions:	Sister McKay, Mrs. Stutchbury, Dame

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V.K.S.:

Brig. Ward, Mrs. King, Mrs. Finlay.

Promotions:

Sister McKay, Mrs. Stutchbury, Dame
Monica Galagher, Brig. Smith, Mrs. ...

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Promotions cont'd: Mrs. P. Burke, Brig. Ward, Mrs. Pickering,
Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs.
NEWSETTE: Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Woodhouse.

N.S.W. C.C.F.T.: Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McCann.

N.C.W.† Mrs. Ridge, Mrs. Finlay.

W.W.D.P. Brig. Smith, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Pickering,
Mrs. Richardson,

N.S.W. Ecomenical Council: Mrs. Col. Peterson.

A.C.C.: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Ridge.

Stock Secretary: Mrs. Major.

Auditor:

The Meeting was closed with the Benediction by the President
at 1.25 p.m.

Mary J. Baker.....

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The Secretarys Annual Report 1987-1988

Because our meetings have been held at three different venues, the year under review has been likened to a moveable feast or to the Exodus and return to the Holy Land. Happily now our wanderings have ceased and we are very comfortably accommodated at the meeting room in the new Uniting Church Building in Piccadilly Court 222 Pitt Street.

Our Annual Service was held in May in Wesley Chapel, and an appreciable congregation attended. Dame Monica Gallagher was the speaker and her challenging address was much appreciated. The Christian Womens Choir sang Beautifully and made the Service very special. Luncheon was followed by fellowship and mini branch reports.

A special function in conjunction with WDP at Bible House on August 31 to hear Mrs Rathie Selveratnam speak about the WDP Centenary Celebrations in USA. We helped financially with her travel expenses by cooperating with WDP and we were very happy to do so. We know that the closer our links with WDP are the better success for our Lord Jesus Christ will be achieved as both organizations could achieve liaison as they do with our sister organizations in USA to the advantage of so many Christian Women.

Our Meetings have been well attended by an average of 50 members. Our speakers have included our President's daughter Mrs Pru Gregory of NALAG, Mrs Mary Cloti Thong a Burmese student from the Baptist Theological College. Trading Partners

and sale of goods, Mrs Marian Smith, PWA Convener for Social Responsibility, Mrs Dorothy Woodhouse and the ACW Video.

From September 12- 19 the National Conference was held at Henley Beach SA , and was attended by ten ladies from NSW - Mesdames Graham, McCann, Baker, Lumb, Burtenshaw, Ridge, Finlay, Verco, Whybourne, Drury, and our previous National Secretary Doris Mitchell. Highlights were the Bible Studies with Mrs Kathie Selveratnum, ACWC fellowship, The Seminar on Prostitution and the achievement of a permanent WKS Trustees. Hospitality was warm and fellowship excellent.

Our Projects in the capable hands of our Covenanters are increasing in their outreach and in value to the recipients.

Newsetteis edited by Mina Whybourne and circulated by Dorothy W Woodhouse-- the standard is high and the work put into it is much appreciated.

Our Trading Table faithfully run by Deaconess Mary Andrews does well and proceeds enhance the Tszvel Fund.

Planning is well in hand for our Golden Jubilee on November 16 when the Bicentennial will also be celebrated..

We participated in the Festival of Flowers in the Spring at St Mary's Cathedral- those who made the arrangements - Marjory Baker, Beth Finlay and Marie McCann were happy to participate in such a magnificent Spiritual occasion.

Our president Mrs June Graham has been tireless in attending to many speaking engagements and in her interest and devotion to our work. She is pleasant to work with.

The year has been an achievement in Ecumenism, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, to whom we pray for strength and consolation , as we were told by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Marie McCann

Honorary Secretary.



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Dear Christian Women,
You will have heard that A.C.W., N.S.W. Unit, is 50 years old this year and we are planning a "BICENTENNIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE SERVICE", to be held in St. Stephens Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney on Friday November 18th, 1988 at 11am.

As part of the service we plan to have a "BANNER PRESENTATION", being a uniting together of all branches and centres, representing christian women from all denominations in fellowship and ministry.

We are asking each group to be responsible for making a banner, details of which are enclosed, and allowing one of your representatives at the service to present the banner and tie it to another, so forming a united witness of banners. Woudn't it be good if there were enough banners to go around the entire church!

There will also be a time of REFLECTION, RECOGNITION and REDEDICATION - the banners being a symbol of this.

The theme for the service is:-
"WE BEING MANY, ARE ONE IN CHRIST"

Looking forward to your co-operation and praying for much blessing as we each serve the Lord just where He has placed us,

Yours in Christ,

LUCELLE KING
Publicity Officer.

DETAILS OF BANNER TO BE MADE

COLOUR: Your choice (but A.C.W. logo if used needs to be correct colours)
MATERIAL: Anything you desire. i.e. felt, cotton, satin etc.
MOTIFS OR LETTERING: Any medium. i.e. tapestry, applique, painting, embroidery, etc.
DESIGN: Anything you feel will promote unity amongst christian women or the aims of A.C.W. or the Jubilee theme, or the Bicentenary. Perhaps you could incorporate the A.C.W. logo - but suggest the name of your group appear somewhere.

** There will be a centre banner designed and made by the state council executive to which all other banners will be attached.

AFTER THE JUBILEE IS OVER: You may wish to use your banner at local services or perhaps as a tablecloth at your meetings.

See enclosed sketch

BANNERS, BICENTENNIAL & A GOLDEN JUBILEE!!!!

It's all over now but the shouting has not yet died down! Good reports are still coming in regarding A.C.W. (NSW Unit's) 'Bicentennial Golden Jubilee Service' held on November 18, 1988 in St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Over 600 women attended from all denominations and it truly emphasised the Theme of the Service - 'We, being many, are one in Christ'. The Chairwoman was our President, Mrs. Marjory Baker and two special guests were Lady Rowland, wife of the Governor of N.S.W. who read the Scripture and Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase, who was the speaker. Mrs. Knauerhase is the daughter of Rev. Winifred Kiek, the first woman to be ordained to the Christian ministry in Australia and very much involved in the early years of A.C.W.

A Jubilee History Book of A.C.W. was launched at the Service by the author, Deaconess Mary Andrews. There were five Past Presidents taking part and two beautiful solos were given by Mrs. Ruth Lockley. Other music was contributed by the Christian Women's Choir - also having an interdenominational membership.

One great highlight was the presentation of banners from A.C.W. branches, affiliated groups, denominational women's groups and individual churches. Over 30 were made and presented making a colourful display around the circumference of the interior of the Church. They came from as far away as Dalton and Amidale.

The Bicentennial Jubilee offering which amounted to \$1,200 was received by an aboriginal representative on behalf of 'Bimbadeen', Cootamundra - a Christian aboriginal cultural vocational training school.

Thanks are due to the Convenor of the Bicentennial Jubilee Committee, Sr. Norma Clare McKay for having the foresight to organise such a gathering. It was certainly a time of celebration!

Lucelle King,
Publicity Officer.

N.B. Copies of 'A History of Australian Church Women, N.S.W. Unit' are available from Mrs. Marie McCann, Ph. 929-7483. \$2.00