

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW UNIT 2002-2003
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FELLOWSHIP DAY is celebrated in July and supports the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY is celebrated in October to receive and dedicate Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW UNIT



ANNUAL REPORT

No.39

June 2002

President's Report

It is my pleasure to present the President's remarks for the 2002 Annual Report of Australian Church Women (ACW) NSW Unit. My term of office comes to an end in May when Mrs Jean Porteous takes on the office as President for the next two years. Jean will lead the Unit with her graciousness, seeking God's will and guidance in all she undertakes. I know Council will support and pray for her.

The year's activities will be recorded in the Secretary's report and I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to Mrs Isabel Hewitt who has given valuable service to the Council as an able and reliable Secretary. I have enjoyed working with her over the past year. Thank you Isabel.

The Rev Elizabeth Walker retires from ACW after five years as President elect, President, and immediate past President. Previously Elizabeth spent some years on Executive as Treasurer and she was Treasurer last time NSW was the National Executive. She is now Chairperson of a Uniting Church National Agency called "Theology and Discipleship" responsible for Uniting Church policy on Doctrine, Worship, Missiology and Evangelism. Elizabeth's wisdom and guidance will be greatly missed.

Mrs Peg Blake, a former President (1996-1998), has held several positions on Executive including the past year as Publicity Convener, Secretary and Minutes Secretary, Promotion and WKS Scholarship Conveners. She has not stood for re-election. Both Peg and her husband, Arthur have not enjoyed good health over the past few years. Peg is due for surgery in May. Peg's service over 16 years has been outstanding, always a bright, friendly smile, taking an interest in everyone, and a wise thoughtful person. Peg has been a special prayer friend to me before and during my term as President. We pray God's richest blessing on Peg and Arthur as they care for each other. Their love for each other and Christian witness is outstanding.

I wish to acknowledge the tremendous support of both Elizabeth Walker and Peg Blake. I have been able to seek their advice and value their wisdom and friendship, and value the privilege it was to be Secretary while both these ladies were President.

It is with regret and sadness we farewell Mrs Marie Majoor, who has been on Council some fifteen years, the past nine as a very careful and thorough Treasurer. Marie is moving to Western Australia. Our loss, their gain. Last year Marie updated parts of the history of the NSW Unit, searching and finding details previously not known. Both Council

and I express our sincere thanks to Marie and wish her every blessing in her new home.

Mrs Mina Whybourne, the most faithful, caring and genuine friend to so many retires from Executive. She has served as Newsette Editor, Minutes Secretary and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener (the latter twice). Mina has a very special love and interest in past scholars and keeps in touch. She recently shared from a letter received from one lady ". . . my six months stay in Australia in 1990 has not only been one of the most rewarding in my career life, but also in my spiritual life . . .". Mina's contribution to Executive spans 17 years and she will be well remembered by us all.

The 'flag ship' of ACW - our most well known and supported project - is the Fellowship of the Least Coin which will have a change of leadership. Miss Shirley Wells has also felt it time to hand over this incredible ministry. It is a miracle what five cents can do! Collected from all parts of the world, the 'least coins' do add up and support most worthwhile projects world wide. Shirley is always quick to say that it commenced as a prayer ministry and that is how it continues. To Shirley, whose gentle spirit inspires us all, a special thank you.

Mrs Daphne Peterson, who held the position of Membership Secretary, has had to retire due to personal circumstances. We are grateful for Daphne's help in drafting the motions we put forward for the National Executive.

These folk will be missed from Executive, although Mina and Shirley will continue to represent their respective denominations on Council.

To all office bearers my sincere thanks for a good and faithful year's service. I value their support and willingness to do the 'extras' often needed to make a function run smoothly. Their reports are included for you to read and see the breadth of ACW's activities.

Our Special Day Services (Fellowship Day and World Community Day) are held in both City and Country NSW. We are very grateful for the organisation of these services by Branch and Area groups, bringing together the various denominations in an area, enabling people to share in worship and ACW special projects. World Community Day Service was again held in the City with fifty attending.

The National Conference was held in Adelaide in September 2001. Travel was not easy with the collapse of a major airline. This necessitated a lot of rescheduling of flights during the last week.

We were delighted that Miss Lisa Jackson, whom NSW had nominated as a delegate to the Asian Church Women's Conference Assembly was elected and will go to Korea in October 2002 with three others from Australia.

I have attended most functions to which the President is invited and am grateful for these opportunities to share about ACW when asked.

Mrs Gladys West died in October 2001. She had been NSW President from 1980-1982. The thanksgiving service was well attended and Mrs West was spoken of with much love and appreciation.

ACW has representation on five organisations: NSW Ecumenical Council; Monitoring Media for Youth; Pan Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association; National Council for Women (NSW); and World Day of Prayer. Our sincere thanks to those who represent us and for their reports back to Council.

We have been delighted to see Mrs Padma Ebenezer from Sri Lanka again and rejoice with the family in the birth of a grandson, born earlier this year in Sydney. Several members were happy to be included in the Baptismal Service and the Dinner which followed with family and friends. We were pleased Padma could attend the March meeting of Council.

I pay special tribute to all Council members who are always ready to support initiatives and activities. Members who attend meetings have increased over past months, and I thank each member for their love and prayers, enabling me by God's grace to carry out my responsibilities as President.

I close with an extract from a letter written to me recently by one of our members . . .

"It is lovely when Christian women come together, knowing that we all belong to the body of Christ even though we are from different denominations. And it is humbling to realise that God does His work through us and uses us to do good things for Him."

"May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit". Romans 15:13

Sincerely, Jan Harrison

Secretary's Report

This report comes as the role of president passes from Jan Harrison to Jean Porteous. Jan has fulfilled her task with great dedication, seeking to bring out the latent talents of members. As with most positions of presidency, the work behind the scenes which facilitates the smooth running of meetings is testament to Jan's organising capacity and to her caring about the people with whom she works. All this is bound in her Christian faith and we are thankful for her term as president.

The Service of Dedication in May was held at St Thomas' Anglican Church Enfield and the speaker for the occasion was Sue Nitrai, the 2000 Winifred Kiek Scholar. A short interview with Edith Ridge gave Sue the opportunity to tell something of her background before she spoke formally. Sue impressed us with her commitment and openness to respond to God's call, whatever or wherever that may be.

The International Year of the Volunteer encouraged Council to take stock of what is being done by women who belong to Australian churches. Denominational groups met and drew up lists of activities in which their members are involved, both within the structures of the church and in the wider community. At the June Council meeting each denominational group gave an insight into the work done by its members and a written report was produced later in the year. At November Council Jan Harrison interviewed Sandra Wise who worked for 8 years in a dementia day care centre, first as a volunteer, then as an employee. Her current job with people who are often frail and aged involves the help of volunteers who can respond in a kind and gentle manner to the patients.

In June Marie Majoor produced an updated History of the NSW Unit of ACW. As a longstanding Treasurer Marie noted that her predecessors had not been mentioned in earlier records, and many women were included under their husbands name and sadly their given names are not known.

Spiritual Enrichment Day on 16 July focused on *Images of God*. Sr Colleen O'Sullivan and Sr Marie Craddock led us in this time of renewal, and left us much to reflect on. Fellowship Day: *In Jesus, Life, Hope and Liberty* was celebrated in 22 centres.

In August ACW proposed Peg Blake as a candidate for Woman of the Year Award made by the National Council of Women NSW. Peg did not receive the award, but enjoyed the occasion.

The future of ACW was considered at National Conference and the Questionnaire conducted by Elizabeth Walker was submitted as part of the NSW contribution to the discussion.

Uma David from India, and Diana Manson from Aotearoa New Zealand, members of the Asian Church Women's Conference Executive, visited Sydney en route to Adelaide and addressed Council in September. Uma spent a few days hosted by Joan Tong, meeting people and sightseeing accompanied by Jan Harrison. Uma, a member of the Church of South India, helped us to appreciate some of the difficulties of being in a minority religious group and of the pressures faced daily by both adults and children.

The need to keep rethinking the role of women so that their diverse gifts are utilised was stressed. Uma offered for our consideration the view that there is plenty of work to bring people to faith wherever we are. She believes we should share our faith stories with anyone who will listen and try to live in imitation of Christ. She called on us to be sensitive to the needs of people around - laugh with those who laugh, cry with those who weep, because we may not know when we touch someone's life.

Diana told of Church Women United based in Christchurch. Fellowship of the Least Coin is supported and World Day of Prayer observed. Local groups usually meet bi-monthly for special days or coffee mornings.

National Conference in Adelaide enabled ten members from NSW to attend and meet with interstate people. Unfortunately some who had planned to go were prevented from attending because of the collapse of Ansett. The conference was enhanced by the presence of the Executive of the Asian Church Women's Conference who were also meeting in Adelaide. It was an enriching time.

World Community Day: *Living in Hope* was celebrated in October in many centres. A city service in St James Church King Street attracted about fifty people, and thanks go to Edith Ridge for her efforts to make it happen. The Rev. Susanne Pain gave the address and those who could stay appreciated the refreshments served in the crypt following the service. It is to be hoped that the idea of a city service will be taken up, shared around the denominations in future.

Again this year the NSW Unit contributed a half scholarship Australia Day Award through National Council of Women NSW. The recipient was Joanne Lee Cohen who studied Nursing at the University of Western Sydney.

A great deal of media attention has focused on refugees and asylum seekers. It was fitting, therefore, that at March Council meeting our

guest speaker was Sr Lorraine Phelan, Refugee Co-ordinator with the NSW Ecumenical Council. It was helpful to hear from someone who is involved in the vital work of supporting refugees and asylum seekers, and to learn of ways we can contribute to their wellbeing. Phonecards, sewing materials and clothing such as jeans are current needs.

We have been fortunate in the leadership given by members of Executive. To those who are retiring from office, we wish them well in their new endeavours. We thank all whose efforts on our behalf make ACW a more effective organisation because it consolidates the parts which form it.

Isabel Hewitt

Special Days

Fellowship Day was observed in July. The theme was *In Jesus, Life, Hope and Liberty*. The order of service and cover design were written by the members of the Queensland branch. The theme was considered excellent and the service well set out. Our members all enjoyed the simple but meaningful service. Excellent speakers and delightful soloists inspired us all. A spirit of love and fellowship was very evident at all services. Many denominations joined together gave a feeling of strength. Elements of water, budding branch and broken chain were used with great emphasis and helped make the theme real. Some groups made efforts to add variety to the service - lighting of candles, banners, organ playing, Christian dance and singalongs. The weather was cold but the encouraging messages made us forget it. Fellowship was extended over refreshments.

World Community Day services were held in October, the theme being *Living in Hope*. The service written by the Northern Territory branch was interesting and well co-ordinated. Speakers stressed the need for tolerance and prayer, and the unifying effect of our faith in and love of God. Even in these dark days we have reason to hope. All went home inspired by the warmth of the fellowship and challenged to co-operate with others in sharing our gifts. Variety was added by drama, music, ethnic choirs, speakers and even puppets.

The 2002 themes are: Fellowship Day in July, *Rejoice in the Lord*; World Community Day in October, *Be Still and Know that I am God*.

Irene Carder, Special Days Convener

Winifred Klek Scholarship

This year, we have not been involved with any Scholar but have kept in touch with past scholars, and it is very gratifying to hear how the Scholarship has helped them in their lives.

Our 1980 Scholar, Rev Mary Au, who is the Vicar of the Calvary Anglican Church in Hong Kong wrote that she has been elected a Director to the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union - the only female among 19 members! Deaconess Mary Andrews would have been so delighted to hear such news.

Rev Catherine Byong-Ok Min (1983) from Korea also wrote that she had been ordained on 25 April 2001 - the first women Anglican priest in Korea. She still works for the Mothers' Union (who had recommended her) and is busily setting up a new mission church at Busan for young people.

Doreen Tie Chin Bing (Tan) (1990) from Kuching, Sabah, Malaysia - is still teaching at the Special School for Handicapped Children. She and her husband, Philip, have two children, Heather and Jordan Philip.

Sister Rachel Sobana Kanly (1991) from Nagercoil, India is now living in Kuwait with her husband and children Brian and Keren. We are hopeful of hearing from her that perhaps she is able to use her nursing administration skills.

Malai Mahamaneerat (1993) from Bangkok, Thailand continues to send Christmas greetings and we trust that she has been able to use her Bereavement Counselling knowledge which she gained in Sydney.

Nighat Gulzar (1994) writes regularly from Philadelphia where she and her husband are living - possibly indefinitely because of troublesome times in Pakistan for Christians.

Rachel McManus (1997) is now living in Port Macquarie - she is anxious to undertake further studies in Social Welfare and Theology and we will look forward to hearing from her in due course.

The 1998 Scholar was Milise Tapaleti from Tonga and she studied for her Master's Degree in Melbourne. We understand that she was to write her thesis the following year - we are hopeful of hearing from her.

Mai Zin Zin Wah from Myanmar was our 1999 Scholar and she studied at the Trinity Theological College, Singapore - our Council member, Mrs Norma Dumbrell whilst living in Singapore was able to assist Zin Zin with her English at Bible Study.

Sue Nitrai (2000) attended our Dedication Service in May as our Guest Speaker. She expressed her gratitude for the extra study the scholarship enabled her to undertake.

Celestial Lusi (2001) was to return to the Solomon Islands having completed her Diploma of Theology at the Christian Leadership Training College in Papua New Guinea.

The Scholar for 2002 is Lai Mui Ching (April) who will study in Hong Kong where she lives with her husband and family. She was born Macau. She works with the Hong Kong Women's Christian Council.

Applications are being sought for an Australian woman for the Scholarship in 2003.

It has been a wonderful privilege and pleasure for me to meet and correspond with these accomplished and charming Christian women. My life has certainly been enriched.

We pray that God will guide and protect them all in their varying and often dangerous circumstances at they witness for our Lord.

Mina Whybourne

Fellowship of the Least Coin

As I write this, my last report as NSW Convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, so many pleasant thoughts and memories come floating back, and I am reminded of the very happy years we have spent together as we have served God through this Fellowship. God has blessed both the givers and the receivers of FLC and our prayers have been answered in so many wonderful ways.

The response to Community Day was outstanding, when so many people met together for worship and to dedicate their least coins. At the end of last year we were able to send a cheque for \$12,696.50 to the National Treasurer. This was the total amount of least coins given in NSW for the year 2001, and when added to the least coins from the other Australian States, the amount will be considerable. Of course we must keep in mind that FLC is a prayer fellowship and remember to offer prayer for those in need of justice, peace and reconciliation. Never before has the need for peace been so great, and our prayers go out to all who are experiencing war, violence and persecution at this time.

The National Conference in Adelaide was a time for renewing friendships, experiencing rich fellowship, and being able to share FLC

happenings and plans with Esther (International Secretary) and the conveners of the other Australian States.

The grant applied for by NSW for a project entitled "Train the Trainers" was successful and it will now be possible to bring four East Timorese Health workers to Cairns for training in Basic Health Education. They will then return to East Timor to train others in their acquired skills.

There are still copies of Volume 15 *Circle of Prayer* available at a cost of \$2.00 per copy or \$3.00 posted, as well as prayer cards, FLC teaspoons (\$4.50 each), badges (\$2.00 each) and a limited supply of boxes and stickers (for attachment to private bottles or boxes). A new Volume of *Circle of Prayer* is presently being compiled and should be available later in the year.

As we thank God for all that has been accomplished this year, let us trust Him for the future and join with Esther as she encourages us to be "mindful of the many people around us and in the world who are yearning for peace, thirsty for truth and righteousness, hungry for love and an understanding heart, ready to listen to them, to identify with, to care for them with concern and concrete support".

Shirley Wells

Membership & Pastoral Care

We have had good attendances at Council meetings during the year. Several new representatives have joined Council and we look forward to their contribution to Council.

There has been a positive response to the mailing of the minutes to members who are absent from meetings.

It has been a joy to support, with our love and prayers, those who have had special needs. May they have ongoing strength and courage as we share their circumstances with them.

Heather Badgery

Australian Church Women (NSW State Unit) Statement of Receipts Payments for 12 months ended 31st December, 2001

4/10/02

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance b/forward | | | \$ 6,635.04 |
| Organisation A/c | | | |
| Affiliation Fees | \$ 694.00 | | |
| Associate Members Fees | \$ 220.00 | \$ 914.00 | |
| Donations | | \$ 76.00 | |
| Dedication Service - Offering | \$ 378.20 | | |
| Donations twds expenses | \$ 20.00 | | |
| | \$ 398.20 | | |
| Less expenses | \$ 230.00 | \$ 168.20 | |
| 7% handling FLC & 10% WKS | | \$ 982.26 | |
| Interest - CBA | \$ 70.44 | | |
| Glebe Board | \$ 241.34 | \$ 311.78 | |
| Transferred from Stock a/c | | \$ 668.37 | \$ 3,120.61 |
| Stock & Promotional Items | | | \$ 9,755.65 |
| - Sales | \$ 2,683.50 | | |
| Tsfd from Call A/c | \$ 1,500.00 | | |
| | \$ 4,183.50 | | |
| Less Purchases | \$ 1,155.00 | | |
| | \$ 3,028.50 | | |
| Less tsfd to ACWC Endowment Fund | \$ 3,000.00 | | |
| " " Partners | \$ 36.90 | | |
| " " Administration | \$ 668.37 | \$ (676.77) | |
| National Conference Airfare return | | \$ 70.00 | |
| Newsette | | | |
| - Subscriptions | \$ 655.00 | | |
| Less costs of production & postage | \$ 870.56 | \$ (215.56) | |
| Overseas Travel Fund | | | |
| Proceeds M/Tea & Trading Table | \$ 140.30 | | |
| Less Paid to ACW Nat. Exec. | \$ 150.00 | \$ (9.70) | |
| ACWC Partners | | | |
| Donations & Trading Table | \$ 260.10 | | |
| ACWC Service | \$ 203.00 | | |
| Tsfd from Stock A/c | \$ 36.90 | | |
| | \$ 500.00 | | |
| Less paid to ACW Nat. Exec. | \$ 500.00 | NIL | |
| ACW National Travel Pool 2001 | | \$ 40.00 | |
| ACWC Endowment Fund | | | |
| Tsfd from Stock A/c | \$ 3,000.00 | | |
| Less Paid to ACW Nat. Exec. | \$ 3,000.00 | NIL | |
| Suspense A/c | | \$ 105.15 | |
| Special Funds | | | |
| Fellowship Least Coin | \$ 14,614.77 | | |
| Winifred Klek Scholarship | \$ 362.35 | | |
| Fellowship Day Service | \$ 4,270.60 | | |
| World Community Day Service | \$ 5,242.70 | | |
| Pakistan Prayer Partners | \$ 70.00 | \$ 24,560.42 | \$ 23,873.54 |
| | | | \$ 33,629.19 |

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Statement of Receipts Payments for 12 months ended 31st December, 2001

4/10/02

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance b/forward | | | \$ 33,629.19 |
| Deduct Payments | | | |
| Administration A/c | | | |
| Printing & Stationery | \$ 188.90 | | |
| Postage | \$ 281.50 | | |
| Special Days Convener | \$ 38.90 | | |
| Pastoral Care Convener - Petty Cash advance | \$ 52.50 | | |
| Gift to Auditor | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Sundry Expenses - Gifts, tea, coffee, etc | \$ 92.45 | | |
| NSW Ecumenical Council - Donation & AGM | \$ 50.00 | | |
| Korean Sal. Army - Use of rooms ACWC Sservice 2000 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| UC Synod - Meeting rooms 2000/2001 | \$ 450.00 | | |
| " " " " 2002 | \$ 250.00 | | |
| Accommodation for International Visitors | \$ 150.00 | | |
| ACW National Travel Fund | \$ 150.00 | | |
| ACWC Bulletin | \$ 15.00 | | |
| National Conference - Rego x 4- Airfare x 2 | \$ 1,072.76 | | |
| Government Charges | \$ 38.02 | | |
| | | \$ 2,980.03 | |
| | | | \$ 30,649.16 |
| Subscriptions & Functions | | | |
| Unifem Breakfast | \$ 40.00 | | |
| NSW Children's Film & TV - Annual Subscription | \$ 27.50 | | |
| National Council of Women NSW - Annual Subscription | \$ 50.00 | | |
| " " " " Jean Arnot Luncheon | \$ 45.00 | | |
| " " " " Foundation Day - Pres. & Nominee | \$ 90.00 | | |
| " " " " Scholarship Australia Day Luncheon 2002 | \$ 500.00 | | |
| PPSEAWA - Annual Subscription | \$ 30.00 | | |
| " Winter Luncheon | \$ 20.00 | | |
| WCTU Luncheon | \$ 33.00 | \$ 835.50 | |
| Special Funds | | | |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin | \$ 12,696.50 | | |
| Winifred Kiek Scholarship | \$ 239.03 | | |
| Fellowship Day Service | \$ 3,886.51 | | |
| World Community Day Service | \$ 4,378.40 | | |
| Pakistan Prayer Partners | \$ 70.00 | | |
| Entitlement & expenses | \$ 2,403.47 | \$ 23,673.91 | \$ 24,509.41 |
| Cr Balance - Current A/c 31/12/01 | | | \$ 6,139.75 |

Uniting Church Call A/c

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|---|-------------|-------------|
| Balance B/forward 01/01/2001 | | \$ 2,702.43 |
| Add - Transferred from FLC | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| Interest received for 12 months to 31/12/2001 | \$ 171.73 | \$ 1,671.73 |
| | | \$ 4,374.16 |
| Less - Transferred back to Fellowship of the Least Coin | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| " " Promotional Items & Stock A/c | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Cr Balance - Call A/c 31/12/01 | | \$ 1,374.16 |

SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS

Fellowship of the Least Coin

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|---|--------------|-------------------|
| B/forward 1/1/2001 | | \$ 553.85 |
| Receipts for year ended 30.11.2001 | | \$ 13,434.62 |
| | | \$ 13,988.47 |
| Less payments - Postage/Stationery/Printing | \$ 336.32 | |
| ACW National Executive | \$ 12,696.50 | |
| 7% entitlement ACW NSW | \$ 955.65 | \$ 13,988.47 |
| | | NIL |
| Receipts for December 2001 | | \$ 1,180.15 C/fwd |

Fellowship Day Service

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Receipts for year ended 30.11.2001 | | \$ 4,270.60 |
| Less payments - Postage/Printing | \$ 384.09 | |
| ACW National Executive | \$ 3,886.51 | \$ 4,270.60 |
| | | NIL |

World Community Day

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Receipts for year ended 30.11.2001 | | \$ 5,079.20 |
| Less payments - Postage/Printing | \$ 700.80 | |
| ACW National Executive | \$ 4,378.40 | \$ 5,079.20 |
| | | NIL |

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| Receipts for December | | \$ 163.50 C/fwd |
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Winifred Kiek Scholarship

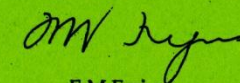
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| B/forward 1/1/2001 | | \$ 18.59 |
| Add Receipts for year ended 30.11.2001 | | \$ 247.05 |
| | | \$ 265.64 |

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| Less 10% paid to ACW NSW | \$ 26.61 | |
| ACW National Executive | \$ 239.03 | \$ 265.64 |
| | | NIL |

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| Receipts for December 2001 | | \$ 115.30 C/fwd |
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Auditors Report :

I have examined the books and accounts of the Australian Church Women (NSW State Unit) and find that ; in my opinion , the attached Statements , as amended, give a fair view of the affairs of the Australian Church Women (NSW State Unit) as at the 31st December 2001.


F.M. Fryirs

Honorary Auditor

Capital funds Statement 31st December, 2001

| Balances | | Funds | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Commonwealth Bank | | Organisation A/c | | \$ 8,117.59 |
| Current A/c | \$ 6,139.75 | "Newsette" | | |
| Glebe Administration Board | | B/forward 1/1/2001 | \$ 1,671.54 | |
| Call A/c | \$ 3,000.00 | Subscriptions | <u>\$ 655.00</u> | |
| Call A/c | \$ 3,000.00 | | \$ 2,326.54 | |
| Uniting Church Trust Association | | Less costs | <u>\$ 870.56</u> | \$ 1,455.98 |
| Call A/c | \$ 1,374.16 | Overseas Travel Fund | | |
| | | B/forward 1/1/2001 | \$ 365.78 | |
| | | Add Receipts | <u>\$ 140.30</u> | |
| | | | \$ 506.08 | |
| | | Pd-ACW Nat. Exec | <u>\$ 150.00</u> | \$ 356.08 |
| | | Stock | | |
| | | B/forward 1/1/2001 | \$ 1,676.77 | |
| | | Tsfd from Call A/c | <u>\$ 1,500.00</u> | |
| | | | \$ 3,176.77 | |
| | | Add Sales | <u>\$ 2,683.50</u> | |
| | | | \$ 5,860.27 | |
| | | Less costs | \$ 1,155.00 | |
| | | Tsfd to ACWC Endow. | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| | | " ACWC Partners | \$ 36.90 | |
| | | " Administration | <u>\$ 668.37</u> | |
| | | | \$ 4,860.27 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | | State Conference | | |
| | | B/forward 1/1/2001 | | \$ 780.91 |
| | | Special Functions | | |
| | | B/forward 1/1/2001 | | \$ 210.25 |
| | | ACWC Partners | | |
| | | Receipts | \$ 260.10 | |
| | | ACWC Service | \$ 203.00 | |
| | | Tsfd from Stock A/c | <u>\$ 36.90</u> | |
| | | | \$ 500.00 | |
| | | Pd-ACW Nat. Exec | <u>\$ 500.00</u> | NIL |
| | | ACWC Bulletins | | |
| | | B/forward 1/1/2001 | | \$ 29.00 |
| | | ACWC Endowment Fd | | |
| | | Tsfd from Stock A/c | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| | | Pd-ACW Nat. Exec | <u>\$ 3,000.00</u> | NIL |
| | | F'ship Least Coin | | \$ 1,180.15 |
| | | WKS | | \$ 115.30 |
| | | World Community Day | | \$ 163.50 |
| | | Suspense A/c | <u>\$ 105.15</u> | |
| | <u>\$ 13,513.91</u> | | | <u>\$ 13,513.91</u> |

Newsette

This is my twelfth report as Newsette Editor, so I do not have anything very new to say. The four issues a year have duly appeared and I have very much appreciated the assistance of my son Ian in being able to do it on his computer, which makes for a so much more attractive and professional presentation.

I again record my thanks to Nola Dickson, who as Newsette Manager, keeps the mailing-list and prints the labels, hopefully keeping up with changes of address. Thank you also to Heather Badgery and Olive Beverley, who assist Nola and me with the collating and folding of each issue.

I thank all the officers and conveners for their faithfulness in providing their reports for each deadline. I do appreciate the complimentary comments on our little magazine which I receive from time to time, that readers find it interesting and worthwhile.

NOTE: I would like to mention, and emphasise, that as Marie Majoor, Treasurer for nine years, has moved to Western Australia, it is imperative that nothing be sent to her past address. All payments for any purpose should be sent to Elaine Wilson, whose address is on the back page of each Newsette.

Beryl McLaughlin

Social Issues - a brief look at some activities

Social issues that have attracted our attention over the last year have been quite varied. The internet proves to be a useful tool for obtaining current information on, e.g. the Fairwear Campaign, fistula treatment in Ethiopia.

We were represented at a seminar held in Sydney on Indigenous and Refugee Women's Rights, and were fortunate to have Sr Lorraine Phelan address Council on her work with asylum seekers. We are hopeful that our direct response will be significant, leading to a ripple effect that will be even more beneficial. A letter to the Minister for Immigration calling for the reduction of time spent in detention centres brought a standard reply without answering the point of the letter.

Leaflets concerning the Seniors Information Service and the Alzheimers Association were made available during the year. Convener, Cela Cooper

Burwood-Concord Branch

At the Annual Meeting in February the current office bearers were re-elected: President - Mrs Yvonne Coorey, Vice Presidents - Mrs Elsie Pullar and Major Yvonne Slade, Secretary - Miss Bonnie Lyons, Treasurer - Mrs Hilda Miller.

The Annual Fellowship Day Service was held on Thursday 2 August at Concord Uniting Church. The Guest Speaker was Major Joan Tong who presented an inspiring message on the theme "In Jesus - Life - Hope - Liberty". The soloist was Mrs Elizabeth Bentley, whose musical contribution was greatly appreciated. The organist was Miss Judith Anderson. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed over a light luncheon.

The World Community Day Service was held on Friday, 19 October at Burwood Uniting Church. The theme on this occasion was "Living in Hope", and the message of our Guest Speaker, Rev Meredith Williams was challenging and thought provoking. The organist was Mrs Phillipa Knight and the soloist Padmini Ranesar. Following the Service the Burwood ladies served a delicious luncheon which was greatly enjoyed, along with the fellowship shared and we thank the ladies for their hospitality.

As we attend these ACW Branch meetings and Services we are always conscious of a wonderful spirit of co-operation and deepening fellowship between members and a desire to develop lasting friendships. We praise God who has brought us together and given us a continuing sense of belonging to His universal family.

Bonnie Lyons, Secretary

Kincumber Area Branch

Two very successful services were held throughout the year. With the theme, In Jesus Life, Hope and Liberty, our service at the Umina Uniting Church was attended by 76 persons and we were encouraged by the lovely message from our guest speaker, Mrs Phyllis Saunders, wife of retired Uniting Church Minister, Rev Bob Saunders. All denominations were represented in the service with each element of Water, Branch and Chain being used to emphasise the theme. An amount of \$269.65 was forwarded to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" was chosen as a solo by Bev Elliott.

October found us enjoying the hospitality of the Kincumber Uniting Church as we celebrated World Community Day. Guest speaker was Mrs Helen Richardson, the former Special Functions Convener of NSW State

Unit ACW, and her message based on the theme "Living in Hope" was most inspiring. 63 were in attendance, all enjoying the beautiful arrangement of yellow roses and white flowers, and the singing from members of Kincumber Uniting Church Choir under the direction of well-known organist Mr Paul Edgar. \$224.50 was received for the Fellowship of the Least Coin and \$263.40 forwarded as a general offering.

We have made many new friends through our efforts to give active support to our special days. It is great to know that our friends look forward to hearing from us as to the next service planned. Praise God for that! President Dorothy prepares a very informative Newsletter for distribution to each person attending and that gives everybody up-to-date information on our activities. We trust in the Lord for continued success in the year ahead.

Dorothy Woodhouse - President

Bev Elliott - Secretary

Seven Hills-Toongabbie Unit

With good cooperation from all the denominations comprising our branch in planning services the Fellowship Day and World Community Day services were appreciated by all who attended. Speakers selected by the hostess branch were meticulous in illuminating their respective themes. This was further enhanced by lovely musical items, making each service very meaningful indeed. The World Day of Prayer Service was also well received.

We followed our usual custom of meeting for a Christmas Lunch followed by an informal concert. Several packages of gifts from the Christmas tree were forwarded to the Smith Family.

We were without a secretary for a short time when Mrs Kay Stewart had to resign due to family problems. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Mary Tye as our new secretary.

With our humble thanks for God's leading through our involvement in ACW.

Olive Beverley, President

Mary Tye, Secretary

Strathfield-Homebush Branch

Although our Branch is a small one, we enjoy meeting together to discuss the Lord's work and plan the Special Services that are held during the year. The attendance at these services is at an average of 60-65. We

are pleased to welcome a few men at our services. Fellowship Day was held at St Thomas Anglican Church at Enfield where the speaker was Mrs Hewitt, State ACW Secretary. World Community Day Service was held at St David's Presbyterian Church, the speaker being the wife of the minister. World Day of Prayer Service in March was held at the Strathfield Uniting Church, the speaker being the Rev Laurel Barr.

Some of our ladies attended the Dedication Service in May. We were pleased to give the Ecumenical Council \$7 for phone cards for people at the Villawood Detention Centre.

We look forward to the year ahead as we worship God together as our group of ladies in Christ.

Winnie Hall, Secretary

Sutherland Branch

Throughout the year 2001 the spirit of unity and happy fellowship has prevailed in all ACW activities within our Shire. Attendance at the special day services has, sadly, decreased with many of the faithful supporters unable to attend because of increasing age and/or health problems. Still, their interest remains and we enjoy being able to keep contact with as many as possible. We are thankful that most of the denominations participate in the Services: Anglican, Churches of Christ, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Uniting and sometimes Baptist and Congregational.

Services always commence with the singing of our theme song, "In Christ we are one" as well as a resume of the work of ACW, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Winifred Kiek Scholarship; Asian Church Women's Conference is included if applicable. The host church provides organist and soloist as well as organising the venue and also refreshments for those able to remain for a friendly get-together after the Service.

Fellowship Day 2001 was held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Caringbah on a very cold and wet day which contributed to the poorer-than-usual attendance of 50. Many apologies were received. Mrs Norma Dumbrell gave a very interesting and challenging address on the theme "In Jesus . . . Life, Hope, Liberty". It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs Dumbrell as she has taken up her involvement with Australian Church Women as an Anglican Council member. She related many of her experiences with her husband in their service for the Lord in Asia. Of particular interest was her association with Mai Zin Zin Wah, the 1999 WKS Scholar, studying in Singapore.

World Community Day was held in St Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, Gympie, with an attendance of 80. Our friend, Mrs Marie McCann, gave a very thoughtful address on the theme "Living in Hope". Of interest on this special day was the Fellowship of the Least Coin project - the Talitha Kumi Welfare Centre, and information was given to the gathering about the project. Again, a member from each of the seven denominations present took part in the Service and a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed over lunch. Many favourable comments were passed regarding the format of the Service.

We are very grateful to our Branch representative, Mrs Pat Sutton, who faithfully attends meetings and other ACW activities throughout the year. Pat represented us at the re-establishing of City Branch in St James Church, King Street.

Our members continue to be very supportive of the Fellowship of the Least Coin and Winifred Kiek Scholarship, contributing generously to special projects and, when requested, to any administration needs of the Branch. We appreciate greatly our hard-working Secretary, Mrs Mina Whybourne, who attends to these needs with love and care.

As she comes to the conclusion of her term of office, we congratulate our gracious President, Mrs Jan Harrison, and thank her for the guidance and loving encouragement she has always given us. We wish God's blessing for our incoming President, Mrs Jean Porteous, and assure her of our support at all times.

We continue in faith, praising our great God for His providence and thanking Him for continued blessings.

Peg Blake, President

National Council of Women

During the past 12 months NCW was sorry to farewell Mrs Gordon Samuels as its Patron, but has been honoured to have Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC grant Vice-Regal Patronage to the organisation. We look forward to sharing many happy occasions with her.

Our president for the past three years, Mrs Peg McEntee concluded her term of office in October, and thanks were extended to her for her warm, wise leadership through this time. The new president, Mrs Marion Smith, is no stranger to NCW and has settled well into the presidency.

Parliament House lunches have been happy times and well attended.

The Australia Day Centenary of Federation Awards were presented to nine outstanding students. ACW sponsored the award given to Joanne Lee Cohen who has obtained a Bachelor of Nursing Degree at the University of Western Sydney, and the award will enable her to further her studies in this field.

NCW meets on the last Thursday night of each month and meetings and speakers have been stimulating and informative. Many social, community and family issues have been addressed.

We continue to represent ACW at these meetings.

H. Richardson, S. Wells.

The Girls' Brigade NSW

In this my first report to ACW on behalf of The Girls' Brigade, I'm pleased to say that we are still a very active Christian organisation with a membership of over 3,000 girls in NSW.

This year commenced with our annual joint Girls' Brigade/Boys' Brigade State Camp for High Schoolers at Wonderland which was enthusiastically enjoyed by both girls and boys from around the state. Another State Girls' Brigade event was held on Saturday 6 April when over one thousand members of our Girls' Brigade families arrived for a family picnic day at Thirlmere Steam Train Museum south of Sydney. Everyone enjoyed the train ride, lunch and organised games which were run throughout the day.

During the April school holidays, a number of our older Pioneers (girls 16 years upwards) will attend a new venture in advanced leadership training at the NSWGB "Leading the Way" Camp at Morisset. It will help to develop self confidence in leadership, presenting physical and spiritual challenges to each individual.

NSW Girls' Brigade Leaders are looking forward to our State Conference to be held early in May, which is always a time of sharing, learning, fun and much laughter. I hope that I might also become a more active representative of ACW to The Girls' Brigade as I become more familiar with the ACW organisation.

I would like to thank the ACW ladies who have given me such a warm welcome since I joined their meetings as the Girls' Brigade representative late last year, especially the friendly greeting from President Jan Harrison.
Lorna Steel

NSW Council for Children's Films & Television Inc. known as Monitoring Media for Youth

2001 was an exciting year; one of change and forward looking, yet building on the old firm foundations.

The first and perhaps greatest change was in name, from NSW Council for Children's Films & Television Inc. to Monitoring Media for Youth. The media had expanded, and so did this group.

Membership increased, as other youth related organisations took up the opportunity to be represented. The specific skills new members brought have been used to the Council's benefit.

An area where need for change became obvious was the video library which had given many years of valued service to children in hospitals throughout Sydney. The younger children were being catered for from other sources, but there was a need for suitable videos for 14/15 year olds. Several were donated to Westmead Hospital and it is planned to include other hospitals.

A request for specific non-entertainment videos from Kathleen York House in Glebe (a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre for females, many with children) led MMY to purchase a "Triple P Parenting Video" for the Centre. Such requests from other organisations including a Children's Detention Centre, will be considered soon.

"The Internet, Friend or Foe?" and "Film and Videotape Classifications" were added to the stock of available brochures. Also, the Council entered the twenty-first century with a website. The domain name www.mmy.org.au was approved and a prototype website began operation. This was achieved through the co-operation of members and friends, at very little cost to MMY.

The Council looks forward to 2002.

Dorothy Kenning

Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association

NSW Group - Corporate Membership Thereof

The Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) is a non-political, non-profit organisation founded in 1928 and accredited to the United Nations through four of its agencies. PPSEAWA comprises nineteen autonomous national member organisations, many having several local chapters. PPSEAWA's objectives are "to strengthen the bonds of peace by fostering a friendship and better understanding among women in all areas of the Pacific and South East Asia, to promote

cooperation among women of these regions for the study and improvement of social, economic, and cultural conditions". The 21st Conference of PPSEAWA International was held in the Cook Islands in November 2001.

As from the Annual General Meeting of Australian Church Women (NSW Unit) on 20 April 1998, I have been one of its representatives on the NSW Group of Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association of Australia Incorporated. On 22 April 1998 I attended a PPSEAWA meeting for the first time. At the Annual General Meeting of PPSEAWA (NSW Group) in August 1998, I was elected as a corporate member to the Executive Committee of PPSEAWA(NSW), and was re-elected to that position for the three years allowed by the By-Laws of PPSEAWA(NSW).

In the NSW Group of PPSEAWA, there are currently forty-four individual members and twelve corporate members, the latter being delegates nominated by seven groups, namely, Australian Church Women; Country Women's Association of NSW; Guides Australia (NSW); Salvation Army's Women's Associations; Uniting Church Adult Fellowship; Winners Without Drugs; Young Women's Christian Association of Sydney.

Australian Church Women (NSW Unit) is a corporate member of PPSEAWA(NSW). Any organisation accepting the Purposes of the (NSW) PPSEAWA Group and whose application for corporate membership is approved by the Executive Committee of the NSW Group "shall be a corporate member and shall pay the prescribed annual fee. Each corporate member shall nominate two representatives for the current financial year and may nominate two others to act only in the absence of the representatives".

The NSW Group of PPSEAWA meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from February to November inclusive. Its Annual General Meeting is held in August. At the AGM in 2001, Miss Edith Chase was elected President, replacing Mrs Jannette Smith.

At PPSEAWA(NSW)'s monthly meetings, guest speakers address issues related to PPSEAWA's concerns, interests, and objectives. Topics presented at meetings in 2001 included: Christian-Muslim Relations in Pacific Countries (including Australia); East Timor; Papua-New Guinea; the Salvation Army's work in Myanma (population of forty-seven million, 80% of which is Buddhist); the degradation of girls and children in undemocratic countries. PPSEAWA(NSW) members have

raised money to support projects in East Timor, Papua-New Guinea, and Pacific islands. They have also generously supported ACW's sale of calendars in aid of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

State and Territory groups of PPSEAWA are kept informed of national and international PPSEAWA news by means of a booklet/newsletter produced twice a year. The President of the PPSEAWA International Council (2000-2003) is Her Royal Highness Princess Nanasipau'u Tuku'aho (Tonga). Mrs Mary Cabrera (of Sydney) is one of six vice-presidents of the International Council of PPSEAWA, and is the President of PPSEAWA Australia Incorporated.

Marie Craddock, RSJ

Woman's Christian Temperance Union NSW

Now using the slogan "Winners Without Drugs" we seek, in spite of falling and aging membership, to do what we can to promote a drug-free lifestyle, especially among young people, at a time when they are bombarded from every side with incitement to use alcohol and other drugs - peer pressure, binge-drinking, designer drugs, soft drinks and iceblocks containing alcohol. It is our belief that for them to make a commitment to a disciplined "say NO to drugs" life when young gives the best foundation for a healthy adult life.

One initiative in 2001 was the production of a leaflet "The Partying Teen" which was offered to high schools, seeking them to encourage parents and senior students to consider a choice of non-alcoholic wines, punches etc. at end-of-year formals and parties. Some schools accepted a quantity of these, being most impressed with the leaflet, which was a reproduction (used with permission) of an article by Professor Kim Oates, the Chief Executive Officer of the Westmead Children's Hospital. I would be happy to let anyone interested have a copy of this.

Another focus during the year was on "Foetal Alcohol Syndrome" with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day held Australia-wide last September. As more and more facts are revealed about the damage and life-long effects to the developing baby caused by any use of alcohol by pregnant women, it is urgently important to increase community awareness of this. Even more recently, similar long-lasting effects are being documented for expectant mothers who smoke.

We have well-produced, up-to-date literature available on these and related subjects, also non-alcoholic fruit drinks, punches, recipe leaflets available.

Beryl McLaughlin, WCTU State Secretary