

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the W.D.C.C. held on Friday, 26th April, 1968 in Social Hall, Bible House, at 10.30 am.

Opening Devotions using a recent "S.M. Herald" editorial "Let Man Get Others" was led by Mrs. Cowled.

Welcome: was extended to Mrs. Mayne (Ward President, Churches of Christ New Zealand), Mrs. Shopel (Baptist), Mrs. Jessup (C of E), Mrs. Vickery (Y.W.C.A.) all of whom were representing their churches and societies for the first time on Council; and to Mesdames M. Allister and Lillian

Present Apologies: from Lane Cove - Longueville Branch ^{Mrs. Coombes (Mrs.)} 33 officers and members were recorded from Nel Coleman, Maj Smith, Miss Allen and Mesdames Wells, Briggs, Bragg, Nelson, Aitken, Litchy, Savage and Kerp.

Minutes: of the 1967 Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports: The Secretary's report was read and its adoption ~~passed~~ and accepted.

Financial Report: The Treasurers

statements audited and found correct were read and adopted.

Election of Officers & Deacons:

President: Mrs L. P. Gilbert (Baptist)

Past President: Mrs S. G. Cowles (Methodist)

President-Elect: Deaconsess Mary Andrews (C of E)

Vice Presidents: Col. Coleman (P. A.) Mesdames Briggs (Society of Friends) Badger (Congregational) and Atchey (Lutheran) and Mrs Cowles (Pres)

Secretary: Mrs R. H. Dougherty

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Jessup

Treasurer: Mrs. Perrin was thanked for her valuable service to Council and unanimously re-elected.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Mrs. Butler.

Welfare Trust Committee: Executive

Recommendation: 6 elected by Council with power to re-opt. Executive nominates:

Mesdames Miller, Paterson, Palmer, Atchey, Cowles and McPhee. Unanimously elected

Promotions Committee: Committee Recommendation

5 elected by Council with power to re-opt.

This recommendation was adopted & the following elected Mesdames Neres, Ralph, Badger, Doran and Wells.

Auditor: Mrs. Perrins indicated Mrs. Shannon's willingness to accept this position for 1968/9 and it was resolved a letter of appreciation be sent

W.C.W.: Mrs. Stoly and a Salvation Army representative to be arranged.

W.C.S.W.: Mrs. Ball.

Women's World Day of Prayer Ette. Ed. Osborne, Mesdames Badger, Stoly, Ball and Yoninon.

T.V. and Films (New Cl.) Mrs. Palmer

Good Neighbour Council - Mesdames Ball & Yoninon

A.C.C. State Committee: President and Secretary

New Inter Church Aid Ette - Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Badger (alternate)

New Div. of Studies & Education: Mrs. Dougherty

Close:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30 pm to be followed by the April monthly meeting

W.D. Dougherty
Secretary

J.O. Gillet
President

EXECUTIVE:
* It was moved
Mrs. Ralphs,
seconded
Mrs. Dougherty
and resolved
that copies
of sub-committee
members of
Committee be
sent to members.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

ANNUAL REPORT 1967/68

This has been a most interesting and exciting year in the life of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council and one in which we have been privileged to experience a quiet moving forward of genuine ecumenical outreach through the women of the local churches.

There was a very real element of sadness at the closing of the Wybalena Hostel among the ladies who had made such a fine contribution through its work and their own interest and endeavours in maintaining it. In May, 1967, the sum of \$18,000 from the sale of Wybalena was invested for a period of twelve months at 8%, and the balance of monies were placed on fixed deposit for the same period. (The balance at 18th April, 1968, was:- invested \$27,600 and the current account \$1,347.88.)

The Council then appointed a small committee to watch for a suitable project for Wybalena monies and the following were appointed: Mrs. M. Millar (Chairman), Mesdames Stolz, Knight and Palmer; and later the committee was enlarged to include Mesdames Hall and Wyper with power to co-opt as considered appropriate. At their request, the name of the committee has now been changed to The Wybalena Trust Committee; and it has done, and is doing, a considerable amount of work and investigation as to the possible use of interest on Wybalena invested monies to provide scholarships for the further education of Aboriginal girls.

So that members might be better informed, the Committee arranged for Mrs. Brigadier McCarthy, Project Secretary, NADOC (and a member of the Consultative Committee and other committees interested in the education and advancement of aborigines) to address the March Council meeting. Resulting from this address and following discussion, the Council authorised the payment of \$100 pocket money for two Aboriginal women who were sent to New Zealand for training by the Maori people in family group education.

One of the most exciting developments on the Council this year has been the formation of the Promotion Committee. With Mrs. Verco (con- vener), Mrs. Ralph (secretary) and Mesdames Badger and Down, this committee has worked energetically throughout the year to promote the two special days and encourage the formation of inter-church groups in local communities wherever opportunity arose. Branches have come into being at North Ryde, Turramurra-Wahroonga, Cobargo and Armidale and there is promise of at least another three in the very near future.

February meeting was set aside as Branches Day and the major part of the meeting was spent in informing visitors and new members of the nature and activities of the W.I.C.C. and its link with A.C.W. and its relation- ship to the women of the local congregations. Following the very compre- hensive information session in which all Promotion Committee members participated a very lively and fruitful discussion and question period preceded a basket lunch, over which further thoughts were shared and friend- ships were cemented. Representatives were welcomed from North Ryde, Turramurra-Wahroonga, Strathfield/Homebush, Hurstville, Roseville, Fairfield, Bankstown, Chatswood and the two country cities of Newcastle and Armidale.

Women's World Day of Prayer meetings were given our wholehearted support throughout the State and the Council was encouraged by the increased interest also shown in the other special days. On Fellowship Day services were held in 13 metropolitan and 20 country centres (with participation by Roman Catholic and Armenian ladies in some services). On World Community Day 11 country and 13 city services were held and some 2,500 orders of service used - two of these services were held in the evening and at one centre there was participation by men and women.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin continues to grow steadily but we were sorry to have to accept the resignation of our N.S.W. convener, Mrs. H. J. Lilley, during the year.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder, Miss Anna Busina, had to return to Port Moresby and the convener of the Scholarship Committee, Deaconess Mary Andrews, announced at the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women in February that the new scholarship holder would be Jackie Kini of New Guinea, who would be trained in Girls' Brigade leadership.

An interesting development at the National Committee Meeting was the announcement that all States have now come into line and all are now known as Inter-Church Councils.

We are singularly fortunate as a Council that our sights are constantly being set much wider than our own particular area of service, and the world is brought to our door by the experiences, at an international level, of various members.

In September, Council members were very interested to hear of the Taize community in France and of the ecumenical conference held there from Deaconess Andrews who had experienced them as a delegate on behalf of Australian Church Women.

Two further members of Council were privileged to share in the wider work of the churches overseas. Mrs. O. Badger (Past President) was a member of the Planning Committee for the Asian Women's Conference and an observer to the East Asian Christian Conference in Bangkok. Mrs. Margaret Ralph (secretary, Promotion Committee) was in Hong Kong with her husband ~~for some weeks and whilst there was able to be with an Inter-Church Aid Team from N.S.W. for a few days and also to do voluntary work for the Salvation Army there.~~

During the year we have welcomed twelve new representatives to Council and are very appreciative of the contribution they are making to its work. However, to those women who have been with the Council since its inception and who set the background for the inter-church work that is possible today, we would express our very real thanks for their wisdom and encouragement at all times.

To our retiring President, Mrs. Grace Cowled, who has gently piloted us through a very vigorous year, and to all office bearers and members of Council, I express thanks for their help and encouragement throughout the last twelve months and for the tremendous support they have given to me personally as I have come new to both the work of the Council and this office.

As we enter a new Council year we would pray God that we be given at all times - minds which are eager to seek;

memories which are strong to remember;
wills which are dedicated to obey;
hearts which are surrendered to love;
lives which are committed to service.

W. D. Dougherty,
Secretary,
26th April, 1968

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM APRIL 1967 TO MARCH 1968

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>Payments</u>
Opening Balance	\$135.57	Affiliation Fees	
Collection, Annual Rally	17.53	National Council of Women	\$10.00
Affiliation Fees	34.60	Children's Films and T.V.	4.20
Bank Interest	4.52	A.C.C. for printing	16.80
Sale of literature	16.40	A.C.W. for literature	23.00
30% Project Fund -		Secretary's expenses	10.00
Fellowship Day	80.05	Treasurer's expenses	7.00
World Community Day	83.70	Promotion Committee's expenses	56.36
		Donations: B.&F. Bible Society	10.00
		C. Methodist Mission	3.00
		Sundries	6.20
		Balance in hand	<u>225.81</u>
	<u>\$372.37</u>		<u>\$372.37</u>

<u>FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN FUND</u>			
Opening Balance	\$29.65	Australian Church Women	\$309.65
Receipts	<u>310.77</u>		<u>30.77</u>
	<u>\$340.42</u>		<u>\$340.42</u>

<u>PROJECT FUND</u>			
Fellowship Day	\$346.44	A.C.W. Orders of Service	
World Community Day	348.00	Fellowship Day	\$55.60
Bank Interest	66	World Community Day	62.50
		A.C.W. 70% Special Days	
		Fellowship Day	186.79
		World Community Day	195.30
		Balance in hand	31.16
		Trans. to General A/c 30%	
		Fellowship Day	80.05
		World Community Day	<u>83.70</u>
	<u>\$695.10</u>		<u>\$695.10</u>

<u>Summary of Funds in Hand</u>	
General Account	\$225.81
Fellowship of Least Coin	30.77
Project Fund	<u>31.16</u>
Balance as Bank Statement	<u>\$287.74</u>

L. Perriam
HON. TREASURER

J. A. Shannon, A.A.S.A.
HON. AUDITOR
24th April, 1968

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
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OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1968/1969

Executive

President	Mrs. L. P. Gilbert, 17 Rosen St. Epping 2121	86 4570
Past President	Mrs. S.G.C. Cowled, 5/13 Cranbrook Ave. Cremorne	90 8707
President Elect	Deaconess M. Andrews, Deaconess House, Carillon Avenue, Newtown 2042	51 1172
Vice Presidents	Mrs. G.H. Briggs, 13 Findlay Ave. Roseville 2069	41 7785
	Lt. Col. J. Coleman, 140 Elizabeth St. Sydney 2000	26 1711
	Mrs. C.W. Stolz, 97 Bayview Ave. Earlwood 2206	55 1532
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, 56 Mabel St. Willoughby 2068	41 2453
Asst. Secretary	Mrs. Jessup, 36 Boomerang St. Turrumurra 2074	44 4016
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs. C. A. Perriam, 6/37 Ormond St. Ashfield 2131	798 6481
F' ship Least Coin	Mrs. R.W. Butler, 17 Woonona Rd. Northbridge 2063	95 2985
Also Conveners and Secretaries of the Wybalena and Promotion Committees		

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Wybalena Committee Mesdames Millar, Stolz, Paterson, Palmer, Cowled, McPhee p/cpt.
Promotion Ctte. Mesdames Verco, Badger, Down, Ralph, Wells power to co-opt.

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Representatives to:

National Council of Women	Mrs. Stolz
W. Christian Temperance Union	Mrs. Hall
W. World Day of Prayer Ctte.	Mesdames Stolz, Hall, Badger, Goninon and Lt. Col. M. Osborne
N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and T.V.	Mrs. Palmer
Good Neighbour Council	Mesdames Hall and Gammie
A.C.C. State Committee	President and Secretary
Inter-Church Aid Committee	Mrs. Moran
Div. Studies & Education	Mrs. Dougherty

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Life Members Mesdames Millar, Pearson, Walker, Knight, Wyper, Hall and
Miss Roseby.

MEETINGS

Council: 10.30 a.m. on fourth Friday of March, April, June, August, September,
November in the Social Hall, Bible House (3rd Flr) 95 Bathurst St.

Annual Rally: Fourth Friday of May

Special Days: Last Wednesday of July, FELLOWSHIP DAY, and)
Last Friday of October, WORLD COMMUNITY DAY) in various centres

Executive Meetings: Third Friday of the month (excluding December, January) in
No.2 Committee Room, Methodist Church Offices,
139 Castlereagh Street, Sydney at 1 p.m.