



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 10 April 2006 at 10.30 am.

WELCOME: In the absence due to illness of Mrs Carmel Keys, Past President Major Lyn Middleton welcomed everyone to the meeting, with particular mention of Lillian Hodges, a new representative to ACW from The Salvation Army, as Joan Tong has stood down.

DEVOTIONS: Lyn Middleton drew attention to how good it is to be on the sunny side of Easter, having again shared the greeting 'He is risen' and the response, 'He is risen indeed'. Tony Campolo told the story of an Afro-American pastor who used the cry 'it's Friday, but Sunday's coming' as the basis of a long sermon. Resurrection day is the heart and soul of Christianity. Through the risen saviour, our living Lord, we see new truths year after year. John Owen, a Puritan stated on his death bed, 'I am yet in the land of the dying, but hope soon to be in the land of the living'. It is not the empty tomb but the risen Lord who dispelled the gloom, revived the passion on the road, brought peace to the disciples in hiding, helped Thomas in his unbelief and restored the faith of the fishermen. He meets us to dispel our gloom and doubt, sharing his peace with us. Lyn offered prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the great provision we have for life, the risen presence with us, and asked blessing on the Annual General Meeting and the decisions made.

PRESENT: 42 as recorded on attendance sheet **APOLOGIES:** 14 as recorded.

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of 10 April 2006 having been read at the Council Meeting of 19 June 2006 and initialled were confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Jean Porteous.

REPORTS: All reports were printed in the Annual Report and available to members. Lyn Middleton presented the President's report on behalf of Carmel Keys. The Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports.

Moved Helen Richardson, seconded Judith Baker that the audited financial report to 31 December 2006 be received. Carried

Moved Helen Hill, seconded Denise Secomb that the reports be received. Carried

OFFICE BEARERS 2005/2006:	President	Carmel Keys	Catholic
	Past President	Lyn Middleton	Salvation Army
	President Elect	Jennifer Peffer	Baptist

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2006/2007: Members endorsed the appointment of the following office bearers who had been nominated and the nominations seconded:

Secretary	Isabel Hewitt	Uniting Church
Treasurer	Helen Richardson	Uniting Church
Winifred Kiek	Judith Cayzer	Churches of Christ
Fellowship of the Least Coin	Janet Lang	Presbyterian
Membership	Heather Reid	Baptist
Pastoral Care	Olive Edmondstone	Baptist
Newsette	Beryl McLaughlin	Anglican
Publicity	Nancy McLaren	Salvation Army
Special Days	Pamela Freeman	Salvation Army
Social Issues	Joan Bird	Catholic
Asian Church Women's Conference	Vacant	

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The ACWC convenership remains vacant and Lyn asked Council to give prayerful consideration for this position. She thanked Executive members continuing in their roles, and Beryl Kirkwood for the work done.

COMMITTEES:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Judith Cayzer (Convener), Mina Whybourne, Edith Ridge, Norma Dumbrell
Fellowship of the Least Coin: Janet Lang (Convener)
Membership: Heather Reid (Convener), Martha Noel, Assistant
Pastoral Care: Olive Edmondstone (Convener)
Newsette: Beryl McLaughlin (Convener), Heather Badgery, Jan Harrison, Brenda Dickinson
Publicity: Nancy McLaren (Convener)
Special Days: Pamela Freeman (Convener), Jan Harrison, Isabel Hewitt, Dorothy Kenning, Judith Cayzer, Pat Sutton, Bonnie Lyons
Social Issues: Joan Bird (Convener), Lily Hanlon, Helen Hill
ACWC: (Convener Vacant), Olive Edmondstone, Norma Dumbrell, Ramona Cowle, Beryl Kirkwood, Martha Noel, Brenda Dickinson, Judith Baker

These positions were confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Sarda Wise.

Jean Porteous was re-appointed as Public Officer on the motion of Nancy McLaren and Judith Baker.

Brenda Dickinson was confirmed as *Newsette* manager on the motion of Joyce Liddell and Beryl McLaughlin.

It was agreed that Mr Frank Fryirs be Auditor for the coming year on the motion of Helen Richardson and Joan Bird. Helen Richardson said she had conveyed thanks to Mr Fryirs.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

National Council of Women: Shirley Wells, Helen Richardson, Dorothy Kenning as alternate.
World Day of Prayer: Judith Baker, Lily Hanlon, Jan Harrison, Helen Hill
NSW Ecumenical Council: Pamela Freeman
Pan Pacific & S E Asia Women's Assn: Edith Ridge, Joan Bird, with Mina Whybourne as an alternate.

Moved Janet Lang, seconded Winsome Penn and agreed that delegates to other organizations be confirmed.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 11.45 am and the business of April Council meeting followed.

Executive members came forward to enable Council members to note who they were, and Jean Porteous, a Past President, prayed for them.

Initialed:

Confirmed:

18 June 2007

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