



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 15 April 2002 at 11.15 a.m following the Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT: 44 members as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 14 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of 18 March 2002: The Minutes were confirmed on the motion of Mina Whybourne and Pat Sutton. Carried.

### BUSINESS ARISING:

1. INSTALLATION & DEDICATION SERVICE at Auburn Church of Christ, 90A Auburn Road, Auburn, 10.30 am 20 May 2002. Jean Porteous had more invitations available. Church is 10 minute walk from Auburn station, limited parking available.

2. STATE CONFERENCE - Sydney Congress Hall Function Centre, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, Monday 16 September 2002 - \$25 per person all inclusive. It is proposed that registration at 9.45 will enable a 10.00 am start, and finishing time probably 2.00 pm. Booking forms will be made available so that people can pay beforehand, minimising the work to be done on the day. Robyn Claydon has indicated that she is available as Speaker for the occasion. Flyers will be available for distribution at Installation Day.

3. CITY OF SYDNEY BRANCH. Edith Ridge reported that arrangements are in limbo at present. It is hoped that possibly the Catholic church at The Rocks may take the running. Mary Melville agreed to make some enquiries.

4. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 2003 - Catholic and Churches of Christ representative and alternate needed.

5. TRADING TABLE at March meeting which had raised \$160 from sale of goods and \$20 from Thora Thomas's books - Jan thanked Elsie Cox for her efforts.

6. REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS: Jean Porteous told of the shopfront in Carramar where English will be taught and which will serve as a 'depot' for the receipt of phonocards, sewing materials, jeans. Jean has agreed to deliver items brought to the June meeting.

### REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor presented the statement of receipts and payments for one month ended 31/3/02 showing a balance of \$6939.52.

Marie moved, seconded Joan Tong that the report be received. Moved Marie and seconded Olive Beverley that payments be ratified. Carried

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells thanked members for their support over the years she has been FLC Convener. Shirley led in prayer, using a prayer from Indonesia on the depth of God's love.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Mina Whybourne also thanked those present for the support she has received.

NEWSLETTE: April issue is due out next week.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMENS CONFERENCE: The ACWC Service is to be held 29 September 2002 at 3.00 pm at Carramar Church of Christ.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder reported that packing day is set for 27 May 2002.

FUNCTIONS: Helen Richardson again circulated a board for attendance at Installation Service.

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Jan Harrison spoke to the RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STATE CONFERENCE 2000. Most points had been addressed, but there is a need to update a list of possible ACW speakers. Jan felt that tenure of office is a matter which could be looked at with elections every two years - a two year term and one possible renewal i.e. up to a maximum of four years in a particular office (other than President). End of commitment can sometimes be helpful in attracting people. There is still a need to reach out to the country areas more - as FLC tends to do - and as we attempted to do in our recommendation for the scholarship through National Council of Women.

No response from Peta Pearson - presume letters were received responding to her request on how religious background has influenced decisions made in life.

Jan expressed her thanks that the Anglicans had nominated her to ACW, and as President, and thanked them for their continued support.

Moved Judith Baker, seconded Robin Phillis that the reports be received.

Judith Baker expressed congratulations to the outgoing Executive, thanks to Jan for her presidency, and wished Marie well in her new life.

Jan thanked Council for the support she received to attend functions on behalf of ACW - she had used these opportunities to talk about ACW whenever possible.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. NSW Churches of Christ CWF - invitation to Annual Conference 3/5/2002
2. Burwood-Concord Branch - Annual Report
3. Peg Blake - resignation
4. National Executive - Circular 2002/3
5. Dorothy Woodhouse - thanks for 80<sup>th</sup> birthday greetings
6. WISE 'Day Away' - Monday 6/5/2002 Mary McKillop Place North Sydney (\$22)
7. National Executive - Minutes 18/3/2002
8. ACW ACT - Newsletter April/May/June
9. Edith Ridge - article on Fiona Collins
10. Understanding Refugee Law Seminars
11. SPAN March 2002

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. Frances Howard - new rep.
2. Val Neilson - new rep
3. Congregational Federation - Fees
4. YWCA - Fees
5. National Executive - Minutes 19/11/2001, 18/2/2002

Moved Bev Elliott, seconded Shirley Wells that the inward mail be received and the outward mail endorsed. Carried.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. MU Australia Festival 22/3/2002
2. Churches of Christ in NSW Women's Ministries - Women's Expo 23/3/2002
3. Anglican Board of Mission Annual Meeting 27/3/2002
4. Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon 12/4/2002
5. Winners Without Drugs - President's Luncheon invitation 10/4/2002
6. Uniting Church Sydney Day Mission Support Group - 29/4/2002

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Reports for Annual Report due today.

Joan Tong spoke before praying for those retiring from Executive - Elizabeth Walker, Marie Majoor, Peg Blake, Daphne Peterson, Mina Whybourne and Shirley Wells - giving thanks for their time and talents and asking God's blessing on them in their future endeavours.

DEVOTIONS: Jan Harrison focused on the Sovereignty of God:  
What does God require? to do justly, show mercy and walk humbly with God.  
(Micah 6:8) Psalm 15  
But you my friends, keep on building yourselves up on your most sacred faith.  
Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit and keep yourselves in the Love of God. (Jude 20)

"Eternal God and Father  
By whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed  
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may give ourselves to your service  
and live this day in love to one another and to you  
Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord." (From an old Collect)

Before pronouncing the Benediction the Rev Elizabeth Walker thanked Jan for the way she has conducted affairs during her term as president. She reminded members that there is a need to look to continued renewal.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 17 June 2002, 10.00 am Morning Tea - Presbyterian  
Chairs - Anglican

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
for one month ended 31.03.2002**

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.03.02			5757.81
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH			
Donations		0.00	
Affiliation		215.00	
Associate Members		0.00	
Stock		326.00	
Newsette		40.00	
Travel Fund—Morning Tea	21.55		
Trading Table	160.00		
Commission received from Thora Thomas	<u>20.00</u>		
FLC		201.55	
Winifred Kiek S'ship		499.95	
Fellowship Day Service		0.00	
World Community Day		0.00	
ACWC Partners		0.00	
Glebe Board - Interest		0.00	
Bank Interest		0.00	
Contra—Love Offering Rachael McArthur		<u>25.00</u>	<u>1307.50</u>
			7065.31
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH			
Printing & Stationery		75.79	
Refund of affiliation		15.00	
WCTU—President's Luncheon		25.00	
Gift—Guest speaker		<u>10.00</u>	<u>125.79</u>
			<u>6939.52</u>
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Sr Marie Craddock—Refund of Affiliation		15.00	
Jan Harrison—Gift for speaker		25.00	
Marie Major—Treasurer—Petty Cash			
Stationery	34.80		
Postage	<u>7.35</u>		
Rachael McArthur—Love Offering—Contra.		42.15	
Heather Badgery—Pastoral Convener Expenses		25.00	
		55.40	