



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

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MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 19 November 2001 at 10.30 am.

President Jan Harrison welcomed back Robyn Collins, Rhoda Gates and Ethel Wladysiuk after illness, and Lorna Steele as representative for the Girls Brigade.

After reading from Psalm 105: 1-2 Give thanks . . . Jan spoke of the unexpected release of the hostages in Afghanistan.

A time of remembrance for Glad West, a former President who died recently enabled members to give thanks for her life as Shirley Wells offered a prayer.

PRESENT: 42 members as recorded

APOLOGIES: 14 as recorded

The Minutes of Council Meeting of Monday 20 August 2001 were confirmed on the motion of Nancy McLaren and Annette Wilson. Carried.

The Report of the Meeting and ACWC Celebration on September 2001 were confirmed on the motion of Brenda Dickinson and Olive Beverley. Carried.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE Adelaide 24-28 September 2001 was made following the Devotions which NSW had prepared and led on Friday morning at the Conference.

There was some discussion, especially relating to the need to keep trying to involve ethnic Christian women in Australian Church Women, whether as denominational representatives or as participants in special days. It was thought that services might be the first step, and meetings come later. One suggestion pointed to the involvement of young people in programs, and we may have to look to linking up with this generation in the future. With time constraints it was agreed that we need to look at this issue perhaps in a seminar situation.

Lisa Jackson, who was elected as a representative to the ACWC Assembly in Seoul October 2002 was congratulated on her appointment.

Sister Marie Craddock attended the Adelaide Conference as a visitor from NSW and she expressed appreciation to the Executive for the work done behind the scenes. Jan Harrison said she was proud of the NSW group who had attended National Conference.

### BUSINESS ARISING:

1. World Community Day has produced some excellent reports. Edith Ridge reported on the great success of the City of Sydney Service in St James Church King Street, Tuesday, 23 October 2001 at 12.15 p.m. The Rev. Susanne Pain gave the address. Edith thanked all those who had attended the service and all those who had prayed for it. The fifty people included representatives from the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Pitt Street Uniting Church, Catholic Women's League, NSW Ecumenical Council, Womens Christian Temperance Union, as well as husbands. Light refreshments were served in the crypt following the service, thanks to Jan Harrison who provided the food. Edith intends to follow up the contacts made.

2. State Conference - Sydney Congress Hall Function Centre, Elizabeth Street, Sydney has been booked for Monday, 16 September 2002. Rate quoted is \$25 per person. The speaker is Robyn Claydon.

3. The amended NSW Unit Constitution incorporating Associate Membership was distributed.

4. Installation Day is set for 20 May 2002 at 10.30 am at Auburn Churches of Christ.

5. ACWC Celebration at the August Council Meeting was to fit in with the travel plans for Uma David en route to Adelaide. Next year the Service will be held 29 September at a venue yet to be worked out.

6. 2001 International Year of Volunteers

INTERVIEW WITH SANDRA WISE:

In conjunction with the resource, *2001 Year of Volunteers Report* Jan Harrison interviewed Sandra Wise. Sandra worked for 8 years in a dementia day care centre, first on a voluntary basis, then as a permanent 3 days per week. This time enabled her to talk with people, encourage them with music - often Sunday School type songs - have times of reflection. The centre offered respite for carers, but Sandra valued the positive contact with the sufferers. Currently Sandra works at the Dixon Unit day care centre at Ryde where volunteers are always needed - people who are kind and gentle, and can respond graciously to patients who are often the frail and aged.

Rhoda Gates told of her experience at the Masters Games held recently in the Hunter Region where 32 people were trained to act as sports chaplains.

A certificate of appreciation was given to each denomination in recognition for the work undertaken by members as volunteers

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Report was circulated. FLC money is coming in well. Marie Majoor moved, seconded Bev Elliott that report be received. Carried.

Moved Marie Majoor, seconded Mina Whybourne that the cheques for payment be ratified. Carried.

PASTORAL CARE: Dss Heather Badgery reported that Bess Hayward's husband had a hip problem and had then broken his leg. Lily Hanlon is in Melbourne looking after family. Dorothy Woodhouse is not the best at present. Margaret Hawkins is doing well - has had hip surgery and will delay the knee surgery for the moment. Margaret Andries' husband had a leg amputated, but she is unwell herself. Elizabeth Walker has just returned from Canada. Helen Stutchbury involved in choir at Hayfield Village and is unable to attend today.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells advised that FLC literature is available for members to take and distribute. She still has copies of *Circle of Prayer*, and also some teaspoons. Shirley led us in a devotional - *A Voice from Canada on Abiding Peace and Confidence* - the Spirit guides us in the details of daily life and service.

WINIFRED KEIK SCHOLARSHIP: Mina Whybourne reported that the 2002 scholar is Lai Mui Ching - known as April - who was nominated by the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Women's Council. She intends to do an MA in Women's Study in Relation to Women and Religion at the Chinese University in Hong Kong. Mina had had contact with Rachel Kanly.

NEWSETTE: Thanks to Beryl McLaughlin for the latest very good issue.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper asked members to congratulate stores, where appropriate, for decorations which really portray the Christmas story.

This Website address for Fairwear gives some useful information, is worth looking up:

[www.awatw.org.au/fairwear](http://www.awatw.org.au/fairwear)

A conference on human rights activities and racism involving indigenous and refugee women is to be held on Tuesday 4 December 2001 costing \$10 per session. Cela indicated she could attend the day session from 9.30-4.00 and asked if anyone would like to accompany her. Cela tabled Uniting Church *Mission Partners* and Oxfam *Horizons*.

ACWC: The fund raising calendars are selling well, and money should be collected within denominational groups. There are still some available. The date for the ACWC Service is set for 29 September 2002.

SPECIAL DAYS: World Community Day services had been well attended, and offerings to support a project in Pakistan are coming in. The theme for Fellowship Day 2002 is 'Rejoice in the Lord'.

Moved Judith Baker, Seconded Robyn Collins that the reports be received.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Barbara Lacy - Pakistan; ACW Reps to ACWC including Lisa Jackson
2. National Executive - Minutes 11/9/2001
3. Robyn Claydon - acceptance
4. St Stephen's Uniting Church - invitation to Christmas Luncheon 5/12/2001
7. Cards from Mina Whybourne and Heather Reid
8. Dorothy Woodhouse - acknowledgment
9. World Day of Prayer - President to attend National Committee 6/11/2001
10. Pitt Street Uniting Church - Inter Faith Public Forum
11. YWCA - Public Forum on Women's Right to be Safe
12. Marjorie James - NCW NSW Awards Committee
13. National Conference Adelaide Minutes

Publications:

ACWC Bulletin  
ACW ACT Newsletter October-December 2001/Adelaide Report  
CWLA Diocese of Wollongong *The Flame* v.5/3  
Womenspace 16 - 11/2001  
Give Me Shelter - Lenten Studies

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. Victor West - son of Glad West
2. Revd Susanne Pain
3. Marjorie James
4. Noelene Roose - World Day of Prayer Quadrennial Conference

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Nola Dickson reported on the Annual General Meeting held at Chatswood Salvation Army Citadel. The House of Welcome for refugees which has received great support from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is now functional. Christmas Bowl this year will help the Middle East Council of Churches in its work with Palestinian refugees. There was negativity evident in some reports, but the closing worship service ended the day on a positive note. As the next meeting is to be held in Bathurst, will ACW be represented?

KINCUMBER/CENTRAL COAST BRANCH: The report sent from this Branch was lost and did not appear in the June 2001 Annual Report of the NSW Unit. Bev Elliott accepted the apology for the omission and gave an insight into activities. From 1997 when 28 gathered at Kincumber numbers have built up to 72.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. World Day of Prayer National Committee 6/11/2001 - Jan attended
2. Pitt Street Uniting Church - Inter Faith Public Forum - Jan attended - Sr Pauline Rae, Graham Brookes and two speakers from Islamic Community, Jamila Hussain and Dawood Goddard, spoke.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Trading Table. Jan thanked Elsie for her efforts. Uniting Church ladies were thanked for providing morning tea and Catholic ladies for arranging the chairs.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 18 February 2002, 10.00 am - Morning Tea - Salvation Army  
Chairs - Uniting Church

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: The Rev Alison Todd in closing gave thanks for things done, reminding us that we go forward to spread the Advent news, before pronouncing the benediction.

Confirmed: J.R. Harrison

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2002

# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS for three months ended 31.10.01

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.08.01		9183.99
ADD RECEIPTS FOR THREE MONTHS		
Donations	30.00	
Affiliation	17.00	
Associate Members	40.00	
Stock	482.50	
Newsette	20.00	
FLC	5291.02	
Winifred Kiek S'ship	70.00	
Fellowship Day Service	3308.15	
World Community Day	2552.30	
ACWC Partners	245.10	
Glebe Board - Interest	54.06	
Bank Interest	0.00	
Refund cost of excursion at Nat. Conference	30.00	
Suspense A/c	287.85	12427.98
		21611.97
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR THREE MONTHS		
Printing & Stationery	20.00	
Postage & Phone	48.50	
Special Days Convener	23.90	
Stock - Calendars	1155.00	
Sundry Expenses	92.52	9.45
Newsette - Postage	75.40	
Printing		167.92
F'ship Lest Coin - Printing	551.88	252.72
World Community Day - Printing	133.22	
Postage		685.10
PPSEAWA - Annual Subscription		30.00
National Conference - Airfares - President & Secretary		492.76
Spiritual Reflection Day - Gift for speaker		50.00
NCW NSW - Annual subscription		50.00
Government Charges		9.40
		2994.75
		18617.22
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		
National Council of Women NSW - Annual Subscription	50.00	
Label Hewitt - Reimbursement Airfare	253.22	
David Tong - Reimbursement for Calendars	1155.00	
Irene Carder - Special Days Convener expenses	23.90	
UC in Aust. Board of Finance & Property - Postage WCD	133.22	
UC NSW Synod - Printing World Community Day & FLC	508.60	
Kwik Kopy	296.00	
Return of Money overpaid by Lakemba ACW - WCD	77.00	
UC in Aust Trust Association - Use of rooms for 2002	250.00	
Joan Tong - Accom. for Uma 5 nights @ \$30 per night	150.00	
Beryl McLaughlin - Postage Newsette	82.46	
UC in Aust NSW Synod - Printing Newsette	80.80	
Jan Harrison - Stationery	18.00	
Postage	13.50	31.50
Heather Badgery - Pastoral Convener Expenses		52.50
N.C.W. N.S.W. - Queen Mary S'ship		500.00
ACW Nat. Assoc. - FLC		
W.K.S.		
F'ship Day		300.00
World Community Day		15.00
Ol. A. Travel - N. A. Travel		500.00
ACWC - Partners		300.00
Endowment Fund		
Mani Majari - Stationery	3.75	48.75
FLC Stamps	45.00	