

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

19th Annual Report for year ending May, 1956

The 19th Annual Report of the Women's Inter-Church Council is presented in the spirit of thankfulness to God for the work it has been able to accomplish during the past year. Eight churches are represented on the Council, and to all their delegates, together with the Committee of the Wybalena Hostel Appeal Committee, and their Auxiliaries, our grateful thanks are extended.

The monthly meetings of the Council have been held at Bible House, Sydney. The Annual Meeting took place on May 27th, 1955, and was presided over by Mrs. Greenhalgh, of the Churches of Christ. The election of officers for 1955-1956 was as follows:

President: Mrs. Lowry (Society of Friends).

Past President: Mrs. Greenhalgh.

Vice Presidents: Mesdames Deane, Hall, Deans, Lew and Stolz.

Hon. Secretary: Miss G. A. Roseby.

Hon. Recording Secretary: Mrs. E. G. Pearson.

Treasurer: Miss R. McDiarmid.

ANNUAL RALLY.

There was a splendid attendance at the Annual Rally held on Friday, 24th June, 1955. The retiring President, Mrs. Greenhalgh, presented the official Bible to Mrs. Lowry with good wishes for her year of office. The induction prayer was offered by Mrs. A. Deans. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Lew, the Rev. R. B. Lew, President-General of the Methodist Church of Australia, gave an address on Evanston. He also dealt with racial problems as seen in Fiji and Honolulu as well as America. Frankness in discussion was a feature of the Assembly meetings. The theme, "Christ, the Hope of the World," received two interpretations, I. In His Second Coming, and II. Hope for our day and generation, as well as in the future. The World Council of Churches showed that there was no bar to Unity in the realm of spiritual fellowship.

Mrs. Stolz expressed thanks of the council to Rev. R. B. Lew, to Mrs. Greenhalgh, to Mrs. McGowan, organist, Miss Gardner soloist, and the officers of Wesley Chapel. Afternoon tea, arranged by the Society of Friends, was served in the Social Hall.

PERSONAL.

The Council desires to place on record the sense of loss and deep appre-

ciation of the devoted service rendered by Mrs. Chapman to the Council in the position of Recording Secretary and Treasurer and member of the Hostel Committee. We give thanks for her devotion to God's service and her work for the Kingdom of God.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hensman and Mrs. Wyper, who have suffered bereavement in the loss of their husbands during the year.

COMMUNITY DAY.

Members of the Council and friends met at the Friends' Meeting House, Devonshire Street, on Friday, 30th September. A devotional service was conducted at 11 a.m. by our President, Mrs. Lowry. The subject for discussion was the book of Ephesians, ably opened by Miss Roseby and Mrs. Millar. After a basket lunch, there was discussion of the question, "How can women take a more effective share in the work of the Churches?" We were fortunate indeed in the very high standards of the contributions of Mrs. Lew, Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Brigadier Garlick. Our thanks were conveyed to the Friends for the use of their place of worship and also for the excellent arrangements for refreshments.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS.

The Council entered a Stained Glass Window in the Festival of Christmas arranged by the Y.W.C.A. The theme was a dove with an olive branch. We are indebted to Miss Enid Pollard for her help in this regard.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The World Council of Churches meeting in Sydney in February, with the specially organised Festival of Faith, gave the women of our various Churches an opportunity of coming together in ecumenical activity, and of receiving inspiration from the visiting speakers present. It is hoped that the impact of this meeting on the people of Sydney will have some effect, but if it has done no more, it has served to emphasise our underlying unity in Christ. We were represented at the Laymans' Conference at Roseville.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The speakers at the Chapter House were Miss V. M. Sullivan (New Guinea) and Mrs. Snr. Captain W. Evans

(Southern Rhodesia). The soloist was Mrs. Clarice Inglos. Services were also arranged in many suburban and country districts.

NEW SETTLERS' LEAGUE.

We were glad to help at the Migrants' Exhibition of Work held at Anthony Hordern and Sons. The name of the organisation has now been changed to the Good Neighbour Council. There are now 10,000 migrants in hostels around Sydney. The Inter-Church Council arranged a Friendly Fellowship afternoon at Dundas on February 26th. The object was to bring women of each Church in the district to meet the migrants and tell them what was offering in Church life. This proved very worth while; there was splendid co-operation and much discussion during afternoon tea.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

In July, the Evelyn Strang Home was opened at Hammondville. We were amazed at the 10 o'clock closing victory. In a survey from Manly to Narrabeen, between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m., there were 3449 men and 702 women in hotels and 193 children waiting outside.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

We were also represented on the National Council of Women, United Nations Inter-Church Aid, Youth Temperance, and Prison Reform. We affiliated during the year with the New South Wales Council for Children's Films and Television.

We were represented at the Fourth

Anniversary of "The Call", where the speaker was Major Stevens, and at the reception to Mrs. Florence Taylor. At the Commonwealth Religious Society of Friends at St. Andrew's College, where Miss Lucy Birt spoke very effectively of her wide experience in China.

We were privileged indeed to have the opportunity of arranging an afternoon tea to meet Miss Esie Farris from America. This gifted lady gave us very vivid descriptions of the places she had worked in. At our November meeting, Mrs. Hauser told us of the work being done at Callan Park Mental Hospital. They are trying a "pilot experiment" to set up a link between the community and the hospital. There was urgent need for help for discharged patients. She also spoke of the need for helping nurses who have no homes in Sydney. The Council arranged a Christmas Party for nurses.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Council are expressed to the British and Foreign Bible Society for the use of the board room for meetings during the year;

to J. A. Dey, Esq., LL.B., who has now been admitted to the bar, for all his legal help;

to I. S. Hunt, Esq., LL.B., who has consented to be our Hon. Solicitor;

to the Rose Day Collectors, who collected £47/14/0;

to Mrs. Lowry, who has presided at our meetings and has attended several functions as representative of the Council;

to all friends who have helped in the work of the Council.

May we go forward into the new year realising that with God's help the Best is yet to Be.

Financial Statement to 31st May, 1956 N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council

1955/56	RECEIPTS.	£	s	d	EXPENDITURE	£	s	d
By Credit Balance, 31st May, 1955					To Printing Reports	9	3	0
" Collection at Rally		7	9	5	" Printing Programmes for Rally	3	2	0
" Collection Community Day		11	17	0	" Hire of Crockery for Rally		10	0
" Affiliation Fees from Churches		1	12	6	" Affiliation to Organisations	6	5	6
" "Wybalena" Hostel Committee, proportion of cost of Reports		7	7	0	" Circulars for Community Day	1	19	4
" Appeals Committee quota		3	1	0	" Cost of Presentation Flowers & Floral Tribute	2	2	0
" Donations to cost of Flowers		3	1	0	" Cost of preparing "Window" for Y.W.C.A. Festival	5	0	0
" Bank Interest		1	12	6	" Hire of Presbyterian Club	12	6	
		1	8		" Donation to Band of Hope Luncheon	1	0	0
					" Donation to Bible Society	1	1	0
					" Credit Balance, as per Pass Book	5	6	9
		£36	2	1		£36	2	1

All receipt butts and payments checked and Bank Balance correct.
S. A. SANDEFORD, 29/5/56.

R. McDIARMID,
Hon. Treasurer.

The Women's Citizens Wybalena Hostel Appeal Committee Annual Report

On the 4th Wednesday of every month the Wybalena Appeal Committee meets at 11 o'clock in the Lyceum Club, King Street. Under the able leadership of our President, Mrs. Millar, great things are done. Despite all the work, however, it is a happy band of women who meet together each month. There have been ten such meetings during the year, with an average attendance of tea members. We have pleasure in welcoming five new members to our midst, and know they will be a great asset to the Committee. Mr. Day, our Honorary Solicitor for so long, has now become a Barrister-in-Law, and so will not be able to act in that capacity. We appreciate most sincerely all that Mr. Day has done for us in the past. Mr. Ian Hunt has kindly agreed to take his place.

We were saddened by the death of a man, who worked untiringly in the interest of the Hostel, and Mrs. Morris, who, despite her long illness, never lost touch, and was a loved member also of the Mosman Auxillary. We remember them both with gratitude.

AUXILIARIES. Our four auxiliaries, Mosman, North Shore, Western Suburbs, and South Tablelands have again proved their worth. From these energetic folk our Treasurer has received £110. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking them for the work they are doing.

PROJECTS. Perhaps the project that involved the most work and thought this year was the Circular Letter and Brochure. 1,500 were sent out. The result, £376, was gratifying.

We were fortunate again to have Miss Trickett entertain us. Her subject "Ober-

ammergau." It was a most inspiring afternoon. Afternoon tea was dispensed by members of the Inter-Church Council and Wybalena Committee. Mrs. Barnett, from Mosman, was responsible for the Fancy Stall, which brought in the sum of £15. The nett result from this function was £46/14/0.

A most enjoyable evening arranged by Mrs. Lowry was spent at Scots Kirk, when Dr. Lemberg gave a talk entitled "Australia and Elsewhere." Dr. Lemberg also has some beautiful coloured slides, and the audience were most impressed with those he showed us of our own beautiful countryside. Mrs. Lowry and her helpers are to be congratulated on providing also such a lovely supper. £20/4/0 was handed to the Treasurer.

The task of looking after the Rose Bay buttons was once more shouldered by Mrs. Hall. Helpers are badly needed. Collections amounted to £37. Our sincere thanks to those members who grew weary in this most difficult task.

A RECITAL: In the John Ferguson Hall, Macquarie Street, on the 9th March was a great success.

SOLOISTS: Bessie Drysdale, Pianists; Etta Bernard, Contralto.

The folk who braved the elements that night were treated to a wonderful evening of music. We are indeed grateful to these two artists, who came forward and gave so generously of their time and talent to raise funds for the Hostel. The result of this fine effort was £73/12/0.

And so we come to the end of another year. Encouraged we go forward, remembering at all times to seek the guidance of God and pray for this blessing on all our undertakings.

"Wybalena" Hostel Appeal Committee Financial Statement, May 1955—April, 1956

RECEIPTS	£ s d	EXPENDITURE	£ s d
Bank Balance	142 12 0	Printing for Appeal and Tickets	82 6 4
N.S.A.	10 0 0	Postage for Appeal and Calendars	31 10 9
W.S.H.	50 0 0	Churches and Halls	7 15 0
M.A.	50 0 0	Piano Hire	12 6 0
United Charities	37 13 8	Expenses—Petty Cash, May '55	
Picture Evening	20 4 0	—April '56	21 0 0
Miss Trickett	46 14 0	Lyceum Club	1 1 0
Musical Evening	73 12 0	Inter-church Council	400 0 0
Donations	400 15 8		555 19 1
		Deposit in Bank	275 12 3
			£831 11 4
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Annual Report, 1955-1956

The year has been one of great blessing to the Hostel, and we give thanks to our Lord for His blessing.

Mrs. McCallum and Miss Doughty continue to give splendid service both in the material and spiritual spheres.

The Committee is as follows:—Mrs. Deane, Chairwoman; Miss Roseby, Treasurer and Registrar; in conjunction with Mrs. McCallum; Mrs. Knight, Secretary; Mesdames Palmer, Paterson, Hall, Lew and Miss McDiarmid; Mrs. Lowry, President of W.I.C.C., ex-officio; Mrs. Pearson, Recording Secretary W.I.C.C., ex-officio; and representing the Appeals Committee, Mesdames Millar, Payten, Wyper, Porter (on leave of absence) and Lady Plowman.

The master plan is being carried out according to our finances. A single room has been built on the upstairs landing,

and the front room downstairs has been made into a lounge room and tastefully furnished.

For the first time since the Hostel was opened five years ago it was found necessary to increase the board by 5/- weekly.

After much discussion it was decided to take only students in future, as we considered theirs was the greatest need.

ADDENDUM: Thanks are extended to our Chairwoman, Mrs. Deane, and Miss Roseby, Treasurer, for their untiring work on behalf of the Hostel, and to the Committee generally, to the members of the Appeals Committee for their wonderful financial help, to Mrs. Hall for her gracious, sacrificial service in taking charge of the Hostel during Matron's absence, and to Mrs. McCallum, Matron, and Miss Doughty, Sub-matron, for their faithful and christian service.

"Wybalena" Hostel

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1955/56

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Bank Balance, May, 1955—				M.L.C. Insurance Company,			
Book No. 787	57	9	4	Instalments in reduction			
Book No. 788	390	18	3	of Mortgage	320	0	0
Boarders' Payments	3078	9	11	General Expenses, including			
Donations	415	7	6	Repairs, Rates, etc.	916	16	4
				Housekeeping expenses	1393	19	4
				Furniture and Furnishing .	199	16	4
				Interest	154	14	2
				Wages to Staff	768	10	0
				Bank Balance, May, 1956—			
				Book 787	52	16	10
				Book 788	134	12	0
	£3942	5	0		£3942	5	0

Mortgage debt at 30th May, 1956,
£3485 0 0.

S. A. SANDIFORD, Auditor.

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HOSTEL COMMITTEE

Financial Statement. May 31.1951 - May 29 1952.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
In Bank	271	19	11	Option on House	200		
In hand	7			Donations passed			
Donations	239	16	2	to Appeal C'tee	89	12	
"	13	6	5	Print.Creek'y Photo	5	6	5
From App.C'tel	1045			M.L.C.Interest	12	14	1
Interest	89	0	5	House Purchase and			
Rose Day	60	16	11	legal expenses	8246	8	6
Sale Bonds	2570	10		Hostel Fund	1159	1	
M.L.C.Loan	5500			Housekeeping	306	1	5
Hostel Fees	504	16		In hand	285	4	5
	£ 10302	5	10		£ 10302	5	10