



# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW State Unit

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 20th November, 2000 at 10.30 a.m.

President Jan Harrison welcomed members and special guests, Lucelle King, Dorothy and Len Woodhouse and Isabel Hewitt as new Secretary. Jan prayed for Edith Ridge as she undergoes further treatment and for all other members who are not well, for Marie Majoor and Helen Richardson in the Cook Island for PPSEAWA Conference - and that we would dedicate our lives to God's service asking that he would guide and direct our decisions.

PRESENT: 41 as recorded. Visitors: 3

APOLOGIES: Peg Blake, Marie Majoor, Jean Porteous, Edith Ridge, Helen Richardson, Joan Tong and Elizabeth Walker, and 13 others as recorded.

MINUTES: The Minutes of meeting of 16th October, 2000 were read and confirmed on motion of Dss Thora Thoams and Bev Elliott. Carried.

## BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Questionnaire - to be handed in today or posted as soon as possible.
2. Programmes for 2001 and ACW Directory - available today.
3. World Community Day - many complimentary remarks re the format of the Service prepared by our Unit - ACT Unit enjoyed the Service - Margaret Greenslade, National FLC Convener very impressed - everyone liked the butterflies. Lucelle King was complimented on her design.
4. Pleasant Sunday Afternoon - at Salvation Army Korean Corps, Belmore - excellent service conducted by President Jan and Major Joan Tong - Salvation Army Band, International Choir from Churches of Christ, Belmore; Korean WCTU Ladies' Choir - Joan wished to thank all those who attended and contributed to afternoon tea. A new venue to be sought for the Service in 2001.
5. ACWC Calendars - all monies returned today.
6. Ecumenical Council - Isabel Hewitt mentioned a book "Life after drowning" an ecumenical study programme - \$4.95. - could be used for Lenten studies - Christmas Bowl appeal - Advent calendar available - Information as to where the Christmas Bowl monies are distributed. Lily Hanlon is our official representative on Ecumenical Council
5. World Day of Prayer - Brenda Dickinson has agreed to be a member of ACW team on the Committee.

President Jan then said how delightful it was to have Lucelle King as our guest speaker and invited her to give us some aspects of her life since moving to Forster nearly two years ago. Lucelle said they were very happy in their Retirement Village - the World Day of Prayer held in Forster was well attended - 60 to 70 - and she was able to organise a World Community Day at which President Jan was the speaker - very well received - 60 present. "Thanks for Christmas" was sung by Lucelle - and she then spoke of the many people involved in the Christmas story - the Prophets, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Inn-keeper, Shepherds, Herod and the Wise Men, Simeon and Anna - Jesus - the most wonderful present of all time - and she asked the question is He the Lord of your life?

Jan thanked Lucelle for her very pertinent address and then called on Shirley Wells, who on behalf of the Executive and Council read the citation for conferring on Lucelle Life Membership - for her many years of service with ACW, as President, National WKS Convener, Publicity Convener and composer of our Theme song "We who are many are one in the Lord". Beryl Kirkwood also spoke of her long association with Lucelle and prayed for Lucelle and Bruce in their retirement. President Jan then presented the Life Membership Badge to Lucelle who was greatly surprised to be honoured in this way and responded in a very moving speech.

REPORTS :

TREASURER: Beryl McLaughlin presented report in absence of Marie Majoor. Report received and accounts passed for payment on motion of Beryl McLaughlin and Heather Reid. Carried.

SOCIAL ISSUES: National Executive directed our attention to an objection by Catholic Bishops - to protect children being deliberately born to fatherless families as a result of single women being given access to Government funded assisted reproductive technology services. We are asked to write to Members of Parliament registering our objection. Women's News October 2000 draws attention to International Year of Volunteers 2001. Heather Reid pointed out that nominations of women were sought for 2001 Australian of the Year. Grants are available - application forms available from the Family and Community Services (FaCS) office - Tel. 1300 653 227 (free call) If members wish to receive Women's News - address is 51 Magnolia Road, Gardenvale, Vic. 3185.

NEWSETTE: Copy for February issue required mid-January.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: No news re scholars.

Rachel McManus and her husband Adam have a baby daughter, Ivy May, born 16th September. Very happy family.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder had received reports from 24 centres - excellent services - good attendances. Great co-operation between denominations. Irene thanked members for messages of condolence on the death of her mother.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells said that the response for World Community Day and FLC offertory was very encouraging - she prayed Shanti Solomon's prayer.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery had written to Norma Harrop on her move to Port Stephens, Laura Wilkins and Ruth Moore.

ACWC - Article in ACWC Newsletter on Jubilee - "Journeying with the people toward a New Jerusalem". Interesting and thought-provoking. Will be copied for each denomination.

President Jan then invited Dorothy Woodhouse to speak regarding her involvement with ACW over the years. Dorothy said she had been a member since 1974 - she had been Secretary, FLC Convener, President of Chatswood/Willoughby Branch. She and her husband Les had prepared videos on the history of ACW. On their retirement to Kincumber, Dorothy had commenced a Branch of ACW and she was very pleased when Bev Elliott moved to the area and was co-opted as Secretary. Nine different Churches from five denominations have participated in the ACW Special Days - our Statement of Faith is always emphasised. Jan then informed Dorothy that her name and details of her involvement with ACW over the years would be forwarded to National Executive for inclusion in the Bursary Book - these details read to Council members, - moved Mina Whybourne seconded Bev Elliott that this be done forthwith. Carried unanimously. Dorothy responded and thanked all for this recognition, quite unexpected. Judith Baker prayed and thanked the Lord for dedicated people particularly as they move to new areas.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. Anglicare - Service and luncheon at Bishopscourt - 25th October - Elizabeth Walker attended.
2. St. Stephens U.C. Macquarie Street - Christmas service and luncheon - 6th December - Jan Harrison and Helen Richardson to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE (Inward)

1. Carmel Keys - CWLA - thanking for welcome to office
2. Valmai Renn - resigning from ACW Council due to husband's illness
3. Alwyn Warren - enjoyed Council
4. Dorothy Ferrier - Nat. Trustee WKS re quantity of 2001 leaflets & 2002 Scholar Apps.
5. National Ex. ACW Minutes October and 2 Circular letters - beware of scam targeting females in particular purports to be from Post Office asking for information of their firm's postcode. When given, the person is told she is eligible for gift vouchers and her home address and postcode is needed to receive the vouchers. 90% of women who have given this information are burgled (it is assumed that no one will be home during the day)  
Also - you may receive a phone call from someone claiming to be an AT&T Service Technician testing the line and that you should press 90# and hang up. DO NOT DO SO - it gives full access to your phone line to place long distance, international or chat line calls billed to your account. (Police have information that suggests many of these calls are emanating from local jails).
6. Averil Whybird ACT Unit - welcome to Isabel Hewitt - congratulations on WCD Service
7. National Council of Women - Invitation to Australia Day luncheon at Parliament House 23rd January 2001 - \$44.
8. Niroosha Ebenezer - thanks for \$40 sent to her.
9. Heather Badgery - thanking for concern after accident.

CORRESPONDENCE (Outward)

1. Dorothy Piper - invitation to speak at Dedication Service - (unable to speak)
2. Dorothy Ferrier - Buirsary Book Photos. NSW agreed to host ACWC delegates prior to National Conference September 2001. Pres. phoned Dorothy ordering 1900 WKS leaflets in consultation with Edith Ridge for 2001.
3. Edith Ridge - ACW Unit papers and our kind regards.
4. National Executive forwarding NSW August Council Minutes. Best wishes to Maureen Clark (Nat. Sec.) as she travels overseas to Conferences with husband.
5. Glenys Holley - card on the death of her father.
6. Valmai Renn - accepting resignation with regret and offering Associate Membership for one year.
7. Norma Harrop - offering Associate Membership

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Bev Elliott and Margaret Jessup. Carried.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Lily Hanlon - invitation to dinner at Roseville Uniting Church on 11th December at 6.30 - \$30.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Successful packing day - next Meeting 27 November.

CHILDREN'S T.V. Lily Hanlon said that the Committee have lots of new ideas. School media project in hand to discover what children are watching - Dorothy Kenning (President) said there would be a newsletter distributed before the end of the year.

PPSEAWA - Sr. Marie Craddock said that an International Conference is being held in Cook Islands - Marie Majoor and Helen Richardson attending. Jeanette Smith (President) has been conferring with Doug Hewitt re the Pilgrimage to the Heart and reconciliation.  
PPSEAWA had contributed to the sponsoring of the East Timorese Singers - who would be singing in Town Hall on 29 November

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: Marie Majoor was re-elected as Treasurer at their Annual General Meeting on 26th November.

GENERAL OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Dss Thora Thomas thanked members for their support in purchasing copies of her book - "Betwixt and Between".

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY, 2001

Morning Tea: Salvation Army  
Chairs: Uniting Church

President Jan thanked the Catholic ladies for morning tea and the Presbyterian ladies for preparing the room. She then prayed for Lucelle King and Dorothy Woodhouse, for our members not very well, Edith Ridge, Doris Haberfield, Norma Harrop, Valma Renn and for our families. The meeting was closed at 12.30 p.m. by all saying The Grace together.

Confirmed J. R. Isaacs  
Date 19th February  
2001

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW UNIT**

Actual Balances as at 31.10.00

	<b>31.10.00</b>	<b>30.09.00</b>
Administration-	594.89	691.03
Interest	269.10	200.46
Stock	633.77	34.37
Newsette	1490.65	1465.65
O/Seas travel	498.98	419.08
Functions Days	165.25	165.25
State Conference	780.91	780.91
F.L.C.	4302.80	1639.10
WKS	293.04	223.04
Fellowship Day	4547.75	4452.75
World Community Day	1439.83	165.27 Dr.
A.C.W.C. Partners	20.00	20.00
A.C.W.C. Bulletins	44.00	44.00
AC.W.C. Endowment fund	42.00	42.00
Love Offering for Padma		40.00
Suspense Account	290.00	0.00
	<u>15414.97</u>	<u>\$10052.37</u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
for one month ended 31.10.00

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.10.00		
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH		10052.37
Stock	599.40	
Newsette	25.00	
Overseas travel fund	79.90	
FLC	2712.35	
Winifred Kiek S'ship	70.00	
Fellowship Day Service	95.00	
World Community Day	1605.10	
Interest - Glebe Board	68.64	
Suspense A/c	290.00	
		<u>5545.39</u>
		15597.76
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH		
Printing/Stationery	77.05	
Postage/Phone	15.50	
Fellowship Least Coin	48.65	
Love Offering for Padma	40.00	
ernment Charges	3.59	
		<u>184.79</u>
		15412.97
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		
UCA-NSW Synod - Printing Newsette	77.80	
Beryl McLaughlin - Posting Newsette		
ACW-Nat.Exec. - F'ship Least Coin		
F'ship Day Service		
World Community Day Service		
Winifred Kiek S'ship		
ACWC Bulletin	715.00	
" Partners	500.00	
" Endowment Fund	500.00	
Overseas Travel Fund	150.00	
National Travel Fund	150.00	
Transfer of allowable percentages from FLC,FDS,WCD,WKS to ACW NSW Unit		