

	Minutes of Meeting of N.W. Women's Inter Church Council held in the Social Hall Bible House, Sunday 22nd March, 1968
Opening Devotions	using Devotions by Sept on 19th 22nd were led by the President, Mrs. Couled.
Welcome:	was extended to new representatives; and
Apologies:	were received from Mesdames Mellor, Lishburn, Patterson, Aitkin, Bradshaw, Allan, Lithely, Lane * Osborne , ^{Moran} , and Deaconess Andrews (who was representing Council at the A.B.M. Annual Meeting).
Minutes of the February meeting were read & confirmed	
Correspondence:	Permission was granted to table newsletters and general correspondence.
	The following correspondence was dealt with as read:
	1. Baptist Women's Federation advising Mrs. Shope & Mrs. Caldwell new representatives to Council.
	2. Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship inviting W.I.C.C. President to represent all denominations & give a greeting to Conference meeting. Mesdames Couled & Dougherty to attend.
	3. W. I. W. Reception Thracaders - Mrs. Couled to book table for six W.I.C.C. members.
Reports:	FINANCE: Mrs. Perrins reported the balance in General Fund to be \$238.29, while the

Project Fund Balance was \$6.50 and the Fellowships of the Least \$16.51.

Promotions: Mrs. Ralph gave a short report of the Committee's recent activities and drew particular attention to the copies of Mrs. Watts' statement prepared on behalf of the National Committee and also copies of our new newsletter, both of which were available.

Special
Welcome: Before the presentation of the Wybalena Report Mrs. Couled extended a special welcome to Mrs. Watts, a visitor from the Society of Friends; Mrs. Lyndelach, who would present the report; and Mrs. Brigadier McCarthy, Project Secretary NADOC, and a member of the Consultative Committee and other committees interested in the education and advancement of aborigines, who had been invited by the Wybalena Committee to attend March Council meeting to inform members of the avenues available through which scholarships and other help can be afforded aboriginal women and girls.

REPORT: Mrs. Lyndelach then asked Council to ratify the decision of the Committee to

"The Wybala Trust Committee". This was readily agreed to by Council on ~~the resolution~~ and Mrs Butler moved Mrs O'Reilly seconded a motion carried to this effect.

Mrs Cowled then read the names of the present Committee — Mrs. Millar (Chairman)

Mrs. Lyndelack (Secretary) and Mesdames Hall, Patterson, Stoly, Palmer, Knight, McPhee, Briggs, Cowled, Beveridge, Weedon and Yelds. Mrs Lyndelack reported on the Committee's inquiries and discussions to date and drew Council's attention to the fact that the Wybala monies were invested for a period of twelve months ending May, 1968.

Mrs Ralph moved Mrs Bragg seconded, "That the Council ask Mrs Ian Hunt, Wybala Solicitor, to advise us on the re-investment in May of the principles of the Wybala monies." This resolution was carried unanimously.

Mrs Brigadier McCarthy then gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the Consultative Committee and Madoc ^{of the Foundation} and the tremendous care and effort taken

in the selection of young people to whom scholarships are awarded. Scholarships ranged from \$30 to a scholar for equipment & books through to \$2,400 for a most comprehensive scholarship plan where money is paid to the parent, to the scholar and to the school for fees. Mrs. McCarthy's information covered a most comprehensive field of work from pre school kindergarten work through homework centres, tech. fees to girls to enable their matriculating sewing, modelling, evening classes in music, art & public speaking, library equipment and the very interesting new work ^{spelled} on the North Coast of New Guinea family group training & education. The actual training had been done by Maori women and was proving so successful that two aboriginal women have been selected to go to New Zealand for further training in this technique.

The Commonwealth Government has agreed to pay the fares of these two women, and the Maori people will provide hospitality and transport in

New Zealand. However, Mrs. McCarthy indicated the Consultative Committee's concern that so far no monies were available for pocket money & other incidental expenses.

Mrs. McCarthy invited interested members to attend (as observers) meetings of the Committee and pointed out that it is possible for societies or individuals to become Committee members.

During a very lively question time at the conclusion of Mrs. McCarthy's informative session, the possibility of the W. I. C. C. providing the necessary pocket money for the women training in New Zealand was raised. Mrs. Harro moved, and Mrs. Briggs seconded, that this Council authorize the Wyhalena Trust Committee to pay the sum of \$100 to the Consultative Committee to provide pocket money for the two Aboriginal women travelling to New Zealand for training in family group education. This motion was carried.

Mrs. Cowled expressed the interest

very real thanks of Council members to
Mrs. Benjamin McCarthy for her most
informative and comprehensive report to Council.

There being no further business
the meeting closed at 12.30pm with the
benediction.

President J. G. Cowled

Secretary: W. D. Dougherty
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