



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 18 August 2003 at 10.30 a.m.

WELCOME: Jean Porteous welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking Edith Ridge for organising the microphone. Peg Blake had sent her love and apology, and Mina Whybourne also as she was not well. Peg Cameron was attending a funeral in Victoria.

DEVOTIONS: Janet Lang led devotions, suggesting members think of those special people who have inspired us. Janet used a short meditation prepared by Rae Bruce - someone who had inspired her - dealing with changes in life. Readings from Matthew 27: 37b, Psalms 61: 4 and 91:4 - Jesus' love for Jerusalem as a hen gathers her chicks . . .; let me find safety under your wings; He will cover you with his wings. In prayer, thanks were given for needs met before we know them, blessing asked on those members who were absent, and asking for courage to face whatever comes our way.

PRESENT: 46 as recorded

APOLOGIES: 13 as recorded

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of 16 June 2003 were confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Ramona Cowle. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE: It was moved Jan Harrison, seconded Thora Thomas that Joan Tong be appointed as Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener on the incoming National Executive. Nancy McLaren reported that there would be a meeting following Council.
2. NATIONAL CONFERENCE PERTH 6-10 October 2003 with the theme *Towards Community*. Registrations number 67, with 17 of these being from NSW. Nancy encouraged anyone who was considering going to make a decision soon.
3. SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY: 21 July 2003 had been seen as - great, wonderful, worth coming to. The theme *In quietness and confidence . . .* had proved to be a good choice.
4. PUBLICITY CONVENER to replace Robyn Collins is needed and members were asked to think and pray that the position might soon be filled.
5. TRADING TABLE: In Helen Hill's absence Olive Bolliger kindly supervised for the day.
6. RADIO PUBLICITY: Jean Porteous reported on her three minute time slot on a Sunday evening in July just before 11.00 when she was able to talk about Fellowship of the Least Coin and Winifred Kiek Scholarship with the Rev John Edmondstone.
7. ACWC SERVICE: To be held at the Korean Uniting Church, corner Albert & Homebush Roads Strathfield on 28 September 2003 at 2.45 pm. A good program has been arranged, flyers were available for advertising, and members were asked to please supply some afternoon tea.
8. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY PROJECT: The NSW application on behalf of PLC Sydney seeking support for their *East Timor Kindergarten Project* has been selected, and we are to notify the school informing them of the acceptance of their project.
9. LIST OF SPEAKERS: Council members who are available to speak about Australian Church Women and its activities to church women's groups are asked to put their names on the list. Musicians who would be available at functions also needed.
10. CITY WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE: Pitt Street Uniting Church (between Park & Bathurst Sts) has agreed to host WCD Service on Tuesday 21 October 2003, 12.15 - 1.00 pm.

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11. FUNDRAISING: Bars of fudge at \$1.00 each were available in bags of 20 or individual bars for members to take and sell. It was agreed that screenprinted calico bags be purchased for resale at \$5. Thora Thomas will have a book of short stories available at next meeting, to cost \$14.50, with 10% of takings to go to ACW.

12. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S COALITION: National Executive request for a nomination from NSW - already one from ACT - all asked to consider. Photos for Grandparenting posters requested by 28 August 2003.

13. ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL: The Festival is to be held 12-15 September 2003 and ACW NSW Unit has agreed to sponsor an arrangement. Donations were invited to cover the cost of an arrangement.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson provided a statement of receipts and payments for the four months from 1 April - 31 July 2003. Receipts for the period totalled \$7201.49 and payments \$9490.03 (\$6,500 of this amount being transfer to investment accounts). Accounts for Newsette printing/postage \$155.43, Fudge for Fundraising \$480, NCW affiliation fee \$50 were presented for payment.

It was moved Helen Richardson, seconded Judith Baker that the Treasurer's report be received and accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

ACWC: Members were asked to publicise the ACWC Service on Sunday 28 September 2003 at 2.45 pm. Good comments had been received on the ACWC magazine.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin apologised that (i) the incorrect date for the ACWC Service had appeared in the latest issue and (ii) Robyn Collins had incorrectly been referred to as Robyn Williams. Deadline for next issue is 20 October 2003.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder reported that packing day will be 1 September 2003 for World Community Day orders of service - theme is *Towards Community - Love in Action*. St George Branch is closing down and Irene asked for any information people might have on the area.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery has been in contact with Joyce Liddell following knee surgery; Shirley Wells whose friend had a nasty fall; Dorothy Woodhouse. She will write to Mina Whybourne and Marie Craddock. Bruce King, husband of Lucelle, is making a miraculous recovery, walking with one stick, speaking and generally coming on well.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer was absent but had submitted a written report. She appreciated the WKS focus included on Spiritual Enrichment Day, as did Janet Watts the National Convener, and the scholars. For fuller detail on WKS scholars, Judith suggested the article in Newsette.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper tabled publications:

- gentle exercise after breast cancer brochures
- crime prevention for seniors
- older women speak up - victims of violence
- Prison Fellowship monthly prayer calendar
- Women's News - on women's health

RHEMA Sydney Christian Media Limited has applied to the Broadcasting Authority in an effort to obtain a temporary community broadcasting licence, hoping to obtain a permanent licence next year.

Cela suggested that members should make enquiries to see if local MPs are holding consultative meetings prior to the NSW Government Alcohol Summit 26-29/8/2003. The *Sydney Morning Herald* 18/8/2003 reported on over consumption - pray that the correct decisions will be taken at the Summit.

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Last week was Cerebral Palsy Week. This week is Early Childhood Intervention Week - stressing the need for early detection of disabilities. Wesley Mission suggests that 40% of street people are mentally ill. Could we do some research into problems people are having with children and bring matters to next Council meeting for discussion.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Nancy McLaren reported that donations are still coming in and boxes are available. With the background of Ruth and Naomi's "where you go I will go . . ." Nancy led a short devotional - we need to cling to Christ, change the person in a given situation so that they can deal with it.

The reports were received on the motion of Robin Phillis and Sandra Wise.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. National Executive: Minutes June, July; Circulars 2003/12; ACW WA travel finance; Travel Fund(2);
 2. Parramatta Centenary Uniting Church Evening Fellowship - Donation WKS
 3. Dorothy Woodhouse - re Tribute to Les
 4. Commissioner Coral Strong - re ACW representatives
 5. ACW ACT - Newsletter July-September 2003
 6. ACW Victoria - News June-July
 7. PWA NSW - Annual Conference 7/7/2003 at 10.00 am at PLC Croydon
 8. AWC - June, July News Sheets; Report on Constitution Forum; Grandparenting
 9. Judith Cayzer - report
 10. PWA - confirmation ACW delegates
 11. Marion Smith, NCW - thanks for recognition of award
- Publications: NCWA Forward Together 6/2003; PWA Span 8/2003

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. National Executive - Material for Conference Working Papers
2. Sheila Mellar - Treasurer, National Executive
3. Hannah Mills - Parramatta Centenary UCEF - thanks for WKS donation

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Judith Baker reported that 365 services had been held in NSW with an attendance of 25,000. \$60,000 had been given to the Bible Society and \$1000 to Fiji for putting to air TV religious messages.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: Shirley Wells reported that NCW National Conference would be held 6 September 2003. Shirley also gave an indication of the scope of matters they considered at their last meeting. Of interest to those who have heard Fiona Collins speak, is that she has been nominated for a human rights award.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Nola Dickson gave a report from the latest *Sharing* newsletter: ecumenical initiatives in Epping and Marrickville; an increase in giving to the Christmas Bowl in NSW; the opening of the House of Welcome Drop-in Centre at Carramar; ACW involvement in an ecumenical weekend workshop at Tamworth.

CHILDREN'S FILM AND TELEVISION: Dorothy Kenning reported that unfortunately this work would probably cease following their meeting next week. Membership has decreased and the difficulty of finding office bearers/workers means the work will be winding up. Jean Porteous expressed our sadness that this would be necessary.

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

Edith Ridge thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as ACW delegate to PPSEAWA. Speakers at meetings have been interesting, and coming up there will be a study on Fresh Water with members contributing on the situation in the Pacific area. Sr Marie Craddock is one of the secretaries for PPSEAWA.

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GIRLS BRIGADE: Ruth Dickinson told of their Training Day when 30 girls attended a leadership course. Twelve girls will receive their Queen's Award at Government House after completing the requirements of a two year program. NSW is hosting the GB National Conference in September.

WCTU: Beryl McLaughlin reported that although it is a temperance organisation the WCTU was not included in the NSW Government Alcohol Summit, but will make a written submission. In March 2004 the WCTU Convention will have as its guest speaker Bishop Tom Frame who is Bishop to the Defence Forces.

The reports were received with thanks.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

CONSTITUTION/INCORPORATION: In order to bring the Constitution up to date following incorporation it was moved Judith Baker, seconded Edith Ridge that the Constitution of Australian Church Women New South Wales State Unit be altered to read Australian Church Women New South Wales State Unit Incorporated.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

Opening House of Welcome drop-in centre Carramar 20/6/2003
TAFE Fair Trading Graduation Ceremony - 4/7/2003 - Henry Porteous attended
PWA NSW - Annual Conference 7/7/2003
Fellowship Day Dee Why 25/7/2003
NCW Luncheon 6/8/2003
CWL Parramatta - Cela Cooper as representative
UCA Sydney Day Mission Support Group Service 11/8/2003 - Edith Ridge, Rhoda Gates
CWLA Conference 13/8/2003 - Jean Porteous for NSW, Nancy McLaren for National
St Mary's Cathedral Flower Festival - 12-15 September 2003

An invitation was extended to the launch of a book of short stories by Thora Thomas to take place at a musical afternoon at the Uniting Church Harbord on Sunday 24 August 2003 at 2.30 pm.

CLOSE: Jean Porteous closed the meeting with prayer - thanks for our meeting time - praying for safe travelling and for those needing care.

NEXT MEETING: 15 September 2003

CHAIRS: Anglican
MORNING TEA: Presbyterian

Confirmed: Jan A Porteous

Date: 15.9.03

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR FOUR MONTHS 1 APRIL - 31 JULY 2003**

CREDIT BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2003 8496.63

Receipts -	April	2056.43	
	May	528.00	
	June	671.06	
	July	<u>3946.00</u>	<u>7201.49</u>
			15698.12

Payments -	April	1778.48	
	May	884.07	
	June	5868.31	
	July	<u>959.17</u>	<u>9490.03</u>
			6208.09

April - \$1500 transferred to Uniting Church Investment Fund
June - \$5000 invested with Churches of Christ Property Trust

Amounts for Ratification/Payment

Postage August Newsette	91.98
Uniting Church - printing Newsette	63.45
Fudge for Fundraising	480.00
NSW Affiliation Fee	30.00