



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NSW STATE UNIT INC

55th ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2018

IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

Words and music – Lucelle King
Arranged by Helen Scott 1991

We, being many are one in the Lord;
Each one is different, but we're trusting in his Word
For we are part of God's family thru' Jesus Christ His Son
Tho' we are many, yet in Christ we are one,
We, being many, in Christ we are one

(This song is sung at many of the gatherings of Australian Church Women Inc.)

ACW seeks

TO unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to
Their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

TO provide opportunities for Christian women of different
Denominations to worship, study and serve together.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Australian Church Women believe that there is one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit; one God, Three-in-one.

We believe that Scripture teaches that salvation is only through faith in the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's only Son

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN NSW 2018

Thursday, 31st May DEDICATION DAY

11.00 am, St Francis Xavier Cathedral,
36 Harbour Street, Wollongong

FELLOWSHIP DAY held at the end of July

in local areas.
Supports Winifred Kiek Scholars

ACWC Multicultural Concert of Praise

Sunday 26th August at 2.00 pm
Epping Baptist Church

State Conference

Monday, 17th September

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Held at the end of October in local areas.
Features the giving of money for FLC;
Special offering for the work of ACWC ,
and the Special Project

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Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Winifred

By Margaret Knauerhase

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Abbreviations:

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| ACW | Australian Church Women |
| ACWC | Asian Church Women's Conference |
| FLC | Fellowship of the Least Coin |
| NCW | National Council of Women |
| WKS | Winifred Kiek Scholarship |

President's Report April 2018

On 31st May, my tenure as President of NSW State Unit of Australian Church Women, will be completed, and the incoming president, Peg McEntee OAM, will take over the reins.

I have been well supported by the NSW State Unit Executive, especially in recent days with my responsibilities as carer for my husband and unexpected personal health issues. I thank God for each and every one of you as you prayerfully support the members of state executive in the performance of their duties, in the various aspects of ACW.

During the past 12 months, I, with others, was privileged to attend the National Conference in Melbourne as arranged by the National Executive based in Victoria, in early October. *Women Empowering Change*, was the overriding theme for this gathering. Great fellowship was shared with women from around Australia; speakers brought challenging messages, as well as the Bible Studies. At the end of the conference the delegation from Queensland introduced the topic for consideration during its time as National Executive – *Women Serving Open-heartedly*.

NSW State Unit has prepared the Order of Service for the *Fellowship Day 2018*, using, *Women of Encouragement* as the topic for the day, at the request of the National Executive now based in Queensland. We trust that you will find this inspiring for the day.

Last September, the Spiritual Enrichment Day was held at Woy Woy Presbyterian Church. How generous was the hospitality from our friends in Woy Woy! What a special time together, where the focus was on prayer and praying together through song and scripture.

I commend to you the incoming State President, Peg, as she assumes this role with all the responsibilities. Let us together pray for His wisdom and grace to continue to lead us through the coming days.

Pamela Freeman

President NSW State Unit of Australian Church Women

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**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 December 2017**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Australian Church Women NSW State Unit Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2017.

National Executive Responsibility for the Financial Report

The National Executive are responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate for their requirements.

Auditor's Responsibility

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the National Executive.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the National Executive, or for any purpose other than for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the organisations financial position, and performance as represented by the results of operations. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Independence

In conducting the audit, I have followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies the financial position of the Australian Church Women NSW State Unit Inc. as at 31 December 2017 and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

Yours Faithfully,



Malcolm North CPA
17 February 2017

World Day of Prayer – Annual Report 2018

The 2017 World Day of Prayer project was set up in the Philippines to train counsellors to assist women who have been traumatized. From donations given at the World Day of Prayer Services in NSW the sum of \$93,000 was handed to the Bible Society who are overseeing this project. The Service prepared by Filipino women and was well received, and the Services were very well attended.

The project supported in 2016 is ongoing. A Bible based anti-bullying program run by the Bible Society of Cuba is being welcomed by young people. This new resource, has been well received and is being taken up by schools as part of their program to end bullying and discourage violence, in the schools, in the community and within the family.

The anti-bullying booklet and program is part of the “Building Healthy Relationships” project that was helped with funds from our WDP offertories in 2016.

In 2018 the Project is in Suriname to assist children in need in that country. The project will be aimed at children 4-16 who are at significant risk and facing a bleak future. Poverty means many children grow up in orphanages, foster homes or in families where parents are not available to supervise. Vulnerable children are targeted from a young age by criminals.

The World Day of Prayer committee thank everyone for their prayers and support of our WDP Services and projects.

Tricia Graham
World Day of Prayer Representative.

Girls' Brigade 2017 Annual Report

What a year that Girls' Brigade NSW had in 2017. The theme for 2017 for Girls' Brigade International was **Be Empowered** and this was reflected in all the events that took place. Some of the events included our State Councils, Pioneer Leadership training and Leader Training. These events were held at Brigade House and everyone who attended had a great time of fellowship and of spiritual growth.

Other events we had in 2017 were the Pacific Fellowship Conference, which was held in Katoomba. This was a great time where countries around the Pacific came together as a fellowship to discuss issues happening in their countries and there were also workshops, a Church Parade at Springwood Baptist Church, special speakers, time of fellowship, business sessions and a time of sightseeing.

Several Girls' Brigade Companies celebrated milestones this year: one Company celebrated 60 years, and another 50 years of serving the mission of Girls' Brigade in their Churches.

The Bibles for Vanuatu that Girls' Brigade NSW donated arrived to Girls' Brigade Vanuatu. This was great news, as it had taken a long time to get there. We also received the new Branding from Girls' Brigade Australia, which we are very excited to use. Also, Girls' Brigade Australia has invested in giving every girl in Girls' Brigade a Bible next year. These bibles have been made and designed for Girls' Brigade and inside the Bible it has stories from Girls' Brigade members past and present. The girls would be getting these Bibles next year celebrating 125 years.

We are looking to a great 2018, as we are celebrating 125 years of Girls' Brigade International. Thank you very much for the support you give to Girls' Brigade NSW.

Elizabeth Neale

Girls' Brigade NSW representative

Income and Expenditure Statement

| INCOME EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 December 2017 | | | |
|---|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| INCOME | | EXPENDITURE | |
| ABN: 66 172 154 486 | | AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC. | |
| Administration - Fees | \$ 280.00 | Administration Expenses | \$ 740.60 |
| Administration - Donations | \$ 40.00 | Postage & Stationery | \$ 492.82 |
| Dedication Day | \$ 391.95 | National Conference | \$ 4,535.17 |
| ACWC Newsletters | \$ 12.00 | ACWC Newsletters | \$ 12.00 |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin | \$ 7,707.50 | Newslette | \$ 737.55 |
| Circle of Prayer booklets | \$ 46.00 | Travel Fund | \$ 450.00 |
| Fellowship Day Offerings | \$ 2,023.40 | Circle of Prayer Booklets | \$ 46.00 |
| Travel Fund | \$ 646.85 | Fellowship Day (+ WKS donations) | \$ 2,035.29 |
| Newslette | \$ 880.00 | Fellowship of the Least Coin | \$ 7,795.90 |
| Spiritual Enrichment Day | \$ 315.00 | ACWC 50% WCD Offerings & Specific Donations | \$ 1,611.20 |
| National Conference | \$ 1,550.00 | 50% WCD Offerings (Special Project) | \$ 1,611.25 |
| World Community Day (Special Projects) | \$ 3,325.70 | Essay books/Shanti books | \$ 200.00 |
| World Community Day (FLC Donations) | \$ 6,036.75 | Dedication Day | \$ 76.45 |
| Winifred Kiel Scholarship Donations | \$ 110.50 | Spiritual Enrichment Day | \$ 245.40 |
| ACWC Donation | \$ 3.00 | State Sponsored Project | \$ 500.00 |
| Contra - Essay Bks;Shanti;Nat Conf;Replace Chec | \$ 863.00 | PPSEAWA Affiliation; NCW Affiliation & Lunches | \$ 285.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 24,231.65 | World Community Day - FLC Offering | \$ 5,545.95 |
| | | Contra: Jean Arnot;Reimbursement | \$ 751.00 |
| | | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | \$ 27,671.58 |

| | Newsletters | Travel Fund | State Conference | Asian Church Women Conference | Fellowship of the Least Coin | Circle of Prayer | Dedication Day | World Community Day | Fellowship Day | Spiritual Enrichment Day | Future Fund |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance as at 1 January 2017 | \$ 3,417.57 | \$ 1,625.28 | \$ 584.19 | \$ 1,343.10 | \$ 273.00 | | \$ 295.95 | \$ 147.30 | | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Plus Income: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newsletters | \$ 860.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Travel Fund | | \$ 646.85 | | | | | | | | | |
| State Conference | | | \$ - | | | | | | | | |
| Asian Church Women Conference | | | | \$ 3.00 | \$ 7,707.50 | | | \$ 6,036.75 | | | |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World Community Day - FLC | | | | | | \$ 46.00 | | | | | |
| Circle of Prayer | | | | | | | \$ 394.95 | | | | |
| Dedication Day | | | | | | | | \$ 3,325.70 | | | |
| World Community Day- Offering | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fellowship Day (Includes WKS donation) | | | | | | | | | \$ 2,133.90 | \$ 315.00 | |
| Spiritual Enrichment Day | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Future Fund | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 750.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 4,297.57 | \$ 2,272.13 | \$ 584.19 | \$ 1,346.10 | \$ 7,980.50 | \$ 46.00 | \$ 687.90 | \$ 9,509.75 | \$ 2,133.90 | \$ 315.00 | \$ 5,750.00 |
| Less: Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newsletters | \$ 737.55 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Travel Fund | | \$ - | | | | | | | | | |
| State Conference | | | \$ - | | | | | | | | |
| Asian Church Women Conference | | | | \$ - | | | | | | | |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World Community Day | | | | | | | | \$ 206.55 | | | |
| Dedication Day | | | | | | | \$ 76.45 | | \$ 161.99 | \$ 245.40 | \$ 4,295.17 |
| Spiritual Enrichment Day | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Future Fund | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACW Submission | | \$ 450.00 | | | \$ 7,795.90 | \$ 46.00 | | \$ 8,561.85 | \$ 1,873.30 | | |
| % for Administration for Special Days | | | | | \$ - | | | \$ 691.35 | \$ 98.61 | | |
| Total Expenditure | \$ 737.55 | \$ 450.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,795.90 | \$ 46.00 | \$ 76.45 | \$ 9,459.75 | \$ 2,133.90 | | |
| Balance as at 31st December 2017 | \$ 3,560.02 | \$ 1,822.13 | \$ 584.19 | \$ 1,346.10 | \$ 184.60 | \$ - | \$ 611.45 | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | \$ 69.60 | \$ 1,514.83 |

Four other young women were given a Highly Commended Certificate. Their School Principals nominated the young women for selection to this award.

In June the National Council of Women Australia's Mid Term Conference was held in Canberra and a number of NCW NSW members attended. At this Conference a sub-committee, the National Council of Young Women was launched.

Elections were held for Office Bearers at our Annual General Meeting in September. Annie Kiefer was elected as our new President. Annie is the former Secretary of the Country Women's Association.

As well as our major function, a monthly meeting is held on the last Thursday of the month (excepting January and December) at 4.30pm in the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. At these meeting we have enjoyed hearing guest speakers on a wide range of interesting topics.

Many Members and Friends' attend a Morning Tea on the third Wednesday of the month (excepting January), at 10.15am in the Upper Room Café, Wesley Centre, 200 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Tricia Graham

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National Council of Women's Annual Report to ACW 2018

The National Council of Women of New South Wales (NCW) again started their year with the 'Celebrate Being an Australian' Luncheon in the Strangers' Dining Room at Parliament House. The Guest Speaker at the Luncheon was Colonel Sue Graham (my daughter).

Twelve young women undertaking tertiary study each received a NCW Australia Day Award Certificate and a cheque for \$1,000 to assist them in their future studies. These young women were selected by their Universities as worthy recipients

The next function was the 25th Anniversary Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon, again at Parliament House. 24 nonagenarians were acknowledged and thanked for their service to their communities. Judy Nunn AM, Actor and Writer was the Guest Speaker. Members who had attended the first Jean Arnot Lunch and subsequent lunches were present.

Our Foundation Day Luncheon was held in Cello's Restaurant in the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel. At this Luncheon our affiliated organisations nominate members for our Recognition Awards. Four women were nominated by their organisations for their long and faithful service to their organisations. The Guest Speaker on that occasion was Kim Boettcher.

Our final function was our Dame Marie Bashir Peace Awards. Dame Marie presented eight young women who are in years 10,11 and 12 at their school with a Certificate and a cheque for \$250. These young women were honoured for their efforts in making their schools and communities more harmonious places.

Funds Statement

| ABN: 66 172 154 486 | AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC. | FUNDS STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31 December 2017 |
|---|--|--|
| Balance as at 1 January 2017 | \$ | 20,028.91 |
| Plus Income | \$ | 24,231.65 |
| (*) Interest income from Investment | \$ | 386.08 |
| Less Expenditure | \$ | 27,671.58 |
| Less Dishonoured cheque banked 18 July 2017 | \$ | 22.00 |
| Balance as at 31 December 2017 | \$ | 16,953.06 |
| Represented by | | |
| Commonwealth Bank Account (Society Account) | \$ | 3,011.68 |
| Fresh Hope Investment Fund Account #2-0255 (Churches of Christ) | | |
| 1st January 2017 | \$ | 18,555.30 |
| Less Withdrawal on 21/04/2017 | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| Interest 30 June 2017 | \$205.72 | |
| Interest 31 December 2017 | <u>\$180.36</u> | |
| | \$ | 386.08 |
| Fresh Hope Investment Fund Account 133990031 31 December 2017 | \$ | 13,941.38 |
| Total Funds | \$ | 16,953.06 |
| Balance of Designated Funds at 31 December 2017 | | |
| Newsette | \$ | 3,560.02 |
| Travel Fund | \$ | 1,822.13 |
| State Conference | \$ | 584.19 |
| Asian Church Women Conference | \$ | 1,346.10 |
| Fellowship of the Least Coin | \$ | 184.60 |
| Dedication Day | \$ | 611.45 |
| Spiritual Enrichment Day | \$ | 69.60 |
| World Community Day | \$ | 50.00 |
| Balance of Funds withdrawn from Investment (Future Fund) | \$ | 1,514.83 |
| Administration (includes %withheld from Special Days; Fees; Donations; Bank Interest) | \$ | 7,210.14 |
| Total Funds | \$ | 16,953.06 |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This has been another interesting and busy year for me in my role of Secretary of ACW New South Wales Unit Inc. I wish to thank President Pamela Freeman for her leadership of the NSW Unit, and her example of faith, expressed in her thoughtful Devotions and Prayers. I am grateful for the support and assistance of the NSW Executive and Council members throughout the year.

In May the Past President of ACW NSW State Unit, Carmel Keys was honoured at the Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon. Those who attended enjoyed the occasion at Parliament House and commented on the interesting speakers, one of whom was author and actress, Judy Nunn.

Spiritual Enrichment Day was held on 17th July 2017 at Woy Woy Presbyterian Church, on the Central Coast north of Sydney. A time of Praise and Worship was led by John and Allison Wiseman, followed by Bible Study led by President Pamela Freeman, based on Psalm 103. Many of the participants enjoyed the train trip from Sydney or Newcastle and all were uplifted by our time together. The ACW 26th National Conference was held at the Amora Hotel in the Melbourne suburb of Richmond, October 2nd to 5th. This was a very pleasant and convenient location, with access to walks along the Yarra River when time permitted between conference business. New South Wales was well represented by nine of our members. Those who attended agreed that the National Executive did an exceptional job organising the conference.

During the year I attended a number of functions including the UCAF Dedication Day, the PPSEAWA Women's Day Luncheon and the Winter Luncheon, the NSW Ecumenical Council AGM and was honoured to speak at Fellowship Day at Dee Why.

In the coming year I look forward to working with President Elect, Mrs Peg McEntee, OAM, who takes office at our Installation and Dedication Service at Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on 31st May. I know you will uphold her during her Presidency with prayer and support.

Elizabeth McEwen

Secretary

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EPPING BRANCH – ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Epping Branch ladies did not have churches willing to host both Fellowship Day and Community Day in 2017. Given the age, mobility and health of most who participate it was again decided to give support to the World Day of Prayer Service held in March and then accept the offer of Beecroft Presbyterian Church to host the Community Day Service in October.

We were saddened to learn when we arrived for our planning meeting for the service that our Branch President, Helen Hill had been involved in a vehicle accident and injured in hospital.

Fortunately, the church and hall were still available and Helen had contacted a speaker. The Church Office Secretary was very pro-active on our behalf and the ladies in the local PWA really were so helpful to ensure that we would have a meaningful service.

The Order of Service was well received, and the speaker really gave an excellent message appropriate to the theme.

Our attendance was a little less than normal and we later learnt that the notifications sent out to some of the contact people in the churches in the area had either moved or passed away since we last met!

The Offerings for Fellowship of the Least Coin and ACWC/General were both generous. A time of fellowship followed over lunch in the hall. Our thanks to the Beecroft PWA ladies.

We can report that by the end of that day we had the offer of St Gerard's Church, Carlingford to host 2018 Community Day and the Epping Lutheran Church to host 2019!!!

Jennifer Peffer

Secretary/Treasurer

PS We thank God that our President is now recovering from her accident and plans on taking part this year.

Burwood, Strathfield, Concord Branch

Concord Baptist Church at North Strathfield kindly hosted Fellowship Day on July 27th.

Rae Goth from ACW State Unit delegate for the Baptists as well as an executive carrying the position of Social Issues was the right speaker for the theme, "Women Empowered to Lead", she spoke from her own experience in life, and everybody was touched.

Eight churches from the area came together. Hot soup was served on that cold July day. The offering of the service was \$416.00. We had a trading table with hand craft items supplied by a lady from Concord Baptist church which helped with the offering.

Burwood Uniting Church was the venue for World Community Service on October 26th. Again, this was a memorable occasion with five denominations taking part in the Service. The speaker was Rev. Stephen Matthews, Minister for Burwood Uniting. His message based on the theme; Empowered to Proclaim Love, Liberty and Life. This was encouraging mostly for our senior women.

The general offering collected amount to \$228.00 and FLC \$228.50. Everybody enjoyed a nice served lunch.

Martha Noel

Treasurer

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SPECIAL DAYS ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Throughout the past year suburban and country ACW branches have faithfully conducted each Special Day with some encouraging increases in attendances. As always it has been a delight to read the reports of these gatherings as they have come in.

The Special Days during 2017 continued the theme *Women Empowering Change* of the Victorian National Executive which left office in October 2017. The topic for Fellowship Day was *Women Empowered to Lead*. Nine services were held throughout the state with a total attendance of 248. The topic for World Community Day was *Empowered to Proclaim, Love, Liberty, Life*. Fifteen services held and there was a total attendance of 458. At all of these services there was consistent representation from all or most of the affiliated denominations.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to the members of all branches for their diligence and faithfulness in organising each Special Day. It is my prayer that these times of ecumenical fellowship will always be a source of spiritual refreshment.

We look forward to a rich time of fellowship at our Special Days during 2018 as we pick up the theme of the newly installed Queensland National Executive, *Women Serving Openheartedly*.

Lyn Middleton

Special Days Convener

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SOCIAL ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT

Our Social Issues has continued to encourage our members to lobby local, State and Federal Governments in areas as diverse as cuts in the number of trains by Sydney Rail to our concerns for the major cause of deaths and injuries in the 14 -45 year age group of women which is the result of assaults by their partners or ex-partners.

Other areas highlighted were the need to install cameras which monitored cars as well as trucks on country roads, and the inordinately long wait for those who have been disabled in the work place to have their claims heard and paid out.

Our policy is to end each missive or internet communication with a question to the recipient with the aim of eliciting a response

We believe that exercising our rights as citizens of a democracy to raise our voices against any injustice is most important.

Rae Goth

Social Issues Convener

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Newsette

This comes as my first Newsette report, having taken on producing the magazine from August 2017. Our previous Editor, Jennifer Peffer, finished her excellent work as Editor with the May 2017 issue, and we are very grateful for her work in this capacity since February 2011.

Have you given thought to receiving Newsette by email? The distribution is still largely printed copy, with about a quarter of subscribers opting for an email version. One important benefit of email is the possibility of reading articles on screen at an appropriate size for the reader. The inclusion of photos is not limited as it is in printing, and at times it would be helpful to give links for further information if wanted.

Reports of ACW events and updates from Conveners constitute the major part of what is included in each issue. The story from Shirley Mitchell about the spin off from National Conference 2015 that resulted in the establishment of a Mums' Cottage in Mandurah WA was a welcome addition. I am hoping that in each Newsette there might be an article that expands our thinking, or jogs our memories of community or ecumenical events. Suggestions would be welcome.

I look forward to sharing with you as Editor in future editions of Newsette.

Isabel Hewitt

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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

It is not quite a year since I took over the position of Convener of Fellowship of the Least Coin.

I am enjoying learning about FLC and the many prayers and prayers from times past. The important thing I have learnt is to be diligent in our prayers for our sisters who suffer in poverty or for their faith. 'Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know the time ...' Mark 13:33 May our Lord watch over each of us and be gracious to us.

Judy O'Hara

FLC Convener

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PUBLICITY REPORT

The role of Publicity person has not been onerous.....materials were created for Dedication Day , Spiritual Enrichment Day and also for the NSW Devotional Segment at the National Conference held in Melbourne. It all is so much easier with a computer, printer and the internettogether with some divine inspiration and time.

Jennifer Peffer

Publicity

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MEMBERSHIP

On my eleventh year taking care of the ACW State Unit Inc. Membership I have seen a decline in delegates register. Age and illness is the very reason. But the organisation is still strongly committed and serving joyfully.

The attendance at the council meeting for 2017/18 averaged 25. Absentees who send their apologies averaged 9.

We had 3 delegates who resigned during the last year, Major Christine Stiles, Edith Ridge and Miss Dawn Fishburn. We welcomed three new delegates to our unit: Margaret Gregory (Uniting), Judy Hicks (Uniting) and Colleen Fuller (Catholic).

Martha Noel

Membership

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP [WKS]

With thanks to the WKS Trustees, the past National Convener, Loyola, and Margaret Florence, current National. WKS Convener, for their support and information. Regular reports have been given for Newsette and Meetings. Encouragement, Easter, and Christmas emails or cards were sent when contact details were known.

The past scholars often still express thanks for their scholarship and opportunities given. Our NSW Unit supports the Honouring Australian Church Women Fund of which I was humbled to be included in at National Conference.

We have continued contact with some past scholars:

Leinamau [2007] - God answered her prayers for funding to return to Fiji College for 2018 - 2019 to do her Master's Degree; *Christy Ferguson* [2009], *Nighat Gulzar* [1994] and *Yane* [2015]. Yane is having a year away from her ministry in Humpty Doo, with her husband and children. Prayer was answered in that her nephew in Indonesia has been healed from brain tumours.

Esline [2016] - Esline's Denominational role saw her leading a large Conference in Vanuatu and helping coordinate evacuation and resettling people off Island of Ambae after a volcanic disaster.

2017 Scholars - *Hina Burq* [Pakistan] Her scholarship was delayed and now she will participate in the Toronto World Leadership Forum on Women - Empowerment, and Peace in Canada , April 2018 .

Women's Concerns Ministry [was All India Council of Christian Women]. Certificate Courses were held on Gender Justice for Church Leaders in 2017, then February 2018. The third and final course is to be held later in 2018. These have been ground breaking events.

The 2018 Scholarship holders are in Multicultural Australia and are highly qualified and experienced in Christian Ministry, and we look forward to following their journey. *Lauren England* [QLD] A Youth Pastor in Hume Ridge Church of Christ, Toowoomba will continue studies for her Master's Degree with time at Fuller Seminary in California, USA.

Elise Ruthenback [SA] Attends Strathalbyn Uniting Church. Elise's funding will cover her expenses to go to London for one month to visit/research the George Eliot Archives [translator and writer]. This will relate to her PhD. Elise is Senior Consultant for CRIT Editing and Writing Consultancy

The 2018 WKS pamphlets will be available soon. The book 'Winifred' is for sale at \$15 - an interesting and encouraging read. I am always thankful for your continued partnership by way of interest, prayers and finance. The girls always appreciate prayer particularly for balance in life with family, work, ministry and studies. Please contact me for any further information

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