

Australian Church Women National Life Member



ISABEL HEWITT – NSW - 2015

NSW State Unit Inc. of Australian Church Women Inc. nominates Mrs Isabel Hewitt as a National Life Member from NSW at the National Conference 2015.

Isabel began attending ACW in 2000 at the invitation of Janet Harrison and immediately took on the role of State Secretary – a position which she held for some 10 years prior to becoming State President as a representative of the Uniting Church from 2012 – 2014.

Regarding National Executive, Isabel has twice taken on the role as National Secretary, 2003 – 2005 and 2013 -2015.

Her many skills have been utilized in producing books which have been major projects completed in a professional manner:

- 1] *Honouring Australian Church Women [HACW]*, enabling each Unit to receive its own copy of HACW, and
- 2] *Profiles of State Presidents ACW NSW Unit Inc*

Isabel has been a member of a small team undertaking the sorting and digital recording of ACW National Archives materials. This task has taken many hours during 2014 and 2015 whilst the National Executive has been based in NSW. Within her second term as National Secretary she has worked to bring together profiles of Past national Presidents. Gathering National Conference photos from past years and identifying participants has engaged her in dialogue with Units and individual ACW members.

Her ecumenical interests were fostered from 1960 when working in the office of the Australian Council of Churches. Isabel with her husband of 51 years, Doug, Has served on the NSW Ecumenical Council and visited many places both in Australia and overseas particularly of interest to those in the Ecumenical movement.

When possible, Isabel attends services in the Taizé style and she is a member of Christians for Peace in Newcastle.

Her denominational background began in the Presbyterian Church and later the Uniting Church. For almost 10 years Isabel and Doug have been members of the Hamilton Uniting Church in Newcastle, 2 hours north of Sydney, since moving from Sydney.

Isabel enjoys interaction with her 3 children and their families, as well as her extended family and her friends. Her interests include travel and photography, book binding, family history and sewing.

NSW State Unit Inc. is delighted to commend Isabel for receipt of National Life Membership.