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**Australian Church Women seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries, to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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## News from the National Executive of Australian Church Women

Welcome to the first edition of ACW e-NEWS. It is our desire that by preparing and presenting the NEWS in this manner we can reduce our administrative costs but not the distribution of this newsletter. I pray that you all enjoy a happy and holy Easter and that the glory of Resurrection Day is an ever-present reality. May our testimony be that of the hymnist Alfred Henry Ackley— *I serve a risen Saviour ...He lives within my heart!*

We were thrilled to learn in February this year that Mrs Marion McCall OAM (SA Unit) was the recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh Trophy for 1st place in the International Dawn to Dusk Competition. I have asked Marion to share something of that experience with us in this newsletter.

Major Lyn Middleton  
President



### In Remembrance

Dorothy Woodhouse  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Aged 91  
NSW Unit

Mrs Dorothy Woodhouse, passed away on Friday 11th October 2013. Dorothy received her Life Membership in 1989 'for her long dedication and service to Australian Church Women'. Over the years she served as Secretary, FLC Convener, Subscription Secretary for *Newsette*, and worked on preserving the history of ACW. Dorothy founded two

Branches, one in metropolitan Sydney and one on the Central Coast. When unable to attend meetings Dorothy maintained her interest in Australian Church Women and made good use of the phone and computer. We are grateful for the wonderful contribution she made over many years and give thanks to God for her life and work.

### Fellowship Day— *Building Up The Body Of Christ* - July

A lovely service has been prepared by the ACT Unit. I hope you will be able to attend a service in your area. Please check the website: [www.acw.org.au](http://www.acw.org.au) and follow the links to information about services in your state/territory.



### ONE MINUTE EARLY! by Marion McCall

"One minute early!" That's what my official observer at Port Lincoln called out as I dragged myself out of JCS (the Cessna), 848 nautical miles, 8 hours and 14 minutes in the air and 10 hours 29 minutes since I took off at Port Pirie! "I am NEVER doing another Dawn to Dusk", I whispered back! One minute early from the times I had sent to London three weeks before. Not bad, I thought!

The International Dawn to Dusk Competition, based in London, requires that you do something *praiseworthy* in a

Through these flights Marion has raised \$10,000 for the SA Unit Jubilee 150 Trust.

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flying machine between dawn and dusk spending at least 8 hours in the air. Well, I had done it! I set off at 6.38 am from Port Pirie on “An Eyre Adventure”, that is following the track of the explorer Edward John Eyre on his 1840 Northern Expedition to find a route through the centre of Australia, which failed, and then down to Port Lincoln where he began his crossing to Western Australia.



David, my husband and navigator wrote up the flight. Here it is.

**“ON A WING AND A PRAYER**

The weather did not look good. We arrived at the Port Pirie airport just after 6.00am. At 6.38 am we took off and headed north. By the time we reached Port Augusta 20 minutes later the sun was shining and the sky was clear.

On we flew – over the Flinders Ranges. We gained a wonderful view of Wilpena Pound and then of the Northern Flinders. Wirrealpa and Balcanoona were welcome sights as they were one of the few places we could have landed the plane. On we went until we reached Mount Hopeless. What a desolate sight! It is little wonder that Edward John Eyre called it Mount Hopeless. Here we turned north west and headed for

Lake Eyre South. What a sight it was! There is still quite a lot of water in this amazing lake. At times it is an inland sea, most of the time it is a dry salt lake.

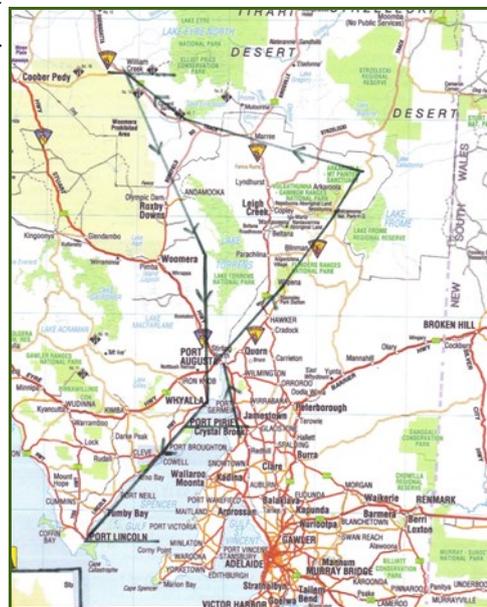
Once we reached Pelican Point we turned due west for William Creek. We touched down four hours after taking off from Port Pirie. A young pilot helped us to refuel. We then walked to the

William Creek Hotel. We had a leisurely lunch and took off for Whyalla at midday.

We headed down the west side of Lake Torrens. On we headed in a southerly direction. It is desolate country with nowhere to land.

In the distance we see the Port Augusta power station. We then headed for Whyalla.

We landed 3 hours after taking off from William Creek. We took off for Port Lincoln at 3.55 pm. The sun was still shining and the sky was clear, but not for long. As we approached Cowell the sky began to darken and the cloud came down. We dropped to 1500 feet and hoped for the best. Fifteen NM out from Port Lincoln we heard a Rex Aviation plane coming into Port Lincoln. The ceiling was 1600 feet. Alleluia! “



(In the next issue, Marion answers some questions you may be asking.)