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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**

I write this *Newsletter* just as we have all celebrated *Fellowship Day*. I hope you were encouraged and inspired by the message, fellowship and attendance. As I prepared for this service I was reminded on Nehemiah and his rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. With the job all but done, unfriendly neighbours tried to lure him from the task. No doubt one of many hundreds working on the wall with maybe only a minor task yet his four time reply was - *I am part of a great work. I cannot come down.*

We work in tandem with all our brothers and sisters in Christ building up the church. We may feel our task is small and we go unnoticed but we are all needed as we are all part of a great work. May you be encouraged in your ministry for our Lord just where He has placed you.

Major Lyn Middleton  
National President

Shirley twice served on a National Executive, as Minute Secretary on the 1990-91 NE and as FLC Convenor on the 2003-5 NE. Shirley delighted in the national fellowship of ACW attending nine national conferences. She also attended the 1988 ACWC Assembly in Thailand.

Shirley was the FLC Convener for the NSW State Unit for 14 years during which time she travelled throughout the State taking the message of FLC. At the 2005 National Conference in Sydney, Shirley was instrumental in bringing together a

celebration of the Golden Jubilee of FLC. Tributes were received from Esther Byu and Cora Tabing-Reyes, who said: "Her write up about FLC in Australia in the Jubilee book, *Celebrating the Legacy, Visioning the Future, Living the Jubilee* will remain as part of FLC legacy".

**Servant of God, well done!**



**WORLD COMMUNITY DAY— October**

***Building With Godly Wisdom***

A lovely service has been prepared by the Cootamundra branch of the NSW 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.

***From the Special Days Convenor:***

The WCD Special Project for 2014 put forward by the Victorian Unit is ***Travellers' Aid [Vic]***, particularly focusing on the ***Pathways to Education*** service.

**In Remembrance**



**National Life Member  
Shirley Thelma Wells  
(NSW Unit)**

**22 March 1927—2 May 2014**

One of the very devoted supporters of Fellowship of the Least Coin in Australia, Miss Shirley Wells, passed away Friday 2 May 2014. Shirley had been ill for the last few years and though sad, her death was a release from her suffering. She was a woman of great faith and she saw her service to FLC as a wonderful way to serve God.

**Congratulations to  
National FLC  
Convener Major  
Lillian Hodges for  
being awarded a  
Paul Harris  
Fellowship from  
Rotary.**

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In collaboration with referring services, such as youth and family services, schools and migrant centres, monthly, half-yearly and annual travel passes are provided for:



- students from families of low socio-economic backgrounds;
- students experiencing various stages of homelessness;
- students from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

We look forward to your support of this project at the World Community Day 2014, which will enable students at risk of terminating their education to travel to the courses that are essential for their continuing education.

*Pamela Freeman  
National Convener for Special Days*



**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

(Extract from Women’s Inter-Church Council Vic. 1950-1956)

World Community Day. It began with a conference called by the

WICC of representatives of YWCA, Women’s World Day of Prayer, Women’s Christian Temperance Union in response to an appeal from the United Council of Church Women in the USA. As a result of this conference a united gathering of church women has been held each year, with attendances growing, and interest being quickened. Splendid addresses have been given, discussions taken place, and much benefit has resulted from these public gatherings.

(1958 Extract from letter to Mrs Briggs, NSW WICC, from Mrs Wyker USA).

*I am glad to know you are thinking of holding World Community Day again. I am sending your letter on to Mrs Esther Hymer, United Church Women, Fifth Ave., New York, under whom this day is observed. I know she will be glad to write to you and send you materials.*

**Q & A with Marion McCall**

(As promised Marion answers questions about her flight experience.)

**Why and when did I learn to fly?** I learnt to fly when David was Bishop of Willochra as he was driving 62,000 kms a year and tends to go to sleep behind the wheel! I was then 49. The diocese raised \$10,000 in \$10 shares for me to learn. I now have flown 1,700 hours which is about 340,000 kms. ( eight and a half times around the world!)

**Who is JCS?** Our 1973 Cessna 172, Juliet Charlie Sierra. Only used by a little old lady to go to church!



**When did you win Dawn to Dusk?** I have won it twice, 2004 and 2007; the first and so far, only Australian to win; the fourth woman and oldest person! The Dawn to Dusk was started by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1964. Until last year he was the Chief Judge.

**How is it judged?** The log is sent to London containing the original paperwork, maps, photos of turning points and official records from observers. Each entry is judged in four categories; planning (originality, research, flight planning), flying (airmanship, difficulty, distance and planned/achieved ratio, airborne time and planned/achieved ratio, observation of rules), log (presentation, completeness and accuracy) and handicapping (pilot and crew experience, flying, equipment, weather).

**President's****Engagements:**

**October 23-27 visit  
to WA Unit.  
February 23 Visit to  
QLD Unit AGM**

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**From the Social Justice Convenor**— Some social justice issues for your consideration and possible response.

1. Stopping the boats - this was an election promise of the current government. Has it gone too far?
2. Children being kept in detention.
3. Increase in Mental Health issues - caused, to a great degree, by anxiety from job losses .
4. Children's television - has much to do with violence - fighting, weapons. What effect is this having on young lives.
5. Health care facilities for people living beyond city centres.
6. Wait for care in public hospitals - why is this so?
7. Availability of care for the under 40/50 years of age - Why can this be only found in very Aged Care Facilities.
8. Sale of our country land to overseas buyers.
9. Accommodation for the homeless - no place to call home or nowhere to sleep each night is a blight on what we call "the lucky country".

### ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



The 15th Quadrennial General Assembly of ACWC will be held in the Philippines on 8-13 October 2014, with the theme "United in Christ, We Build a Life-giving World".

We wish our four delegates, Donna Bryan, Helen Raymond, Pamela Freeman and Fran Moss and two observers, Nita West and Alyson Madsen, safety in travel, good health and a wonderful time of blessing and fellowship.

A big thank you to our outgoing National Representative, Major Donna Bryan and welcome to the Incoming National Representative Mrs Helen Raymond.

## Announcing 2015 National Conference !



### Respond Now!

#### Expression of Interest

Australian Church Women Inc.



25<sup>th</sup> National Conference

**7-11 September 2015**

The Salvation Army Centre

Collaroy Beach NSW

National Executive would value your company at Collaroy. Please indicate your interest in attending by **1 February 2015** so we can ensure you receive a registration form.

We expect the cost will be in the vicinity of \$650-\$700 Monday lunch-Friday lunch.

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