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“PRAY AND ACT FOR CHANGE”

President's Message

Rosa Parks was tired when she boarded the bus in Montgomery in 1955. Tired of the hate and injustice against black people, tired of being oppressed and tired of the disrespect shown to black women and children. When Rosa Parks sat down on the bus and refused to give up her seat to a white male, she was arrested. Rosa put her trust in God and recited Psalms 23 and 27; she later told the court “I was just plain tired.”ⁱ Confronted with the images of Syrian Christians fleeing their country I wonder how tired they must feel; how oppressed and disrespected as human beings. We will, as Pope Francis has called on us to do, be ready in whatever capacity to assist.

Donations of pens, pencils, exercise books, dictionaries and any writing materials are still required for the refugees currently under the care of Brother McManus. Items can be left at the Craft Shop or I can arrange for them to be collected.

I attended the Christopher Dawson Centre for Cultural Studies Colloquium on dangerous ideas held in Hobart. An impressive group of speakers, many who travelled from interstate to present papers, gathered on a cold Saturday to discuss a wide range of theological issues. A couple of highlights: Anna Krohn, a familiar speaker to CWL Tasmania, spoke on *humility and hierarchy: dangerous attitude - dangerous metaphysics*. After a brief academic overview of her topic, Anna with her natural warmth and grace, shared her research with us. Dr Philippa Martyr spoke on the Church's engagement with the modern world; the presentation of her material invited an enlightened discussion on how the Church is functioning in the modern world after The Second Vatican Council. I look forward to reading the published papers.

Unfortunately the Colloquium was not well attended, I encourage all members to support David Daintree in his initiative to bring to Tasmania interesting and educative theological speakers.

Thank you to the Launceston Branch who provided lunch, a venue and organised mass for the AGM; the contributions by all who attended was outstanding. I would like to express my thanks to Lillian for organising the documentation for the AGM and for her gentle guidance in preparing me for the President's role. The raffle was a success; terrific prizes – **thank you** Patricia Leamey.

Finally, I am heading to Sydney for the CWLA conference and I will report back to you upon my return.

Sandra Harvey

Reflection**October 2015**

On the TV programme Q and A, aired on September 7th 2015, Geoffrey Robinson observed, “The grandchildren of Nazis are the angels of compassion “ as the German Government, under the leadership of Angela Merkel, and her people, open their arms to welcome thousands of refugees. The image of the little Syrian child, Aylan Kurdi, drowned at sea and washed up on the beach, has changed the world.

We cannot ignore the suffering of these refugees.

In the light of the tsunami of refugees, let us consider the words of Pope Francis:

- Would you treat strangers differently if you thought of them as Jesus?
- When we know that all people are created in God’s image, why do we not see all strangers this way and treat them with dignity.

(Joy of the Gospel 2014)

The words of the Gospel, ‘Whatsoever you do to one another, you do unto me’

Depicted so graphically in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Here Pope Francis reminds us: God thinks like the Samaritan who did not pass by the unfortunate person, pitying him on looking at him from the other side of the road, but helped him without asking for anything in return - without asking whether he was a Jew, a pagan or a Samaritan - Whether he was rich or poor: he asked for nothing. He went to help him. God is like this.

(The Church of Mercy p73)

Prayerful Discussion

- a) What might your personal response be to the refugee crisis?
- b) What is your response to the Gospel reading?
- c) How do you respond to the words of Pope Francis?
- d) What might be the heartfelt response of your CWL meeting to this crisis, Remembering that we are called to be ‘Lights of hope’

Let us pray that CWL be those “lights of hope” for our world.

Reflection**November 2015**

On the way to the villages of Caesarea Phillipi, Jesus asks his disciples: (Mark 8:27-29) "Who do people say I am?" Perhaps he is a prophet... the Baptist... Elijah.

Significantly, Jesus then puts this confronting question directly to the disciples: "But you, who do you, say I am?" Peter replies: "You are the Christ"

Reflection:

Be still; silent; look closely at the person of Jesus.

Listen to the conversation and hear Peter's proclamation: 'You are the Christ'

Imagine Jesus calling you by name and asking, "Who do you say I am?"

The question is deep. It was about relationship.

In your prayer, share your heartfelt response with Jesus.

Could you share your response with members of your CWL group?

Suppose Jesus puts this question to your CWL meeting: "CWL, who do you say I am?" What might the Minutes record as your responses?

Pray together

You, Lord Jesus, are the good news for all humanity, for all creation, for all creatures who share this planet, our "common home".

Pope Francis reminds us that, "Everything is related and we human beings are united as sisters and brothers on a wonderful pilgrimage woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which invites us in fond affection with brother Sun, sister Moon, brother River and Mother Earth". ("Laudate Si 92")

In answer to your question, "Who do say I am?" we, CWL, proclaim

"You are the Christ"

From The State Secretary

I was sorry to miss the AGM/Mid-Term Meeting and the opportunity to catch up with friends. I've had several verbal reports of the meeting, all of which have been complimentary. I was thrilled to learn the northern region has taken on the responsibility of finding a suitable venue for the next State Conference; that's great news and hopefully more northern and north-western members will be able to attend. We will be getting our "thinking caps" on now to come up with a theme.

Many thanks to members for supporting the National raffle when the State raffle was running at the same time. We raised \$344 for the National Raffle and the National Treasurer congratulated us on a good effort.

As this edition of "Review" goes to print our State President Sandra, Lola Phillips and Jan Lawler will be in Sydney for the National Conference and we wish them and the National Executive well.

Lillian Deane

From The Treasurer

Owing to the fact that some branches were late with their details, the auditor was not able to audit our statement in time for the AGM. An annual statement was presented, and a copy of the audited statement will be sent to each branch when I receive it.

As a result the following motion was passed at the AGM. That all audited Statements be in the hands of the State Treasurer by July 31st. (That means they must be posted **before** 31st).

I know you are all volunteers and lead busy lives, that also applies to me, and I know it is only a day's difference but that difference would be a big help if I had all the statements on 31st

If anyone would like a diary I have 3 left.

Jan Lawler

World Community Day

Hobart: St. John's Church, Bowden Street, Glenorchy on Friday 30th October at 11.00 am
 Devonport: Salvation Army, William Street, Devonport on Friday 30th October at 1.30 pm
 Burnie: Salvation Army, Wilson St. Burnie on Friday 30th October at 10.00 am
 Launceston: Information not available.

From the Northern Vice-President

It is so wonderful to see a little more sunshine and the gradually lengthening days. When I look at the beautiful tulips and hyacinths and daffodils and the camellias and orchids, I can't help but offer up a prayer of praise and thanks for their brilliant splash of bright colour in my garden, and also for my lovely gardener husband who puts in so much work so I can enjoy them!

I hope all of you can enjoy a splash of brightness at this time of the year. After such a dreary and cold winter which brought about so many illnesses, may all who have been sick be well on the way to wellness again.

I'd like to take this opportunity to offer a big thank you to the Launceston Branch for organising things for the State A.G.M. in September. It was a very pleasant day, made even more so with their friendly hospitality, plentiful supply of delicious food and comfortable meeting room at the new Launceston Parish Centre. Thank you, also, to all the ladies who helped with kitchen duties.

George Town recently invited the women of the parish to an afternoon tea and introduction to C.W.L. It was thought that if the League could be explained in an informal setting, new members might be attracted. Sadly no guests arrived. One can but try! On the other hand, Launceston has two new members this year - very pleasing to see.

Please keep in your prayers, Susan Finnegan of Launceston branch, and Karen, daughter of Jose Verhoeven of St Leonard's branch, who are very sick. Also, Fr Terry Southerwood still needs our prayers.

Thank you to Jenny Taylor (George Town branch) for stepping into the role of President when the position became unexpectedly vacant.

Tuppy McCann (Launceston branch) has been busily knitting all winter, making blankets which have been distributed to refugees who have welcomed them warmly. She has now run out of wool and with the greatest possibility of more refugees arriving in the very near future, is desperate for more. If you can assist with donations, please contact me on 6382 1816 or 0432 133385 or email me at wfittler@bigpond.com

Wendy Fittler

Stop Press

Sadly I have just received news that Anne Bailey passed away suddenly.

Our Sympathy to Oatlands Branch and her sister Judy Gibbens

A GREAT TESTIMONY OF DIVINE**MERCY*****The Hidden Dangers of the New Age
- the experience of Fabienne
Guerrero***

Today, many Christians innocently participate in Yoga and Reiki believing them to be beneficial. Fabienne Guerrero was introduced to the New Age at the age of 15 and for the next seventeen years became more and more immersed in New Age practices.

In 1996, Jesus gave her an illumination of conscience, in which she said "I saw my soul in hell". Since then she has been travelling the world, highlighting the dangers of the New Age and spreading the message of Divine Mercy and how Jesus "resurrected" her soul.

She will give her testimony at several venues throughout Tasmania:

7pm Wednesday 30th September, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Pomona Road, Riverside. Enq. Rozanne 0498 278 057.

7pm Thursday 1st of October, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Devonport. Enq. Bruce 64210607

7.00 pm Saturday 3rd October, St. Francis Xavier Church, South Hobart. Enq. Maree 62287108

"New Age has a marked preference for Eastern or pre-Christian religions....."Gaia", Mother Earth, is offered as an alternative to God the Father.....There is also talk of Christ, but this does not mean Jesus of Nazareth. "Christ" is a title applied to someone who has arrived at a state of consciousness where he or she perceives him- or herself to be divine and can thus claim to be a "universal Master".....

The innermost and most personal ("psychic") level on which this "divine cosmic energy" is "heard" by human beings is also called "Holy Spirit."

"...in terms of the relationship between New Age and Christianity, is the total recasting of the life and significance of Jesus Christ. It is impossible to reconcile these two visions.

11.30am Sunday 4th October St. Pauls Church Community Room Paice St. Bridgewater. Enq. Sheila 62685304 (Please bring a plate)

The following excerpts from the Vatican document - *JESUS CHRIST THE BEARER OF THE WATER OF LIFE - A Christian reflection on the 'New Age'* - explain why there are hidden dangers.

"The success of New Age offers the Church a challenge....the complex phenomenon of 'New Age' is influencing many aspects of contemporary culture".

"The New Age is one of many explanations of the significance of this moment in history which are bombarding contemporary (particularly western) culture, and it is hard to see clearly what is and what is not consistent with the Christian message....not all that is labelled "Christian" or "Catholic" can be trusted to reflect the teachings of the Catholic Church.....Some of the traditions which flow into New Age are: ancient Egyptian occult practices, Cabbalism, early Christian gnosticism, Sufism, the lore of the Druids, Celtic Christianity, mediaeval alchemy, Renaissance hermeticism, Zen Buddhism, Yoga and so on".

From the Southern Vice-President

I wonder how you all are after coping with our shocking winter, no doubt struggling like me to keep warm and staying indoors. As a result I find very little to report after our busy annual meetings. Several members have been ill and we wish them a speedy recovery.

The Annual Meeting in Launceston on 9th September was a very Interesting day.

Almost 30 ladies attended; there were several apologies from those on the sick list. We do hope they have recovered by now. Most branches were represented which was good to see.

President Sandra conducted a very tight meeting and covered the agenda in perfect time. All reports were adopted and our State raffle caused some merriment. Prizes were distributed around the State. Thanks go to Patricia Leamey for her organisation of the raffle.

Our mass in that gorgeous heritage Church was very meaningful. Many thanks to Father Mark. We were very pleased that Father joined us for lunch afterwards.

Thanks also to the Launceston ladies for the beautiful food and organisation.

It was such a pleasure to meet up with old friends again.

We look forward to the report on the National Conference which was held in late September. Sandra, Jan, and Lola would have had a busy few days.

The next local get together for members and all catholic ladies is on Friday

9th October at Richmond. The Richmond branch have invited us all to the usual Friday mass in St. John's Church at 11.30am, following this we will enjoy a shared lunch in the meeting room and a social afternoon. There is no meeting or formality

Just excellent raffle prizes, lucky door and trade table. Please bring a plate to share and a friendly smile. It will be a great pleasure meeting old friends and making new ones.

Looking forward to warmer spring days and seeing you all on 9th.

God bless.

Deirdre Reid

Bioethics and Social Issues News

Eris Smyth has submitted an article this month in place of Anna Matuszek who has gone interstate to attend the ordination of her son Stefan on 14th September.

EUTHANASIA DEBATE.

During the last few weeks, Lara Giddings , Tasmanian MP (and former Premier), announced that she would re-introduce a bill to legalize assisted suicide/euthanasia.

Although you would not have read it in the mainstream media the British Parliament recently rejected by 330 votes to 118 an attempt by Rob Morris, a Labour MP, to legalize assisted suicide.

We are indebted for this information to “BioEdge” an outstanding weekly internet report by Mr. Michael Cook. Mr. Cook wrote that 85 members spoke in the debate and that the speeches on both sides were thoughtful and informative. He commended especially a speech by Nadine Dorries, a former nurse and a colourful politician, once described as “a tropical bird in amongst all that dull, grey plumage on the Commons benches. Her speech concluded with this:

“There are people all over the country who do not have a family member or relative as their next of kin. They do not have loved ones. For them, the next of kin is the state. It sends a shiver of fear down my spine to think that such a bill might be legislated for and approved when so many people who are protected by the law may not have such protection in future because their next of kin is the state. When they feel that they are a burden or they feel under pressure who will coerce them and who will feel the budgetary constraints involved in looking after them?”

In the same edition of BioEdge, Mr. Cook informed us of the latest development in Holland where euthanasia has been legal for several decades. The Dutch Voluntary End of Life Association is rolling out its latest project to bolster public support and acceptance of euthanasia – a school curriculum called “Euthanasia – Dead Normal”. Members of the Association will visit schools equipped with videos – some of which will feature a “black humour” section intended to lighten up a rather heavy subject. The first class was held last week in Amsterdam.

Usually the proponents of euthanasia present it as a “compassion” act not State approved murder.

From the International Secretary

How to be sowers of Hope in Different Realities.

Two realities that families find themselves having to face today: Migration and Trafficking. Migration is a social phenomenon that has been, and will continue to be part of the history of many countries. In fact, it is thanks to migration that our countries have been populated to allow them to become as they are today. Overtime, States have been open to goods, to trade, but not open to people. *In Pope Francis' message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, September 2014 he says 'of vast movements of migration' where large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with suitcases full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions'.** Migrants are vulnerable people, especially those children and adolescents who travel unaccompanied by an adult and have nobody to take care of them, perhaps from families that have been separated and dream of being reunited. Children remain hidden from the gaze of the watching world and carry a simple dream: to be united with their father, their mother, their family. They need to be offered understanding and solidarity from the people who cross their paths, and from those where they have come and those to where they are going. Very often the mother or father must leave their children in their homeland in the care of in many cases their grandmother. They leave the children because they want a better life for them. However, the impact of the separation of the family is devastating for both children and parents so often they end up sending for the children to make the journey to join them alone. Immigrants enjoy recognition for their

courage from those who remain in their homeland, but they suffer discrimination in the receiving countries and in the countries that they travel through. The people of a country and the individual families within the country find themselves clashing over the migration question, giving rise to more suspicion and hostility instead of integration and love. Pope Francis encourages us to move from a 'culture of rejection' to a culture of recognition and welcome' * *Pope Francis also said in his message ' It is necessary to respond to the globalization of charity and cooperation, in such a way as to make the conditions of migrants more humane. At the same time, greater efforts are needed to guarantee the easing of conditions, often brought on by war or famine, which compel whole peoples to leave their native countries'.* Migration is a reality, our mission is not to make it disappear but is instead to render it more humane, and of course to work together to ensure that migration is not rendered obligatory due to the conditions in the migrant's homeland.

One of the biggest risks migrants face, especially children, young girls and women is human trafficking. Today, human trafficking is the 2nd biggest trade of organized crime, using the same routes as drugs and arms. Human trafficking is extremely widespread and involves corruption complicity and human misery. The primary victims are women and girls especially with regard to sexual exploitation.

Mary Walsh

From Women's Voice, March 2015.

*Mass Crusade***October:** Ulverstone**Prayer Intention:**

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November: Georgetown**Prayer Intention:**

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Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

December: Hobart*Apple and Sour Cream Slice***Base:**

1 butter cake packet cake mix (Use the cheapest - either Homebrand or Greens, but any will do)

125 grams butter, melted

1 cup coconut

Filling:

4 cooking apples, 300mls sour cream, 2 eggs, Sprinkle cinnamon.

Peel, core and slice 4 granny smith or golden delicious apples.

Add a little water and stew until just tender. As there is not a lot of water in the pot, watch so the apples do not burn. It is important not to have them too wet or sloppy. Cool slightly.

Mix all base ingredients together and press into slice tin lined with baking paper. It is quite a dry mix, so press down firmly. Make sure the paper comes up the side of the tin for ease of removing when the slice is cool.

Cook for 15 minutes at 170 -180 degrees.

Lightly whisk the eggs and sour cream together. Spread the warm apple over the base and spread with the egg and sour cream mixture. Sprinkle with cinnamon to your taste. Return to the oven and cook for a further 15 minutes. Remove from the oven, cool slightly and refrigerate until cold. Cut into about 24 pieces. *Wendy Fittler*

MINUTES OF THE AGM/MID-TERM MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH OF APOSTLES PARISH CENTRE ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

The President welcomed all present and opened the meeting with the CWL Opening Prayer.

ROLL CALL:

North-West Region – Devonport and Ulverstone

Northern Region – George Town, Launceston, Lilydale/Karoola

Southern Region – Richmond, Sorell, Lindisfarne/Risdon/Vale, Hobart (Proxy), Oatlands

Apology – St. Leonards

PRESENT: S. Harvey (State President), L. Phillips (LM and Immediate Past State President), J. Lawler (State Treasurer), W. Fittler (Northern V/P), D. Reid (Southern V/P), K. Pearce (LM, North-West V/P and “Review” Editor), M. Walsh (International Secretary), B. McKenna (L M), P. Haines (L M), I. Cashion, P. Heazlewood, M. East,

P.Cameron, M. Bosworth, J. Smith, M Siejka, J. Taylor, E. Petts, K. Bourke, M.Byrne

APOLOGIES: L. Deane (L M and State Secretary), A. Banim (L M), P. Leamey,

E. Smyth OAM (L M), A. Matuszek (Social Issues/Bioethics Convenor), L. Darcey, R. Way, M. Martin, A. White, M. Fitzgerald, M. Excell OAM, M. Clarke, B. Butler, S. Finnigan .

MINUTES: The Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting were read and approved.
Moved W. Fittler, sec. L. Phillips. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- (a) Devonport Branch will dispose of old computer and printer
- (b) In accordance with Motion from Devonport Branch, a letter was written to the Police Commissioner congratulating the Police Force for ensuring Tasmania is the safest State in Australia
- (c) The T.V./Video Recorder in the Craft/Office was sold for \$200.

REASURER’S REPORT:

Annual Audited Financial Statement. An incomplete Financial Statement was received from the Auditor, partly due to the late arrival of some branch annual statements. To overcome this problem in future it was suggested that the date for branches to forward their financial statement to the State Treasurer be brought forward to July 31. To this end it was moved – *“That all branches send their completed financial statements to the State Treasurer by 31 July.* Moved L. Phillips, sec. W. Fittler. Carried.

Diaries. The new diaries have arrived. Cost \$10 each.

Prayers for Priests. Unmarked envelopes were available for members, each one containing the name of a Priest for whom they were invited to pray.

W. Fittler thanked Jan Lawler for all the work she has done, and is doing, in her role as Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Lists were provided in branch folders, to be read and any queries referred to the President after lunch. However, nothing required explanation.

REPORTS:

State President. In her report Sandra noted during her visits to branches the concerns of members about the various social issues impacting on their lives as Catholics and how the Social Issues Committee and other like-minded organisations are tackling these issues.

CWLA has employed a Research Officer who is in a paid position and so has time and access to resources to research these issues so that we can utilize that information. She also spoke of the colloquium she attended at the Christopher Dawson Centre for Cultural Studies on August 29, where she heard some very thought-provoking speakers and encouraged southern members to keep informed of what is on offer at the Centre. She also thanked members for their contribution of children's books for Africa.

The President moved the adoption of her report. Sec. K. Pearce.

North-West V/P. Kath Pearce expressed disappointment that only two branches have survived on the North-West Coast, namely Ulverstone and Devonport. Ulverstone Branch celebrated their 70th Birthday last September with a special Mass concelebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Terry Southerwood, Fr. Mike Delaney and Assistant Priest Fr. Alexander, followed by lunch, both of which were attended by many guests, including the, then, State President Lola Phillips and Treasurer Jan Lawler. Special prayers were requested for Ulverstone member, Marjory Payton.

Kath moved the adoption of her report, Sec. J. Lawler.

Northern V/P. Wendy Fittler reported that there are four branches in her region. Two members have passed away and others have resigned owing to ill health. Launceston Branch has a new member – Jenny Smith, who has taken on the role of Vice-President. The branches have had a busy year responding to relevant parliamentary representatives concerning ongoing social issues.

Wendy moved the adoption of her report – sec. Jenny Taylor.

Southern V/P. It was with sadness that Deirdre Reid reported the death of long-serving member Pat Quinn and the resultant closure of the Kingborough Branch. Two of the former members – Elizabeth Jordan and Margaret Batchelor later joined the Hobart Branch.

Deirdre and the State President have visited, together or singly, all branches in the State and found this to be a most rewarding exercise.

Richmond and Sorell members were sad when Sr. Norah Donnelly retired at the end of 2014, as she was a much-loved spiritual adviser. All wished her well in her retirement.

Several members enjoyed lunch in January at the home of State President, Sandra to meet and get to know the Anima girls, who it is hoped will keep the CWL alive! All were impressed with the guest speaker, Jane McKeown, who is involved in three L'Arche homes in Hobart. A collection was taken up to help with their needs. Jane spoke a few months later to Richmond branch and they will be keeping in regular contact.

WUCWO Feast Day was held at Richmond on May 1. This was very successful, thanks to Mary Walsh, who arranged the service and Marjorie White, Richmond President for all her behind the scenes work.

The Craft Shop continues to prosper under the Chairperson, Lola Phillips and her volunteers. Members were urged to patronize the shop, as this is our only source of income apart from levies, which barely cover costs.

International Secretary. The main topics outlined in Mary Walsh's report were as follows:

- Marriage Equality
- Genuine Inequality Affects Mainly Women
- The Refugee Problems
- WUCWO, assisted by CWL Branches in member countries, looking into modern day slavery
- Pope Francis established World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – 1/9/2015

Mary moved the adoption of her report. Sec. K. Pearce.

Social Issues/Bioethics. Unfortunately Anna Matuszek was unable to attend the meeting. However, the President expressed her congratulations for the wonderful work she has done keeping members informed about matters of concern. Pat Gartlan was also thanked for the part she has played in keeping members aware of the dangers of complacency and to be ever alert.

“Review”. Kath expressed her gratitude to Fr. Delaney for the help she receives with printing and collating of the “Review” and makes a financial contribution from “Review” funds to defray costs. She also thanked the Online Centre Devonport for their support in helping her to put the “Review” into book form. She asked to be notified if anyone receiving their copy of “Review” online would prefer to receive it by mail.

Kath moved the adoption of her report. Sec. E. Petts.

Centre and Craft/Office. In her report the Chairperson, Lola Phillips, thanked all volunteers in the shop, especially those who take on extra duties to cover for members who are ill, and also those who provide stock. The storeroom (next to the old toilet block) has been acquired by the Hobart City Council, who need it for a shower room. They have promised a large cupboard to replace the room. Mention was also made of an investigation into newspaper advertising for the shop.

Lola moved the adoption of her report. Sec. J. Lawler. Patricia Leamey was absent, due to sickness, and her report was read by Lola Phillips. She referred to the display at the last State Conference, which was officially opened by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas. The Archbishop Sir Guilford Young Perpetual Award was won by Mrs. Lorna Jones.

Lola moved the adoption of Patricia’s report, sec. J. Lawler.

Archives. In Lillian’s absence Lola read her report in which she mentioned that a new labeling machine had been purchased for use in identifying folders. She also asked members to send her press clippings or photos relevant to the League that can be catalogued and kept for future reference.

Lola moved the adoption of the report. Sec. J. Lawler.

ELECTION OF OFFICEBEARERS.

All office-bearers are elected at State Conference for a two year period, but have to be re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting/Mid-Term Meeting held between State Conferences. At this meeting all office-bearers were re-elected as follows,

with the exception of “Review” Editor:

President	Mrs. Sandra Harvey
Northern V/P	Mrs Wendy Fittler
Southern V/P	Mrs Deirdre Reid
North West V/P	Mrs Kath Pearce
Secretary	Mrs Lillian Deane
Treasurer	Mrs Jan Lawler
International Secretary	Mrs Mary Walsh
Social Issues/Bioethics Convenor	Mrs Anna Matuszek
Centre and Craft Office Chairperson	Mrs Lola Phillips
Handcraft Secretary	Miss Patricia Leamey
Review Editor	Mrs Kath Pearce

Kath was officially nominated by M. White, Richmond and seconded by C, Stingel, Ulverstone.

Auditor. Mr. Damien Cook has indicated his willingness to continue as the League's Auditor.

It was moved J. Lawler, sec. L. Phillips that Mr. Cook be re-appointed. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (a) **2016 State Conference.** The President asked the northern members to consider holding the 2016 State Conference in the north of the State, bearing in mind that this would only involve them in finding accommodation, a suitable venue for the meetings with a separate one for the Handcraft display, a church for the Conference Mass and a venue for the Conference Dinner. All other matters such as invitations, guest speakers, etc. would be the responsibility of the southern conference committee. A theme must also be chosen from recommendations of the branches, but this will be raised through the "Review".
- (b) **Letterhead.** The provision of letterhead paper was raised at a State Executive meeting and several designs were suggested, from which one was chosen. A few copies of this and other stationery were available for branches.
- (c) **Handbooks and Badges.** No stocks of these are available for new members, so an urgent appeal went out for any from former members.
- (d) **Microphone.** A portable microphone is badly needed for large gatherings in the Nell Pascoe Room. The 50 & Better Centre have one and it is possible we could use that.
- (e) **National Conference, Sydney.** Members were asked if they supported the five motions. Four were approved, but the question about youth suicide needed further discussion. Our delegates will consider the discussion when this one is raised at the Conference and vote accordingly.
- (f) **Anima.** The activities of the group were discussed and it was felt more meetings were necessary to keep them in touch and interested.
- (g) **Southern Social Day.** An invitation was extended to southern members and friends to a social day at Richmond on Friday, October 9. It is hoped the usual 11.30 Mass will be available. A shared lunch and fellowship will follow in the meeting room.
- (h) **Name Tags.** It was suggested that name tags be used at any future large gatherings.
- (i) **Donations for "Light the Way Learning Centre".** The cut-off time for donations to Br. McManus was extended to the end of September. Some branches have donated money, because it is difficult and costly posting parcels.
- (j) **Drawing of State Raffle.** There was much merriment as the prizes were drawn, especially as they were distributed throughout the State. Results of which appear elsewhere in this Review.

The President thanked the northern ladies for their catering and hospitality and the meeting closed with prayers at 2.30, after which afternoon tea was served.

D. Reid Acting Minute Secretary.

Mass Crusade

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December: Hobart

<i>Raffle Winners</i>		
1 st Prize:	Cutlery set	Mary Walsh
2nd Prize:	\$100 gift Voucher	Anne Bailey
3 rd Prize:	Sheet Set	Maria Montez
4 th Prize:	Patch Work Bag	Veronica Hepburn
5 th Prize:	Tiger Blanket	Tuppy McCann
6 th Prize:	Set of Towels	Deirdre Reid
7 th Prize;	Leather Handbag	Jenny Taylor
8 th Prize:	Crochet Kit	Margaret Batchelor
9 th Prize:	2 Bottles of Wine	M. Griggs
10 th Prize:	Embroidered Towel	Betty Rue

Request

We are very short of CWL Rule books. If anyone can get hold of one would you please give it to your Vice-President or to Lillian. We have looked into having more printed but the minimum amount is too much for us at the moment.

Also I have been asked to enquire if anyone has a pattern of the Cabbage Patch dolls we used to make please.

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