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ANN STREET, BRISBANE

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Annual Reports  
for 1980.

Presented to Annual  
Meeting February 25,  
1981.

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CHURCH    SECRETARY'S    REPORT

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During the year there was one (1) addition to active membership by faith and baptism. There were three (3) other additions by transfer from other Churches of Christ. There was one (1) restoration to active membership. There were two (2) deaths and two (2) other losses by transfer to another Church of Christ. Revision of roll accounted for ten (10) other losses. Total active membership as at December 31, 1980 was 130.

Attendance at the morning services averaged 108 (124 last year), whilst an average of 57 (67 last year) attended the gospel services. Communicants averaged 99 (109 last year)

We pay tribute to two (2) of our beloved brethren taken from our midst and called to be with their Lord during the year - Bro. George Thomas and Bro. Ern Collins - and we give thanks for every remembrance of them, and the contributions which they made in the work and witness of the church, and the enrichment of our fellowship. With their loved ones we share the sorrow of the partings, but look forward with steadfast hope to that grand reunion when we shall all meet our Saviour when He comes again in all His glory.

The Board of Officers met regularly each month, with the exception of January. One or more of the Elders attended each meeting. Members of the Board and their attendances were - C. Colston (9), E. T. Hart (6), W. S. Hoens (9), W. H. Law (9), L. J. Mainwaring (1), G. Melvin (9), D. Oakes (11), R. H. Proud (6), Mrs. I. Woodward (8), R. Whitaker (10), J. R. Watson (6), N. Watson (11). Three additional special meetings were held.

We very much regretted the decision of Bro. L. J. Mainwaring to withdraw his nomination for re-election at last year's annual general business meeting which not only resulted in his no longer being a member of the Board of Officers, but the loss of his valued services as Treasurer, a position he had held for 18 years, and in which he had given commendable meticulous service. Appreciation of that service was appropriately recorded. We were fortunate in having Bro. R. Whitaker available to succeed him. Bro. W. H. Law tendered his resignation from the Board at the December meeting due to personal reasons. In January last year we suffered the loss of Bro. G. Thomas as a serving member of the Board through his sudden death. Bro. G. Melvin has served well since his election to the Board at last year's annual general business meeting.

Following the conclusion of Bro. R. White's ministry last February, we were pleased to have Bro. and Sis. E. T. Hart sharing with us in an interim ministry from April 20 through to December 14 when they moved to reside permanently in Sydney. Although serving officially on a part-time basis, Bro. Hart gave full-time service. In the hour of need there was that beautiful ministry of love and care. His general pastoral care was of a very high standard. We appreciated his faithful preaching of the Word Sunday by Sunday, and the sharing around the Word of God in our mid-week meetings for prayer and Bible study which was an experience particularly valued by Bro. Hart.

Leadership of the Bible School changed at the beginning of the year when Bro. Lew Vincent took over as Superintendent following the departure of Bro. and Sis. Ray Smith and Family to Biggenden after rendering excellent service in that area of activity since the beginning of 1973. Mrs. J. G. Watson joined the staff as Secretary/Treasurer.

There has also been a change in the leadership of the youth group, which had been jointly shared by Bro. Ivan Law and Sis. Lynne Roberts. Due to the demands made upon them in their employment and studies they reluctantly relinquished the leadership in November. We acknowledge with thanks the time and effort they put into that important task. We commend Dr. and Mrs. Keith Davies who have made themselves available for the leadership from the beginning of 1981. We are pleased to have this husband and wife team in the leadership role.

After giving excellent leadership for three years as President of the C.W.F., Mrs. J. Northey retired from that position at the end of the year to be succeeded by Mrs. A. Coathup.

Leadership is a wonderful gift when it is exercised well in the life and work of the church and to the glory of God.

The removal of Bro. and Sis. Stan Vincent, Allan, Steven and Sally, last August when they went to reside at Strathpine brought a real sense of loss. We have missed them immensely in various ways. It wasn't easy to fill the gap caused by the loss of Bro. Vincent as organist. Nevertheless, the Lord has provided. We acknowledge with very sincere thanks the assistance given by Bren. F. Olsen and E. W. Potter through a very difficult period. We are grateful, too, to Chaplain Ron Holt and Sis. Annette Steele for their assistance on occasions. We are appreciating tremendously the ministry of Dr. Keith Davies who has recently been our organist at most services. We have been pleased to have Mrs. D. Caubo playing the piano on Sunday nights when able. We miss the choir! Nevertheless, we are very grateful to those who have provided a wonderful ministry in song at our gospel services.

The roster system for the cleaning of the chapel and all facilities continues to work very well, and we say "Thank You" to those who share in this important activity.

Similarly, the flower and communion roster continues very satisfactorily, and here, too, we are appreciative of all the time that is given by those who so willingly share in these tasks. We are grateful to Bro. Tom Martin who supplies lots of beautiful flowers.

The book stand, which was relocated in its present layout during they year, continues to attract attention and provides a useful service.

Spiritual oversight at "Gleneagles" has continued and we are grateful to those who conducted the Sunday morning services throughout the year - Bren. E. T. Hart, R. H. Proud, F. Olsen and R. Whitaker.

We are grateful to the Building Committee, assisted by Mrs. Lew Vincent, for the satisfactory completion of the platform renovations, done so well by Bro. John Koch, and the carpeting of the chapel floor, all of which has made a tremendous improvement. The total cost was \$4654. Another improvement was the painting of the social hall which was completed at a cost of \$1580.

After Bro. and Sis. Hart vacated the manse on December 16 a lease arrangement was entered into for six months at a weekly rental of \$90.

The year's activities opened with a well-supported social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Prior on February 2. Other activities during the year included a fellowship tea on the last Sunday of those months in which there were five Sundays; Church Family Camp in March; picnic at Slaughter Falls on May 10; Bible School Anniversary with Bro. Keith Horne as guest speaker; Church Anniversary with Bro. Kevin Crawford as guest speaker and representatives from Conference Committees and Departments sharing in a fellowship tea; Church/Bible School picnic on October 18; Christmas Party, which was the final activity for the year, on December 12.

We united with the City Uniting Church for Good Friday and Christmas Day services.

Our Church Family Directory was completed early in the year and a copy made available to each family. Amendments are being notified in "The Messenger" from time to time so that each family may keep their copy up to date.

This report would be incomplete without an expression of appreciation in recognition of all the many and varied tasks which have been performed by so many throughout the year. Some have already been mentioned, and one could go on to refer to those who have willingly taken their turn on the roster for the after-church fellowship on Sunday nights; care of the cloths for the communion table, washing of tea towels; the doorkeepers and ushers; the offering stewards, and so on. Some of the tasks we witness regularly, whilst there are others that few of us, if any, know little or nothing about. We give thanks to God because He has seen fit to use us in His service according to our varying abilities, and as one year has closed and another commenced, may we never forget that Christ is the Head of the church. He is the one who knows our hopes, our fears, our longings and our needs. In the work of the church we need patience, selfrestraint, humility, as well as zeal and earnestness, for "God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." The church is the body of Christ, and we as individuals are privileged to be members of that body. May God grant that none of us will ever be responsible for causing any defect in that body which He wants to be perfect.

Let's give thanks for each other and for the privilege of service!

N. Watson  
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORTRECEIPTS.Offerings

Budget Offerings -

75% - General Use 12 765

25% - Allocated 4 255

17 020

General Offerings 2 202

Allocated Offerings 2 008

N. G. Pastor 1 631

Korean Pastor 616

E. T. &amp; M. Hart Love Gift 331

Social Services Chaplain 177

23 985

Other Receipts

Donations - Cleaning 5

- Flowers 95

- Messenger 17

- Chapel Use 30

147

Manse Rent 180

Manse Bond 400

Camp Fees 511

Sundries 12

Interest - Bonds 1 349

- Bank 111

Echo Subscriptions 104

Interest Free Loan 3 654

6 468

PAYMENTS.Ministry Expenses

Salaries, Etc. 6 365

Allowances 1 740

Visiting Speakers 655

8 760

Property Costs

Book Cupboard 310

Chapel Carpet 3 030

Cleaning 516

Insurances 843

Maintenance 331

Phone 274

Power &amp; Gas 697

Rates 434

Social Hall Painting 1 580

Stage Reconstruction 1 624

9 639

Operating Costs

Advertising 215

Bible School Grant 500

Book Purchases 196

Conference Affiliation 262

Family Camp 631

Family Directory 252

Flowers 255

Messenger Costs 186

Miscellaneous 66

Offering Envelopes 92

Organ Expenses 67

Presentations 51

2 773

Other Payments

E. T. &amp; M. Hart Love Gift 331

Echo Subscriptions 98

I. C. A. Contributions 1 752

Contributions

- Allocated Offerings 6 106

- N. G. Pastor 2 068

- Korean Pastor 422

- Social Service Chaplain 1 000

11 777

TOTAL RECEIPTS

30 453

TOTAL PAYMENTS

32 949

<u>Opening Balances:</u>	c/f	30 453	<u>Closing Balances:</u>	c/f	32 949
Benevolent Fund	54		Manse Bond	400	
Gifts	184		Benevolent Fund	49	
Special Appeals	34		Gifts	184	
N. G. Pastor	388		Special Appeals	44	
Korean Pastor	100		N. G. Pastor - overdrawn	(49)	
General Fund	<u>3 546</u>		Korean Pastor	<u>294</u>	
Balance at Bank 1/1/80		4 306	General Fund	<u>888</u>	
		<u>\$34 759</u>	Balance at Bank 31/12/80		1 810
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FUNDS ON HAND.

Total Funds on Hand are composed of: -

Australian Savings Bonds (11.5%)	12,000
Social Services Compounding Debentures	5,167
I. C. A. Credit Funds	4,971
Balance at Bank Allocated to General Fund	<u>888</u>
	23,026
less Interest Free Loan from a Member	<u>3,654</u>
Nett Balance of General Fund	<u>\$19,372</u>

Audited and certified correct:

(Signed) H. J. PAYNE, F.A.S.A.  
E. W. POTTER

Robin C. Whitaker  
Treasurer.

Notes to Report.1. Average Offerings.

These fell during the year, with the following figures revealed:

	1979	1980	<u>Differenece</u>
Budget Offerings	378	327	- 51
General Offerings	<u>47</u>	<u>42</u>	- 5
	<u>\$425</u>	<u>\$369</u>	-\$ 56

In total this was, budget a drop of \$2 624, and General a drop of \$222; an aggregate fall of \$2 846 against the previous year.

2. PastorSupport.

2.1 New Guinea Pastor: The balance of funds held for this purpose held from 1979 have been completely eroded by the shortfall in contributions 'made through the year' (\$437). Unless the contributions are increased we will have to reduce our commitment from the present level of \$40-00 per week.

2.2 The average weekly contribution for 1980 was \$31-37, a shortfall of \$8-63 from our commitment.

2.2 Korean Pastor: This fund has accumulated \$194-00 over the year under review and it is recommended that we remit this accumulation to the beneficiaries.

The Church may see fit to increase this particular commitment.

2.3 Social Services Chaplain: Since the last annual meeting support totalling \$1 000 has been provided to this highly regarded Brotherhood activity. Contributions to the extent of \$177 have been made by members, the remainder of this cost has been borne by the General Fund.

3. Brotherhood Committees.

As in previous years 25% of the Budget Offering (placed in the printed, weekly envelopes) has been allocated to Brotherhood and other activities, in the proportions in the table overleaf. Additionally all specifically allocated offerings are forwarded as directed. These distributions are made quarterly.

The October 1980 Conference recommended to the Churches a scheme of allocation of budgeted offerings and the Board adopted these on behalf of the Church, from and including the quarter ended 31 December 1980. As Conference recommends future schemes of allocation annually the Board will consider these recommendations on behalf of the Church.

The current allocations are shown in the table.

Recipient.	Budget Allocations		Proportions %		Direct Offerings		Total	
	1979	1980	'79	'80	1979	1980	1979	1980
Aborigines Missions	491	436	10	11	34	-	525	436
Bible Society	49	43	1	1	-	-	49	43
Home Missions	11473	12286	30	25	219	506	1692	1732
Kenmore College	835	814	17	26	130	108	965	922
Overseas Missions	590	602	12	21	960	436	1550	1038
Property Committee	49	42	1	1	-	-	49	42
Advancement Fund	-	-	-	-	165	52	165	52
Social Service Dept.	98	146	2	8	33	-	131	146
Youth & Christian Education Dept	1228	861	25	5	72	78	1300	939
C. O. C. O. A.	-	-	-	-	133	293	133	293
World Vision Childcare	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	20
Explo '80 (50¢ pieces)	-	-	-	-	-	142	-	142
Good Friday Offering	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	50
Ellis Testimonial Fund	-	-	-	-	-	177	-	177
Special Appeals Fund @@	98	85	2	2	-	-	98	85
Totals	4911	4255	100	100	1746	1862	6657	6117

@@ Special Appeals are only distributed in response to specific requests. During 1980 \$75 was distributed from this source to the Federal Department of Christian Education.

N.B. Recipients not being allocated funds in 1980, which were in 1979 have not been included in the table.

Robin C. Whitaker  
Treasurer.

### ELDERS' REPORT

Elders of the church are Bren. W. S. HOENS, R. H. PROUD and N. WATSON. After sharing the eldership for seven years, Bro. H. Risson did not seek re-appointment at last year's annual general business meeting.

Functions of the Eldership are centred in the spiritual oversight of the church, giving attention to -

- (a) The ministry through teaching, prayer, sacraments and evangelism.
- (b) Pastoral oversight, including membership, counselling and visitation.

Advice has been given to the Officers on various matters referred for consideration.

Earnest attention has been given to the securing of a full-time minister, and this is continuing following Dr. Lloyd Jones' inability to commence the three-year term for which he was engaged by the church as from February 1, 1981. That has been a source of deep regret, but it has been accepted as being within the will of God and part of His plan and purpose for both Dr. Jones and the church.

The Elders are most appreciative of the co-operation and help received from those who provide leadership in the various auxiliaries, and those who actively participate in various ways in the worship services. The high standard of reverence and participation maintained in our services is always a source of satisfaction and

Members are reminded that the Elders are always available for consultation or the providing of any service in the form of visitation, etc. We are keen to share with all members and friends in the many varying experiences of life, and this is made possible only by our having the knowledge of such experiences. Our responsibility is to shepherd the flock! Therefore, if there is something you wish to share, please let us know; if you have a particular need, you can share that in the utmost confidence; if there is something you think we should know about someone else, please communicate with us. The strictest of confidentiality is always preserved.

N. WATSON  
For the Elders

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

All blessings flow from heaven above, and we give all praise to our Heavenly Father, who, through His Spirit (by opening up the hearts and minds of our women) enabled the Fellowship to accomplish the following:

ATTENDANCE: Although it seemed that each member made all-out effort to attend the meetings throughout the year, it is not evident in the average attendance which was 25 - the same as last year. There are many women who have 'retired partners', and together they are being attracted by the travel agencies, and travelling afar. We really miss them! It was a real joy to have 34 members at one meeting. At the special function and at the break-up husbands and others were invited, thus boosting our numbers. At the beginning of 1980 there were 42 women on the active roll, but by the end of the year seven had left. Four of these transferred to other churches; Mrs. Ann Files went into "Hillcrest" Nursing Home. The active membership now stands at 35.

MEETINGS: 18 meetings were held and were of a very high spiritual quality - those organised were mostly ones in which each lady had an opportunity to share - one in which she had an opportunity to express her opinion, choose her favourite hymns, lead in prayer and join in discussions. There is a wonderful feeling of oneness in the group, and this is being nurtured, especially during the morning teas. Miss Jess Anderson is a constant joy as she continues to bring her "Thought for the day", which always seems to be said at the right time. Two meetings were group discussions.

Meeting 1. "What do Christian women think about married women working while our young people cannot get a job?" Summary: For obvious reasons, the ladies disapproved of married women in the workforce.

Meeting 2. Questions looked at were: (a) "Are we living in End Times?" (b) "Should children be disciplined in the home and in the school?" (c) "How would you protect your family from drugs?" (d) "The Family". Summary: Yes, we are living in End Times, and as parents it is our duty to train and discipline our children, both at home, at school, and in the church. If this was done there would be less, or no problem with drugs. In the family there should be discipline, love and concern for one another, concern and caring for the older members. Billy Graham once said, "The family that prays together stays together."

SPEAKERS: Mr. Eric Hart, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Mr. Broderick (Leprosy Mission), Mrs. Pam Timms (Home Missions), Mr. Don Stewart (Social Service), Mrs. Laurel Henderson (Q.C.W.F. Aborigine Supt.).

BIBLE STUDIES: Some women expressed a desire for Bible studies, but it was felt that leadership was lacking in the group. Several women are doing "Know Your Bible" with a group nearest their home, and enjoying the weekly studies.

SPECIAL FUNCTION: A morning tea and concert was held in May to raise funds - 60 people were present and \$100 raised.

BREAK-UP: This was a most enjoyable morning at which 43 were present. The programme consisted of morning tea, items, quiz, competitions and an audio-visual on Churches of Christ work in the New Hebrides which was shown by Mrs. Win Beale.

TRADING TABLE: This continues to be an excellent source to expand funds, and we are eternally grateful to the ladies who make, bake and donate goods for sale - especially do we thank Mr. Tom Martin whose garden never seems to cease to produce under his expert hands. \$284 was raised throughout the year.

MOTHER'S DAY: Some of our mothers shared in the evening church service.

VISIT TO THE MANSE: Mr. and Mrs. Hart extended an invitation to the Fellowship prior to their departure to Sydney - a very pleasant day was enjoyed.

FAREWELL: It was with sadness that Sisters Madge Hart and Elaine Vincent were farewelled at different times of the year. Each was presented with a gift before leaving.

CLOTHING FOR ABORIGINAL CHILD: An 11 year old girl at Ingada (W.A.) was clothed. \$111 was contributed; \$25 of this was donated by the Mix and Chat Group.

NORMANTON AND EIDSVOLD: Cartons of used clothing were sent to both Missions, and when there was a need to enclose underneath the house at Normanton, in which Mr. and Mrs. Morris are living, \$100 was donated. Toys for Christmas were also sent to Normanton, and the Sunday School shared in this project also. "Thank you" to Mr. Steve Melvin who continues to deliver clothing to Eidsvold.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS: When an appeal was made for financial assistance, \$100 was donated immediately.

KENMORE COLLEGE: Biscuits, cakes and groceries were donated during the month of March, and some ladies manned a stall at the Rosevale Country Carnival, raising \$10 for the College.

LEPROSY MISSION: Two bags of rolled bandages and one bag of knitted squares were given to this cause.

EXECUTIVE: President, Mrs. H. Northey; Secretary, Mrs. L. Henderson; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Stocks; Floor members, Mrs. M. Ballinger and Mrs. P. Vincent.

Without mentioning any names, for fear of omitting someone, appreciation is expressed to all women who have been faithful in their service, and in their giving throughout the year.

1981 EXECUTIVE: President, Mrs. J. Coathup; Past President, Mrs. H. Northey; Secretary, Mrs. L. Henderson; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Howes; Floor Members, Mrs. M. Ballinger, Mrs. P. Melvin and Mrs. P. Whitaker.

We stand on the threshold of yet another year, one in which the Lord has given us, to use for the extension of His Kingdom. We pray that we will use it to His glory. May God continue to bless the Fellowship in the year 1981. The Fellowship looks forward to the leadership of Mrs. Joan Coathup as President.

L. B. HENDERSON  
Secretary.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - FINANCIAL REPORT.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$	¢	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	\$	¢
Balance as at 1. 1. 80	219	74	Secretary's expenses	15	00
Envelopes	519	95	C.W.F. expenses as per P/R	25	49
Trading Table	283	39	Concert Party expenses	10	30
Leprosy Mission	126	20	Q.C.W.F. Budget & Living Link	215	00
Christian Television Assoc.	11	00	Visiting speakers	50	00
Sunshine Bags	81	00	Fellowship of Least Coin Q.C.W.F.	20	00
Fellowship of Least Coin	20	00	Aboriginal Child Clothing	111	00
Donation from M.&C., Abor. C.C.F.	25	00	Donations - "Stop & Care"	10	00
Aboriginal Child Clothing fund	86	00	Normanton	130	00
Special Day C.W.F.	62	30	League of 500	8	00
Rosevale Carnival Stall (Kenmore)	41	50	Overseas Missions	100	00
Bank Interest - June	10	82	Home Missions	70	00
			Leprosy Mission	123	70
			Kenmore College	71	50
			Christian Television Assoc.	13	00
			Bible Society (India)	36	00
			World Vision (Ethiopia)	100	00
			I.T.I.M.	25	00
			R. Clancy	100	00
			Eidsvold	30	00
			W.C.W.F.	5	00
			Bill Buli Christmas Gift	26	10
			T. Martin	10	00
			Balance at Bank	142	85
			Cash on hand	38	96
				<u>\$1486</u>	<u>90</u>
				<u>\$1486</u>	<u>90</u>

C. D. STOCKS

Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:

E. W. POTTER

\$1486 90





We were also pleased to share with a variety of guests such as Bro. Ron Holt, Sister Cheryl Hoskins and our minister Bro. Eric Hart.

Thanks and appreciation must be extended to the many members of the congregation who opened their homes to the group, or assisted the group in special ways.

Studies were conducted at regular intervals, led by the leaders, Ivan and Lynne, Bro. Ron Holt and Bro. Geoff Melvin.

The Youth Group now lies in a state of flux, holding a great potential of experience and meaning for all the members. A consolidation of commitment, enthusiasm and effort can see these, and many more possibilities, realised in the very near future.

It is our prayer that, with the introduction of new leadership in Dr. and Mrs. Keith Davies, this will happen very soon.

IVAN LAW and LYNNE ROBERTS  
Leaders

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### B I B L E   S C H O O L   R E P O R T

The School had a big change at the start of the year with a new superintendent (Mr. L. Vincent), Treasurer/Secretary and five new teachers. The main teachers for last year were Mr. C. Colston, Mrs. R. Davies, Mrs. P. King, Miss R. Mainwaring, Mr. G. McLane (Asst.), Miss N. Prior (Asst.), Mrs. L. Vincent, Mr. I. Woodward. Of these teachers Miss Mainwaring and Mrs. Davies have resigned for 1981 and we take this opportunity to thank them for their support and contribution well done throughout the year.

We ended 1980 with 25 students. Included in the function of the School is the Cradle Roll. Mrs. E. Vincent did the job for many years and we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Howes who will be taking over in this capacity this year. There are 3 babies on the Cradle Roll.

It has been our goal to involve as many people as possible in our activities which, thanks to many, has been achieved. Special thanks to our "up and coming" pianists Miss N. Prior, Miss A. Stocks and Miss G. Vincent, who play for our opening sessions.

Highlights for the year were the swimming carnival in which the juniors came third. Sports Day was held at Kelvin Grove with teachers and students taking part. The Church/Bible School picnic was held at Simpson's Falls and whilst the weather did detract from numbers, 54 people enjoyed the day of activities and fellowship. The anniversary tea, from all reports, was one of the highlights of the year, being a good chance to get together and plenty of enjoyable class and individual items from the Sunday School. Christmas break-up was well supported and enjoyed by all.

We were pleased to be able to join with the C.W.F. in a joint sponsorship in sending toys and clothes to Normanton Mission for Christmas. These items were very much appreciated.

We have appreciated the interest of the church members in the school with regard to donations and their support, one being the painting of the kindi chairs. With the co-operation of the Board the school received a grant which enabled us to have more responsibility with our spending which the treasurer's report has revealed.

The school looks forward to the ongoing work in 1981, and whilst we note a decrease in scholars, we accept it as a challenge to enable us to become closer to the children while giving them their spiritual growth.

This opportunity is taken to convey a sincere 'thank you' to everybody who contributed to a very successful year for the Bible School.

(Mrs.) G. P. WATSON  
Secretary/Treasurer

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
430 ANN STREET, BRISBANE, HELD IN THE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP  
ROOM OF THE CHAPEL AT 7.45 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1981.

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- PRESENT:            There were 52 members present. Bro. C. Colston occupied the chair.
- OPENING:            The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "The Church's One Foundation" after which the chairman led in devotions and prayer.
- MINUTES:            Minutes of the previous annual general business meeting held in two segments, first on February 27, 1980, and continued on March 26, 1980, together with minutes of special business meetings held on March 9, 1980, August 10, 1980, and December 14, 1980, were read and were confirmed and signed.
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
- Nil.
- REPORTS:            It was resolved that the reports, copies of which had been duplicated and distributed to members, be taken as read.
- Reports of the Church Secretary, Elders, Church Treasurer, Christian Women's Fellowship, 'Mix and Chat' Group, Christian Youth Fellowship and Bible School were discussed and various comments made.
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS:        Five nominations had been received by the Returning Officer, Bro. D. Stocks, for appointment as Officers for the next two years, and each of these was duly elected upon obtaining not less than 60% of the votes of active members present, in the secret ballot conducted. They were:
- C. COLSTON  
A. HOWES  
MRS. A. HOWES  
D. OAKES  
R. C. WHITAKER
- ELECTION OF ELDERS:        On the recommendation of the Officers, Bro. W. H. LAW was elected as Elder, and Bren. R. H. PROUD and N. WATSON were re-elected to that office, each of the three receiving not less than 60% of the votes of active members present, in the secret ballot conducted.
- Bro. W. S. HOENS had also been recommended for re-election but prior to commencement of the meeting he withdrew his consent and declined to change his decision.
- BALLOT PAPERS:        It was resolved that the ballot papers be destroyed before the close of the meeting.
- GENERAL BUSINESS:        It was resolved to place on record appreciation of the loyal and faithful service rendered by Bro. W. S. Hoens as Elder for the past 17 years, and as Deacon for 11 years immediately preceding that period.
- Following discussion concerning the principle of fostering small and newly established churches it was felt that with our financial commitments not being as great as normally when we have a full-time minister, we

GENERAL BUSINESS (Continued):

could share in that spirit of brotherhood, and it was resolved that for the next 12 months, with review at the next annual general business meeting, we contribute \$100 per week through the Home Missions Committee for the purpose of financially assisting a church not able to fully support a minister.

CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m. with prayer by Bren. R. C. Whitaker, N. Watson and the chairman.

February 24, 1982.

CONFIRMED:

*B. C. Whitaker*

Chairman