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CARING FOR BOMB VICTIMS' CHILDREN



From left: General Secretary Jack Merchant with Cassandra Favell, Mrs Jean Carter, Susan Carter, Christine Carter and organiser John Hickson.

A trust fund has secured the future of the children of two members killed in the 1978 Hilton bomb blast.

The MEU began an appeal soon after Alec Carter and Arthur Favell were killed.

A substantial amount of money was raised which was administered by the Union's Solicitors.

After expenses were met, trust funds were set up for the children.

The Union was recently advised that following finalisation of legal considerations, the Solicitors were in a position to distribute the balance of the funds.

The three beneficiaries, Cassandra Favell and Christine and Susan Carter were each presented cheques for \$35,000 by General Secretary Jack Merchant.

The presentation was arranged by organiser John Hickson who previously worked with the two men killed and had arranged for dawn memorial services each year.

Details of the family trusts were outlined by Solicitor Steve O'Halloran in the following letter.

The Solicitors made no charge for their services.

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General Secretary Jack Merchant presents Cassandra Favell with a cheque for \$35,000.

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Dear Sir

Re: Favell & Carter Family Trusts

We refer to previous correspondence in this matter and after an incredibly long period of delay in having the Australian Taxation Office make a decision concerning the liability of these Trusts for tax purposes we are pleased to advise that a decision has now been made and the Tax Commissioner has determined that the Trusts will not be liable to income tax and will be treated as charitable trusts.

Accordingly we are now in a position to distribute the balance of the funds owing to the various beneficiaries.

Interim distributions had previously taken place during 1990 and we are now able to dis-

tribute the balance held in the trust funds invested with Westpac.

Accordingly in the case of Cassandra Favell she will receive in total the sum of \$35,703.73 and in the cases of Christine and Susan Carter they will each have received a total amount of \$35,538.45.

Accordingly the work of the Trust has now been finalised, all of the amounts that had been accumulated to the credit of the beneficiaries accounts have been paid to the beneficiaries and there are no liabilities.

The sums of approximately \$35,000 payable to each of the three children of Alec Carter and Arthur Favell represent the final proceeds of the original \$7500 that was set aside for each of the children who were then infants at the time the Trust was established in 1978.

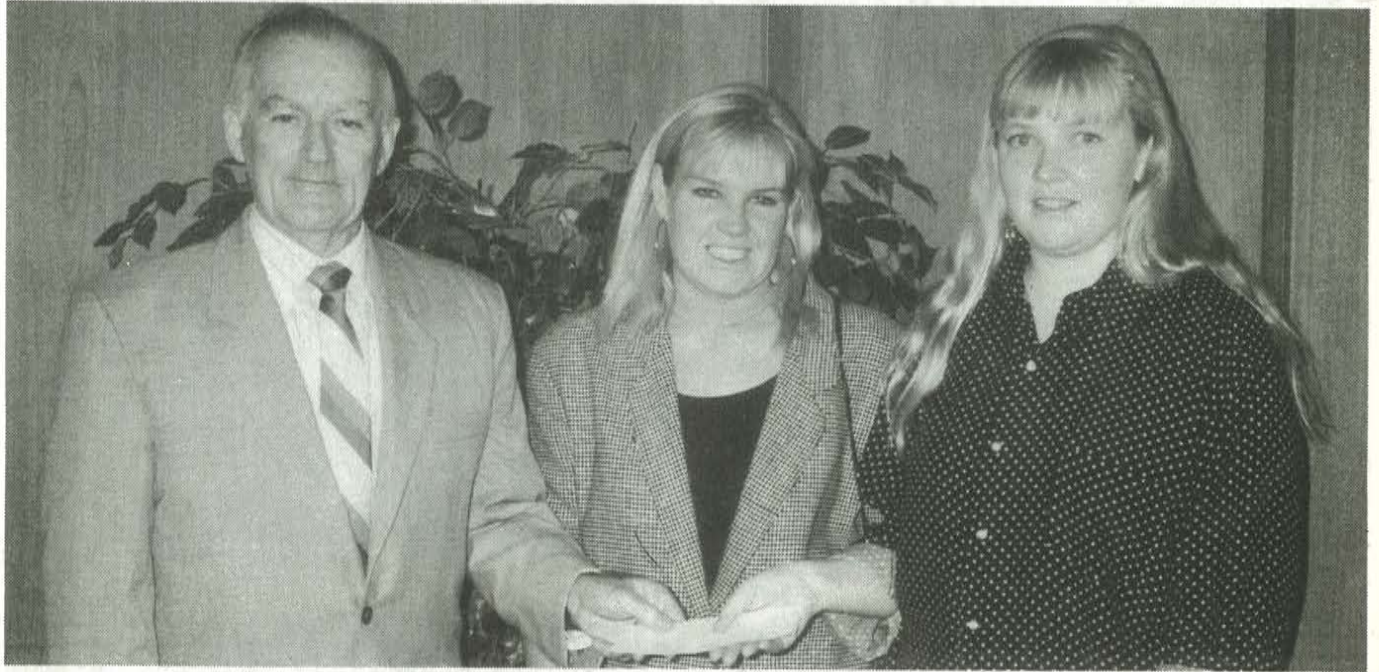
You will recall that certain payments were

made to Mrs Carter and Mrs Favell many years ago and after those payments had been made the sum of \$7500 was put into a Trust Fund for each of the infant beneficiaries and that amount has now grown to approximately \$35,000 with accrued interest over the 13 odd years of the life of the Trust.

Despite the very considerable amount of work that has been done by this firm in relation to both Trusts generally starting from the original establishment of the Trusts up until work done in recent years to wind up the Trust we believe that it is an appropriate gesture for us not to make any charge for our professional services in relation to the matter. Accordingly there has been no charge for our professional services.

Yours faithfully,

Steve O'Halloran
White, Barnes & McGuire



General secretary Jack Merchant hands two cheques for \$35,000 to Susan and Christine Carter.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I am writing regarding a friend of mine Keith Henderson who was employed with Lane Cove Council for 36 years. For five years he continued on with his work while suffering with Parkinsons Disease and Arthritis. Most of this year he has been hospitalised and now appears to be confined to a nursing home for the rest of his life. Keith has no family and the social workers at the hospital were looking after his needs until I found out that the Union had a Welfare officer, Heather Smith. I got in contact with her in February and she came and met the hospital social workers and our works engineers Dave Clements and Paul Clarence and they decided she was the best person to see to his needs.

Heather Smith has given invaluable service to him. She has quite willingly taken responsibility for caring for his needs and any advice he has needed. This she excels at and I am sure she will keep up the good work in

helping Keith and other Union members who need her help or advice.

Keith and the Council would like to thank Heather for the excellent work she is doing.

I think it should be mentioned in the journal (the Counsellor) about this service as her capacity in this field is generally not known. Our Council did not know it existed and members of other Councils I have spoken to also did not know.

I would like this letter tabled at the next Executive meeting.

Yours sincerely,

L. D. Hill,
Works Foreman
Lane Cove Council

Dear Sir,

I am employed by the Baulkham Hills Shire Council.

In December of 1990 I was injured whilst leaving my place of employment and going to my car. Result of this injury was a fracture

in my left foot and interference with my annual leave.

In its wisdom the GIO sought to deny liability. I sought conciliation with the Workcover Authority and was finally told that a "dispute" does "exist".

On phoning your office I was promptly given the details of the Union Solicitors and had an appointment within days. Such promptness at an emotionally draining period was greatly appreciated.

With the assistance of the Union solicitors my claim was heard and won on September 4, 1991.

I have written to Mr Furnell thanking him for his assistance. I found him approachable and available to speak to me on the phone whenever I had any questions.

Thank you for providing this service.

Yours in solidarity,
Vincenza Cigolini

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