



Waikato Graduate Women Newsletter November/December 2009

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Narrows Landing: 431 Airport Rd
Sunday 6th December
(12 noon for 12.30 pm)

Friends and family welcome



The Narrows Landing offers a menu so people are able to select their own lunch and pay the restaurant individually. We need to advise numbers so please advise Marylyn of numbers by 30 November (phone 856 3548 or marylynhills@gmail.com)

From the Committee

Our Secretary Jo Bailey is unable to continue this role due to the pressure of her studies at Bath University. We thank her most sincerely for her work and will miss her calm commonsense but wish her very well as she completes her studies and writes her Thesis. Stephanie Hutchinson has kindly stepped into the breach and will replace Jo on the Committee and the Trust—thank you very much Stephanie.

At the meeting last week the Committee spent some time looking at the tasks and roles that need to be done and at ways that these could be shared more efficiently—we were disconcerted at the heavy load that has “crept up” on Marylyn.

We would like to thank the members who responded to our request for input into the programme for next year. It is now coming along nicely and we will issue a “bookmark” listing the year’s events early in the New Year.

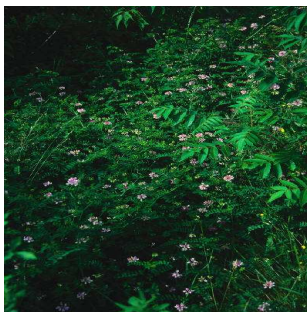
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BRANCH SUBSCRIPTIONS

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The Remit on Dues was passed at the NZFGW Conference in October. Therefore, from May 2010 our capitation fee to NZFGW & IFUW will be \$52.00 for a full member and \$22 for an Associate Member. As our current subscription is \$53.50—discounted to \$49.50 if paid by December, it means that we are left with insufficient funds at Branch level. The Committee proposed the Treasurer put the following Motion to a Special General Meeting to be held in February 2010:

“That the subscription for full members be increased to \$55.00 and for Associate Members be \$25.00. We will no longer offer a discount. These subscriptions will apply from 1 July 2010” .



FEBRUARY MEETING AND TOUR OF WAIKATO UNIVERSITY GROUNDS Sunday February 7th 12 noon for 12.30

There will be a short Special General Meeting to discuss the motion to increase our subscriptions. This will be followed by lunch and an organised tour of the University grounds.

Full details will be communicated in January

Harriette Jenkins Award

One of our members, Giordana Featherstone-Santosuosso, has been awarded an NZFGW Harriette Jenkins award for incidental expenses associated with the research for her Master's degree.



Congratulations Giordana.

A Harriette Jenkins Awards is a cash grant of up to \$2000. The Award is contestable and any NZFGW member of at least 6 months standing can apply. Further information is available on our website [www.nzfgw.org.nz]



Visiting Scholar Award

Some years ago the Branch set up a Visiting Scholar Fund. Academics who are visiting the University of Waikato are eligible to apply for the Award and if successful agree to give a public lecture. This year there were two outstanding applicants and our fund allowed us to grant an award to both of them. The recipients are:

- 1) Professor Pamela Diggle (University of Colorado) nominated by the Dept. of Biological Sciences - internationally recognised in the field of plant morphology and architecture. She has valuable experience in issues relevant to women in science and mentoring and will be working with Dr Chrissen Gemmill.
- 2) Professor Aline-Wendy Dunlop (University of Strathclyde) nominated by the Department of Human Development and Counselling - an esteemed academic working in early childhood and special education and a national authority on transition she will be working with Dr Sally Peters.

As our visiting scholars give outstanding public lectures we look forward to hearing from them—we expect them to be in Hamilton between May and July and hope that one of them will be available to speak at our mid-winter lunch.

Fiona Martin—Winner of the 2009 Waikato University “Thesis in 3” Award

Fiona holds a WGW Merit Award for Doctoral Studies. Fiona won the \$5000 Award in competition with 68 students who each had only three minutes each to communicate their research and its significance. Fiona's research in early modern English drama is investigating the death speeches delivered before on-stage murders, executions and suicides which she says were influenced by the historical events and cultural trends of the times. Our warmest congratulations to Fiona.

A REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTION

Subscriptions are due for the financial year 1 July 2009—20 June 2010 . Subscriptions are \$53.50 with a \$4 discount if paid before 31 December. A subscription form was sent out with the last Newsletter. If you need another please contact Marylyn as soon as possible.

♪ OPERA GROUP – 2010 PROGRAMME ♪

There are 2 performances available – both in Auckland

- **Marriage of Figaro - Sunday 13 June at 2.30 p.m.**
- **Macbeth - Saturday 18th September at 7.30 p.m.**

Please contact Marylyn as soon as possible (marylynhills@gmail.com or ph 856 3548)

Note: If Marylyn has more than 10 “takers” for any one performance she can book now and pay a couple of weeks before the performances.

NCW News

Jennifer Thompson, WGW Delegate to NCW reported on the NCW Hamilton Meeting held on 10 November. The National President (and WGW member) Elizabeth Bang led the NZNCW Delegation to the ICW General Assembly in Johannesburg. Elizabeth was pleased to report that the NZ Resolution on the “*Sexualisation of Children through production, marketing and retailing*” was passed unanimously. Therefore, the case that started with the appalling and sexually explicit T-shirts for very young children sold by “Cotton On” shops in NZ and Australia has gone “international”.

Other Items discussed at the Hamilton meeting included “*Improved support for trafficking victims in Australia*”; “*The right of all eligible New Zealanders to an employment, sickness or invalid’s benefit*” and “*Legal protection for women for modern reproduction and fertility*”.

Helen Stenhouse, another of our WGW Delegates reported from the October meeting that Raewyn Bayliss (WGW member) had shared her concerns at the lack of recognition of the Suffrage Garden at the Hamilton Gardens. She was asked to pursue this with the Hamilton City Council. Another WGW member, Jocelyn Fish noted that this year is the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of a library in Hamilton. A plaque is to be put near the site of the first library (the toll house on the Victoria Bridge).

Fundraising initiatives:

- * Christmas Trees of Remembrance for Hospice (9 & 10 December)
- * Fair on Cobham—A Craft Fair in the Hospice Gardens, Cobham Drive, to be held early in 2010.

Kay Morris-Matthews

A large audience thoroughly enjoyed the Helen Benson Memorial Lecture given by Kay Morris-Matthews on November 11th. Kay spoke of some of the notable women whose biographies are included in her book “*In their own right: women and higher education in New Zealand before 1945*”. She also spoke of her time in the Women’s Studies Department at the University of Waikato and of the wonderful work and the mentoring of students and staff from Professor Rosemary Seymour. This was of particular interest to the many present and former students of the University.

Kay says she hopes to produce a sequel to her book covering the period from 195 onwards. Copies of Kay’s current book are available from:

The Sales Department, NZCER
PO Box 3237 Wellington 6011.

The cost (including postage and packaging) is \$55.80.

WGW Branch Committee 2009-2010

- **President:** Marylyn Hills
- **Vice-President:** Ann Mackay
- **Secretary:** Stephanie Hutchinson
- **Treasurer:** Rosemary Whyte
- **Minutes Secretary:** Pat Stannard
- **Membership Secretary:** Cathy Bunting
- **Public Affairs Convenor (PAC):** Helen Stenhouse*
- **Convenor of International Relations (CIR):** Stephanie Hutchinson
- **Committee members:** Sheryl Morgan, Jennifer Thompson*, Suman Kapoor*, Andrea Donnison



Our Treasurer Rosemary Whyte

*NCW Delegates

We welcome articles/photos from members for the Newsletter. If you would like to contribute please send a copy of your article to both Marylyn Hills (contact details on page 1) and the Newsletter