



# Auckland Graduate Women Newsletter

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Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 24, 2007

## Mark Your Calendars

ACTIVITY	DATE	PLACE
AGW Executive Meeting	Wed 8 Aug 7.00pm	Old Government House
Unifem AGM	Thurs 9 Aug 7.30pm	Baha'i Centre, 129 Taniwha St, Glen Innes
Zonta Fashion Parade	Wed 15 Aug 6.00pm	Fables, 8 George St, Parnell
August Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker - KiwiSaver	Wed 22 Aug 7.00pm	Old Government House
New Zealand Diversity Forum in Auckland	Sat-Tues 25-28 Aug	<a href="http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/2007newzealanddiversityforum/2007newzealanddiversityforum.php">www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/2007newzealanddiversityforum/2007newzealanddiversityforum.php</a>
VIVA	Thurs 30 Aug 10.30am	63 Norman Lesser Drive, St Johns Park
Auckland Graduate Women Annual General Meeting	Sun 16 Sept 2.30pm	Jubilee Building Parnell Room, 545 Parnell Road (Guest speaker more information below)
International Women's Conference	26-29 September 2007	Toowoomba, Queensland, <a href="http://www.usq.edu.au/iwc2007/">www.usq.edu.au/iwc2007/</a>

## From the President

### Greetings to you all

#### New Members; New Ideas

At our last Executive meeting we warmly welcomed Jane Bellamy who has so kindly stepped in as Acting Treasurer and Julie Hill and Tara Sullivan who joined us in June. Julie will assist with the organisation of a special project concerned with the disadvantages for women in gaining assistance with hearing loss. We owe a great deal to the enthusiasm of members and to the new ideas which always come from new involvement.

Already we are finding new pathways for AGW, and when there is a member keen to promote a special interest, funding opportunities can be sought and obtained for a well designed project. Our Vice -President, Alison recently made exciting new contacts with the Regional Funders' Forum in Henderson. In addition, we are able to apply to KATE EDGER EDUCATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST for special project funding.

What would such a project include? An existing or an exciting new project must meet KEECT and AGW objectives and come under the categories set out in the IFUW Programme for Action: Women Agents for Change.

The categories are: Education; Information Society; and Human Security and Peace.

Topics within these categories include: Internet based leaning and e-based learning; education for sustainable development education in science and technology; education for employment, economic independence, leadership and decision making; mediation and post conflict education; empowerment of women for participation, leadership and decision making roles in economic, political and social arenas; human rights and women's rights; prevention of violence ( including domestic); network building for peace and security.

Such a project will require careful preparation and planning, and include an accountability procedure. The potential rewards of successful completion of the project will

benefit the organiser, the sponsor/s and most of all the community within which we live and work.

I hope that with members' participation, this suggestion can be discussed and if sought fit, taken to a further stage.

#### New Interest, New Activities

Already we are receiving a great response to new activities which have been planned in response to your suggestions, and replies to our questionnaire. It is very rewarding to meet with a small group of women to enjoy good company and friendship as well as an interesting venue, play, exhibition or event. All who have taken part in our visits to the Dolphin Theatre, Auckland War Memorial Museum, and the Central Library have encouraged your executive to plan more of these.

We are also taking advantage of our contacts with women in other organisations. The August Fashion Show is arranged by Zonta at a great venue. Zonta are very keen for our members who seek an interesting night out to join with them. The details are in this newsletter.

Theatre lovers will enjoy the new performances coming soon from The Dolphin Theatre 12 Spring Street Onehunga  
Laying the Ghost: 4th August - 25th August  
Forget me Knot: 22nd September - 13th October  
Bedtime Stories: 10th November - 1st December

So that we can go as a group, I suggest that we look at the first Tuesday of the season for each play, and meet in the foyer. This will be August 7, September 25 and November 13. Those of us who went to the earlier play were very impressed with the appearance and facilities of the theatre, and parking was so easy.

I know that many members have other commitments, but with these new activities we hope to involve those who choose, to build new friendships and encourage fellowship.

*Kind Regards,  
Juliet Yates*

**From the Treasurer - Re Subscriptions**

Thank you to all members who have already renewed their subscriptions and special thanks to those who have sent in a donation for Branch Activities. This promptness is very much appreciated. However there are still a considerable number of subscriptions outstanding.

<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	
<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 16 September 2.30pm</b></p> <p><b>New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women,</b>  <b>Auckland Branch</b>  <b>With Guest Speaker</b>  <b>Dr Jackie Blue MP</b></p> <p>Jackie will speak at 3.00pm, following our AGM on the topic  <b>BREAST CANCER, PHARMAC AND THE STANDARD OF HEALTHCARE</b></p> <p>Jackie Blue is a member of Auckland Graduate Women, as well as a Member of Parliament, the National Associate Health Shadow Minister, Spokeswoman for Women’s Affairs, and a Breast Physician</p> <p><b>Venue:</b> Jubilee Building Parnell Room, 545 Parnell Road.</p> <p>Members of the public are welcome                      Refreshments will be provided                      Plenty of Parking</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGW AGM</b>  <b>THINK NOW</b>  <b>ACT SOON</b></p> <p><b>JOIN ORGANISATION LEADERS</b></p> <p>At our upcoming Annual General meeting in September we will be voting for the 2007-08 Executive. Please take time to think about where you can help to make a difference. You will be working with a small friendly team of interesting women and have the opportunity to make your mark with this New Zealand wide and internationally affiliated organisation.</p> <p>Nomination forms will be in the next newsletter. Expressions of interest can be emailed to Juliet Yates or anyone on the executive. The following are portfolios for which we will be taking nominations.</p> <p><b>Constitutionally the Executive can have a maximum of 10 members - see role descriptions below.</b></p>

<b>Executive Committee Roles</b>	
<b>Role</b>	<b>Job Description</b>
President	Chairs meetings, speaks for the organisation on policy and procedural matters, overseas the smooth running of the organisation.
Vice President	Assists with advice; deputises for President as needed. Calendar of events. Promotions and Events.
Secretary	Prepares Agenda and Minutes for meetings.
Treasurer	Keeps cashbook, prepares monthly statement, annual accounts. Drafts budget for the new executive. Membership data input.
Public Relations Manager	Advises on all PR matters. Ensures consistent branding. Oversees Newsletter and manages Webmaster and Publisher.
Membership & Almoner	Looks after members by personal and written contact. Get well, bereavement cards, congratulations as appropriate. Update database with Treasurer.
Public Issues Convenor	Circulates information on current issues and collates responses
Global Monitor	Monitors IFUW Communication Network & UN Advocacy Links for information and cultural exchange
Webmaster	Manages website
Publisher	Produces Newsletter and manages distribution to deadlines.

## AGW Events

You are invited to a Public Issues Information Evening  
hosted by Auckland Graduate Women

### **KiwiSaver**

**With Maxelyn Tudman**

Discover what KiwiSaver can offer you and your family

Wednesday 22nd August 7– 8.30pm  
Federation Rooms, Upstairs in Old Government House  
Waterloo Crescent  
The University of Auckland

### **FREE**

What Does KIWISAVER mean to me?  
What are the risks? What if I am over 65?  
What does it offer the self employed? How do I navigate the forms?  
Can I open an account for each of my children/grand children?  
What are the tax implications?  
Can I apply the scheme to a mortgage by myself or jointly?

We all have the questions, and now is your opportunity to hear some answers.

For more information : [www.auckgradwomen.org.nz](http://www.auckgradwomen.org.nz) or [enquiries@auckgradwomen.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@auckgradwomen.org.nz)

Maxelyn Tudman is the business development manager for SuperLife Ltd, an employee benefits company and accredited KiwiSaver provider. Maxelyn will provide an update on the Government sponsored scheme, KiwiSaver, as well as some thoughts on investment strategies including what the SuperLife investment options are. Information will be supplied so that people feel informed about investment choices and whether KiwiSaver is for them or their families. There will be no pressure to join any one of the accredited providers. Maxelyn is the New Zealand immediate-past District Governor of Zonta International and has lots of experience understanding the financial issues specific to women

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## Awards - All Closing July 31 2007

### KATE EDGER EDUCATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Please refer to KEECT website: [www.kateedgertrust.org.nz](http://www.kateedgertrust.org.nz)

1. Tressa Thomas Retraining Awards
2. Millennium Undergraduates Awards
3. Post-Doctoral Research Awards

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS NZFGW

1. NZFGW Fellowship Award: <http://www.nzfgw.org.nz/ftaward.htm>
2. Harriette Jenkins Award: <http://www.nzfgw.org.nz/awards3.htm>
3. Susan Byrne Memorial Award: <http://www.nzfgw.org.nz/byrneaward.html>

### THE CHERRY RAYMOND ZONTA AWARD 2007

If you would like an application form or further information email Alison Booth [alison.booth@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alison.booth@xtra.co.nz)

## Other News/Events

### A special social outing in August for AGW members:

AGW members are invited to attend a

### Cocktail Party and Fashion Parade

Hosted by The Zonta Club of Auckland in conjunction with Identity Fashion Stores

When: Starting at 6pm on Wednesday 15 August at  
 Where: Fables, 8 George St.  
 Cost: \$35 per person  
 RSVP: Wednesday, 8 August  
 Payment to: Zonta Club of Auckland Inc, PO Box 9137, Newmarket, Auckland 1149

Proceeds will be donated to Eden Campus- Teen Parent School and Zonta International Projects.

For more information or to reserve your places please contact:  
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Auckland Playback Theatre Presents: Stories of Migration

#### Stories from the Heart

Your chance to see a Playback Theatre Performance

Your chance to participate in a Playback Theatre Workshop

Professional actors from Auckland Playback Theatre will enact your stories of migration. Your stories may be funny or sad, amusing or poignant ..... they'll all be *from the heart*.

Watch as the highs and lows of coming to a new land are brought to life through mime, improvisation, music, and dialogue. Join the Saturday workshop - develop skills and techniques to become both a story teller and an actor of stories.

#### Performance:

**Where:** Mt Albert War Memorial Hall,  
Cnr Wairere Avenue & New North Road, Mt Albert

**When:** Friday 17 August 2007

**Time:** 7.30 pm – 9 pm

**Cost:** Adults \$5 Students \$2

*Bring Your Family and Friends!*

*Bookings recommended*

#### Workshop:

**Where:** Mt Albert War Memorial Hall  
Cnr Wairere Avenue & New North Road, Mt Albert

**When:** Saturday 18 August 2007

**Time:** 10 am – 3 pm

**Cost:** \$5

*Open to all new Kiwis 16 years and over.*

*Bookings essential!*

For bookings or further information telephone reception - Auckland Regional Migrant Services, 625 2440

### Executive Committee – 2006/2007

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