



# Auckland Graduate Women Newsletter

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Deadline for the August Newsletter is July 21, 2007

## Mark Your Calendars

ACTIVITY	DATE	PLACE
<b>Public Health Assn</b> Re-imaging Health: Urban design, food matters and voices	Wed-Fri 4-6 July	University of Auckland, Tamaki Campus
<b>AGW Executive Meeting</b>	Wed 11 July 7.00pm	Old Government House
<b>Water Efficiency Meeting</b> (see below)	Fri 13 July 10.00-12.00	Auckland Centra (Airport) Hotel Cnr Kirkbride & Ascot Rds, Mangere
<b>Special Monthly Meeting</b> - Museum Visit	Sun 22 July 10.00am	Auckland Museum
<b>VIVA</b>	Thurs 26 July 10.30am	63 Norman Lesser Drive, St Johns Park
<b>August Monthly Meeting</b> Guest Speaker - KiwiSaver	Wed 22 Aug 7.00pm (further details to be advised)	Old Government House
<b>New Zealand Diversity Forum</b>	Sat-Tues 25-28 Aug	Auckland. See: <a href="http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/2007newzealanddiversityforum/2007newzealanddiversityforum.php">www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/2007newzealanddiversityforum/2007newzealanddiversityforum.php</a>

## Special July Monthly Meeting

**AGW visits Egypt Beyond the Tomb at the Auckland Museum Sunday 22 July 10.00am**

Meet in the New Atrium, south entrance by Museum shop.

Followed by lunch and discussion at the South Entrance Museum Café.

Exhibition entrance:  
\$12 adult, \$9 concession  
\$6 children

## From the President

### Juliet Yates sends WARM GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

In spite of the sudden temperature drop I hope you keep well, and enjoy some interesting forthcoming events, lectures, plays or the film festival as a welcome break from work and winter storms.

Our June Meeting was held at the spacious and warm Auckland City Library, with the Heritage Tour followed by lunch in the new Library café. The Tour was fully booked, and most interesting. Imagine the thrill of seeing close up, the brilliant gold and the deep lapis lazuli blue of an illustrated medieval copy of the "Book of the Hours", and the actual pages of "The Winter's Tale" in the priceless First Folio of Shakespeare's plays. We were introduced to the huge collection of historic photographs, the vast data bases of family history resources, and were impressed by the extreme care which is given to old maps, boxes which resemble a work of art used as safe covers for rare books, and shelves and shelves of the rare books themselves. We left with regret, giving grateful thanks to our guides, particularly Kate de Courcy who is an AGW member, and whose enthusiasm for the treasures under her care was inspiring.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

This is a friendly reminder to all members as you will receive an invoice with this newsletter. Our financial year ended on 30 June 2007, which means that financial members' subscriptions are now due. The exception is for new members who joined after March 2007. They receive a three months "period of grace" and their first renewal will be in July 2008. I wish to thank Jane Bellamy who has very kindly stepped in as Acting Treasurer, and will be processing your renewal. Please do reply as soon as you can, as this will avoid additional work in sending reminders later on. We really look forward to hearing from you.

The Executive has paid the capitation fees, as required, to the National executive, and now it is time to invite members to renew, and to replenish our bank balance.

We value your membership and are particularly grateful for your support through changing times when it has been necessary to adapt our programme and activities to meet the

needs of long time members and to provide for the growing numbers of new members.

As always the Executive meetings are open to all, we invite members to send in items of interest for the Newsletter, or send us details of coming events.

The recent responses to our Survey, to the emailed "Alerts" from Vice President Alison Booth, and to the electronic discussions on Public Issues indicate the strength of this continuing consultation with our members, and will enable us to fulfil our AGW objectives.

### PUBLIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

A lively lunch meeting was followed by a kind invitation from a friend to retreat from the cold to her nearby home. Clearly face to face meetings are important, and it would be great to have a monthly coffee morning, but all agreed that much useful consultation can be carried out by email. The issues should be presented clearly, so that any member with a particular interest in the subject or specific knowledge will be encouraged to send me her response. Responses will be collated and forwarded.

### POLICE ACT REVIEW Public submissions close 31 July 2007

This is an important and wide ranging review, and covers many issues. Information, all the discussion papers and an analysis of the 2006 consultation is on the police website: [policeact@police.govt.nz](mailto:policeact@police.govt.nz). I suggest that we look at the following matters but welcome any additions which members consider must be included:

- Principles (Issue paper 1)
- Minister's role (Issue paper 2)
- Engagement with community (Issue paper 4)
- Police powers (Issue paper 5)

Issue paper 4 concerns Employment, but this will not be included unless a member can write a suitable submission for us on this complex topic.

The review states: *Identifying key principles for policing helps lay the groundwork for the review.* "In addition to process-oriented principles relevant to the task of rewriting

the Police Act, it is useful to seek agreement on more substantive principles. These principles are foundations that New Zealand Police has relied on for the past 160 years, and which will help to support it into the future.”

“A well-articulated set of policing principles could also act as a compass for New Zealand Police, members of the public, and various interest groups, that can be used to regularly check that policing remains ‘on course’. Such principles could also help individual Police staff members to navigate their way through their day-to-day work; perhaps as the centrepiece

for an organisation-wide code of ethics that contributes to the ongoing professionalisation of policing in New Zealand.”

**Questions for members:**

1. **What should these principles be?**
2. **What do we expect a police service to do, and how should it do it?**
3. **What powers should the Minister of Police have?**
4. **What powers do the police need?**
5. **What relationship should there be with the community and/or its representatives?**

*Kind Regards, Juliet Yates*

## AGW News

### IT IS TIME TO STEP UP AND JOIN US ON THE AGW 2007- 08 EXECUTIVE!

Women must to take up decision making roles.

As a good start join the Auckland Graduate Women Executive and gain experience in a very supportive environment.

At our upcoming Annual General meeting in September we will be voting for the 2007-08 Executive. The following are portfolios for which we will be taking nominations. Constitutionally the Executive can have a maximum of 10 members.

**WE NEED YOU NOW!**

Role	Job Description
President	Chairs meetings, speaks for the organisation on policy and procedural matters, oversees the smooth running of the organisation.
Vice President	Assists with advice; deputises for President as needed. Calendar of events. Promotions and Events. Assists with Hospitality.
Secretary	Prepares Agenda and Minutes for meetings, deals with general correspondence. Assists with hospitality.
Treasurer	Keeps cashbook, prepares monthly statement, annual accounts (or employs an accountant to do this) Prepares draft budget for the new executive. Prepares budget for events. Sends record updates to membership. Post Box collection.
Public Relations Manager	Assists President and advises other exec members on all PR matters. Ensures consistent branding. Oversees Newsletter and other public documents before distribution. Manages Webmaster and Publisher.
Membership	Database and membership controller and looking after members by personal and written contact. Identifying members' interests and skills. Share database with Treasurer and PR Manager. Appoint Almoner to look after the older membership, get well, bereavement and infirmed members.
Public Issues Convenor	Prepares and distributes agendas and strategies linking into AGW events. Monthly Summary to Executive.
Global Monitor	Monitors IFUW Communication Network for Global Perspective & UN Advocacy Links for information and cultural exchange and International forum for research and exchange of ideas. Global contacts, friendship. Inform current and prospective members regularly about the outcomes of advocacy action and IFUW programmes and activities.
Publisher	Produces Newsletter and manages distribution to deadlines. Assists Public Relations manager with promotional material.
Hospitality	Organises food, drinks, budgets and makes sure kitchen is clean. Part of sub committee.

### NZ Queens Birthday Service Awards

We wish to give our member, Dorothy Brown huge congratulations for being made an M.N.Z.M. in the NZ Queens Birthday honours. Dorothy received her N.M.Z.M. for her services to education. Currently she is involved in the establishment of an Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies.

### Successful Funding for our Emeritus member, Charmian O'Connor

Out of 33 new applications for Centre of Research Excellence (CoRE) funding, only that of the Riddet Centre, directed by Professors Paul Moughan and Harjinder Singh of Massey University, has been successful in its bid for funding for its project titled 'Advancing Knowledge in Foods and Biologicals.' Emeritus Professor Charmian O'Connor, of the University of Auckland, is an Associate Investigator in this Research Project.

The food industry is the cornerstone of the New Zealand economy, contributing half of New Zealand's export earnings. There is a growing need for the food industry to provide tailor made products and innovative solutions to meet increasingly

sophisticated and wide-ranging consumer expectations. An opportunity presents to transform the New Zealand food industry to become a knowledge-driven business, marketing high margin 'knowledge embedded' food products. Such a transformation, however, will require an environment of innovation. The Centre will be inclusive and will assist to unite key elements of New Zealand's otherwise disparate scientific resources in food and related sciences. Leading and emerging scientists from the University of Auckland, Massey University, the University of Otago, AgResearch and Crop and Food Research will come together to form the new Centre.

Real innovation in the food industry draws off a base of fundamental understanding in biomaterials science, how food materials assemble and form structures, and how in turn these are affected by food processing, ingestion and digestion, ultimately influencing food characteristics such as flavour, taste, texture, digestibility, nutrient uptake kinetics, gene expression and satiety. Charmian O'Connor's contributions will be in the areas of the food-gut interface and food systems.

## **GRADUATE WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Making a difference is the AGW vision, and the difference in Auckland can be measured in terms of one million dollars over four/five years. This funding, provided by Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust at a time when universities are desperate to secure funding makes a significant contribution towards education and important research projects.

Convenor of the Trust Awards Committees, Dr Elizabeth Godfrey, Assoc Dean of Engineering is very aware of the need. "While my particular concern is in engineering, we want to assist women in every discipline to expand their potential and gain the professional qualifications which will secure their future."

The importance of awards was demonstrated at the May Awards Presentation, when Trustees, members of the NZFGW National Executive and AGW members joined over 40 award winners and their families at Old Government House at The University of Auckland.

In her opening remarks, Trust Chair, Professor Charmian O'Connor, paid tribute to NZFGW Auckland Branch members (now known as Auckland Graduate Women, AGW), who starting 50 years ago, had built up funds by the hire of academic regalia. Academic Dress Hire is now a highly successful business and the major asset of the Trust which annually provides a number of awards aimed at providing women with financial assistance for retraining and for undergraduate and postgraduate study.

Although the Trust is now a separate legal entity from AGW its members continue to play an important role as Trustees and as members of the award selection committees, whose convenors presented each set of Award Certificates.

Prior to the presentation of Award certificates to this year's Award winners, President Juliet Yates, surprised an unsuspecting Rae Hammer with a huge bouquet of flowers and the Distinguished Member Award 2007. AGW presented Rae with a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service for her invaluable contribution to AGW, our Graduate Community and VIVA.

"It was a special pleasure to meet the awardees and their families. There was a really festive atmosphere as these women, both young and some older, starting and advancing their education, in all types of careers, joined together and celebrated their common achievements," said Professor O'Connor, "the trustees were left in no doubt as to the importance of the awards."

Kim Mazur, a 2006 Tressa Thomas Retraining Award recipient, gave an inspiring short talk, recounting the opportunities which had opened up for her as a result of her Arts degree in Film and Media studies, combined with a double major in Political studies. Receiving the award had given her, so she said, a real confidence boost as well as the funds to purchase needed equipment and materials at a time when her course costs were high. Kim had made a short documentary film for her final year project on the dilemma faced by a woman with a strong commitment to natural healing methods when diagnosed with cancer. We

watched that 11 minute film and recognized the artistic talent and sensitivity of the film maker.

Award winners for the Millennium and Tressa Thomas Retraining Awards were studying a wide range of degrees and qualifications, as diverse as Graphic Design, Social work, Early Childhood Education, Nursing and Engineering. All of the degree-granting institutions in Auckland were represented and from the family support evident on the night, these women will clearly be making a strong contribution to their communities in the future.

The winners of the Individual Awards also demonstrated a diversity of qualifications:

### **Final Year First Degree:**

1. Kezia Kramer, studying for a B Dance at AUT.
2. Discretionary Award to Joanne Ngatipa studying for a BEd in Early Childhood Education at the Uni of Auckland

### **Bachelors Degree (with Honours)(Year 4) Award:**

Janie Carthew studying for a BSc(Hons) in Neurology at the University of Auckland

### **Masters Degree:**

1. Olivia Museth studying for a MSc in Health Psychology with a thesis topic focusing on the treatment of obesity through gastric banding surgery.
2. Melanie Fleming studying for a MSc in Sports & Exercise Science with a thesis topic focusing on novel rehabilitation techniques for recovery from stroke.

### **Post Graduate Diploma Award:**

1. Kelly Booth, studying for a PostGradDip Science – School of Biological Sciences, Dept of Energy and Conservation, University of Auckland.
2. Discretionary award to Marsilea Booth, studying for a PostGradDip Science in Forensics at the Uni of Auckland.

### **Doctoral Research Award:**

Sarah Hunter who has worked as an oncology nurse for 15 years. Her topic is to "Determine the emotional and interpersonal aspects of fertility damage from cancer therapy on pre menopausal women".

### **Post Doctoral Research Award:**

Julainne Sumich who will be working on "This-ness (Haecceities): The effect of intra-ocular implants on vision in art". Julainne will use this period of research to submit an interactive digital art work with its origins in film and an ISBN registered catalogue on related findings between art and neural processes. Julainne Sumich presented her work based on lenticular prints which have evolved through the processing of decaying film stock, digital compositing and lenticular printing. Viewed from different angles a lenticular print self animates in what could be described as 'moving image'. These playful images emerge from their origins of cellular film, first as indistinct cell-life to become distinct and affecting images.

Dr Liz Godfrey, the Awards Co-ordinator for the Trust co-ordinated the event, and was delighted with the outcome. "You can judge the success of the evening by the photos – the pride of the recipients, the sense of community and the pleasure of Trustees and AGW members are all evident" she said.

## Our Members

### Welcome to our New members:

**Nova Jiang** will be starting a Master of Fine Arts degree in media art at the University of California in Los Angeles in September 2007.

**Rachel Liebert's** current special interests include investigating and challenging the dominance of the medical model in the mental health sector, particularly in regards to notions of 'depression' and 'anti-depressant' use. She has recently been awarded a Fullbright Scholarship to undertake her PhD at Stony Brook University in New York from August this year.

**Wairora Port's** special interests are Kohanga Reo, mentoring all ages of students (mostly Maori). Cultural advisor to Genetic Services and as a member of the Bioethics Council dialoguing with the public of Aotearoa New

Zealand on the cultural ethical and spiritual dimensions of biotechnology.

### Meet some of our long-standing members:

**Margaret Horsburgh's** current special interests are health policy, health workforce issues and health inequalities.

**Ilva Rupenthal** is currently interested in the ocular delivery of antisense oligonucleotides (small DNA like molecules that prevent the translation of a 'disease-causing' protein) in order to improve the wound healing after a laser surgery (by down-regulating the expression of so-called connexin protein channels).

**Jan Smale** is very involved with U3A and continues to lead a Latin group for the Auckland associations.

## Awards - All Closing July 31

### KATE EDGER EDUCATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST

For application forms and more information please refer to KEECT website: [www.kateedgertrust.org.nz](http://www.kateedgertrust.org.nz). Applications for these awards close 31 July

**1. Tressa Thomas Retraining Awards** - up to 40 awards to assist mature women to prepare to return to a profession or to take up work (paid or unpaid) in the community. Value: \$1,500 each.

**2. Millennium Undergraduates Awards** - up to 40 awards to assist women enrolled for full-time study in a degree or diploma to meet minor expenses associated with their courses. Value \$1,000 each.

**3. Post-Doctoral Research Awards** - two awards to assist women who have graduated with a doctoral degree within the last four years to carry out research on a limited term project. Value: \$15,000 each.

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS NZFGW

Applications close on 31 July each year

**1. NZFGW Fellowship Award:** To award Fellowships to women graduates for postgraduate study or research.

The value of the Fellowship will be determined by the Fellowship Trust Board in the range NZ\$5,000 to NZ\$20,000 or at the discretion of the Board. See for more information:

<http://www.nzfgw.org.nz/ftaward.htm>

**2. Harriette Jenkins Award:** Maybe for you if you are:

A member of NZFGW of 6 months or more standing  
Completing a piece of research or furthering studies at a university or other tertiary institution. Resident in New Zealand while undertaking the work, though it could be through an overseas institution. Requiring financial help with incidental expenses such as books, equipment, child care, travel, up to a maximum of \$2,000

<http://www.nzfgw.org.nz/awards3.htm>

**3. Susan Byrne Memorial Award** of at least \$10,000 is made annually for women who are: mature graduates (thirty-five years or older) who wish to make a change in career; citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand; resident in New Zealand while undertaking further tertiary education or training, although it can be through an overseas institution.

<http://www.nzfgw.org.nz/byrneaward.html>

### THE CHERRY RAYMOND ZONTA AWARD 2007

**Women of Auckland City** - Are you undertaking special studies or completing a special project which ultimately benefits the wider community? Would \$2,000.00 help you to reach your goal? If so, you could be just the woman the Zonta Club of Auckland is looking for.

The Cherry Raymond Zonta Award is offered annually to women of potential so that they may fulfil an ambition that meets our Zonta objectives. The objectives of Zonta International are to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women worldwide. To qualify you need to either live or work in the Auckland City Council area.

Applications for the close on 31 July 2007. Finalists must be available for an interview on Saturday, 18 August 2007. The Award will be presented at the Zonta Club of Auckland's Award Dinner, Monday 17 September 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)

## IFUW News

### IFUW Networks

To keep in touch with what our International Organisation is doing join IFUW Networks. This is a great way to share topics relevant to you with the global network our organisation offers. See [www.ifuw.org](http://www.ifuw.org)

### United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations To Recruit Professional Women

The United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) has asked for IFUW's assistance in publicising its new campaign to increase the numbers of qualified women professionals in the logistics area, including professionals with expertise in engineering, information and community technology, air and surface transport, and cartography. This is part of efforts to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, which is a

priority for IFUW. More details can be found in the brochure **Women in the Logistics Support Division** -

[http://www.ifuw.org/docs/dpko-women\\_in\\_lsd.pdf](http://www.ifuw.org/docs/dpko-women_in_lsd.pdf) or at - <http://www.lsd.unlb.org>. We encourage national federations and associations, branches and members to advertise this opportunity to qualified women professionals in their respective countries. This action is in the spirit of IFUW Policy Resolution 2004-9, Women Essential to Peace.

### Imagining Ourselves Work and Family: To Work or Not To Work

The latest topic in the Imagining Ourselves on-line discussions will look at the difficult choices women face in balancing both work and family. View stories of women from all over the world as they walk the tight-rope in the precariously balanced circus of work and family. IFUW is a

partner with the International Museum of Women in this global initiative designed to inspire younger women in their 20s and 30s to create positive change in their lives, their communities, and the world. We encourage all younger IFUW members to get involved. The "Imagining Ourselves"

team would like to hear your personal experiences and any activities national affiliates or branches have organized around this theme. If you participate in the discussion, be sure to mention that you are a member of IFUW. <http://imaginingourselves.imow.org/pb/Welcome.aspx>

## Other News/Events

### Half time on Millennium Development Goals

July 17 marks the half way point in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Many development NGOs, led by the New Zealand Council for International Development (CID) will be seeing this as an opportunity to visit as many Members of Parliament [MP's] in their electorates as possible to provide them with information and an orange (in sporting events you always have oranges organised at half time!) as a symbol to mark the half-time point of the MDGs.

The key message will be that we ask them all to do better in the second half of the MDG period to reach the 0.7 percent goal. This will be accompanied by media activities and followed by a function at Parliament on July 17 to highlight the issue and focus on the different responses of political parties and MPs.

### Meeting on Water Efficiency

You are invited to attend Auckland Centra (Airport) Hotel, Corner Kirkbride & Ascot Roads, Mangere, Auckland Jean Batten Room 1 & 2 on 13 July 2007, 10.00am-12.00. Consultation on the proposed introduction of water efficiency labelling regulations. To further explain the proposed regulations the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and the Ministry for the Environment will be hosting stakeholder meetings.

**International Women's Conference - 2007**  
**Education, Employment and Everything... the triple layers of a woman's life**  
**Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, 26-29 September 2007**  
[www.usq.edu.au/iwc2007/](http://www.usq.edu.au/iwc2007/)

The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Women's Network Inc, Young Women's Place Inc, Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland Ltd and the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Service have joined together to present this conference exploring issues that affect the lives of women globally and to provide women with networking opportunities, information, collaboration and sharing of resources both locally, nationally and internationally.

The Conference will bring together women and men from many different countries, with a strong national and local contingent expected representing community and women's organisations, as well as academics and students. Please note that men are welcome to participate in this conference, addressing the conference themes.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. ABSTRACTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

### UNIFEM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of UNIFEM Auckland on Thursday, the 9th of August at 7.30pm at the Auckland Baha'i Centre, 129 Taniwha Street, Glen Innes, Auckland

Jane Prichard will share her experiences in New York as a New Zealand's NGO representative to the 39th Session of the CEDAW Committee.

We look forward to your attendance and support.

Diana Asdollah-zadeh, Secretary UNIFEM Auckland Regional Committee

## Executive Committee – 2006/2007

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