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General News to Branches December 2013

The National Office will be closed from 11th December until 13 January 2014. Michelle O'Donnell's contract has been renewed from 13 January till end of April 2014.

Constitution Update from Megan Blenkarne on behalf of the working group says that all the feedback has been reviewed and that the group has started re-drafting the Constitution, Bylaws and complaints process. The revised draft is expected to be available early in the new year to allow time for a final member consultation. Following this, the document will be finalised, recommendations to the Board drafted with the expectation that the Board will decide to put it to the vote at Conference in October 2014.

Points for Action

From Wise Response

From Sir Alan Mark has come a request for NCWNZ members to support the "Wise Response" campaign (see < www.wiseresponse.org.nz >) which has now got to the stage of gathering signatures of support to submit the case to Parliament early next year. He stated in his letter that "I would expect the Wiseresponse issue should of interest and concern to most of the members. I can certainly recall their strong support of the Save Manapouri Campaign back in the 1960s". I have signed up myself and encourage each of you to consider this.

From UNICEF

We have started a petition on change.org to support the launch of the Kids Missing Out report - and to help build pressure for action as we head into election year and the next report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Please sign the petition and share, share, share!

Please join this campaign: <http://chn.ge/1dO9Rme>

On behalf of the Board I wish each of you a happy holiday and relaxing summer,

B. Arnold

Barbara Arnold
President