



E-zine National Council of Women of New Zealand



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Radio NZ's "Beginners Guide to Parliament"

The links below take you to a short item on the Radio NZ website which, in less than 10 minutes, provides an excellent overview of the parliamentary process and how laws get made. It is well worth listening to and includes an explanation about when and how submissions from the public on proposed new policies are received and considered.

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/summerreport/20130114>

[Part one of the beginners guide to Parliament](#)

RNZCGP Quality Symposium 2013

The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners Quality Symposium 2013 - '*Putting Improvement Science into Practice for Child Health*' - will be held on 15 and 16 February 2013 at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington.

<http://www.rnzcgp.org.nz/>

The Circular

The *February* Circular will be posted on Friday 25 January. The deadline for contributions for the *March* Circular is Wednesday 13 February. The Circular has a wide circulation including all MPs. We're keen to publish regular stories about what our branches and member organisations are doing. If there's a particular issue you're involved with or an event you're organising, please let us know and where possible, send in a picture or two. Please email all contributions to ruththomson@ncwnz.org.nz

MAYWOB - Middle Aged Youth Workers on Bikes Youth TAT (Youth turning lives around and thriving) tour.

This tour aims to raise awareness of young people as future leaders, of young people making positive changes after many challenges, and the positive work going on in Youth One Stop Shop (YOSS) centres around the country.

YOSS offer 'wraparound' holistic services to young people aged 10-24 years and their whanau, in a strengths based and youth appropriate way. They generally include health, social services and youth activities.

YOSS centres are under-funded and many struggle to pay their bills despite the Ministry of Health's evaluation that YOSSs have about 50,000 people between 10 and 25 years registered with their services, with 150,000 visits per year. New Plymouth's free youth health centre closed in October

because of lack of funding and youth sector leaders around New Zealand fear more closures may follow. Cuts to the one stop shops will cost taxpayers in increased numbers of people attending emergency departments, untreated sexually transmitted diseases, unplanned pregnancies, and long-term support through the mental health system.

Tour Dates and Locations: Auckland - Jan14, Taupo - Jan16, Palmerston North and Kapiti Coast - Jan 17, Upper Hutt and Wellington - Jan 18, Christchurch - Jan 21, Invercargill - Jan 22.

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NCWNZ Website

Below are some intros into interesting stories recently posted. Go to www.ncwnz.org.nz to read these stories in full –

Student at forefront of cancer research

Jessica Field has had two runs on the board against cancer already. At just 25, Wellington and Madrid-based scientist Ms Field is at the vanguard of the scientific community studying cancer as part of a team developing the next generation of drugs. She has also isolated a compound found in a Tongan sea sponge that could stop the spread of cancer.

We don't want our burqas back: women in Afghanistan on the Taliban's return

When the troops withdraw from Afghanistan next year, many fear a terrible backlash. Tracy McVeigh meets seven women who rebuilt their lives after Taliban oppression – and finds them at risk once more.

How Many Reasons Are There For Dudes To Fear Their Female Bosses?

Before the 1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act, women often had to have a male co-signer for their small-business loan. It turns out, giving the ladies half a chance to start a business was not such a bad investment after all.

Republicans to Formally Train Themselves to Shut Up About Rape

Liberals weren't the only ones who were horrified last week when Georgia Rep. Phil Gingrey backed up Todd Akin's stance on legitimate rape; GOP strategists were, too.

No boys allowed: the rise of single-sex clubs and societies

This month, a women-only restaurant will join a clutch of new clubs, societies and networking events that exclude men. So would many of us really prefer our social lives to be single-sex?

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