



E-zine National Council of Women of New Zealand



5 June 2013

We encourage our NCWNZ branches and NOS/National Members to circulate the fortnightly E-zine to your members! Its a quick update on events, issues and news. Please email anything you would like to be considered for inclusion to nickysteel@ncwnz.org.nz

Workshop: 'CEDAW - Redressing Discrimination against Women'

National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWZ) is organising a workshop for women's organisations, NCWNZ members and lead working groups to address the 'Key Areas for Government Action on Women' identified by the Monitoring Committee of the Committee for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in New York 2012.

Who can attend? Anyone wanting to learn about CEDAW and to help take action on the issues raised in the CEDAW Monitoring Committee's Concluding Observations.

Details: 9:30am – 3.30pm, Saturday 22 June 2013, PSA Offices, Level 8, 11 Aurora Terrace, Wellington. Cost: \$25.00. Register by Wednesday 12 June. For registration details email: ncwnz@ncwnz.org.nz

Movie Fundraiser for Equal Pay Case - The Great Gatsby

Come along and support the SFWU Equal Pay case in the name of aged care worker Kristine Bartlett. The case will be expensive so support is being sought in the campaign for fair pay for women workers.

The movie will be screened on Sunday 9 June at the Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn, Wellington. Be there at 7pm for a 7.15 movie start. Tickets \$25 waged, \$15 unwaged. Come to this if you are in Wellington and if not, please send on to your Wellington members and contacts.

For more info email rebecca.matthews@nzei.org.nz

Wellington branch Fundraising Luncheon

Wellington Branch will hold its fundraising luncheon on Wednesday 12 June, at St John's Church, cnr Willis and Dixon Streets, from 12 noon to 1.30pm. The theme will be "Women in Today's Society." Women MPs representing several political parties will be on the panel to discuss issues relating to the position of women in contemporary New Zealand society. Cost is \$15 per person. For details contact Elizabeth Lee on 04 476 9809.

Feed the Kids Bill – video

The group "Choose Kids: Students Giving Kiwi Kids a Chance" has made this video in support of the **Feed the Kids Bill** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2a7VYSLveEg&feature=youtu.be>
The Bill will have its first reading in Parliament on 10 July.

Enduring Powers of Attorney review

As noted in the NCWNZ May Circular, the office for Senior Citizens wants to hear views on the effectiveness of amendments made in 2008 to provide greater protection for persons setting up an EPoA. Consultation began on March 1st and finishes on June 30th. Find out more at the website or ph 0800 273 674. Comment is due by 30 June 2013.

<http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/whats-happening/2013/enduring-powers-of-attorney-review.html>

Reminder: NCWNZ Constitution Review

On 3 May, NCWNZ Branches and nationally affiliated organisations were emailed the latest draft of the NCWNZ Constitution. Members' comments on this draft are to be received at National Office by **30 June 2013**. Please clearly indicate your name (if an individual), your branch, or your organisation. Email: ncwnz@ncwnz.org.nz with Constitution Review in the Subject line. Or post to NCWNZ, PO Box 25498 Wellington 6146.

New Executive Director at IWRAP Asia Pacific

International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific is an international women's human rights organisation. It has announced that Urmila Bhoola is its new Executive Director. Urmila has 25 years of legal and policy advocacy. Most recently, she was a member of the Labour Court of South Africa. As a Judge of the Labour Court, Urmila worked with the legal community to ensure that the legal system delivered justice in cases of labour and employment disputes. Urmila was also the Chief Legal Drafter of South Africa's Employment Equity Act of 1999 a post-apartheid piece of legislation to give effect to the spirit of the new Constitution and correct structural discrimination within the employment sector towards ensuring equality, dignity, and fair practices.

Reminder: NCWNZ Branch Dues>Returns Forms

The forms were sent out on 15 May. Please get your **Branch Officers** form back to National Office as soon as you have held your AGM so we can update your branch contact details. Thank you.

NCWNZ Website

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

Powhiri for new EEO Commissioner

Dr Jackie Blue, the newly appointed Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner, began her first day at the Human Rights Commission with a formal powhiri hosted by Ngati Whatua kaumatua including Grant Hawke at Orakei marae in Auckland today.

NRL: Kiwi Bulldogs' boss the latest female trailblazer in male dominated sport

NZ netball chief Raelene Castle hit the headlines this week after being appointed chief executive of Sydney NRL club the Canterbury Bulldogs. She is a rarity. When it comes to the top coaching and management jobs in male-dominated areas of professional sport, woman hardly get a shot.

Women's champion Margaret Shields dies

Dame Margaret Shields, a former minister of women's affairs and the first woman elected to chair the Greater Wellington Regional Council, has died aged 71.

Rural folk can help to reduce crime rate

A rural crime survey by Rural Women New Zealand has shown the chief concerns of women living in rural areas are drink drivers and speeding motorists, but it's largely up to those same rural people to help stop such things happening, police say.

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