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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

A Date for your Diary

There will be no branch meeting this month or in April and the next meeting is the Awards Evening to be held at Canterbury University on **Wednesday 27th May at 5.30pm.**

TRUST BOARD REPORT

Members of the Trust Board met on 4th February and our second meeting of the year will be on 18th March 2015.

Lease agreement with the University of Canterbury and Memorandum of Understanding

A Lease Agreement with the University of Canterbury for the occupation of 9 Creyke Road has been signed and the expiry date is 28th February 2016. This lease comes with the condition that should alternative accommodation become available that would suit our needs then the University will be in touch earlier than the renewal date on Creyke Road.

To date I have not received any suggestions for recipients of donations made by the Canterbury NZFGW Trust

As members know one of our objects is to undertake, support and encourage such other charitable works within New Zealand as the Trustees from time to time approve. We would appreciate your submitting ideas. A list of how funds were distributed in the 2013/14 financial year is included below.

CFGW Awards

Applications for the CFFW Awards for undergraduate and postgraduate students close on 31 March.

Publicity

The Trust discussed the importance of the regalia hire business putting effort into publicity. Key areas for promotion are 80 years in the business of hiring regalia and our focus on quality in both service and product. The CFGW Branch has been hiring regalia since 1955 and in that year 30

GRADUATIONS



Helpers are required for the following graduations

Christchurch Polytechnic

Thursday 26 March 9.00am to 1.00pm or 1.00pm to 5.00pm (at 9 Creyke Rd)

Friday 27 March 11.00am to 2.30pm or 2.30pm to 5.00pm (Horncastle Arena)

Canterbury University

Tuesday 14 April 8.00am to 1.00pm or 1.00pm to 5.30pm (at 9 Creyke Rd)

Wednesday 15 April 11.00am to 2.00pm or 2.00pm to 5.30pm (Horncastle Arena)

Thursday 16 April 8.00am to 1.00pm or 1.00pm to 5.30pm (at 9 Creyke Rd)

Friday 17 April 11.00am to 2.00pm or 2.00pm to 5.30pm (Horncastle Arena)

Lincoln University

Thursday 23 April 8.00am to 1.00pm or 1.00pm to 5.30pm (at 9 Creyke Rd)

Friday 24 April 11.00am to 2.00pm or 2.00pm to 5.30pm (at Lincoln University.)

If you can assist at any of these times, please ring **Kay Holyoake, phone 351 9738**

graduands received regalia (then called academics) raising £16/2/6. Clearly we have much to be proud of.

Succession Planning

Members of the Trust are conscious of the importance of succession planning and this must be a priority for both the regalia hire business and the Board itself.

Trust Deed

The Deputy Attorney General provided a document in support of the adoption of the new Trust Deed and outlined the steps required to progress the adoption through the High Court. I have now signed an affidavit to the effect all documentation is true and correct and we await a date for the High Court.

Ellen McCrae - Chair

REPORT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

The National Executive met in Wellington for a face-to-face meeting on Saturday 7 March. Usually we have a monthly meeting by telephone. This was my first face-to-face meeting and I found it very valuable. I met a couple of the Executive for the first time but in addition I found that the issues we discussed were more robustly explored when we were sitting around the table than speaking on the phone.

The morning session was devoted to the NZFGW in the medium term and the afternoon session was our regular monthly meeting. In the morning we focussed on what should be our main areas of action, independent members, the education manifesto and communication. This latter topic was particularly important. In the past few years the National Executive has done excellent work trimming its action plans and concentrating on major issues identified by IFUW. The National Executive has particularly focussed on tertiary education for women and encouraged Branches to participate in actions aimed at making it easier for women to achieve tertiary qualifications. Communicating this message, having a dialogue with Branches and providing feedback and reviews is critical to the success of NZFGW. I know that other members of the National Executive came away from the morning session feeling like me- satisfied that we not only had had a good discussion of where NZFGW should be

going in the medium term but also that we are in agreement that our focus should be tertiary education for women. We can see this focus making sense of what we do- first our advocacy for women in tertiary education (through submissions to government and institutions) and fundraising (including hiring regalia) to provide scholarships and awards for women to undertake tertiary education.

The afternoon session was more straightforward but one issue raised that I would like to share with you- and I welcome comments- was on the structure of the 2016 Conference. Our conference last year was held in Wellington. We had some fantastic speakers and it was great meeting with NZFGW members from around New Zealand and the Pacific. But not enough members attended to make the two day conference sustainable. What ideas do you have for the 2016 Conference? Should we have just a one day conference, or a video conference, or a mix of events? Please let me know.

Bernadette Devonport – Branch President

REGALIA HIRE REPORT

Regalia Hire will be supplying regalia for two graduations during March. Vision College will be holding their ceremony on 13 March and CPIT autumn graduation will take place on Friday 27th March. Handing out will be on Thursday 26th March.

Enrolments for the University of Canterbury April graduation are coming in steadily. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 17th March.

The biennial meeting of regalia managers was held this year in Nelson and all academic dress businesses were represented. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for managers to meet face-to-face and discuss common concerns.

Jean Sharfe – Regalia Manager

NCW Report 11 March 2015

I attended the February branch meeting. A brief tribute was paid to Celia Lashlie, who died recently. The guest speaker was Shar Davis from the Salvation Army, who gave an excellent talk about the work being done by the SA with prostitutes in the city. A campervan – one of two donated to the SA

– is now being used on Wednesday evenings to replace the drop-in centre which was made uninhabitable by the earthquakes. A counselling service has been set up and it is hoped that there will be soon be funding available to employ a second counsellor. Members present divided into groups to discuss two action items: *Violence against Women – A Just and Safe Aotearoa* and *Discrimination – Enabling a Fair Go for All*. I joined a group discussing the second topic.

Marlene Smith Branch NCW Representative

WAIKATO BRANCH CLOSING

Sadly the Waikato Branch have announced that they intend to close the Branch following the 60th birthday celebrations in July. They cite the familiar problems of a falling membership along with members reluctant to come to meetings or to go on the committee.

BPW NZ LEADERSHIP FORUM 2015

"Building Leadership from a Firm Foundation"

Open Event for all Women of Christchurch: Saturday 2nd May 2015, Rydges Latimer, Christchurch

Join us for an afternoon learning about making the most of your leadership capability and gaining new insights. We have an exciting group of panelists sharing their experiences into the steps they took to build their careers or enterprises.

For further information email Vicky Mee at vickymee@gmail.com

From the New Horizons for Women Newsletter

Career Change Awards - new for 2015

Career Change Awards are to assist women who are changing the focus of their career and entering a sector under-represented by women. We are offering two awards for \$3,000. The Awards are a one-off grant to help with study and/or living expenses.

Expansion of the Second-Chance Education Study Awards

We have expanded the criteria for the Second Chance Education Study Awards to include women who have a history of re-engaging in school prior to enrolling in tertiary study. There is one award of \$1,000 for a women enrolled in a certificate/foundation study programme, and one award of \$3,000 for a women enrolled in a diploma/degree programme. The funding for these awards will come from the Alexandra Kilpatrick bequest along with two more Second Chance Awards.

Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memorial Award - offered again in 2015

This Specific Purpose Award for \$5,000 is to advance innovative Pacific early childhood education. Early childhood education refers to both informal and formal pre-school teaching of young children by people outside the family or in settings outside the home. If you are interested in applying and need help to complete the online application please contact our administrator.

Ted Athy Second Chance Scholarship

Ted was a builder who spent most of his working life in the Papatoetoe/Manukau area. He died in 2009 from cancer and in his will wanted some of his estate to provide for scholarships for second chance education through a Trust set up on his death. He believed that education was the best way forward for our young people and was keen that these Scholarships be awarded to students where there was a good chance of good paid employment at the end of their studies.

The two Scholarships given to nursing students so far have fallen entirely into this category and the Trustees look forward to a long relationship with NHWT.

For further details about these or other awards visit the website

www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

IFUW VOTE RESULTS:

CAN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE ELECTRONICALLY ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES BETWEEN TRIENNIAL MEETINGS

51 (68.9%) voted in favour to use electronic voting for constitutional changes between triennial meetings 23 (31.1%) voted not to use electronic voting for constitutional changes between triennial meetings.

Abstentions: 2 (2.6%) **CARRIED**

Other votes current or pending:

Issue	Consequence of Change	Consequence of Not Changing
Name Change From IFUW to (GWI) Graduate Women International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern name that more accurately reflects who we are New "brand" for our international education conference that we can carry forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name has a history, but whether the history is remembered is questionable Name not well known and misunderstood If name change not done now it cannot be done for the next five to ten years
Change to Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition that IFUW is in survival mode and needs to change and change quickly in order to survive Changes need to be made to the dissolution clause to meet Swiss Law requirements for tax exemption status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition that the Federation does not wish to change before the next triennial conference Fund raising will be unlikely to be successful The 2016 conference may well be an IFUW closure event
Tax Exemption Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to fundraise with tax exemption as a carrot Possibility of raising funds to enable IFUW to continue its turnaround strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to fundraise very unlikely Once reserves are finished IFUW will close

Trust Board Donations 1/7/2013 - 30/06/2014		
	2012/2013	2013/2014
EDUCATION	Amount	Amount
Trust Board Discretionary Grants Sp Trav Aw		
CFGW Awards	\$21,900.00	\$25,100.00
CFGW Conference Travel Awards	\$7,700.00	\$7,100.00
CFGW Study Travel Awards	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
CFGW Special Awards	\$2,600.00	
Sadie Balkind Schol/Awards	\$12,000.00	\$10,200.00
Fellowship Trust Board NZFGW	\$15,000.00	\$17,500.00
Cullis Leet NZFGW	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Harriette Jenkins Award NZFGW	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Lincoln University Oen. And Vit. Prize	\$500.00	\$500.00
Lincoln University Fees Scholarship	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
*Science and Technology Fair	\$264.00	\$264.00
Medical Research Foundation	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	\$500.00	
Hardship Grant - Univ. of Cant.	\$500.00	

	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Hardship Grant - Lincoln Univ.- see acc. notes	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
New Horizons for Women Trust	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Sonja Davies Peace Award	\$500.00	\$500.00
Adult Reading (ARAS)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Univ. of Cant. Foundation 400 Level		\$4,500.00
UC Found. Emerging Leaders Scholarship.		\$5,000.00
School for Young Writers*	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
University of Otago Summer Studentship}	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00
ChCh Sch of Med. Sum Student Prize }	\$500.00	
Univ of Cant Hist & Eng Book Vouchers	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Doris Le Roi Prize	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Helen Wily Prize	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Champion Centre	\$500.00	\$500.00
	\$92,714.00	\$101,214.00
CHARITABLE - GENERAL		
Presbyterian Support Services	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Christchurch City Mission	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Methodist Mission	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
St Vincent de Paul Society	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Salvation Army	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Nurse Maude Hospice	\$1,000.00	
Cholmondeley Home	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Burwood Spinal Unit Cant.DHB	\$300.00	
Cancer Society (Canty/West Coast Division)	\$300.00	
Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind	\$300.00	\$300.00
Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand	\$300.00	\$300.00
Order of St John (Ambulance)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Neurological Foundation	\$300.00	
Diabetes ChCh	\$500.00	
Aviva Family Violence Services	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Ferrymead Heritage Park Trust	\$300.00	\$300.00
RSPCA Canterbury	\$300.00	
Orana Wildlife Trust	\$300.00	\$300.00
Lions Club Chch South	\$400.00	\$300.00
Parish of Fendalton	\$100.00	
Cats Protection League	\$300.00	
Police Managers' Guild Trust	\$390.00	\$390.00
(IHC) IDEA Services	\$500.00	
Risingholme Community Centre	\$300.00	\$300.00
Stroke Foundation Southern Region Inc.	\$300.00	
YMCA Wainui Camps		\$1,000.00
Arthritis Society NZ	\$300.00	
Victim Support Services	\$300.00	
Alzheimers Canterbury	\$300.00	
Sunrise Rotary Club	\$400.00	\$400.00
Allergy NZ	\$200.00	
Kidney Health Trust (Kidney Kids-Movie Madness)	\$240.00	\$240.00
Akaroa Heritage Trust	\$50.00	
Kingdom Resources Addington Trust	\$500.00	\$700.00

Heart Children NZ Canterbury@Heart	\$300.00	\$500.00
Shakti Ethnic Women's Support	\$500.00	\$700.00
Cant/WC Air Rescue Trust	\$500.00	
Women's Night Shelter YWCA	\$500.00	\$700.00
Battered Women's Trust	\$500.00	
Charitable Hospital	\$1,000.00	
Dress For Success *	\$500.00	\$600.00
The Kids Foundation	\$300.00	\$250.00
The Kids Foundation Respite House	\$0.00	
Family Help Trust	\$750.00	\$900.00
Community Law	\$500.00	\$500.00
St Chads Church	\$500.00	
Kids Can	\$300.00	\$500.00
	\$20,630.00	\$20,680.00
ARTS		
Arts Centre of Christchurch	\$0.00	
Court Theatre	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
The Opera Foundation	\$500.00	
Theatre Royal Charitable Trust	\$500.00	
Ngaio Marsh Trust	\$500.00	
Christchurch Symphony Orchestra	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
ChCh School of Music	\$500.00	\$1,200.00
Malthouse Theatre Trust	\$500.00	\$1,100.00
Canterbury Repertory Society	\$1,000.00	
Christchurch Art Gallery Trust	\$500.00	
Arts Centre/Civic Music Council(P. Covers)	\$0.00	
Risingholme Orchestra	\$300.00	
	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00
Total Donations	\$119,144.00	\$130,994.00

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