



New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (Inc.)

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2013

***** **APRIL BRANCH MEETING** *****

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24th April at 7.30 pm in the Rangī Ruru Staff Room.**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we shall hear from **Marie Valette**, an exchange student from Yèvres, who will present the speech she is giving to the Papanui RSA on Anzac Day. The speech centres on World War 11 as seen through the eyes of the villagers. Many of them assisted the Allies at great risk to their lives and, indeed, Marie's own grandfather was a member of the Resistance. We encourage members to make a special effort to attend this as it is no small achievement for a young schoolgirl to travel to the other side of the world and deliver a speech in, what to her, is a foreign language.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY MEETING

The Annual Awards Evening will be held on **Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in St Barnabas's Church Hall, Fendalton Rd.**

Those students who have been granted Branch awards, including CFGW Trust Awards, Sadie Balkind Awards and Travel Awards will be speaking to us about their research and studies.

There will be more information about the speakers and their topics in the next newsletter.

MID WINTER LUNCH

This will be held on **Saturday 13 July**. The venue will be advised closer to the date.

SADIE BALKIND AWARDS

The Sadie Balkind Awards were recently decided by the Trust Board as follows:

Sadie Balkind Scholarship Winner for 2013: Katherine Wootton (MSc, Ecology)

Award Winners: Sophia Hunt (MSc, Ecology), Caitlin McCurrie (BSc Hons, Psychology), Rachel Peddie (MAudiology), Hatesa Seumanutafa (MA, Anthropology), Helen Warburton (PhD, Freshwater Ecology), Huihe (Lucy) Wu (BA, Grad Teaching).

At the next meeting of the Trust Board, the CFGW Awards will be decided on, along with the charitable donations. If any member wishes to nominate an organisation to receive a donation, please contact Judy Brooks, Phone 351 8114 but remember that it must be a registered charity.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Canterbury breakfast this year was held on 8 March at the Hagley Netball Centre with about 120 people attending, and Mary Devine, the CEO of Ballantyne's was the speaker. The profit from the breakfast and raffle sales netted \$1400 and a cheque has been forwarded to UN Women's headquarters in Wellington.

The funds will go to a current project being organised in Honiara, the Solomon Islands, for an ablution block for the Honiara market stall holders. Many of these stall holders are women, and the lack of suitable toilet and washing facilities has always been a problem for them.

FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN

The Australian Federation of Graduate Women – ACT Incorporated offers board and lodging for up to four (4) weeks at residential accommodation based at the Australian National University, Canberra to a woman graduate or final year honours student from a university or tertiary institution in Australia, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea or South Pacific countries. Preference may be given to applicants who are members of the **International Federation of University Women**. Canberra residents are ineligible. The Bursary will be available during 6 to 31 January 2014.

The award is open to women of any age who wish to carry out some short project, in any field, that necessitates a short stay in Canberra (e.g. to use libraries or special equipment, to learn a new technique) and which will benefit their research or professional expertise. The successful applicant will be required to make a brief report to AFGW-ACT Inc. following completion of her project.

Applications close on **31 July 2013** with: Ms Heather Nash, AFGW-ACT INC, PO Box 6141, O'Connor ACT 2602, Email: hanash@tpg.com.au

Enquiries regarding the Bursary may also be addressed to Heather Nash, as per the above contact details. The successful applicant will be notified no later than 31 October 2013.

Applications are to be made on the APPLICATION FORM which may be obtained from Heather. All relevant parts must be completed, otherwise the application may not be considered.

Web page: www.afgw-act.org.au

Accommodation will be provided at UniLodge: www.unilodge.com.au which is close to the centre of Canberra and to public transport. AFGW-ACT will supply provisions, utensils and other items such as toiletries.

THE 2013 NGAIO MARSH MEMORIAL LECTURE Sunday 28 April 5-6pm at Christ's College Old Boys' Theatre *Painting in a Writer's Landscape*

Internationally acclaimed as a writer of detective fiction and nationally respected as a director of Shakespearian theatre, Dame Ngaio Marsh's first creative ambition was to be a painter.

Christchurch Art Historian, Julie King will discuss how Ngaio Marsh's work as an artist found expression in her novels.

Don't miss this special opportunity to learn more about a lesser known aspect of one of Canterbury's early cultural icons.

Tickets \$15 from Philippa Bates, 16 Hounslow St, Ilam, Phone 358 8763,

philbates@paradise.net.nz

Please pay by cheque made out to The Friends of Ngaio Marsh, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for delivery of your tickets.

31st IFUW Triennial Conference

Reserve 16-21 August 2013 and join us at the 31st Triennium Conference, Istanbul 2013, to “Meet where the continents meet”. A great opportunity to renew friendships, exchange and learn.

Accommodation, tours, speakers, programme and other important information can now be found at www.ifuw2013istanbul.org **Registration details are still to come.**

NZFGW has nominated Rae Duff for Convener of Member of the Status of Women Committee and Joy Dunsheath for membership of the Hegg Hoffet Committee.

We have also forwarded 4 workshop proposals from NZFGW.

Independent Members – from Martine Cashell-Smith, Membership Convener martine.cashellsmith@gmail.com

The virtual Independent Members Network (IMN)

As a result of discussions at the last NZFGW Triennial Conference and further work undertaken by a number of Independent Members, NZFGW has agreed to formally establish a virtual Independent Members Network (IMN) with myself as the present NZFGW Membership Convener as interim convener. I will shortly be contacting Independent Members about appointing a committee for this network.

This is an exciting move for our Independent Members and I am sure that we all look forward to watching the progression of their new network.

Facebook

I invite all current and new members to make use of the NZFGW Facebook page. This is an excellent way to catch up on what is happening with NZFGW and the Branches, and also to engage in discussion with other NZFGW members.

The Facebook page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/nzfgw>

Past Fellow – Dr Jo Cribb

Recently appointed Chief Executive of the Ministry of Women’s Affairs Dr Joanne Cribb was an NZFGW Fellow in 2002. Jo was previously Deputy Children’s Commissioner, Office of the Children’s Commission. She has more than ten years’ experience as a senior manager and policy leader in the Families Commission, Ministry of Social Development, Department of Internal Affairs, Department of Labour and State Services Commission. She is an experienced leader and researcher in public policy and non-governmental organisations, and recently led the preparation of the Government’s Green Paper on Vulnerable Children.

Jo has an MA from Canterbury University and a PhD in management *Governance structures in New Zealand not-for-profit organisations* from Victoria University of Wellington, and has post-graduate qualifications from Canterbury University and Cambridge. Jo has written a book based on her PhD *Being Accountable: Voluntary Organisations, Government Agencies and Contracted Social Services in New Zealand*. Her analysis examines the impact of the ‘new public management’ on the accountability of service providers in the voluntary sector in New Zealand. Jo will be one of the key government members attending the 57th Session of the Committee on the Status of Women in New York in March. She is married with two children.

REPORT FROM NZFGW FELLOW 2012

Emma Beatson writes: “I would like to extend my appreciation to the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women for their generous contribution toward the costs of my PhD research “Pilot Whales(*Globicephala* spp.) in New Zealand waters: Strandings, life history and conservation”. This is the first comprehensive study to document stranding patterns and aspects of the life history of pilot whales examined from New Zealand waters.”

The overall goal of Emma's PhD research programme is to improve understanding of the stranding patterns, life history and conservation status of pilot whales in New Zealand waters, through detailed investigations of animals stranded on the New Zealand coast. Two currently recognised species of pilot whales inhabit New Zealand waters: the shortfinned pilot whale *Globicephala macrorhynchus*, and the southern sub-species of the longfinned pilot whale *G. melas edwardii*.

Although pilot whales generally prefer deep, open ocean waters, both short and long-finned pilot whales are known to mass strand frequently on the New Zealand coast. Such stranding events provide a unique opportunity to study the biology of a genus that would otherwise be difficult to observe. Extensive research has been conducted on pilot whale populations in the northern hemisphere, based mostly on samples collected from drive fishery catches. However, both species remain poorly understood in the southern hemisphere. Almost nothing is known of the biology or ecology of the unique longfinned pilot whale sub-species of the temperate south, yet they have been classified as "not threatened" by the New Zealand Threat Classification System. Although, pilot whales are not considered to be under threat, it can be argued that cetacean populations whose abundance, distribution, habitat use and life history remain unknown are most at risk, since population declines are likely to go unnoticed.

Emma reports that data has now been collected from more than 700 pilot whales from 19 mass-, and 22 single stranding events throughout New Zealand, over a six-year time period from December 2005 to January 2012.

NEW WEBSITE

Wellington branch now has its own website at <http://wellingtongraduatewomen.co.nz>
Don't forget our own branch one at www.canterburynzfgw.org.nz

GRADUATION SEASON

It has been a very busy time for graduation staff with CPIT, Lincoln and Canterbury graduations close together. To add to the work load, all regalia has to be transferred from the CBS Arena back to 9 Creyke Rd after each ceremony. Below you can see Merle emerging from one of the packing boxes.

