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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

### Next Branch Meeting

The next meeting which will take place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.30am** will be a tour of Rutherford's Den at the Art Centre.

Nobel prize-winning scientist Ernest, Lord Rutherford completed his undergraduate degree at Canterbury College when it was based at the Arts Centre site.

While a student, he carried out much of his own research into the high frequency magnetisation of iron in a basement den in the Clock Tower Building. This building now houses an [interactive science museum](#) that showcases the research of Rutherford and his contemporaries.

If the Great Hall is open we will visit that as well. Afterwards we will have lunch at a nearby café.

If you intend to come, would you please let Geraldine Murphy know (contact details above) by 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Canterbury Branch of NZFGW will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 1.30 pm** at **9 Creyke Rd.**

The business of the meeting will be:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM
2. Presentation of Annual Reports and Financial Statements
3. Election of Officers
4. General Business

We would love to have new members on the committee, so please nominate yourself or another member (with their permission) by filling in the form below.

### NOMINATION FORM 2015/2016 COMMITTEE

We nominate .....

for the position of .....

Nominated by .....  
(name and signature)

Seconded by.....  
(name and signature)

I agree to be nominated .....  
(signature)

Nomination forms to the Secretary, PO Box 6733, Upper Riccarton, CHRISTCHURCH (or email as above) by 11 OCTOBER

## Annual General Meeting of the Trust

Our annual general meeting will be held alongside that of the Branch on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016** between 1.00pm and 2.00pm at 9 Creyke Road Ilam

**Ellen McCrae Chair Graduate Women Canterbury Trust 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

# Trust Board Report

## Rebranding

Of note is our new name and the beginning of a rebranding as Graduate Women Canterbury. This keeps us in line with our international and national organisations which have adopted the names of Graduate Women International, Graduate Women New Zealand and Graduate Women Manawatu; Wellington etc. All our emails go to our new addresses of [trust@graduatewomencanterbury.nz](mailto:trust@graduatewomencanterbury.nz); [regalia@graduatewomencanterbury.nz](mailto:regalia@graduatewomencanterbury.nz) with the new website being [www.graduatewomencanterbury.nz](http://www.graduatewomencanterbury.nz)

## Scholarships and Awards

These past months we have given a focus to reviewing our scholarships and awards in terms of the amounts we award and the range of awards offered. The scholarship office staff of both Lincoln and Canterbury University have been very helpful in guiding us on the cooperation they can offer to ensure fairness in our process and where needs lie. Our aim is to give focus in the funding of postgraduate studies where government funding is non-existent.

The Trustees have agreed to offer a prestigious scholarship The Sadie Balkind Scholarship to a woman undertaking a two year Masters course. The Sadie Balkind scholar will receive \$25,000 over two years. We are also offering up to eight awards of \$5,000.00 each to Masters students. Our travel awards are extremely valuable to women close to completing studies offering an opportunity to present their research at a conference or undertake a short period of research or study in an overseas institute to complement their own work. We have raised the amount that may be given particularly to those travelling to the northern hemisphere.

We have introduced a new category called Exceptional Circumstances awards. These awards are to enable women to initiate, continue or complete tertiary study in exceptional circumstances where government support is unavailable or insufficient. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to: relationship changes, second chance education, need for child or elder care, lack of family support, refugee status, cultural barriers, illness, disability, length of intended course. Awards are usually \$2,000 to \$3,000 but up to \$10,000 may be awarded on occasion.

## Health and Safety Legislation 2016

The trust Board is mindful of our responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 with the handling of academic dress wear at 9 Creyke Road and is proceeding with meeting these requirements.

## Canterbury Westland School Science Fair

The trust is pleased to sponsor prizes for this event and again we have two judges Hilary Stubbs and Merle Sheat who will review the entries at the Fair which is being held at ARA on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## University of Otago, Christchurch, 2016/2017 Summer Studentship Programme

Once again we will be funding two summer studentship research projects they are - **Burwood Assessment, Screening and Education for Chronic Pain: An evaluation** Findings from this studentship project will provide interim data on the extent to which the programme is acceptable and effective in increasing patient self-reported understanding of the mechanisms of chronic pain, fostering acceptance of chronicity, and openness to self-management. These findings will be used to modify the programme as appropriate

**Can we slow down breast cancer in mice using vitamin C?** The use of vitamin C in cancer remains controversial, yet many cancer patients choose high dose ascorbate treatment provided by alternative providers. This study will provide valuable scientific data for the ongoing debate, and discover whether breast cancer growth can be manipulated with increasing doses of vitamin C in a mouse model. This data is vital for the design of clinical trials in breast cancer patients.

## An invitation

Health Research Open Day in September and please go along and see what they are doing.



## NZ FEDERATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Branch is hosting the NZFGW Annual General Meeting next month and members are encouraged to attend this event as it is a great opportunity not only to meet up with members of other branches but to learn about and discuss future plans for our organisation. The programme is as below and if you would like more information and/or intend coming, would you please email [branch@graduatewomencanterbury.nz](mailto:branch@graduatewomencanterbury.nz) by the 30<sup>th</sup> September and advise whether you are coming to the dinner as well.

There is also an Earthquake Tour of the city leaving the University at 3.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October which you are welcome to join. Names are required for this.

### NZFGW AGM

*Hosted by Graduate Women Canterbury*

#### Friday, 7 October 2016, 7pm:

Dinner at **Madam Kwong's Restaurant**  
155 Blenheim Rd – behind Caltex Service Station on corner of Blenheim and Wrights Rds, Riccarton  
The meal will cost \$35-\$40 and will include a complimentary glass of wine/juice)

#### Saturday, 8 October 2016

Canterbury University, Ilam Campus (Lecture Theatre C2)

There is no charge for attendance at the AGM

9:30am	Morning tea
10:00 am – 11:00 am	AGM
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Planning session
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Finish planning session
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Speaker:  Lynda Murchison (President of North Canterbury Federated Farmers; Lecturer in Environmental planning)
Afternoon tea	3:00 pm

## NCWNZ Conference 2016



At Te Papa in Wellington on **Thursday 15th September and Friday 16th September** with the

**AGM on Saturday 17th September**. Start times will be 9am on Thursday and Saturday and 8:45 on Friday. The conference will finish at 5:30pm on Saturday.

**NCW is keen for members to attend this conference due to their proposed major restructuring- about which they wish to hear from members**

For more information and to book please visit the conference website:  
[ncwnzconference2016.grow.co.nz](http://ncwnzconference2016.grow.co.nz)

#### Key note speakers include:

**Maree Crabbe:** Coordinator of the Violence Prevention Project, Reality & Risk: Pornography, Young People and Sexuality.

**Shamubeel Eaquib:** As an experienced economist who writes books in his own time on issues that matter to New Zealand.

**Dr Jackie Blue:** Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner and gender equality champion.

### Letter from NCWNZ President

**Rae Duff:**

**Urgent update: Funding application declined by Department of Internal Affairs**

You will recall in 2008 we lost our charitable status. We were since re-registered as a charity in 2010. During this period, we were focused on getting our charitable status back. We lost our funding contract with the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) in June this year. For the last six years, we received between \$65,000 - 70,000 per year of funding from the Ministry. Our contract target with MSD was to write 40+ submissions to government, per year. We set up our organisation in order to meet our contracted demand – through our standing committees and asking branches and national members to help with opinions for those submissions.

Not one submission has ever been reviewed by MSD - no assessment on quality, issue or voice. We have been writing submissions for years to meet this prescribed government contract, and

subsequently, we lost our focus on what we want to do.

Following our loss of the MSD funding, we were advised by the Deputy Chief Executive of MSD, to apply for the new DIA Community Leadership Fund. With an available funding pool of only \$500,000 for one year. In June we submitted a very strong application aligned to deliver our revised strategic vision. However, our application was submitted alongside over 50 other organisations, who in total requested nearly \$5million dollars. We were told yesterday, by an online system, that our application had been declined. They advised us that "our primary role is not exclusively to provide leadership and capability building across the community and voluntary sector".

The value and power of the National Council is you - our members and our name to fight for gender equality in New Zealand. Now that we are all unencumbered by the requirement to make submissions, and our charity status is assured: we have an unprecedented opportunity to remake our organisation, but we know the government is not behind us to do so.

This news is very disconcerting to deliver to you, but we hope justifies the urgency in our need to change, be agile, be bold and activate our members and supporters: it is time for us to reclaim the specific purpose Kate Sheppard and the suffragists created our organisation for – to push towards gender equality.

Following this advice yesterday we are re-grouping- before making any significant public statement. Please contact me if media approach you.

You are absolutely important to us - our life blood, and wanted to let you know this disconcerting news.

Warm regards



### **From CIR Bernadette Devonport...**

On March 4, 1994, the UN Commission on Human Rights appointed a **Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women**. Twenty-two years later violence against women and girls is still the most systemic and widespread of human rights violations.

Such violence is rooted in gendered social structures and cuts across socio-economic and geographic boundaries, affecting all societies. Additionally armed conflicts in the majority of the world's countries have brought with them their own distinct forms of violence against women. Non-state actor violence continues simultaneously to be a very old and emerging problem. Of particular interest to GWI is the fact that gender-based violence remains one of the most intractable obstacles to the education of women and girls.

### **GWI members have the opportunity to react to the adequacy of the international legal framework on violence against women.**

Ms. Dubravka Šimonović the Special Rapporteur is asking for feedback from States, National Human Rights Institutions, Non-governmental organizations, as well as members of academia. We are being asked to answer the following questions based on our understanding of how the international legal framework has been implemented in our respective countries.

1. Do you consider that there is a need for a separate legally binding treaty on violence against women with its separate monitoring body?
2. Do you consider that there is an incorporation gap of the international or regional human rights norms and standards into national law?
3. Do you believe that there is a lack of implementation of the international and regional legislation into the national law?
4. Do you think that there is a fragmentation of policies and legislation to address gender-based violence?

**Please reply to CIR Bernadette Devonport**

[thebranch@canterburynzfgw.org.nz](mailto:thebranch@canterburynzfgw.org.nz)

**by 1 September**

Your views on measures needed to address this implementation gap and ways to accelerate prevention and elimination of violence against women would also be appreciated.

## **CULTURAL PERCEPTIONS OF MONEY AND WEALTH CONFERENCE**

**IT AFFECTS EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES, BUT HOW MANY OF US REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW CULTURE MATTERS IN THE HANDLING OF MONEY?**

If you are in the business of investing, lending, giving advice or teaching financial literacy in diverse communities, it's essential to be familiar with the cultural influences that affect how people and institutions save, spend and discuss money.

### **The Conference aims to:**

- Bring together practitioners, academics and government agencies.
- Share information on cultural perceptions related to money and wealth.
- Discuss best practice models and develop better interventions to influence changes in financial behaviour.

### **The Conference will be an opportunity to:**

- Share the work being done in this area globally.
- Discuss pathways to positively use cultural perceptions as a vehicle to promote financial capability.
- Develop a framework to establish culture as an 'enabler', rather than a 'hindrance', for implementing good money management practices.

### **INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?**

Researchers and practitioners should express their interest in attending and/or presenting a paper or running a workshop by emailing: [Fin-Ed@massey.ac.nz](mailto:Fin-Ed@massey.ac.nz)

Registrations **close – 23 September**

## **CEDAW Report**

New Zealand's eighth official periodic report on the United Nations Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is now available on the Ministry for Women's website at:

<http://women.govt.nz/documents/cedaw-eighth-periodic-report-government-new-zealand-2016>

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