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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Canterbury Branch of NZFGW will be held on **Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 7.30 pm** at Rangī Ruru School, Hewitts 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 – Proposal to amend the Rules as follows:

With the new reporting standards for registered charities and societies, organizations such as ours no longer require annual auditing of our statements of accounts. Reviews by a qualified person will be sufficient for two years out of every three years. Consequently we are proposing changes to our Branch Rules.

It is proposed that the present **Rule 16** consisting of:

16.1 *The books of the Society must be audited annually and reported upon by an auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.*

16.2 *Such auditor cannot hold any other office in the Society. If a vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during any year the Committee is to appoint an auditor to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.*

be deleted and replaced with a **new Rule 16** as follows:

16.1 *The Statement of Accounts of the Society shall be audited or reviewed annually by a qualified person who is not a member of the Society. The audit or review shall meet the standards required by law.*

16.2 *The auditor or reviewer shall be appointed by the committee.*

After the completion of the business part of the meeting there will be a panel discussion on the future of the branch. Those present are invited to join in the discussion and it is hoped members will make a special effort to come along.

New committee members are always most welcome and if you wish to nominate yourself or another member (with their permission) please fill in the form on the next page.



NOMINATION FORM 2014/2015 COMMITTEE

We nominate.....

for the position of.....

Nominated by
(name and signature)

Seconded by
(name and signature)

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Sadly the death occurred recently of **Caroline Cartwright, OBE, JP** a long time member and former committee member. Born in Ashburton in 1929, Caroline obtained a Science degree at Canterbury University College, studying Zoology, Botany, Physics and Chemistry. She later added Microbiology and Biochemistry at Otago as these subjects were unavailable at Canterbury. She worked in the Christchurch Pathology Department in the early 1950s and, prior to her marriage to Richard, a GP, she spent time in England as a researcher in the Biochemistry of Early Heart Disease and also studied NZ endemic diseases, such as hydatids, at the School of Infectious Diseases in London.

As well as helping her husband in his medical practice and bringing up four children, Caroline was involved in numerous organisations including the Red Cross as President, Nurse Maud, the Cancer Society and the Women’s Prison. She was an elected member of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and was awarded the OBE for services to the community in 1984.

Almoner

For many years now, Ngaio Francis has held the role of Almoner and is responsible for checking on the well-being of members and writing messages of sympathy to the families of deceased members. If members do know of anyone who is sick or has died, would they please make sure Ngaio knows of this. Her phone number is 322 7647.

TRUST BOARD REPORT

Report from the Canterbury NZFGW Trust Board following the meeting on 3rd September 2014.

Trust Deed

The Trust Deed had been submitted to the Attorney General for their scrutiny before submission to the High Court. The Crown Law Office in their response did submit that our changes went beyond minor deviation from the original deed and to this end they sought explanations on a number of issues that the Board has responded to through our lawyers Wynn Williams. While the process has been very slow we do hope to file the application in the Christchurch High Court as soon as a response from the Attorney General is received.

Round the Square

Glyn Strange has made good progress in creating a pdf file of Round the Square and Therese Minehan with Geraldine Murphy's assistance will create a new preface that says something pertinent to the current situation in the Square and the city.

Donations

The Board had given approval for supporting the Canterbury/Westland Science Fair with Merle Sheat and Deborah Errington representing Canterbury NZFGW as judges.

A donation of \$400.00 to support eight children and their carers under the Kids Foundation scheme was approved

Conference Presentation Travel Awards

Frances Charters PhD candidate in Civil Engineering is attending the International Water Association in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia to present on improving water quality in urban waterways

Joanna Pawson Msc Candidate in Geology will be presenting at a Geological Sciences Conference in San Francisco in December on the topic Discovery of New Methane-Bearing Hyper alkaline Springs in the Serpentinized Dun Mountain Ophiolite, New Zealand.

Accounting System and updating computing Hardware and Software

The Trust Board approved a new accounting system for the Academic Dress Hire business, this will use the Xero system

Also approved was a proposal from Oliffs to update the computing hardware and software

Awards for CPIT graduates

It was agreed we should pursue the feasibility of offering scholarships to CPIT degree students. An earlier discussion had stalled so the Chair will follow this through.

Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Canterbury

It was agreed the draft Memorandum of Understanding be submitted to the Registrar of

the University in the initial instance and while not reviewed thoroughly by the Registrar it has found favour as a concept.

Trust Board Rules

These have been redrafted by Bernadette Devonport and Jean Sharfe and will be adopted after minor changes have been reviewed at the next meeting.

Presentation of cheques at the Canterbury NZFGW Branch Awards Evening

It was agreed we should adopt the Branch Committee recommendation that for the CFGW Awards cheques should be presented at the evening.

Ellen McCrae Chair

IFUW Activities – Bernadette Devonport

Sometimes we can forget that as members of Canterbury NZFGW we can participate directly in activities in our wider organisation, IFUW. I encourage you to go to the IFUW website and move beyond the reports and news summaries to the workshops and discussions that IFUW coordinates each month. Last Monday I participated in a webinar where about a dozen of us from around the world discussed 'Becoming More Visible.' A webinar is rather like skype with more than two people talking and listening. It was easier to participate than I thought it would be and all I had to do was register a couple of weeks ago and make sure my computer was on at the appointed time- which for this discussion was 7pm here in Christchurch. The instructions to sign in at the beginning of the discussion were easy to follow (and I assure you that if I can follow them anyone can). So, do add IFUW's workshops and discussions to your weekly 'to do' lists.

For the record, the discussion on 'Becoming More Visible' was very interesting. The main speaker was Nezihe from Turkey, who spoke on the Friendship Bridge Project the Turkish FUW runs. In this project FUW matches university students with

mentors and provides opportunities for the students to network and give back to their communities. In this way the Turkish FUW was raising awareness among young women in tertiary education. Equally interesting was the discussion that followed and I learned how FUW in Switzerland and Ireland are approaching this topic.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN REPORT (Marlene Smith)

The main business of the August meeting was the consideration of the remits. These related to: 1) Aged Care Staffing Levels; 2) Mental Health of Women in Prisons; 3) Mental Health – Reducing Suicide; 4) CEDAW; 5) Early Registration of Pregnant Women to Improve Mother and Child Health Outcomes; 6) Sexuality and Reproductive Health Education; 7) Legal Minimum Age for Marriage; 8) Voluntary Industry Code of Conduct on Body Image; 9) Universal Child Allowance; 10) Abortion Law Reform and 11) Elder Abuse and Neglect. All remits received support.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE DAY MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Where: Kate Sheppard's Memorial, Oxford Terrace, by the Avon river (on the corner of Oxford Terrace and Worcester Boulevard).

When: Friday 19 September, 12.15 noon-1.30pm

Speakers: The Hon. Lianne Dalziel and Dr. Bronwyn Hayward. All welcome. Feel free to bring a white camellia or other flower to celebrate this occasion.

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IFUW Hegg Hoffet Fund – Conference Table

Donations are still being collected for the Sales Table at the Conference so if you have items would you please bring them to 9 Creyke Rd on a Tuesday between 9.30am-2pm before the 23rd September or contact Bernadette Devonport, details as above. The Branch is intending to provide a raffle consisting of a basket of toiletries so contributions for this are most welcome.

From the National Executive News

Editorial Piece for New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women

By Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch

I was honoured to be asked to write a guest editorial for the NZ Federation of Graduate Women. Finding the time to do so wasn't as easy as I thought it would be.

I have been asked to speak as a woman who has left 23 years in Parliament and is now serving as the Mayor of Christchurch.

I had the privilege of serving two electorates: Christchurch Central, then Christchurch East. I stood as a List only candidate for the one term in between, then realised I didn't want to be an MP without an electorate base. I didn't represent a community of interest or identity, which is what I believe the List positions are good for, nor was I planning to retire from politics at the end of the following term.

The shift from First Past the Post to MMP in 1996 increased the percentage of women in parliament from a quarter to a third. But we have got no further towards the time that women make up the same proportion as they do in the population in general.

I think many women are put off by the Westminster style of politics, which is very adversarial. The debating chamber has been referred to as a bear pit and it can be pretty bruising.

The biggest privilege for me though was to represent Christchurch East when the earthquakes struck. I found an inner strength that

I didn't realise I had. I sought answers to the questions people were asking. I produced earthquake information updates with no political spin – just the facts. I learned a lot about post-disaster recovery and I learned a lot about people and communities. I worked alongside faith-based organisations, community groups and individuals who contributed to a wonderful network of emergent leaders. I made friends who will be friends for life.

In my Valedictory Speech, I talked of my time in politics from opposition to government and back again, and how much I had learned as a result of the earthquakes. From Welfare State to Resilient Nation was the name I gave my personal journey.

I wasn't planning to leave Parliament so soon, but I was persuaded that it was my duty to run for Mayor. My city had done a lot for me and it was time I gave something back.

I am not the first woman to lead the city of Christchurch. That honour goes to Vicki Buck, who has returned to support me as the Deputy Mayor. Only four of the fourteen of us are women, but we have an inclusive council all the same.

I am pursuing a resilience agenda as Mayor of Christchurch and I will not be satisfied with democracy being defined as a vote every three years. We are going to engage our communities in participatory budgeting and collaborative decision-making.

It may take a village to raise a child, but it only takes a TV to raise a consumer and we can do better than that in Christchurch. We want to raise active citizens who have a real say. It's the stuff of legacy befitting the home of Kate Sheppard.



AFGW – ACT INC ACCOMMODATION BURSARY

The Australian Federation of Graduate Women – ACT Incorporated offers residential accommodation for up to four (4) weeks at the Australian National University, Canberra to a woman graduate or final year honours student from a university or equivalent 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 5 to 30 January 2015.

The award is open to women of any age who wish to carry out a short project, in any field, which will benefit from a short stay in Canberra, for example, to use libraries, museums or special equipment. The successful applicant will be required to make a brief report to AFGW-ACT Inc. following completion of her project. Graduate Women

Applications close on 30 September 2014 (send applications to Ms Heather Nash, Email: hanash@tpg.com. using the application form available on the web at: www.afgw-act.org.au

Enquiries to Ms Nash Ph (02) 6295 9214 and 0405 056 533

An alternative might be to adopt a widow!!

A book released in conjunction with International Widow's Day on June 23 chronicles the desperate plight of the 63 million women in Sub-Saharan Africa who are widows, many of them young with young children.

The estimate is grim: thanks to HIV/AIDS, relentless wars, and the harsh realities of poverty, an estimated one in four women in Sub-Saharan Africa, or 63 million women in all, are widows. Many of them are young, have small children, and are desperately poor.

In *Half a Piece of Cloth, the Courage of Africa's Countless Widows*, author Jane L. Crane exposes the daily realities these women face. In this reader-friendly book, Crane examines the plight of

nearly 60 widows in seven different African countries, giving first-hand accounts from widows who survived the genocide in Rwanda, ran from the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda, survived the "rape capital of the world" in the Democratic Republic of Congo, fought for their land in Zambia, and cope with HIV/AIDS in a black township in South Africa.

Half a Piece of Cloth also documents how cultural factors and superstitions often compound the widows' suffering, putting their children at great risk for little or no education and a life of poverty and despair. Among other atrocities, widows in multiple African countries are blamed for their husbands' death, stripped of assets, at times subjected to dehumanizing widowhood rituals, and are frequently left desperate, without welfare or other safety nets.

Part I of *Half a Piece of Cloth* tells the widows' stories. Part II offers solutions – among them education, economic empowerment, and individual, grassroots, and other efforts to bring about change – with the goal of helping Africa's widows to have a full and satisfying life, or what Crane calls "a whole piece of cloth." She comments, "When I heard a speaker from Zambia at the United Nations describe the horrors that widows go through culturally after the death of a husband, my life was changed. Eventually, I travelled to Africa multiple times to see for myself. *Half a Piece of Cloth* is the result."

AUTHOR: After interviewing dozens of desperate widows in Africa, Jane L. Crane founded Adopt A Widow. Similar to a sponsored-child program, Adopt A Widow helps African widows learn a skill to support themselves and their children in a one-year program while experiencing emotional healing. The author of the "Map for Gender Reconciliation," she holds a Master's degree in Peace and Justice and is currently working on her doctorate in Oxford, England, on Africa's widows. Jane's contacts are as follows:

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FEDERATION OF
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30th CONFERENCE

at Rydges Hotel, 75 Featherston Street,
Pipitea, WELLINGTON

on **26 - 28 SEPTEMBER 2014**

WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN AS LEADERS

The programme is available on the national website and enrolments are still being accepted www.nzfgw.org.nz