



# Wellington Women Lawyers' Association news.....

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Welcome to autumn everyone! It's been a bit bitter out there, so why don't you dive on into your newsletter and see what's happening ....

Thanks to Jennifer, and Janna who have both joined the Committee, and have been very industrious.

We need more people on the Committee for 2010/2011 so if you are interested in **Convening**, being the **Secretary** or helping out with the Committee in general, make sure that you get nominated. If you know that perfect person, make sure you nominate them! You can nominate in writing – by email is fine – we don't need a particular form, or you can nominate a person at the AGM.

I would like to thank everyone on the Committee as you've all put in a lot of hard work this year. You guys have great ideas, and enthusiasm and really keep things ticking along. Thanks so much!

I've included some upcoming legislation in this newsletter in case you wish to make Select Committee submissions. If there's something in particular you want us to say or you are interested in making submissions on behalf of WWLA, do let us know.

**Don't forget to pay your subs...attached with this newsletter is the membership renewal form...please pass a copy onto anyone you think may be interested in joining!**

Wrap up warm, and see you at the AGM  
Cathy Blakely, Convenor WWLA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**8 JUNE 2010**

You are invited to the WWLA Annual General meeting, to be held on Tuesday the 8th of June at Shed 5. This year we are very lucky to have Deputy Chief Judge Caren Fox speaking after the AGM.

Deputy Chief Judge Fox affiliates to Ngāti Porou and Rongowhakaata with whakapapa to Te Whānau a Apanui. She studied at Victoria University of Wellington, graduating LLB and LLM (first class honours).

Deputy Chief Judge Fox has over nine years' experience as a Māori Land Court Judge presiding in the Tairāwhiti and Waiariki Māori Land Court districts. Prior to her appointment as a Māori Land Court Judge, Deputy Chief Judge Fox lectured in law at Victoria University, and was a senior lecturer in law and director of graduate studies at the University of Waikato. She won the New Zealand Human Rights Commission 2000 Millennium Medal for her work in human rights. She was appointed as an Alternate Environment Court Judge in 2009.

We will start with drinks and nibbles at 5.30pm, followed by the AGM at 6pm. This should wind up about 6.45pm. Then it's our fantastic speaker, and dinner.

The cost of the AGM is \$50 for members and \$80 for non-members. Payment can be made directly to the WWLA National Bank Account (06-0501-0804250-00). Please code your deposit "AGM". We look forward to your company!

Please RSVP EARLY - by Tuesday 1 June to: [nancy.watters@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:nancy.watters@tpk.govt.nz)

## UPCOMING WWLA EVENTS

– WWLA has lots of fun, informative events planned for 2010— we hope to see you there, and will keep you in touch with what's happening.

**Tuesday June 8 - AGM at Shed 5 – see page one!**

**Monday July 12 – WWLA drinks at Felix café, 128 Wakefield Street – 6pm – everyone is welcome!**

**Monday July 26 – Mid winter Xmas event to be arranged with the Wellington Women In Law group. We will update you in our June newsletter...but mark your diaries now!**

**Monday August 16 – Meet your local body candidates – come along and ask women candidates questions – venue to be confirmed, more details in your next newsletter...**

**Early September – student forum at Victoria University – where students can ask a panel of practitioners questions about what it's like to be a lawyer....watch this space**

**Wednesday November 10 – Wine tasting – yum! Venue to be confirmed**

**Wednesday December 1 – Xmas Drinks at the Green room**

**Thursday December 9 – Trade Aid shopping night, Trade Aid, Wakefield Street.**

You are welcome to come to the monthly WWLA committee meetings. Alternatively, let us know if there are any issues you want discussed, or if you have ideas for functions or activities. We are here for you!

### **Working Women: Learning from the past Looking to the future**

**Seminar: May Day: 1 May 2010  
St Johns Centre, cnr Willis and Dixon Streets,  
Wellington**

**9am – 4.30 pm, costs: \$20 waged, \$10 unwaged**

2010 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Working Women's Charter by the NZ Federation of Labour. It is also 50 years since the introduction of the Government Services Equal Pay Act 1960.

This seminar will reflect on the Working Women's Charter; how well we've achieved the Charter's objectives; and considers the relevance of the Charter today for different groups of women. We will ask whether the Charter needs to be updated.

Interested? Email [workingwomenseminar@gmail.com](mailto:workingwomenseminar@gmail.com) for a programme or to register

[Read the Working Women's Charter at  
www.wwrc.org.nz.](http://www.wwrc.org.nz)

*"Women of diverse origins —  
Femmes de diverses origines"*

### **MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AUGUST 2010**

You are all invited to join an important conference in the beautiful city of Montreal on August 13 to 16, 2010. The *Montreal International Women's Conference 2010* will bring together women from around the world under the theme for "***Celebrating the Centennial of International Women's Day.***

The purpose of the conference is to assess the achievements, shortcomings and setbacks of the worldwide women's rights movement during the last 100 years by honouring the pioneers and celebrating the centennial.

[Conference homepage](#)





## Discover Cambodia with Books for Cambodia

From 27 December 2009 until 12 January 2010 I had the pleasure and privilege of being part of a group of seven ladies who took part in the inaugural Discover Cambodia Tour run by the Books for Cambodia charitable trust in association with Pacific Discovery. We were extremely fortunate to be led by Books for Cambodia founder and trustee, Jennie Wilson.

After time in Phnom Penh and Kampot, we headed for Takeo province, where we stayed with the family of Jennie's close friend Siphon. As we experienced warm and generous hospitality from our hosts, we spent several days covering and stamping hundreds of books for distribution to schools in the local area. Our visits to several of those schools provided testament to the thanks with which the books are received and the impact they have on the literacy of the children and teenagers in Takeo Province. The sparse shelves in the school libraries we visited demonstrated the obvious need for the books provided by the trust.

For anyone remotely interested in doing this trip in the future I would say DO IT! The trip will both inspire and enrich you.

### **Briar Charmley**

Assistant Crown Counsel at Crown Law and WWLA member.

**If you would like more information please visit the website**

**[www.booksforcambodia.org.nz](http://www.booksforcambodia.org.nz)**

## Fair Trade Fortnight 2010 – 1 May to 16 May

### "JUST WOMEN – JUSTICE FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN"

This Fair Trade Fortnight, Trade Aid is highlighting the importance of fair trade for women in the developing world to empower them to break free from poverty. As mothers, wives and members of communities around the world, fair trade provides women new opportunities to prosper. Fair trade in turn, provides the opportunity for the world to recognise the beautifully handcrafted products and exquisite skills and talents of women artisans.

Trade Aid Wellington's Programme for Fair Trade fortnight includes the following events, all being held at the Trade Aid shop on the corner of Victoria and Bond Streets:

30<sup>th</sup> April – Join us to launch Fair Trade Fortnight and celebrate the empowerment of women through Fair Trade: Shopping night from 6 – 8pm with specials, spot prizes and speakers; wine and nibbles provided. (RSVP for catering purposes to [wellington@tradeaid.org.nz](mailto:wellington@tradeaid.org.nz) )

5<sup>th</sup> May – Meet our partner Meera Bhattarai, a pioneer and leader of the fair trade movement in Nepal, who will speak about how fair trade is empowering Nepalese women (and others worldwide) to break free from poverty. Meera is the founder of the Association for Craft Producers (ACP), one of Trade Aid's trading partners. She was the first woman to be awarded "Manager of the Year" in Nepal (2002), amongst numerous international business awards. The evening starts at 6.30pm in the store

8<sup>th</sup> May – Celebrate World Fair Trade Day with food and entertainment from 10.30am – 4.00pm

9<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's (Baking) Day – bring your mother into the shop to celebrate Mother's Day and sample goods baked with fair trade ingredients and Trade Aid tea and coffee.

Also on during FTF:

Demonstrations of traditional crafts by local women in the shop

Tea, coffee, and chocolate tastings in store

Static display and information on Trade Aid in Tuesday May Wellington City Library , mezzanine floor , 3 – 17<sup>th</sup> May



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