



*Wellington Women*  
LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Already more than two months of 2012 have disappeared and I still haven't managed a Newsletter until now. I apologise for this but things have been hectic, especially as I have been heavily involved (with others) in organising the "Walking the Talk" conference, which many of you attended on International Women's Day. We have had considerable positive feedback and requests to hold another conference in the future so watch this space. If you wonder why we continue to need these methods for bolstering women's confidence check out the following article:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/9108790/Attending-meetings-lowers-IQ-research.html>

As a result of the "Developing Your Profile and Career" session run in conjunction with the Women in Law Committee last December, we have been fortunate to have co-opted some new members to the WWLA Committee (Jane Traynor, Lizzie Chan <http://www.nzlawyermagazine.co.nz/Archives/Issue178/178N2/tabid/4026/Default.aspx> and Karen Wong) who bring with them fresh ideas and new skills to enhance our activities.

You will have noticed above our new logo, developed by Rosalind Newson, a recent graduate graphic designer. The Committee felt we needed a more Wellington themed logo and I think you will agree that this encapsulates Wellington Women Lawyers appropriately despite our various careers. The website has also had a makeover as we attempt to maintain relevance in a rapidly changing environment. You can view Treasurer's reports here but you will require a login and password, which is available on request from [nancy.watters@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:nancy.watters@tpk.govt.nz). Visit the new website at [www.wwla.org.nz](http://www.wwla.org.nz). Any feedback and/or suggestions to enhance the website would be most welcome.

WWLA was asked by Auckland Women Lawyers Association (AWLA) to support an application for funding, to undertake research, to independently investigate the reasons why women either choose not to seek progression into partnership in large law firms or they fail to have the opportunity made available to them. A letter of support was sent as WWLA consider the results will have relevance for Wellington Women Lawyers also.

Rachael Reed, the Convenor of AWLA is a guest speaker at the upcoming Australian Women Lawyers Association's conference so if you are interested in attending check out <http://www.lexisnexis.com.au/pd/conference.aspx?id=314>

### ***Mark your dairies***

**Tuesday, 17 April 2012**, from 5.30pm in the Nau Mai room  
at Te Puni Kōkiri, 143 Lambton Quay  
*Re-launching our Mentoring Scheme-*

For some time now there has been a concern with matching up mentors to women who want mentoring. We have more women who want mentors than we have available mentors and the information provided with the membership form has not been sufficient to make suitable matches. We are redrafting the form and would like to invite everyone to a function where forms will be available to fill in to assist women to establish a mentoring relationship.



To encourage you to come along we will also be receiving a presentation from Bronwyn Williams who is a freelance fashion writer and stylist. She is the fashion and beauty editor of [stuff.co.nz](http://stuff.co.nz) and the in-house stylist at the Dominion Post in which she also has regular columns. Bronwyn is a regular guest stylist on TV One's Good Morning show, and has a weekly fashion segment on Radio Active. Bronwyn's blog *Crazy Chic* has a fanatical following. She has garnered a steady fan base for her frank, engaging, and often laugh-out-loud writing style, and for her simple and useful fashion advice.

In this fun and light hearted seminar, Bronwyn will teach you the tips and tricks of a professional stylist. She shows you how do dress for your body shape, how to work fashion trends into everyday looks, and how to look fabulous on a tight budget and an even tighter schedule.

In order to assist with catering purposes could you please rsvp to [tracey.peters@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:tracey.peters@tpk.govt.nz)

**Wednesday 2 May 2012:** from 5.30pm, Green Room at Shed 5

**WWLA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** come along for drinks & nibbles and maybe put yourself forward for the Committee! Agenda and Annual Report will be forwarded prior to the event.

**Friday 20 July 2012: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner 1987 to 2012**



Normally WWLA has a networking dinner to accompany the AGM. As Friday 20 July 2012 is the actual incorporation date anniversary marking twenty-five years of Wellington Women Lawyers Association Incorporated, we have decided to hold a commemorative dinner to mark this occasion.

The venue will be the Wharewaka <http://www.wharewakaoponeke.co.nz/> Entertainment will be provided. This event is open to all former and current members so please contact your colleagues. If anyone knows names of previous Convenors could they please email me [nancy.watters@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:nancy.watters@tpk.govt.nz) so that I can make personal contact.