
NETWORK NEWS

NETWORK MEETING

A meeting of the network will be held during the Annual NZ Political Studies conference: We need to choose some themes for the next newsletters and discuss possible seminars or activities etc for the next year. **Tuesday, 24 August, 5.30 at the University of Canterbury.** If you won't be at the conference but have some ideas, thoughts (or could help!) please phone Bronwyn Hayward . Lincoln University Ph. (03) 3252811, fax (03) 3253857.

Research News

Elizabeth McLeay (Politics Dept., Victoria University, PO Box 600 Wellington, NZ) and Helena Catt (Dept of Political Science, Auckland University, Private Bag, Auckland, NZ), organised an all day workshop on Women and Politics, 3 Dec 1992

at the Stout Research Centre, since then they have published the papers and other articles in a special issue of the Journal *Political Science* and they are bringing out a book on Women and Politics in New Zealand- due late August/Sept (Publisher: Victoria University Press).

Politics Conference



**NZ Political Studies
Association
August 23-25, 1993
University of Canterbury
Christchurch, NZ**

Streams Include:

NZ comparative Politics, Green Politics, International Relations, Political Theory. For more information contact the Dept. of

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Feminist workshops

Will be held at the
NZ Political Studies
Conference

Women and Politics

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**News from other
Networks**

Green Politics

This is a network of researchers interested in green politics, they produce a regular newsletter which sums up the activities of the green politics standing group of ECPR (European Consortium for Political research. They are currently organising workshops on "Green Politics and Democracy" which will be held at the University of Madrid, 1994. For more Information contact Stephen Young, Editor, Green Politics Newsletter, European Policy Research Unit, Dept. of Government, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9 PL, UK.

Gender and Geography

This group produces a regular

NZ/Australia newsletter . The Institute of Australian Geographers **annual conference is at Monash University, Sept. 27-30th 1993.** For information about that conference (which has gender streams coordinated by Kathy Gibson), or the Gender and Geography Group contact Robyn Longhurst, Dept of Geography, University of Waikato, Private Bag, Hamilton, NZ

COMPUTER MAIL

A number of computer mail networks exchange information about teaching materials , new books, research ideas , general news, thoughts on controversial policies etc. Network members are alerted to the following:

Femisa- a politics computer network for people interested in feminism and international relations.

History Women - a network for historians and those interested in feminist issues and history.

Women's Studies- a network of over 1800 women in 33 countries ,. For these E mail addresses mail Bronwyn Hayward at: Hayward@kea.Lincoln .ac.nz

**Women and Philosophy
Conference**

**August 23-27
1993**

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Suffrage Centenary Conference

August 27-29 , 1993

Key note speakers include:

Emiliana 'Afeaki, Judith Allen,
Nancy F.Cott, Raewyn Dalziel,
Ellen Carol DuBois, Patricia
Grimshaw, Marilyn
Lake, Asuncion Lavrin,
Karen Offen, Carole Pateman,
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Networking Women and Politics

Sarah Williams has started lecturing at Otago and is interested in starting a NZ Womens Studies computer network, Women's Studies, Otago University PO Box 56 Dunedin, NZ.

Lee Ann Banasak is an Assistant Professor in Political Science, at Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011, USA. She is interested in women and politics, comparative women's movements and she is currently writing a book on Swiss and US women's movements. She is interested in the women's movement in NZ and suffrage.

Marian Quartly is an historian with a strong interest in politics especially gender, public and private issues, gender and citizenship in Australia in 1900 "with an eye to class and race issues". History Dept. Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, Australia 3168.

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Maryan Street is Director of the Centre for Labour Studies at the University of Auckland. She is interested in women and: trade unions; the labour market: paid and unpaid work; political participation; feminist studies and research methodologies; and social change. University of Auckland Private Bag, Auckland.

Mand Cahill is the editor of the *Women's Studies Journal*, Women's Studies, English Department, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin NZ

Debra Boyask is researching in the Department of Education, University of Canterbury, Private Bag, Christchurch, NZ. She is also using a number of computer mail networks.

Deidre Shaw, Ryburn Rd, RD 3 Ohaupo has completed her Masters on Rural Women (from Waikato University) and copies are available for sale from MAF.

Karen Remetis, Box 47423 Ponsonby, Auckland.

Collen Singleton takes an active role in the New Zealand National Party and its Women's Caucus. PO Box 27 Wellington, NZ

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Deborah Jones is with the Department of Management Communication, School of Management Studies, University of Waikato, Private Bag 3105, Hamilton, NZ

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Jo Fitzpatrick is the Secretary of the Labour Party's Women's Council PO Box 784 Wellington NZ, she has copies of their submission on *Films, Video's and Publications Classification Bill*.

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Madeleine Hawkesby is

studying law and political science, she is particularly interested in women and law and under representation of women in politics 52 Forfar St St Albans, Christchurch.

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Alison Roxborough is President of the National Council of Women, PO Box 12117, Wellington, NZ

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"Green Government" News

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**Maruwhenua Unit,
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**Resource Management
Scholarship**

In 1993 the Ministry for the Environment launched a scholarship for Maori women and men studying natural resource management and environmental planning. The scholarship was an initiative designed as an innovative way of increasing the level of Maori involvement in environmental management. There were 6 successful recipients (3 women) of the scholarship, of which three were young Maori women.

**The Environment, The Treaty
and Natural Resources
Lecture Series**

The Ministry has been involved in organising a lecture series entitled "The Environment, The Treaty and Natural Resources" to foster a climate where dialogue between policy makers, conservation groups and Maori claimants can take place. The series deals with a number of complex issues and has attracted a wide range of prominent speakers. The list includes Hugh Barr, Kevin Smith and Cath Wallace. In addition there are a range of Maori speakers including Maanu Paul, Morris Love, Matiu Rata and Neville Baker.

Environment Report

The Ministry for the Environment is publishing the first New Zealand State of the Environment Report to provide meaningful information about the state of the environment and environmental management issues. The report will take stock of the major components of the New Zealand environment.

One chapter was contracted through Maruwhenua, entitled Flax, Food and Whanau (Modern Uses of Traditional Resources). The theme being modern uses for

traditional resources still significant to Maori. Two resources have been chosen as examples, Tuna and Harakeke.

Harakeke, Whararahi, or Korari as it is known in the North, played a significant role in traditional Maori society, as a cultural resource and a trade commodity. With the arrival of European settlers, emphasis was placed on its value as a commercial commodity. However, this aspect of harakeke is just one facet - a relatively minor one at that - of the value Maori placed on it. This report is dealt with in three sections:

- 1. Maori traditional use of harakeke
- 2. Settler impact on the development of the New Zealand flax industry
- 3. The state of the resource

Tuna

The freshwater tuna (eel) is a highly significant resource for Maori, foremost for its food value, its economy and for a range of other cultural associations, and as an important part of the fisheries resource. Tuna is now exploited commercially and has limited Maori participation in this activity. Primarily, however, the tuna is thought of, and used by Maori, as a cultural resource and these cultural values have persisted.

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Ministry for the Environment

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Suffrage Centennial Activities

Women and the Environment was the theme for the month of June in Suffrage Centennial year, and also for World Environment Day celebrations in New Zealand. As part of the Suffrage Centennial activities, all Government departments were asked to plan and fund special programmes that would help raise the profile of women in the community.

The Women for the Environment emblem was developed by Ministry staff, using the kowhai as a symbol of women's relationship with the environment. In traditional Maori society, when a baby is born an important ritual is carried out. The placenta, the source of nourishment for this new life, is taken to a place regarded as sacred by that tribe. There it is buried, thus returning the whenua (the placenta) to the whenua (Mother Earth). Often a young tree - a kowhai if the baby is a

girl - is planted above the spot. The stylised kowhai flower in the emblem incorporates a moko pattern distinctive to women. (see p 10).

A Women for the Environment poster, designed by Wellington artist Janelle Barker, is proving to be the most popular World Environment Day poster ever produced by the Ministry.

The four main segments of the poster illustrate different aspects of women's involvement with the environment: the importance of the natural world in the early days of human settlement here and its significance to tangata whenua; Martha King, who was New Zealand's first resident botanical artist and also a talented gardener with a deep love of nature; Aunt Daisy, is pictured to represent women of the Depression and wartime years and their "waste not want not" philosophy and finally, the role women have played in the environmental movement and the increasing environmental awareness in the community is pictured.

The poster was launched on Earth Day (22 April) by Dame Miriam Dell, chairperson of the Suffrage Centennial Year Trust and recently co-chair of Environment and Conservation Organisations of New Zealand (ECO). Other speakers at the launch included traditional weaver Te Aue Davis, tramp, bird watcher and author Janet McCallum, Aunt Daisy's daughter Barbara Basham, Greenpeace campaigner Kirsty Hamilton, and Pauline Kingi, a regional director for Te Puni Kokiri and regional president of the Maori Women's Welfare League.

The Ministry for the Environment supported the visit to New Zealand of Winsome McCaughey, Chief Executive of Greening Australia. Ms McCaughey spoke at the 'Paddocks to Parliament' Rural Women's Forum in Masterton, at the WDFB Biennial Conference, and at a public seminar in the Wairarapa on sustainable land use. She also met with farming groups in the lower North Island and with members of the Maruia Society, and spoke at the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society's annual conference. The Ministry believes New Zealand can learn from the community-based approach of the Australian landcare movement.

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