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Kia ora,

Welcome to the The Circular. Thanks to those who have given feedback on the new format. A more easily printable version is [available here](#). Contributions and suggestions are welcome! Next month's focus is on the environment and sustainability. Please send all contributions to circular@ncwnz.org.nz

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President's Kōrero

Kia ora and warm greetings to you all

Looking globally, International Women's Day is nearly upon us. It's a useful marker in time with plenty of activity, with Branches and various member organisations (NOMs) having celebratory events. I look forward to the updates

that will be shared in the next Circular. We've updated the calendar of dates in The Circular to include regular board meeting dates.

Thinking back to our 2019 conference and the agreement to include climate change in our areas of focus, at national office we are mindful of our use of our physical resources. We note that every A4 sheet of paper produced takes a remarkable 10 litres of clean water to be produced. The more people that access the digital Circular the bigger the impact in avoiding water waste. We will continue to examine practical ways that NCWNZ can keep responding to climate change and the April Circular will centre on that theme.

The Board are working on raising the visibility of their workstreams and hope to be able to share this on the members page of our website regularly. I'm looking forward to having a full complement of Board members in the very near future.

Mauri ora,

Lisa Lawrence



International Women's Day (IWD)

NCW is encouraging people to get together and attend one of the many events around the country, or organize an event to livestream Zonta and UN Women's [INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020](#) from Parliament.

International Women's Day is a [UN special day](#) dedicated to the rights of women. In Southeast Asia and the Pacific the theme for this year's day is "Creating an Equal and Enabled World".

The Ministry for Women has a list of events [here](#). Nelson Branch President Venus Sood Guy notes that, "IWD 2020 focuses on innovative ways New

Zealand can advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly on how our individual actions, conversations, behaviours and mind-sets can impact our larger society.” Check out [their event](#) supporting women in Kolkata, India.

Abortion Law Reform

NCWNZ has explicit policy regarding abortion that was passed in 2018: “That abortion should be a standard part of health care – safe, legal and accessible.” To that end we joined many groups in signing an open letter to parliamentarians, which can be [read here](#). It has [now passed the second reading](#).

We also supported the National Day of Action across the country.



Our Bodies, Our Choice

Gina Dao-McLay, NCWNZ Wellington Branch

On Tuesday the 18th of February this year, ‘Our Bodies, Our Choice’ National Days of Action were held in the main centres of New Zealand. Here in Wellington, we had a march from Midland Park to Parliament. Despite the wind and the rain, there was a great turnout and we heard from some amazing people. I was fortunate enough to be able to speak on my views as a young, biracial feminist. At the end of my speech, myself and some other young people gave flowers to those who have been fighting for law reform for a long, long time. It was an incredible experience.

[This is an edited transcript of Gina's speech]

Kia ora everyone! It's so nice to see so many people out here today, all in support of a person's right to choose! As kindly introduced by Heleyni my name is Gina Dao-McLay, I'm a year 13 student here in Pōneke and I'm also a member of the National Council of Women.

I want to acknowledge the immense privilege I have to be speaking to you all today - except I'm kinda mad about it.

I'm mad about the fact that in 2020 we are still out here fighting about these issues! These same issues generations of people before us have marched for. When looking at our current, outdated law surrounding abortion I'm reminded that these rules weren't put in place to 'protect life'. They were put in place to control any person with the capability of becoming pregnant. And that is why I'm here today.



Last April I attended a conference at which we produced the [Aotearoa Youth Declaration](#) for 2019. I was a part of the Gender Equality rōpū and in our statement on reproductive rights we said "We should initially remove abortion from the Crimes Act, which we reaffirm is a stance supported by the UN."

Criminalisation has led to stigmatisation - there should be no stigma surrounding a person having control of their own body.

We also said, “We believe that the most effective policy model empowers pregnant people to have full control over their bodies.”

Us rangatahi know what’s up. While I’m not gonna stand here as a token young person, I can say that so many of us want to be in charge of our own uteruses. I have friends who can’t wait to have a family, and some who simply don’t. All of our decisions are valid and we need equal access to contraception and abortion because it is our body that will be affected most.

To a slightly different point, the abortion legislation committee report was released just last week – an inaccessible 61 pages with niche terminology! There are many factors to think about in the bill, and I could easily talk on them all for hours, but the one that hits me a lot is the whole discourse around ‘sex-selective abortion’. I am a half Asian woman and when people think of sex-selective abortions there are certain ethnicities that come to mind. I don’t know about you all but I’m not keen on racial profiling particularly when there is no evidence to suggest that sex-selective abortions occur in Aotearoa.



This is just my third march for abortion law reform. But there are some people who have been fighting this exact same fight for more years than many of us here have been alive for. The current law hasn’t been changed for FORTY THREE YEARS. This march right here would not be happening without the incredible people who have been pushing for change all those years - the current bill would not exist without them.

So, from us young feminists, we want to acknowledge all the mahi and energy you have all put into this. I can’t even imagine how it feels for the current legislation, while far from perfect, to be in the stages it’s in right now after your years of advocacy. We appreciate the change you have driven, and your consistent demand for rangatahi to have equal access to abortion without

parental consent. Your drive and power inspire us, and motivate us to continue fighting for our reproductive rights as justice to all who have walked before.

We all thank you so incredibly much.



Period Poverty - It's Bleeding Obvious

At NCWNZ period poverty has been a topic of discussion for a few years and we're so please to see positive movement on this issue. In 2019, Christchurch Branch proposed "That NCWNZ urges the Government to provide funding for sanitary products for those in need to end period poverty in New Zealand" and the conference agreed, passing this resolution unanimously. We acknowledge the amazing and ongoing advocacy work by a number of members, organisations and especially environmental advocates supporting the understanding and dissemination of reusable products.

[Decolonise your body with Leonie Hayden at The Spinoff](#)

Check out this comprehensive [Insights Piece by Anna Beard at the YWCA Auckland](#)

[The Warehouse has accessible products](#)

[92% of respondents to this NZ Herald poll](#) want products to be free in schools



Te Tiriti-based Futures & Anti-racism 2020

Te Tiriti Based Futures is an innovative (inter)national, online and offline, Tiriti-based, anti-racism and decolonisation event in Aotearoa.

It will start with a one-day hui on **Saturday 21st March 2020, Race Relations Day 2020**, hosted by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua in Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland, and run for 10 days.

Webinar topics include institutional racism and anti-racism, decolonisation, building Tiriti-based futures and transforming our constitution. The open-access webinars will be posted online, where they will become permanent resources for anti-racist activism and Tiriti education. I would like for everyone to check out their website and the speaker programme. This will be an important resource as we continue to explore privilege and tackle racism.

Refresh & Redesign

Standing Committees, Convenors and You

Raewyn Stone, Health Convenor

At the 2019 Conference, members gave feedback on how they could be more connected with the work of Convenors in developing NCWNZ submissions to Parliament, CEDAW and other bodies.

It is clear that the “Action Item” [AI] process is not working for everyone, that tight deadlines mean there is often no AI or little chance for debate at branch meetings, and sometimes AI topics were of limited interest or not strongly aligned with NCWNZ priorities.

Members had lots of ideas about how the process could be improved, including setting up “topic hubs” where there could be debate on the big global, national and local issues of concern to NCWNZ, use of social media and online meetings, and more structured time at branch meetings.

Convenors and the Parliamentary Watch Committee have taken members’ concerns and ideas on board and are actively looking at refreshing and redesigning processes to make them more relevant and accessible to branches and individual members.

The current list of Standing Committees and what they cover, can be found at

<https://www.ncwnz.org.nz/members/standing-committees/>

One aspect for consideration is reflecting the interrelated and complexity of today’s challenging trends and issues and the different impacts they have

according to gender, race, disability, age and socio-economic status. An example is climate change, which will impact on every area of our lives from globally to individually; another is housing which has a huge impact on everyone's health and educational incomes and is a key driver of inequality.

I am coordinating a draft for convenors and welcome ideas and comments from members. It would be especially helpful to have comments on any or all of the following questions:

- Are the current Standing Committee topic areas the right ones for NCWNZ in 2020?
- Are they the right groupings of issues under each Standing Committee area?
- What topics/issues would you like to be discussing in 2020 and beyond?
- Would a series of topic hubs and online and branch discussions work for you?

Please send feedback by Friday 20 March to health@ncw.org.nz or feel free to ring me (Raewyn Stone) on 027 464 2919.

What We Have Been Up To: Submissions

Title:	Submitted to:	Date:
S20.03 Education and Training Bill (joint with Graduate Women New Zealand)	Education and Workforce Committee	14-Feb-2020
S20.04 Urban Development Bill	Environment Committee	14-Feb-2020
S20.05 Holidays (Bereavement Leave for Miscarriage) Amendment Bill (No 2)	Education and Workforce Committee	14-Feb-2020
S20.06 Better protections for contractors	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	14-Feb-2020
Oral presentation for S20.02 Sexual	Justice Committee	20-



HRC Roundtable Hui on Housing

Sonja Randhawa, NCWNZ Wellington Branch President

Earlier this month, Wellington Branch Vice President Aleisha Amohia and I attended the Roundtable Hui with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing Leilani Farha. Hosted by the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, we attended on behalf of NCWNZ along with a diverse range of civil society organisations including Community Law Wellington and Hutt Valley/Te Whare Ture Hapori, Gender Minorities Aotearoa, Māori Women's Welfare League and Shakti New Zealand.

We discussed the human right to a decent home, universal design principles, the additional barriers felt by our disabled whānau, the rights of indigenous peoples and Māori as well as the issues of supply and demand for housing in New Zealand. We also discussed how victims of domestic violence are trapped with abusers due to a lack of emergency housing, along with the exploitation of refugees by private landlords. Other issues included no emergency housing for trans people in NZ, elder abuse, a rise in conflict between flatmates (as people had little choice of who to live with), disabled people not qualifying for housing

benefit if they worked, landlords getting away with extremely high rents due to high demand, and the power imbalance between landlords and tenants with 90% of cases in Tenancy Tribunals involving landlords suing tenants.

Another big issue, particularly in Wellington, was if a property is in need of renovations due to earthquake strengthening, tenants are displaced as there is no legislation in place advising they need to be put in temporary housing. Without a relocation contingency, people are at risk of being made homeless and may not be able to move back if the landlord decides to increase rent. This is particularly problematic for disabled people who cannot find accessible housing for their needs. This is not a housing crisis, it is a human rights crisis.

The hui was an opportunity to present the issues but also highlighted the need for more participation in civil society organisations. If Aleisha hadn't attended, there would be no one to speak for students and the housing challenges they face. We need more resources for volunteer groups so we can continue to hold the government accountable. However, we also need to make sure we make our spaces as diverse and inclusive as possible so we can represent the views that are missing from the discussion.



Tick for Kids

[Tick for Kids](#) was launched in election year 2014 and is a campaign to engage politicians and the public in discussion over what needs to be done to improve life for children in Aotearoa New Zealand. The group behind this is a collection of organisations who care about children, NCWNZ being one of them - Suzanne Manning, Board member, was at a recent planning meeting on behalf of NCWNZ.

Tick for Kids was active in the 2014 and 2017 election debates and is gearing up to go again in 2020: the mahi is not done yet with too many of our children still living in poverty, in violence, or being ignored. Watch out for Tick for Kids in the coming months, and their tagline "it takes a child to raise a country".



Hamilton Branch Centenary

Elizabeth Bang, NCWNZ Life Member

(Edited speech given at Hamilton Branch Centenary)

When Charlotte asked me to give a brief talk about NCW nationally, I was in my element. It has been a pleasure and enlightening to meander through the Hamilton Branch Archives to realise just how many of the former members I knew, such is the culture and structure of NCWNZ Annual Conferences and the various Standing Committee and their work.

Kate Sheppard and her very progressive team from Christchurch had their first meeting forming the Constitution of NCWNZ in 1896. Branches of strong-minded women throughout the country bought the vision and began to follow suit with the focus of “The need for the status of women to be equal to men.”

Hamilton Branch was formed in 1919 and minutes of these early meetings were recorded in the local newspapers. Topics discussed from these early days were

concerned with Women & Children, for example Open Air schools, Home-School Associations, “special classes” for “mentally defected and retarded children”. Hamilton West School was one of the first to set up a “special class”. The branch also supported Dr Doris Gordon’s Obstetric & Gynaecology appeal fund. Hamilton Branch hosted its first National Conference in 1925, and the next in 1964.

1938 saw NCWNZ, with support from throughout the country, successfully lobbied the Government to appoint women police officers and women JP’s, to add to the appointment of women to Jury service since the 1920s. During the War Years the branch focused on local initiatives such as university hostels, water and road safety, Waikato Social Services and the local Health Board, and later in the 1950s Equal Pay for Equal work activities became a national focus. By 1957 there were 29 affiliated societies giving the Branch 45 delegates and 24 associate members.

International Women’s Year in the 1970s saw this Branch involved in two International committees and working in conjunction with NZ Federation of University Women’s National Survey, “Women at Home.”

In 1979, the International Year of the Child, the Branch organised panels of experts related to youth and the media. In 1980 the concern locally had shifted to the costs and Standards of Care in retirement villages.

In the 1990s the focus for all Branches was the fundraising for the Centennial Fund: the aim to raise \$1 million to invest for the future. 1991 saw the National Executive Meeting hosted in Hamilton.

Towards the end of 1996 I arrived in Hamilton to be part of the group setting up Breast Screen Aotearoa. Joining this Branch was a new adventure as I had gone through the ranks in Dunedin. I was joined the Standing Committee for Health for many years, nominated by Hamilton Branch, and later I became the Health Convenor. At this stage the Branch had 39 affiliated societies with 42 delegates, seven Branch life members, four Associate members, plus six Certificate of Honour or Distinguished Service Branch members. There were five National Presidents of affiliated societies attending the Hamilton Branch, all a huge support for each other and a wealth of knowledge for the Branch.

During 1996-2000 the Branch continued to have expert speakers on many topics and membership remained pretty static. One of the Branch’s main remits was about Grandparents raising Grandchildren. We had several MPs who were of great value and helped us push this forward.

The Hamilton Branch registered as a Charity in 2007 and stayed registered when the National NCWNZ Group was deregistered. After much work and a trip to the high court, NCWNZ were re-registered.

The Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) became a huge focus for all of NCWNZ over the long period since it was ratified in 1985, and in fact we are still working to keep the Government honest in their reporting.

Constitutional changes were again made, and over time the membership attendances in most Branches has diminished. Perhaps it is time again to ask ourselves at all levels, are we remaining relevant? Hamilton Branch with smaller numbers attending has continued with enthusiasm on the part of those attending, and the smaller group in no way diminishes or devalues the organisation.

HAVING FUN:

- We in this branch have continued to hold “Meet the Candidates”, at each election both National and Local body
- We support Founders Day
- We continue to hold fundraising initiatives which have given us many laughs together collecting and selling bargains, holding sausage sizzles, and do have time for a relaxing at a members’ function each year

In conclusion, Hamilton Branch you deserve to be congratulated on reaching 100 years of Service. You have had many members on Standing Committees; two as Standing Committee Convenors; six as National Board members; two as National Presidents, becoming Life Members of the organisation we admire. Many have been awarded Royal Honours, and many honoured by this city especially when celebrating the 125 Women of Influence in the City. Many, many Hamiltonians who have excelled in many ways have been members or participated in our meetings.

Women working together to achieve greater recognition for families would make Kate Sheppard proud. What a joy to belong to such a group of like-minded women, of which you all are. Those who support us are here today to celebrate this 100th year with us.

Congratulations to you all, we have achieved much but change is inevitable, we must embrace it as we still have much to do.

Celebrating our History - The NCWNZ Prayer

Perhaps written in the 1970s, tradition has that the NCWNZ prayer was written by Dame Dorothy Winstone and that it reflects our history as a group that has long provided a platform for interfaith and ecumenical cooperation. This is not an exclusively Christian prayer and some branches incorporate it into their meetings to join everyone together with a common purpose. The prayer is a lovely legacy that was gifted to our organisation.

E te Atua, e inoi ana mātou

Kia titiro atawhai iho koe.

Paihere ia mātou, ki tōu aroha
nui,

Kia kua mātou e
whakahāwea,

E tāwai rānei, i ētahi atu iwi.

Mā tōu aroha mātou e
whakatōpū

E whakakotahi

Homai kia mātou, ko ngā
huarahi

O te mātauranga, o te aroha.

Kia mahi ai mātou, i au mahi

I roto i te pono, i te ngākau
tahi,

Me te aroha, te tahi ki te tahi.

Āmene

Almighty God, give us we pray You,

such concern for the welfare of all people,

that setting aside all prejudice and distinction

of race, creed and class,

we may seek to serve as You would have us
do.

Give us wisdom and understanding in our
counsels,

energy and enterprise in our labours,

and unite us in a true fellowship of service.

Amen

We value the many faith organisations that are members of NCWNZ, which include:

- [Salvation Army](#)
- [Catholic Women's League](#)
- [Council of Jewish Women NZ](#)
- [Methodist Womens Fellowship](#)

- [Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ](#)
- [Mothers Union](#)
- [Association of Anglican Women](#)
- [Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand](#)

Remembering Christchurch

We remember those who passed and those who lost family and friends in the mosque attacks last year. We cannot adequately put into words the loss experienced, nor do we need to. We will remember through witnessing the lives of those who continue and supporting them in their endeavours.

We would like to bring your attention to this [new RNZ series 'This is Us'](#)- a series of digital films showcasing the diversity of Muslim New Zealanders' experiences as they reveal what they love the most.

“It provides a platform for self-representation of Muslims but more importantly, the series is an opportunity for everyone in the country to listen to voices that have thus far only been relegated to vox pops after the tragedy of 15th March 2019.”

Remit Process - Ideas to Debate at Conference 2020

Suzanne Manning, Board member

In 2014, the NCWNZ conference passed a resolution “That NCWNZ supports the legal minimum age of marriage being 18 years without any exceptions for parental consent”. In 2017, this resolution was used as a basis for our submission to the Justice Select Committee on the Court Consent to Marriage of Minors amendment bill, as we did not have time to send out an action item. **A Useful Resolution.**

In 2018, we passed “That abortion should be a standard part of health care – safe, legal and accessible”. In 2020, the Board agreed that NCWNZ would publicly support the Our Bodies Our Choices rallies, based on the fact that this resolution, as agreed NCWNZ policy, gave the mandate for that public support. **A Useful Resolution.**

In 2001: “That NCWNZ oppose the decriminalization of marijuana for recreational use”, which may need revisiting in light of the upcoming referendum. **An Interesting Resolution?**

In 2005: “That NCWNZ lobby Government to backdate to January 2000 funding for a second cycle of in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment”. If any lobbying was done, it did not make big news nor was it effective; and for submissions and advocacy in 2020, it is so specific that we cannot really ‘reuse’ it. **Not A Useful Resolution.**

So, what will the NCWNZ conference resolve this year? Now is the chance for all members to consider what the gaps in our policy are, and to propose a remit. Remits should:

- Link to gender equality and our mission - "Build understanding and drive action to enable New Zealanders to have the safety, freedom and opportunity to determine their own sustainable future"
- Align to at least one of the five topic areas of inequality: safety and health/ economic independence/ influence in decision making/ equality in education and work/ environmental sustainability and climate change
- Reflect NZ's obligations regards CEDAW Concluding Comments where applicable
- Reflect the Sustainable Development Goals where applicable

What You Need to Know:

- Submit your proposed remit to the National Office by **Wednesday 22 April 2020.**
- Templates for remit submissions will be sent out to members soon.
- A resolutions committee will select up to five remits to progress.
- Proposed remits will be sent to members around **Monday 25 May 2020.**
- Feedback on wording of remits will need to be received by **Monday 22 June 2020.**
- The resolutions committee will negotiate and finalise remits, to be sent out with conference papers in **mid-July.**

Conference 2020

Conference this year will be held in Invercargill at the Ascot Park Hotel, 28-29 August. Registrations will be opening in the next few months, and throughout the year Southland Branch will be highlighting an aspect of their rohe. Accommodation options are available from \$115-\$190 per night.

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Dame Alison Roxburgh, DNZM, CBE, QSO, JP. BHSc

Elizabeth Bang, Life Member NCWNZ and Member, Hamilton Branch

Dame Alison Roxburgh, a National and Nelson Branch life member of NCWNZ, also held many other positions within the NCWNZ and the International Council of Women. Alison died peacefully, in Nelson, on January 25, 2020. Dame Alison is survived by her son Angus, his wife Lauren and two much loved grandchildren.

Alison held an exceptional record of 13 consecutive years on the NCWNZ Board. When talking to Alison she would usually tell you she had many highlights, however for her the main one was being President and celebrating Suffrage Year 1993, with women all over NZ rejoicing that women in our country had gained the vote and the ability to express their wishes on an equal footing. During this time Alison also led the campaign to raise funds for the "Centennial Fund" with the aim to raise \$800,000 to sustain the organisation into the future. This was exceeded, and \$1 million was deposited into the Fund.

Alison's leadership skills were evident when she was Head girl at school in Dunedin, and she continued on to University where she graduated with a

Bachelor of Home Science in 1956. Returning to lecture at the Home Science School was followed by a stint overseas to research in her field, returning to lecture at Victoria based at Massey University before her marriage.

Involvement with NCW began in Nelson, when she was asked to speak to the Catholic Women's League about Home Management. This led her to begin many years of involvement at both national and international levels representing women on many committees and in most cases leading them. Many, but not all, of these external groups were about health issues and home economics. It was her approach of meticulous preparation and research that gained her respect and continual requests for help.

Alison was the delegate to International Council of Women Asia Pacific Seminar in Jakarta 1985, was the NZ delegate to the South Pacific Commission Women's Conference Fiji in 1989, and led the NCWNZ delegation to China in 1992. She represented NZ at ICW conferences and meetings between 1986 and 1994 in London, Washington, Bangkok, Paris and Malta, and was a member of the Board of ICW over many years. She also represented our NZ Government as part of their delegation to the UN Regional Seminar on CEDAW in 1991, and as part of their delegation to the 37th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women in 1995. We at NCWNZ benefited greatly from her knowledge and wisdom she accumulated on these travels, always well prepared and always willing to share the knowledge she had gained.

There were many other organisations that benefitted from the leadership and concerns of Dame Alison. The NZ Standards Council, NZ Consumers Council, NZ Potato Board, Nelson groups such as the Regional Employment Advisory Committee, Nelson Polytechnic Council are all examples, and there were more. It was Alison who often chaired these groups. Alison's service to her community has been recognised with honorary memberships to organisations such as Altrusa International and Rotary International, and a library at Nelson Polytechnic is named in her honour.

To sum up her many achievements and the many not able to be included because of the many things she had done, our present National President, Lisa Lawrence, commented that "Her leadership was a mainstay of the National Council of Women locally, nationally and internationally for a number of years. She is fondly remembered as a woman of grace, quiet wit and compassion."

Dame Alison Roxburgh has contributed, shared and led. She will be sadly missed by many.



The Backbone Collective

The Backbone Collective launched in 2017 as an independent and unfunded organisation to enable women and their children who have experienced violence and abuse to safely tell those in authority where the current system is and isn't working and how they need the system to respond in order for them to be safe and rebuild their lives. Currently we have a membership of 1700+ women and over 3000 followers on Facebook.

Our purpose is to contribute to the continuous improvement of the response system in New Zealand so that it works well to support and protect women and their children when they experience violence and abuse and reduce further violence. We run online surveys to collect anonymous feedback from women survivors (service users) and assist women to have their say on policy developments, intended legislation, issues discussed in the media etc. From the survey responses and communications with women we then write reports, submissions and media articles to identify where impactful and constructive improvements need to be made. To date we have produced surveys, comprehensive reports, local and international submissions, guides for submission writing, open letters, papers on wider system issues as well as communicating with hundreds of victim/survivors and participated in many media stories to highlight survivor experiences. These can be found on our [website](#).

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NCWNZ: How do I support such an amazing organisation?

We welcome new members, whether it be to a geographic Branch or as an individual member. Interested? [Join here online](#).

We would also love some social media moderators, both for the NCWNZ and the Gender Equal NZ facebook pages. Check out the role advertised [here](#).

There is a private Facebook page for those who are members of NCWNZ as individuals but also for those who are members of their National Organisation. Feel free to request membership, stating what organisation you belong to. There are also a couple of security questions to ensure that this remains a respectful and legitimate space for robust discussion.



The Honey Fund

Thanks Alison Gray for the honey review!

“The order arrived and was well received. One member, who knows a lot about honey, thought the flavour of the honey was particularly good. So, this fund-

raiser product is recommended as a gift for a speaker or a friend.”

(The line drawing image shows the street decorations angels that hang over Stafford Street at Christmas time.)

NCWNZ has partnered with [The Honey Fund](#) to help fundraise for general operational expenses. This is one way you can help. Members individually may be able to sell a box or two at work, faith places or in groups of friends. Your branch may even consider buying a box to give away as gifts to guests who come to your meetings throughout the year.

There are 12 pots of honey per box. Boxes will be sold to our members at the retail price of \$180 per box. This price includes the profit margin of \$60 (\$5 per jar). Jars are to be sold at \$15 each.

[Place your branch or organisation orders online here.](#)

2020 Board Meetings

22 March, 23 April, 24 May, 28 June, 26 July, 23 August, 27 September, 25 October, 22 November

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