

Uniting women to take action for the moral education and healing of our families and society



NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

Women's Federation for World Peace

Oceania Newsletter 3/2017

From the Regional Office

Recently I attended the Australian launch of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) held in the NSW Parliament. IAPP is a project of the Universal Peace Federation, with supporting organisations being WFWP and the Youth Federation for World Peace. It was a gathering of leaders working in the fields of politics, youth and women, who have a united passion for peace building through 'soft power.'



The next day I gathered with leaders from our region to meet our new regional advisory couple, assigned to Oceania from Eastern Africa. Our WFWP Australia presidents were there, along with our Solomon Island President, Selina Galo and representatives from most of the Oceania nations. Selina is also the Principal of the New Hope Academy. It was very moving to hear reports of growth, outreach and development, and share our challenges openly and honestly. I am left with much hope to see God's DNA in each person, the key is finding the method to allow each person to blossom and realise their intrinsic potential. The challenge for me is how to express this love I feel within, to others. I am still working on this.

This issue has stories full of hope; from our service projects within the Pacific Islands, our women's meetings in New Zealand, to professional development for our Australian Board members. In September in Melbourne we have our largest annual event, the one day UN International Day of Peace conference. This year we will be featuring the life and works of our founding couple, the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. I do hope you can join with us.

Warmest wishes, Anne Bellavance

Letter to the New Hope Academy Kindergarten

Dear students of New Hope Academy Kindergarten in the Solomon Islands,

We hope you enjoy your new stationery and books that were collected for you from our secondary college, (for details read the article in the Victoria Chapter).

Our names are Varsha, Chamodi, Bi Yan and Jinah, and we have put in a lot of effort into collecting all these new materials for you. We hope you have fun playing the games, enjoy reading the storybooks.

Most of all, we hope you all now have your own stationery and that you take care of everything well so that it's around for much longer!

Education is really important; we hope that you love learning new things and we are all sure that you will all become successful people one day!

From,

Varsha, Chamodi, Bi Yan and Jinah

(year nine students)

CONTENTS

From the Regional Office	1
Reflections from the Field	1
Overview of WFWP activities	2
News from the Oceania Chapters	
Australia	
New South Wales	3
Victoria	6
Queensland	9
National	14
New Zealand	20
Contact Us	24

The Hope for Humanity Comes from Mothers



“History is calling for reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. Today’s problems cannot be solved by the logic of power. ... Our present problems can only be solved by the logic of love.”

Dr. Hak Jan Han Moon
Founder, WFWP International

Overview of WFWP activities in Oceania

Women are Empowered
Families are Strengthened
Communities are Connected

WFWP is founded on the belief that a peaceful world begins in the heart of each person and in each family. The family is the cornerstone of peace and mature couples are the foundation for strong and loving families. Our organisation encourages every woman to become a ‘woman of peace’ through cultivating her heart, the mother’s heart, to care not just for her own children, but for the children of others, the children of other nations, the children of the world, by developing and expressing the qualities of empathy, forgiveness, and unconditional love.

WFWP is committed to

- Serving communities – service projects within Australia & the Pacific Islands
- Strengthening the family – workshops, forums, seminars and conferences
- Reconciling differences and healing wounds of the past – Bridge of Peace
- Global Women’s Peace Network (GWPN) – a global network of women leaders who are peace builders within their community

Philosophy

- Shine & stand up
- Action; starting in the family
- Transformation through teaching
- Impact with love
- Nurture self and others

WFWP Australia supports projects within Australia and the Island Nations of the Oceania region. Projects include: Global Women’s Peace Network; Dignity Project; Annual Walk-a-thon to support our Pacific Neighbours; Workshops, Seminars, Conferences and Forums on Peace Building; Books for the Islands; Solomon Islands New Hope Kindergarten; Pacific Islands Scholarship Fund; Women’s Sewing Centres; Island Lights Project; Marriage, Family and Wellness education; Character education; and, reconciliation through the Bridge of Peace ceremonies.

WFWP is a dynamic organisation committed to providing women with the opportunity to create lasting peace in the world by fostering dialogue, developing projects that nurture reconciliation and conflict resolution, and supporting projects that serve the community and overcome racial boundaries; all centering on the inherent feminine characteristics of care, empathy, support, nurturing and cooperation.

New South Wales

Books for the Islands

A project of WFP Australia to support two remote villages on Tanna Island in Vanuatu

This year WFP has decided to support the remote villages of Lamlu and Lamnatu on Tanna (Vanuatu). This project has been initiated by Lina, a WFP supporter in Sydney, in collaboration with Giulia (WFP Australia Secretary and Island Projects Coordinator).



Lina (left) and Giulia (right) with the children of Lamnatu

The two girls spent one month together in different villages in Vanuatu during their volunteering experience, where they connected to the communities, built toilets and renovated houses. They fell in love with the people and the culture and realised how much the locals desire to have good quality education.



Traditional island cooking

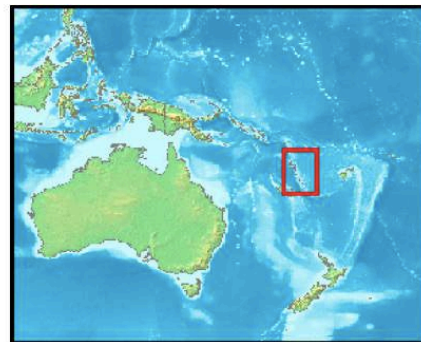


The beautiful children of Lamnatu

Lamnatu and Lamlu are remote villages situated on Tanna Island, in the Tafea province of Vanuatu. The entire island has a population of 29000 people and is mainly known for their coffee, which is exported to other countries.

A few villages are modernised, with access to electricity and running water. But most villages, such as those in the inland area where Lamnatu and Lamlu are located, do not have these services.

The village children were very curious to learn about the world, since none had ever left their village on Tanna before. Although most love their life on the island, there is a strong desire to see the world and to pursue a proper education.



Due to the lack of resources on the island, most of the young adults are forced to study overseas to pursue any kind of career. This puts much pressure on their families, which have to make enormous sacrifices to pay for their child's study expenses. Nevertheless, most families believe in education and parents hope their children will have the chance to leave the island to have a future with more resources.

Local schools (a French and an English one) are located nearby the two villages. Lina, Giulia and the other volunteers visited one of them and had a chance to present themselves to the students and talk about their respective countries of origin. There they learned that the school did not have a world map, so they arranged for one to be donated to the school.

Now, in collaboration with WFP Australia, Giulia and Lina are hoping to support these villages and create school libraries by supplying good quality books.



The primary and secondary school of the Middlebush region on Tanna



Group picture of one of the classes in the local school



Giulia and Lina are now collecting books donations from shops, libraries and schools in Melbourne and Sydney

The books will be delivered to the school by one of the WFPW Australia members in Port-Vila, Vanuatu. Lina and Giulia are also going to start a fundraising campaign to help support the cost of the shipping.

Mission and Vision

WFPW Chapters adhere to the principle that women, working together, taking initiative and empowering one another across traditional lines of race, culture and religion to create healthy families, are resolving the complex problems of our societies and world.

Ultimately “solutions” come as true partnerships between men and women and are established in all levels of society. The beginning point is within society’s most elemental level - the family.

Vision: Women working together to realise one global family rooted in a culture of sustainable peace.

Mission: Empowering women as peace buildres and leaders in the family to transform the community, nation and world. Through education, advocacy, partnership, reconciliation and humanitarian service, WFWPI aims to create and environment of peace and wellbeing for future generations and people of all races, cultures and religious creeds.



Victoria

Glen Waverley College supports the Pacific Island Service Projects

WFWP participates in the Year 9 Community Placement Program

During term one this year, Ms Helen Mason, a Year 9 Coordinator from Glen Waverley College, contacted the office of WFWP Victoria to inquire if WFWP would participate in the Year 9 Community Placement Program, where students choose to work with a community service organisation within Eastern Melbourne.

We were very excited to have the opportunity to work with three groups of girls who were inspired to support women and their families through one or two of our Pacific Island service projects.



Working through the community project

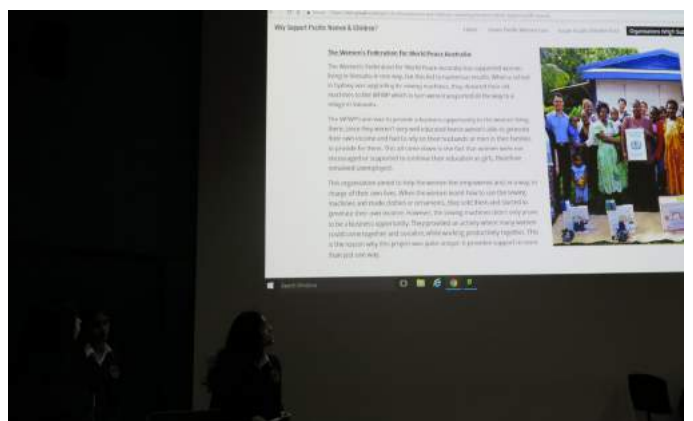
Anne Bellavance prepared the Project Preparation Checklist and Project Planning/Outcomes worksheet for students and went to the school to visit with the team, answer any questions and run through the project goals to assist in achieving them within the allotted timeframe.

At the end of their project, Ms Mason thanked each of the girls for their efforts and handed them a WFWP Certificate of Appreciation, a WFWP pen and the latest newsletter from WFWP International.

The students organised a stationery collection among the Year 7 and 8 classes and collected over 15 bags full of stationery, work books and story books. These were packed into boxes ready for shipment.



Stationery items donations collected by the students



Year 9 girls presenting their project at the assembly

Varsha, one of the team leaders, said, "Our group would like to create a campaign to collect stationery for kindergartens in the Solomon Islands, since we feel that we are making a first-hand impact in that aspect, which is really exciting." Students also raised funds to pay for the shipment of the stationery to the New Hope Academy Kindergarten in the Solomon Islands.

iPads for New Hope Academy

Local school in Melbourne donates 32 iPads to the NHA Kindergarten in Solomon Islands

Beaconhills College, Melbourne, has kindly donated 32 used iPads to the New Hope Academy Kindergarten (NHA) in the Solomon Islands (SI).

The iPads have been reformatted and primary aged teaching apps installed on them. The iPads will be used by students to develop numeracy, reading, writing and comprehension skills. No games have been added. Due to the excessive cost of internet use in the SI, it was necessary to install the educational apps on each individual device in Australia.



Students formatting the iPads.

Giulia Iacono (WFWP Island Projects coordinator) uploaded apps and prepared the iPads for delivery to the school. Fortunately, Selina Galo (the principle of the New Hope Academy School) was in Australia and come to Melbourne with Judith and Sannie from WFWP Solomon Islands to learn how to use the iPads. Giulia taught them application basics and ran through the children's educational apps.



Taking photos - Selina Galo (NHA principle) with Giulia Iacono



Giulia Iacono uploading the apps

During the training, Selina commented that she will first introduce the iPads to the parents and teachers of NHA. She is very grateful to the Beaconhills College for donating them and to the Beaconhills students who offered their time during the IT Club to prepare the devices.

NHA will be the first school to have such technology in the Solomon Islands, because children in the Solomon Island schools have never had access to this type of educational technology; it will empower the staff, parents and students to enter a new world of education.



Giulia teaching the use of iPads - left to right Selina Galo, Giulia Iacono, Judith Mek, Sannie Nelly

With the iPads, Selina will now introduce a new curriculum into the school for students. It is very timely as the NHA opens up a grade one class in 2018. Selina said, “We are extremely grateful for the donation, but my words cannot truly express enough gratitude for the heart and love that the donors have given for the school. It will be our pride.”



Group picture

Queensland

Professional Development with Access Community Services

July 12–13 | Brisbane, Queensland

On July 12 and 13, six Board members from the WFWP Chapters of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane met in Brisbane with team members of Access Community Services for two days of professional development for our Boards. Topics covered were grant writing, marketing and the project acquittal process. Access is located in the City of Logan, Queensland, an area south of the Brisbane metropolitan area, which is quite multicultural. Gail Ker (CEO of Access) was one of our WFWP Oceania delegates at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61) in New York in March, and she graciously offered support for the development of our Boards.

Access Community Services was started just over thirty years ago by Noeline Clamp, Gail's mother. Both women have been nominated Ambassadors for Peace by the Universal Peace Federation. The organisation has been a national leader in the provision of settlement, employment, training, youth support, and housing and social enterprise services to migrants, refugees and mainstream clients. Focusing on settlement and employment initiatives in particular, Access recognised the need to nurture employment opportunities and pathways for clients, who would otherwise be excluded from them.



Group photos - left picture from left: Nikki, Mary, Debbie, Anne, Giulia, Mamiko, Naoko, Yejeong (right picture)

Some **marketing tips** we came away with were:

1. With today's digital users 50% are internet users, 37% are active social media users (an increase of 21% since 2016), and 34% are active mobile social users (an increase of 30% since 2016).

This means that unless an organisation spends time to develop their digital social profile, their message is not getting out. Most importantly, websites need to be responsive in order to adapt to mobile phones screens. With almost 4 billion internet users, 2.5 billion of them only use a mobile phone to surf the web.

This means that by not optimising its own website to mobile screens, the organisation loses more than 60% of the audience it wants to target.

2. Facebook:

a. Only 1–2% of the people who have liked a Facebook page actually see the posts that are uploaded. The reason for this is that there are companies ready to pay lots of money to put their advertisements posts on Facebook. So these posts are prioritised to be shown first to the audience.

b. As a consequence, organisations need to be ready to boost their posts and pay for them to get

their event noticed, otherwise their posts are always going to be lined up behind the paid ones.

c. Video is more visible than photos on Facebook. Today's audience prefers videos as they are more engaging than pictures.

3. Importance of branding: Choose a set of colours for the organisation and use these in all publications and marketing materials.

Some **grant writing tips** gained were:

1. Use persuasive language to grab the reader's attention. Grant applications are very competitive as funding released is limited.

2. Ask questions to get the reader thinking and then answer these questions throughout the application to show how the project will address the need raised through the question.

The acquittal meeting was extremely informative, not only for evaluating data after a project, but also using the Logic Model as an outcome based framework to plan, monitor and evaluate the project. We

had many questions; this is an exciting planning tool and needs further exploration in our teams.

It was overall a great eye-opening experience. It was a blessing to be able to meet and interact with professionals in the different fields of grant writing and marketing. These are fields that need to be developed and improved by our board members, until the time comes where WFWP will be able to sustain a professional service.

We came back with lots of feedback and ideas on how to improve WFWP on different levels. Most precious is the relationship we have established with the Access team members, who have offered us their professional advice and support pro bono to help WFWP grow and develop. We are very eager to get to work now.

We are very fortunate that two of the Access team members will be presenting during our proposed WFWP Oceania retreat next year. A big thank you to everyone from Access participating in this unique partnership.

Global Women's Peace Network

Mission: A network of leaders and organisations dedicated to solve pressing social issues, and secure an environment for human development through cooperation, feminine leadership, and education in family values to ensure shared prosperity and lasting peace.

People in our 21st century are demanding a new style of leadership. Leaders in our 'flattening world' need a different set of skills; requiring aptitude in emotional intelligence, reconciliation, mediation and forgiveness.

In 2012 during the GWPN inaugural assembly, the founders of WFWPI, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon called for a new era of women's leadership in peace building. The assembly highlighted the need for a body of NGO leaders, whose collective wisdom and judgment can complement the deliberations of the United Nations; which as a body of government representatives and is overwhelmingly male. The GWPN is a project of WFWP international.



Find out more at wfwpaustralia.org/global-womens-peace-network

Observing the UN International Day against Drug Abuse

12 July 2017 | Sunnybank Hills Library

Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) jointly with Universal Peace Federation (UPF) held a meeting to observe the UN International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking on 12 July 2017.

Aunty Peggy Tidyman, President of Logan Elders and an honorary WFWP member, gave the Acknowledgement of Country and reminded us about the significance of NAIDOC week. Mr Surendra Prasad OAM, UPF's Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed everyone and former State MP Freya Ostapovitch greeted everyone as an honorary WFWP member. MCMamiko Rattley, president of WFWP Queensland, highlighted the UN's slogan for the day 'Listen First'

in which the UN emphasises the importance of parents and caregivers talking to their children and young people so that they may avoid the temptation to start using drugs.

She further explained that UPF in a ceremony two months ago appointed four respected senior Police Liaison Officers (PLO) as new Ambassadors for Peace (AFPs).

They were nominated by the Queensland Police Commissioner's office. Purdy Huang, one of those four senior PLOs, was present and was welcomed by everyone.



Participants group picture

UPF's Educational Officer John Adamedes introduced UPF via a DVD and explained its vision and mission. He also gave one of UPF's peace principles' presentations on 'Cause & Resolution of Conflict' which addresses the deeper reason people need to escape from reality by taking drugs or other types of harmful substances, and how they can overcome it.

Our special guest speaker for the day was Sergeant Teresa Thoi of Queensland Police. She spoke about drugs in Queensland and showed us samples of actual drugs. She emphasised the trend of cheaper ICE becoming a big problem in the state. It was a very informative presentation.



Ms. Sergeant Theresa Thoi explaining drug abuse



Participants

A little over 20 participants were AFPs, WFWP members and several new guests. They were inspired with these presentations and many of them filled out the questionnaire to express their desire to attend future seminars to further understand UPF's peace principles.

We concluded the evening with sharing and networking over supper.

Written by Mamiko Rattley

National

Pacific Island Scholarship Fund

Supporting the education in the Pacific Islands Nations

The initiative explained

The WFPW 'Pacific Island Scholarship Fund' is a not-for-profit development program launched in March 2017 that aims to provide young adults from Solomon Islands and Vanuatu with opportunities to access empowering education programs in their own country.

The program supports young people who are passionate about getting an education and who align their heart with the values and goals of WFPW: "Living for the sake of others".



Local market



Children walking to school

Where the problem lies

Because education is not free in the Pacific Islands, families can afford sending their children to school only until a certain age.

As a consequence, youth and young adults do not fully complete their education and the workplaces are therefore taken by foreigners. This creates a tremendous social problem: Islanders become second-class citizens in their own country.

With the Pacific Islands Scholarship Fund, we allow young women to receive an education and feel empowered, thereby contributing to the resolution of this social problem.

Pacific Island Scholarship Fund

Supporting education in the Pacific Island Nations

Jenny is 32 and currently attending Early Childhood Education Training at the Solomon Islands National University (SINU). She enrolled in February 2017 and received a scholarship from WFP Australia in March.

Jenny is very excited to learn new skills that will help her become a good teacher. Ever since she was a child, she has dreamt of becoming the best professional teacher in Early Childhood Care Education in Solomon Islands. She smiles as she says, “I want to teach the children of Solomon Islands to become good students, good citizens and ambassadors for peace.”



Jenny on her first day at SINU

With four siblings in her family, Jenny recalls how much her parents have struggled to send all their children to school. “The school fees were very expensive. My family had little money, which needed to be used for the survival of the family.

In Solomon Islands, only a few young people can complete their education through scholarship programs via the government, aid donors or if their parents are working in town. Most young people find it difficult to complete their education due to a lack of financial support from their parents, who are often not fully employed and have to use the little they do have for basic family survival.

In the end, this negatively affects young people’s mentality and most of them give up on wanting to complete their education.”

Nevertheless, Jenny’s family has been blessed in the past. Her older brother was sponsored by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAid) to study sound engineering at the JMC Academy in Sydney. He now works privately, recording music for artists in Solomon Islands, and he recently visited Russia.

Her younger sister studied accounting at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji, sponsored by the Solomon Island Government. She has now returned home and works as a bank officer in the capital.



During teaching classes



Group discussion

We asked Jenny how she feels about her future now that she attends university. “Now I feel that my future is bright. I feel blessed, and I am confident that I can accomplish my goals and dreams. I was very fortunate to get this scholarship and be able to study Early Childhood Education at the Solomon Islands National University. I am forever grateful to all those who supported me through WFP Australia”.

We asked Jenny what she is the proudest of now. She replied, “I am very proud of myself. I feel empowered. With this degree and my job, I know my future is filled with opportunities. And because of that I know I will be able to fully support the education of my future children.”

She concluded, “I believe other passionate young people deserve to have their dreams come true. With the right support, I believe there is hope for us and a way out of this social problem. Education is the key to a better future, not only for this generation but also for the generations to come.”



Jenny in front of the SINU hall

As a newly graduated teacher, Jenny will be employed in a local kindergarten in Honiara, the New Hope Academy (NHA) Kindergarten. WFP Australia has been supporting this kindergarten for years. In 2016, with \$2500 AUD, WFP Australia donated solar panels to provide electricity to the building. As the school is now expanding into a primary school, new teachers will be needed. Jenny has visited the kindergarten during her assignment period.



NHA kindergarten staff and students



Micro teaching presentation at the NHA Kindergarten



Group presentation with university classmates at SINU (Jenny is in the middle)

Jenny has now completed the first semester of her course. WFP Australia wishes her all the best for her studies. We will be hearing from her next time as she graduates at the end of the next semester.

WFP Australia is now selecting new candidates for next year and is planning to expand this initiative to Vanuatu, focusing on high school students. With support from our donors, WFP Australia will be able to effectively support many other young passionate adults into the development of their education and career.

Inauguration of IAPP, Australia Chapter

International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace

19 August 2017 | Sydney

On 19 August 2017, the Inaugural Conference of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) took place in Sydney Australia. More than 80 people attended, including local Sydney Ambassadors for Peace and over twenty interstate (from Victoria, Queensland, and Australian Capital Territory) and international guests (from Vanuatu and Fiji).

The morning session was emceed by Mrs Jynene Helland and was held at the Oceania Peace Embassy. The welcome to country prayer was given by aboriginal elder Pearl Wy-marra.



Oceania Regional Chairman, Rev Shang Seon Park, welcomes everyone

This was followed by welcoming remarks from UPF Regional Chairman, Rev Shang Seon Park. Dr Thomas Walsh, Chairman of UPF International, gave an impressive overview of UPF and the world wide IAPP initiative. Hon David Clarke, Member of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of New South Wales, presented a highly inspiring introduction to the work of UPF.

UPF Australia Vice President, John Bellavance spoke on “Values in Leadership,” explaining how IAPP transcends party politics and focuses on “head wing” thought which is based on universal moral, ethical and spiritual values.



Attentive audience at the Peace Embassy

After a break, the morning session continued with a presentation by President of UPF Australia, Greg Stone on “Family Values and World Peace.” This highlighted the profound importance of the family unit as the essential foundational building block of a peaceful and prosperous society, nation and world.

Anne Bellavance, WFWPI Vice President (Oceania) and WFWP Australia President, spoke on “A Conversation About Parity.” Her talk stressed the need to secure equal opportunities for women in all fields as well as the critical roles that women need to play if we are to achieve peace.

Mica Camara, FFWPU Oceania Director of Youth, gave an overview of the Youth and Students for Peace initiative.



Opening session in the morning from left John Bellavance, Dr Thomas Walsh, Hon David Clarke and Jynene Helland



The second session of the morning. From left Mica Camara, Anne Bellavance, Greg Stone and Jynene Helland

After lunch at the Peace Embassy, the participants were taken by bus to the beautiful Jubilee room at the Parliament of New South Wales, where the afternoon session, including the formal inauguration of the Australian Chapter of the IAPP took place. The emcee for the afternoon session was Greg Stone.

After Rev Shang Seon Park welcomed everyone, Dr Thomas Walsh explained in more detail the significance and role of IAPP. This was followed by a panel discussion chaired by the host of the afternoon session, Hon David Clarke, Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) of NSW Parliament. Other panellists included Hon Rachel Carling-Jenkins (MLC) from the Victorian Parliament, Rev Hon Fred Nile, MLC NSW, Hon Lou Amato MLC NSW, Hon Iliesa Delana, Assistant Minister Youth and Sports Fiji, and Hon Andrew Napuat MP Vanuatu. A message was also read out from Hon Paul Green MLC NSW.



Panel presentations

The panel discussion at NSW Parliament Jubilee room: from left, Greg Stone, Hon Andrew Napuat, Hon Rachel Carling-Jenkins, Dr Thomas Walsh, Hon David Clarke (panel chairman), Rev Hon Fred Nile, Hon Lou Amato, Hon Iliesa Delana, Rev Shang Seon Park

The panel discussion was vibrant and inspiring, with many of the participants mentioning God and speaking about the need for strong family values and righteous, moral leadership in Australia and elsewhere.

This was followed by Q & A and time for comments from the audience. Finally, the resolution for the formation of IAPP Australia was signed by all and we concluded with group photo, afternoon tea and informal discussion.

Everyone was very inspired by the quality of the speeches and their high moral tone, together with the magnificent venue, the oldest parliament building in Australia, which was highly appropriate for the occasion.



Group photo at Jubilee room, Parliament of NSW

New Zealand

AGM and Health/Beauty and Wellbeing Sessions

6 May 2017

Women's Federation for World Peace NZ held their AGM on the 6th May 2017, which was followed by Health/Beauty and Wellbeing sessions that offered members some well-deserve pampering and relaxation.

The AGM focussed on WFWP NZ activities and financial situation for the financial year 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017. The activities and budget for 2017 were discussed. The Executive committee members were announced, and annual fees, fundraising and service projects were discussed.



AGM discussion



Group photo

The Mind and Body Exercises were presented by Master Dahae Kang, who has extensive experience in this field for the last 10 years and currently works in the USA. She knows the UPF and said that she would connect with WFWP in the USA.

The women thoroughly enjoyed the physical and mental activities to relax the entire body.

The Nail Care session was presented by WFWP member Mrs Chanju Lee, who has a very caring heart. She put in all her effort to prepare an immaculate beauty station for everyone's comfort. The women enjoyed some well-deserved pampering and relaxation as a result.

Acupuncture and a Happy Health Machine treatment were conducted by Mr Seokbong Lee, one of our FFWPU members and the husband of Chanju Lee. He gave free treatments to the ladies who

needed this type of treatment. He is an ACC (Accident Compensation Corporation-accident compensation scheme in NZ) accredited Acupuncturist in NZ.

The Reflexology session was conducted by WFWP member Mrs Keitha Browning, who is an Emotional Freedom Technique Adviser and Emotion Code Practitioner. She offered the therapy with utmost sincerity and heart in appreciation for the hard work of all the ladies for WFWP.

It was truly moving to witness the joy and happiness that was brought about by these amazing practitioners and the relaxing atmosphere that was created by everyone.

Monthly Meeting

17 June 2017 | Parnell Peace Embassy

Topic: Marriage Enrichment

Session 5: "What Does Respect Sound Like"

Felicity Cairns, President of WFWP NZ, welcomed the twenty women in attendance and gave a brief summary of the previous sessions that were held last year. From reflections and sharing of the participants we realised that we have learnt a lot from the DVDs and the round table discussions about our own shortcomings and ways to develop our relationships between our husbands, brothers and sons. We watched the DVD on What Does Respect Sound

Like' for 20 minutes followed by group discussions on the topic and sharing about the effects of culture, ethnicity and religion on marriage.

We concluded the afternoon with socialising and afternoon tea.

A special thank you to Nita Wallis who donated beautiful hand-knitted hats for fundraising for WFWP activities.



Afternoon tea



Group discussion



Knitted blankets and hats hand made by Nita Wallis for fundraising



Group photo (hats knitted by Nita)



To donate go to WFWP Website
www.wfwpaustralia.org



www.facebook.com/wfwp.oceania

Fundraising Lunch for Samoa

22 July 2017 | Parnell Peace Embassy

Women's Federation for World Peace NZ held a fundraiser event at the Parnell Peace Embassy, Auckland on 22 July 2017 to raise funds for Samoa, one of the islands in the Pacific Ocean, Oceania region.

The fundraiser consisted of lunch with Bento lunchboxes followed by a movie. The WFWP members prepared the lunchboxes and miso soup for each person and served it in a very sophisticated and beautiful manner. The tables were laid out beautifully so that everyone could enjoy their meals in a comfortable environment. We could feel the motherly hearts of the WFWP members as they served the participants with utmost dedication and sincerity.

After lunch everyone relaxed and watched a fun family movie while munching on popcorn.

We sold tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. Thirty-five people attended. The proceeds will be used for youth activities in Samoa.



Lunch guests

We would like to thank everyone who was able to support this fundraiser event, and a very special thank you to the WFWP members who prepared the meals.

Written by Felicity Cairns and Lia Goijarts

Contact Us



WFWP Australia and Oceania Regional Office

42-46 Bartley Rd.
Belgrave Heights, Vic. 3160
T: +61 3 5968 2664

E-mail: contact@wfwpaustralia.org

Australian website: www.wfwpaustralia.org

International website: www.wfwp.org

Oceania Facebook: www.facebook.com/wfwp.oceania

Oceania YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UC-9cW3xHmHDXkOoRTciHDL0w

New South Wales Chapter

Oceania Peace Embassy
824 - 826 George St, Chippendale NSW, 2008

E-mail: wfwp.aila@gmail.com

Queensland Chapter

PO Box 631, Annerley, Qld 4103

E-mail: wfwpoceania@gmail.com

WFWP New Zealand

N.Z. Peace Embassy
24 St. Stephens Ave, Parnell, Auckland, 1052
Tel: + 649 263 6984

E-mail: wfwpnz@gmail.com

Website: www.wfwp.org.nz/

WFWP Solomon Islands

East Kolaridge
P.O.Box 1603, Honiara, SI
Tel: +677 779 8483

E-mail: truelovesolomons@gmail.com

WFWP Vanuatu

P.O. Box 1145, Port Villa, Vanuatu
Tel: +678 777 4517

E-mail: yoojd68@gmail.com

Newsletter Team

Articles by: Lia Goijarts & Felicity Cairns, Giulia
Iacono, Anne Bellavance, Mamiko Rattley

Editor: Anne Bellavance

Proofreading: Wendy Millgate

Design & Layout: Giulia Iacono

Support our Island Nations Projects in Oceania



New Hope Academy Kindergarten
Pacific Islands Scholarship Fund
Women's Sewing Centres
Island Lights Project
Books for the Islands

United Nations Affiliation

WFWP International became a "NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations" in 1997. This status has continued to be renewed based on the preparation of the Quadrennial Report.

Consultative status is granted by ECOSOC upon recommendation of the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs, which is comprised of 19 Member States.

There are only 139 NGOs worldwide that hold the general consultative status. The requirements of this level of affiliation include:

- ❖ Applying organisation's activities must be relevant to the work of ECOSOC
- ❖ The NGO must have been in existence (officially registered) for at least two years in order to apply
- ❖ The NGO must have a democratic decision making mechanism
- ❖ The major portion of the organisation's funds should be derived from contributions from national affiliates, individual members, or other non-governmental components
- ❖ NGOs granted General Consultative Status must submit to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, every fourth year, a brief report of their activities, in particular regarding their contribution to the work of the United Nations (Quadrennial Report) general consultative status is reserved for large international NGOs whose area of work covers most of the issues on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. These tend to be fairly large, established international NGOs with a broad geographical reach.

The benefits of receiving this status include:

- ❖ The NGO may propose new items for consideration by the ECOSOC
- ❖ Organisations granted status are also invited to attend international conferences called by the UN General Assembly special sessions, and other intergovernmental bodies.

WFWP International maintains a UN office in New York City. WFWP International has twenty UN representatives in seven countries: Austria, Chile, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Switzerland, Thailand, and the US.