



## AFGW Email News April 2016

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1. **AFGW Council Meeting** was held on 13 February 2016, minutes have been placed in the Members' Only section of the website and are available from STA presidents
2. **GWI:** Regular updates from CIR – I hope all are reading them. AFGW featured, as well as background to need for increased capitation fee. Reminder that present increase for 2016-17 was necessitated by fall of \$Aus against the CHF not any increase in GWI capitation which will need the approval of the Assembly in Cape Town.
3. **Nominations for GWI committees:** Thanks to those who have put their names forward 'Tricia Blombery (NSW) - Treasurer, Madeleine Laming (WA & VIC) Fellowships, Margaret Giles (WA) Hegg Hoffett, Shirley Randell (NSW) Projects - with a reminder last three are appointed by new Board.  
We welcome Shirley back from Rwanda, Bangladesh and other far flung adventures which we hope she will share with us in the next years.
4. **GWSA.** Sad news that GWSA is to close as an entity at the end of this financial year due to a lack of any nominations for exec. Meeting to confirm this still to be held with hope of a final meeting and dinner in June. Brings up position of continuing members and raises again the issue of whether we should have a category of members at large. Hope that a suitable resolution will be put to the AGM and that logistics of this can be worked out by Council before then.
5. **Daphne Elliott.** Council has given unanimous approval to the election of Dr Daphne Elliott, PP AFGW, as a Member Emerita. Full details of her illustrious career will be available at the presentation in Adelaide hopefully in June.
6. **Fellowships Officers.** Council has given unanimous approval to the appointment of Prof. Wendy Jessup and Em. Prof Joyce Kirk as joint fellowships officers for 2016. They hold these positions in AFGW NSW and have agreed to act Federally for one year only. **This vacancy needs to be filled long term urgently**

7. **Convenor of Peace, Human Rights and Human Relations:** Prof Jaya Dantas' (WA) nomination was approved unanimously by Council. I hope we will be able to hear more of Jaya and Shirley Randell's part in CSW 60, and to include a report from Kate Cantrell from GWQ, who also attended as part of the GWI delegation.
8. **Government and Education:** Whether or not we are heading for an election in July, education at school (Funding and Gonski), VET (fee-help, failed private providers) and University (funding) levels means education at both levels of government is a contentious issue that we need to watch.
9. **ET Trustee from AFGW:** Dalma Jacobs indicated at the AGM last year that she would not be continuing in this role after this year. I hope someone who has acted as a Trustee in Q, V, SA or WA Education Trusts will come forward to serve at this level for a period. This is becoming urgent and I would like to make a nomination at the July Council Meeting. The AFGW NSW Education Trust is holding substantial capital from AFGW since the Barbara Hale bequest and I am sure you all want someone from outside NSW keeping an eye on it!
10. **Graduate Women:** It has been agreed that *Graduate Women* was still too far from ready for publication and that plans to publish in the present form should be abandoned. It is hoped the History section will be completed with an update from SA and a report 1922-2017 from NSW and issued as a separate newsletter. Other newsletters on CSW 60 and STEM education for Women and Girls are hopefully on the not too distant horizon.
11. **Upcoming events**
  - a. **Face to Face Council Meeting, Sydney 16 July** (*please note correct date as some issues show an incorrect one*)
  - b. **GWI Triennial Conference and Assembly, 21-26 August**
  - c. **AFGW AGM Melbourne 5-6 November**
12. Finally, I am sad to announce the recent deaths of two Life Members of AFGW NSW who made major contributions at Federal and International level. Mary Kane was AFGW Treasurer and served on the IFUW Finance Committee. Dorothy Betty was AFGW President and delegate at many IFUW triennial Conferences.

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