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The Newsletter of Women's Electoral Lobby NSW

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SYDNEY'S FIRST SLUTWALK

"I've been told I'm not supposed to say this, however, women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimised."

These were the words spoken in January this year by Michael Sanguinetti, a Toronto police officer who was lecturing female law students on sexual assault prevention. In response, the female students gathered and organised the first SlutWalk, a protest march that condemns victim-blaming attitudes and rape apologism. At its core the SlutWalk is about challenging the various pervasive rape myths which shift blame onto victims by excusing the actions of perpetrators. These include; that women invite sexual assault through their dress or behavior; that sexual assault is about uncontrollable lust—as opposed to power, control and dominance; that rape can be prevented if women dress differently; that men have diminished responsibility for their own actions.

Since its inception SlutWalk has gone global with marches in Europe, Britain, US, South America, South Africa, NZ and Australia. But the movement has divided feminists. On the one

hand the SlutWalk looks very much like Reclaim The Night version 2.0. In recent years RTN organisers have had difficulty tapping into the younger demographic of women. SlutWalk, it seems, may be the answer. But on the other hand, there is something uncomfortable about having to sex-up the RTN message in order to sell it.

Likewise, there are legitimate concerns that while the sensational title and accompanying outfits might buy headlines, there is a risk that amidst the fishnets and red lipstick the message might get lost, or worse, some misogynists may use this march as licence to call women sluts.

But just as women shouldn't have to modify their dress because of how men may choose to respond to it, arguably, feminists also shouldn't have to modify their march because of how some may choose to misinterpret it. To do so would mean allowing anti-feminists to set the terms of engagement.

Aside from victim blaming SlutWalk is actually about re-appropriating the word "slut"—a word which has

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historically been used to shame, silence and police female sexuality.

While some claim that the word can never be reclaimed (because it was never 'ours' to begin with), other feminists believe that the word must be usurped to empty it of its meaning. After all, the easiest way to cede power to a term is to designate it as being 'off limits'.

Of course SlutWalk is also about women declaring their right to embrace and explore their sexuality without reference to other people's unsolicited moralising judgments. As Emily Maguire once wrote, "a 'slut', after all, is simply a woman who has more sex or sexual partners than whoever is doing the labelling thinks she should." Too true. Except that plenty of sexually inexperienced virgins have also been called sluts due to dress, behaviour or a myriad of other things - a point which further exposes just how arbitrary and meaningless the word 'slut' already is.

Looking at the issue of dress more broadly, women should not be judged or labelled for how little they wear, or how much they choose to conceal. As Eva Cox writes, "We need to oppose the blanket social habits of assuming that women's dress and appearance categorises us as willing or unwilling objects for vilification or exploitation."

While some claim that SlutWalk has further highlighted a division between second and third wave feminists, it's important to stress that attitudes do not unpack neatly along generational lines. I know feminists of all ages who support the walk, and feminists of all ages who don't. Regardless, I believe all feminists subscribe to the aims behind SlutWalk, what's up for dispute here is really the methodology.

Nina Funnell

See picture of Sydney Slutwalk on page 5

LONDON SLUTWALK

My placard read 'Pensioner Slut' and I was proud of it - Selma James

Women of all ages, colours and backgrounds came together at the SlutWalk in London - this was the new women's movement.

There was a great feeling that the London [SlutWalk](#) represented all kinds of women, not because we were all "welcome" but because we did not really differ in what we wanted. We eagerly absorbed and condemned news of each individual crime of discrimination and violence against any woman. But we didn't think this made us superior, the arrogant bearers of the only real truth.

The largely white crowd welcomed women of colour not because it was right and moral and good to be against racism, but because it was too late in the day for racism - anti-racism was what we assumed. I had never seen and heard this kind of confident impatience with injustice in a crowd's reaction. Women of colour said they were comfortable there and a few young black women moved right to the front to help carry the lead banner, happy to identify themselves as leading sluts. That's the end of identifying black women as sex objects personified;

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sluts of colour strike back.

In the same way, the crowd identified with sex workers. There was such empathy when two women from the [English Collective of Prostitutes](#) spoke that my first thought was that this was a sex worker audience. But I then realised that the line between women who turn tricks and women who don't was almost invisible, because for them it was not a moral divide, but one of chance and choice. Besides, one reason we were marching was because it wasn't anyone's business what any of us did with our bodies. That included transgender, lesbian, straight and bisexual women. We were not merely marching together; we were one, claiming not equality but mutual respect for individuality. Establishing your right establishes and safeguards mine.

Perhaps most expressive of how widely this view was held, and the confidence with which women held it, was the way men were welcome on the march. Some were sex workers, some were anti-war protestors, some had started life as women, others were supporting their partners, mothers or daughters. There was no sense that this was a problem, or that women were in any way undermined or nervous because of their presence. Who is with us *is* us.

In this sense, the SlutWalk was light years ahead of the 1970 women's liberation march which made way for it. I was at both. Most of the women 40 years ago were a bit older and less grassroots than the SlutWalkers, taking themselves more seriously, more aware of their talents and skills, on their way to higher things. Many who marched then are by now retired from professorships at universities, journalism, company managing – what were once non-traditional professional jobs for women. There were no wheelchair users in 1970. But last weekend, women with disabilities were an integral part of the protest, marching and speaking, for sex and against rape.

Once upon a time, the head of a European-wide multinational told a company wife that money was sexy. He didn't only mean he could buy sex, but that with his money, women would find him attractive and he wouldn't have to pay. That was a long time ago. Now women identify with both sex workers and chamber maids; we can all say yes or no. Indeed, there were a number of "We are all chambermaids" placards, referring to the alleged attempted rape by the head of the IMF.

Women on the march knew that to change anything, we needed each other. The three who organised the day, Elizabeth Head, Caitlin Hayward-Tapp and Anastasia Richardson, made that clear when they spoke in the square.

Sex assault won't be eradicated until asylum seekers can report crimes to the police without fear of deportation. Until sex workers can report crimes to the police without fear of being criminalised. Until mothers can report crimes to the police without fear of their children being taken from them by social services. Until transgender women can report rape without their status as real women somehow being called into question. And until black women can report rape without being disbelieved because of the colour of their skin.

The – mainly very young – women went wild with delight. They hate rape and all who protect the rapist, from police to the media. They hate the cuts and how women are going to be pummelled. And they hate being defined and divided by the powers that be. This was the new women's movement, born of student protests and Arab revolutions, tearing up the past before our very eyes. It has a lot of work to do and it is not afraid. By the way, my placard read "Pensioner Slut" and it got many thumbs up. Slut, where is thy sting?!



Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/jun/19/slutwalk-new-womens-movement>

The SlutWalk demonstration in London.
Photograph: Tony Kyriacou/Rex Features

CONVENOR'S REPORT

The last couple of months have seen a flourish of feminism throughout Australia, with the Melbourne Feminist Futures Conference, Sydney Camp Betty Conference and SlutWalk marches held around the Nation and the globe. As well as participating in these events WEL has been working hard building relationships with the new NSW Parliament. WEL has had numerous responses to our Position Statement that was sent to all members of the new Parliament. We have met with the Shadow Minister for Women and the Green Spokesperson for Women. WEL has continued our campaigning to advance reproductive rights and pay equity and held an Executive planning day to strategise for the coming months.

The Melbourne Feminist Futures Conference was a weekend-long mix of plenaries and workshops. Panels included: Women from the First Nation, Why Feminism Matters, Feminism and Intersectionality, and Feminist Futures: Visions and Strategies. For me, the highlights of the weekend were: seeing a diverse range of young women and men gathered to discuss feminism, and the opening Indigenous panel's insightful discussion about discourse around legitimising heritage. There were also a couple of disappointments. The panel on Why Feminism Matters consisted of 4 white women all over 30. Secondly, the Melbourne SlutWalk march and an alternative 'Radical Feminist' conference were organised to coincide with Feminist Futures. It is great to see a diversity of feminisms. However, it was disappointing to see these events organised in conflict, forcing participants to choose between them.

After Melbourne it was Sydney's turn to host SlutWalk. SlutWalk began in Toronto where a police officer addressing female students on sexual assault prevention told them they were less likely to be victimised if they avoided dressing like sluts. Those students organised the first SlutWalk in protest to this victim-blaming attitude. It has since spread to become a global phenomenon. The Sydney march did not have the 3000 attendees of Melbourne, with about 1000 people taking to the streets of Sydney in fairly terrible weather. There were a variety of speakers on the day, including WEL's own Eva Cox and Nina Funnell from NSW Premier's Council in Preventing Violence Against Women.

SlutWalk has received an inordinate amount of press. It has been concerning that much of the Sydney media coverage has focused on discussions of reclaiming the word slut and what women wear during these marches; rather than the central and vital issue of sexual assault and a pervasive culture of victim-blaming. WEL attempted to ensure this link in public discourse in our conversations with [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) and on [The Drum](#) discussing the march.

Now the Sydney march is done, where to from here? In Australia, one in 5 women will experience sexual assault during their lifetime. Despite legislation stating that it is inappropriate to focus on a victim's manner of dress in sexual assault trials, they are still all too often questioned about what they were wearing. WEL will now turn our focus to lobbying to change community attitudes and court culture.

The June long weekend also saw Sydney host Camp Betty, a Festival of Sex, Gender and Politics. WEL was among a range of diverse individuals and organisations present at the conference. We were represented on a panel on Sex, Gender and Electoral Politics, with a focus on our Abortion Law Reform cam-

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paign.

WEL has received numerous and very positive responses to our Position Statement that was sent to all members of the new NSW Parliament. These responses acknowledged WEL's strong advocacy work and indicated a wish to develop future relationships. Many politicians indicated that the Position Statement would be utilised in their advocacy in Parliament on behalf of the women and girls of NSW. A couple of the more interesting responses were:

Hon. Jan Barham MLC

'I support the great work that your organisation does and I was a member of WEL some years ago. I am interested in renewing my membership and would like to receive a membership form...'

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Hon. Brad Hazzard MP postscript

'Thank you particularly for such a comprehensive document. The issues around affordable housing and provisions of housing for women and children arising out of the Women's Refuge movement were well highlighted!'

WEL recently met with Shadow Minister Sophie Cotsis to discuss our Position Statement and priority issues. Discussion focused around the ASU Equal Pay case and upcoming deadlines for further submission to Fair Work Australia. WEL also highlighted the importance for cross-party coalition building on women's issues. In the last month WEL also met with Greens Spokesperson for Women, Cate Faehrmann, to discuss our campaign on reproductive rights. WEL will be attending follow up meetings with both women in the coming months. We are awaiting a meeting with the Minister for Women Pru Goward.

The WEL Executive recently held a planning day to develop our strategy for the coming months. We focused on planning for our community campaigns on Reproductive Rights and Pay Equity and outreach so that we can further involve you as our members and other volunteers and activists. We will be holding a members' meeting in the coming months and look forward to talking to you about what you want to see the organisation doing and what projects you want to get involved in.

Remember to keep up to date by checking out our [website](#), E-Update, Facebook and [Twitter](#). If you want to get active get in contact with us and let us know what you are interested in working on.

Melanie Fernandez
Convenor



FAIR PLAY FLASH MOB

As a seasoned activist, I have been to hundreds of protest marches, rallies, demos, vigils and various stunts to draw attention to an issue or loudly proclaim a position. The Sydney Hyde Park rally for Equal Pay as part of the National Day of Action across Australia was one with a difference. Community sector workers with many other unionists gathered to celebrate the Fair Work Australia acknowledgement that employees in the SACs industry, who are predominantly women, are generally remunerated below that of employees of state and local governments who perform similar work. WEL NSW members were also present to add their voice to the action.

This was another in a series of gatherings to support the case before Fair Work Australia on behalf of social and community workers to remedy this pay gap. The parties before FWA have been given the opportunity to make further submissions so there is not yet a decision on the quantum because the governments' submissions regarding cost implications are not satisfactory.

This rally was unique. It was a cold sunny winter's Wednesday. Activists huddled in small groups discussing FWA's decision and assessing its implications. Music blared aimlessly from the back of a truck loaded with loud speakers. The speeches from workers and officials traversed the usual arguments with rousing rhetoric to stir the masses.



Then we were invited by an energetic young man to practice a "flash mob" routine and some of us felt immediately physically challenged. The choreographer on the small distant stage was undaunted by the slow start to simple, coordinated movements. In no time, physical challenge gave way to euphoria which comes with the pleasure of mass movement! The practice run ceased and we marched to Governor Macquarie Tower to remind Premier Barry O'Farrell that we wanted wage justice; that we were angered and disappointed by his new government's additional submissions to the case, making more

excuses for the injustice to continue.

Then we launched our *Fair Pay Flash Mob* routine assisted by an Elvis Presley impersonator. I would have preferred Dolly Parton, but the point was made regardless and the cold, all but forgotten.

Jozefa Sobski

EQUAL PAY CASE— MEGAN CLEMENT-COUZNER

It's official. Australia's community workers, those who help our most needy, are poorly paid. It is at least in part because [87 per cent](#) of them are women.

On the 16 May 2011 Fair Work Australia handed down a [decision](#) recognising that low pay in the Social and Community Services (SACS) industry is due in part to gender inequality: "gender has been important in creating the gap between pay in the SACS industry and pay in comparable state and local government employment."

This decision followed a yearlong case and [campaign](#) by the Australian Services Union.

This ruling has been claimed as a moral and legal victory by the ASU, and other unions and feminist organisations supporting the case. As my colleague and long-time equal pay activist put it on the day of the decision: "we've been waiting for a very long time to have a Federal tribunal recognise the gendered nature of pay inequity."

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She's right. There were 16 equal pay cases heard under the provisions of the *Workplace Relations Act*. Every last one of them lost. The *Fair Work Act*, despite failing to roll back many aspects of *WorkChoices*, has opened the gate to potential victory on equal pay in a federal arena, for the first time.

Yet having this decision in black and white may be cold comfort. These workers are still waiting to hear whether or not the Labor government will fund the outcome of their case.

FWA's decision on May 16 did not result in a dollar figure ruling. They did not accept the ASU's claim that the Queensland award, which would result in an 18 to 37 percent increase, was an appropriate fix. FWA has asked for further submissions on the cost of the case and the parties were ordered to conciliation on Friday June 24.

There has been [concern](#) from economic analysts and government over the much higher rates of pay of comparable state and local government workers. Some are significantly higher than the initial claim for the Queensland award. Given this, Linda White, National Secretary of the ASU, has [identified](#) the Queensland rates as the Union's bargaining position. Yet this has been met with a conspicuous silence, which the Union has argued is an attempt to influence FWA's decision.

If the government refuses to meet the costs of an equal pay ruling in a sector that is chronically underfunded, either job losses, funding cuts or both may result from their decision.

This case is [not about](#) public sector pay rates. It is about a decent wage for workers doing some of the toughest and most important work there is – feminised work. Comparators are needed for calculation purposes, and the law can put a dollar value on anything: the value of a lost leg in compensation claims, a lost reputation in a defamation case. Comparators are tools. What is really important is the social value of the work that this feminised sector performs.

It is unconscionable to argue that a youth suicide worker, a disability carer, or an advocate for the homeless, should be rewarded for their efforts with poverty. By staying silent, the government is doing just that.

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RALLYING FOR A CARBON TAX

A tax on carbon, or more properly, carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions produced through the burning of fossil fuels – coal, oil and gas – has been the subject of discussion by environmental think tanks since the eighties. So, why is this issue so deeply mired in factual confusion and steeped in irrational fear-mongering, simplistic debate at this time?

For the uninitiated, fossil fuels are burnt to produce energy to power individual, as well as, industrial production and consumption. We are burning too much of these to maintain climate and environmental balance.



Carbon dioxide's contribution to global warming and consequent climate change is estimated as 63% of greenhouse gases. Methane is 24%. Most of the Earth's atmosphere is composed of nitrogen and oxygen. These do not retain much of the sun's heat, but CO₂ does. Currently it sits at 388 parts per million in the earth's atmosphere. The aim is to reduce it to 350ppm.

The bulk of CO₂ emissions come from coal and oil, and then

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natural gas. China is the top CO2 emitter, but on 2009 figures, per person it is only 6.1 tonnes of CO2. Australia is fourteenth on the list of emitters, but leads the world with 18.8 tonnes of CO2 being emitted by each person through their use of energy generated by fossil fuels. This level of per capita emission is not sustainable. We should be sourcing more of our energy from renewables, like wind, solar and geothermal. We need to change our wasteful behaviour. We need to sacrifice narrow national interest for universal global interest.

Behavioural change, however, is notoriously very difficult to achieve simply by appeal to people's benevolence and altruism or concern for future generations and the preservation of the natural world. Indeed, such appeals conflict with the materialistic and self-interested values which are daily promoted through our focus on financial success, pleasure and comfort in our capitalist "economy".

The Opposition party's "toxic tax" campaign, not only ignores or implicitly denies the climate science, it appeals to self-interest and narrow national and corporate interests. Its evangelical tone predicting doom arouses people's fears of material loss or threat to comfort and possessions and the security of a steady prosperous state. It is a campaign relying on our selfishness and obsession with the material present. It is a campaign for short-term gain.

In 2007/2008 people worldwide were ready for action, but these same impulses, among many other factors, contributed to the perceived failure of the Copenhagen conference.

The federal Government has wisely selected to progress Australia towards the community of nations taking some action towards emissions abatement. (See Productivity Commission's May, 2011 report on this). The tax on CO2 emissions will be made by the biggest emission producers. The costs to them, of course, are then distributed throughout the community. The government proposes to fix a price per tonne for 3 to 5 years and then to move to an emissions trading scheme.

This price is aimed at creating incentives to invest in renewables; to reduce pollution and energy consumption. It is a government intervention to introduce a market mechanism. It aims to change behaviour by making wasteful behavior expensive, and even, for some, unaffordable.

Of course, there will be compensation schemes and rebates, but they cannot be so great as to have the unintended consequence of not changing behaviour, at all, or only marginally. All of this seems so eminently sensible and self-evident. Why is it not bi-partisan policy?

WEL Australia developed a Climate Change policy in 2007. This can be found in our *Issues at Stake* document prepared for that Federal election.

Internationally, UN Women is not focused on any climate change projects at present although Women Watch does make a strong statement that the threats of climate change are not gender neutral. (See www.un.org/womenwatch) . There was some debate also conducted on Women and the Environment in early 2010 as part of the UN Environment Programme and UN Habitat.

Its focus like the WELA policy was on women's participation in environmental decision-making, the incorporation of gender perspectives and gender sensitive environmental research into policy making forums.

There is a need for broader feminist discussion on the possible gender differential impact of the carbon tax and how this policy measure will intersect with other tax reforms.

The rallies held on World Environment Day across Australia attracted their usual thousands of supporters from a broad range in the community. Prince Alfred Park in Sydney was ablaze with banners and sunshine. The rallies did not rate greatly in the media and there were no women's organisations present. Climate change, like the carbon tax will affect us all. We must take them up as important women's issues, locally and globally.

Jozefa Sobski

REPORT FROM WEL'S FIRST PLANNING SESSION

The WEL NSW Executive met on Saturday 11 June for the first of a planned series of special sessions aimed at developing our lobbying activities for the year.

Consistent with the priorities we developed for our State election Position Statement (which you can find on our website under 'submissions' at: www.welnsw.org.au) we focused on 3 main issues:

Pay Equity

Our Pay Equity Sub-committee is exploring the most useful way we can support the ASU pay equity claim. Ideas include funding a case study to establish wage levels for the early August hearing. Another is to produce a U-tube video putting a feminist social justice perspective on the ASU case. Submission deadline for the hearing is 21 July.

Representatives from WEL NSW have had a constructive meeting with the Shadow Minister for Women, Sophie Cotsis and are still seeking a meeting with the Minister for Women, Pru Goward, to discuss the Government's approach to the pay equity case.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact the convenor of the Pay Equity Sub-committee, Anna Dawson, at dawson.alm@gmail.com.

Abortion

We discussed the need to mobilise women in the 'middle ground' and build community support through widening the campaign to cover 'reproductive rights' not just abortion eg covering the availability of RU486, sex education for girls, contraceptives etc.

The Abortion sub-committee is working with other groups such as WAAC (Women's Abortion Action Campaign) and ProChoice NSW to develop a campaign to build community awareness and support. Meanwhile, in July, we will be running another survey of Parliamentarians (we undertook the first one just before the State elections and published the results on our Website) to map out each member's views on a range of issues related to reproductive rights.

We are seeking to put a strategy in place to allow us to galvanise support should hostile initiatives be launched eg Fred Nile's attempts to require pre abortion ultrasound testing.

For more information or if you'd like to get involved, please contact the convenor of the Abortion Sub-committee, Mel Fernandez at melaniefernandez1@gmail.com.

Key Indicators/ Government systems

We need to ensure that the new State Government is committed to developing key indicators for Government programs and services, so that their impact on women can be assessed and improved. We will be seeking a meeting with Pru Goward to review what has happened to KPIs previously developed by the Office for Women, and what intentions the new Government has in relation to

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At WEL's first planning day for 2011 we focused on three main issues, namely

- Pay Equity,
- Abortion, and
- Key Indicators/ Government systems

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strengthening the role of the OfW.

Capacity Building for WEL NSW

WEL NSW Executive is also aiming to improve the way WEL NSW works so that we can be more effective in our lobbying activities. Some of the initiatives are:

Keeping our Website up-to-date: a number of people have committed to writing short pieces on a regular basis for the website. Comments, articles, interesting material etc from WEL members would be very welcome. Send to Mel at melaniefernandez1@gmail.com.

We are working to develop our profile with key journalists and commentators.

The Reachout sub-committee is developing a program of WEL activities and get together for WEL members. Please send your ideas on what you'd like us to organise to Charity at: danquah_charity@yahoo.com.au.

We will continue to publish the weekly eUpdate as well the bimonthly newsletter.

Our next planning session is scheduled for Sunday 20 August.

Josefa Green

NETWORK OF WOMEN STUDENTS AUSTRALIA— NOWSA

The Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) was established in 1987, founded on ideals of creating a grassroots, autonomous network concerned with issues that impact women and women students. NOWSA provides a platform for women's organising across universities and in the wider community through resource, skill and knowledge sharing both in conference and through web branches of the network. The network continues to shift, grow and change, but constantly places feminist agenda at the forefront. Women of all ages, sexuality, ability and experience have the opportunity to be involved.

The NOWSA conference runs for 5 days, giving voice to women students and allowing them to engage with personal, political, social, and cultural issues that are relevant to women. NOWSA is now an annual conference, held from year to year at different universities, and encourages networks to be developed with women from across Australia.

This year the conference is being held at the University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus. A number of fantastic speakers and workshops are planned to get all who have registered involved and engaged with issues surrounding campus equal representation, women at work, relationships, and bodies and self-image. We believe the NOWSA conference is another medium to get gender back on the agenda and allow women from across Australia to network and mobilise large-scale campaigns.

For more information and registration visit www.nowsa.com.au.

Charity Danquah

WEL's next planning session for 2011 will be held on 20 August. A report on this session will be included in the next newsletter

PROGRESS OF THE WORLD'S WOMEN - UN REPORT

Progress of the World's Women: In Pursuit of Justice

Progress of the World's Women: In Pursuit of Justice will be launched on Friday, July 7th.

The much anticipated report is a biennial investigation of progress made towards a world where women live free from violence, poverty and inequality. This year, *Progress of the World's Women* will focus on women's access to justice. It will look specifically at how the legal system can play a positive role in women accessing their rights, citing cases that have changed women's lives at a local and global level. This includes a profile on our International Women's Day Guest Speaker, Unity Dow, whose landmark 1992 case extended legal protection for women by successfully arguing that the guarantee of equality under the Constitution invalidated the section of Botswana's Citizenship Act that prohibited women who married foreign men from passing the rights and privileges of citizenship on to their children.

We look forward to sending all our supporters a copy of the *Progress of the World's Women: In Pursuit of Justice* once launched.

Source : *UN Women Australia E-Bulletin June 2011*

WEL CONNECTED

Some dates to note from the UN Bulletin_

Friday July 1st

AIM Great Debate w. UN Women Australia Executive Director Julie McKay in Canberra

Thursday July 7th

Launch of Report on Progress of the World's Women: In Pursuit of Justice

Friday July 8th

Launch of Report on Equality Means Business : Gender Equity in the Workplace Summit

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

A special welcome to new members, and many thanks to all members who renewed their membership in the past month, and especially to those who gave so generously to WEL.

Renewal—If a renewal form is enclosed with your newsletter or included with your email copy, then your membership is now due. We encourage you to renew your membership of WEL as your ongoing support is important to us.

Don't forget to let WEL know if you change your address.

Consider a Bequest to WEL NSW

A bequest enables you to perpetuate your ideas and make a difference far into the future. Please remember WEL in your will.

The following wording is recommended:

'I bequeath the sum of (amount written in words and figures) free of all debts, duties and taxes, to the Women's Electoral Lobby (NSW) Inc (ABN 50 242 525 012) for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the Women's Electoral Lobby (NSW) Inc shall be complete discharge to my executors for this gift, and that my executor shall not be bound to see to the application of it.'

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