

# Women and Psychology Newsletter



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## From the Desk of the National Convener



RaeLynn Alvarez Wicklein,  
APS Women and Psychology  
Interest Group Convener

### Hello Dear APS Women and Psychology Interest Group Members and Affiliates,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. We are headed towards the busiest time of 2009 for most of our members with some finishing up the calendar year, others the academic year, and still others retiring from long held positions of teaching, mentoring, supervising, and working with students. And for each of us as these doors close, we await and ready ourselves for the openings of the doors of new opportunities and adventures.

There are several projects in the works for 2010 geared toward increasing a sense of belonging and purpose from membership in the Women and Psychology IG. We are hoping to rejuvenate and re-energise the meaning members make of their involvement with W&P and also to attract new members and inspire new & current generations of women in psychology.

Some of the proposed projects are to:

- Provide a professional development program showcasing the anticipated update of the APS Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Women and Girls
- Provide quality professional development throughout the year highlighting issues experienced by women and girls
- Increase involvement and ties across international W&P Groups in a joint conference
- Increase involvement across Colleges, Branches, and Interest Groups with joint professional development
- Ensure a presence of and support Women and Psychology symposia at the International Congress of Applied Psychology in 2010
- Provide a quarterly newsletter to membership and increase communication between members
- Provide social and networking gatherings through potlucks, film festivals, book clubs and other events

- Increase membership and membership involvement in each of these endeavours to strengthen identity with the W&P Group across state groups

These are just to name a few. If you have ideas for projects for 2010 please email me and I will present them at the 2009 AGM in Dec.

In other news...

I wish to congratulate our 2009 Elaine Dignan Award Winner: **Elizabeth Short** from Victoria University. She will be presenting *"It's just everyday": Lesbian mothers living well in the context of heterosexism and discrimination* at the 20th Annual APS Women and Psychology Interest Group Residential Conference in Sunbury on 4-6 Dec '09—details on pages 2-3. We hope you'll join us for this and all our 2010 projects.

I wish you bubbling thoughts of fun, conversations frothy with passion, and sparkles of excitement to finish out your year,

**RaeLynn Álvarez Wicklein,  
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Women & Psychology IG**  
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### Special points of interest:

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- 20TH W&P CONFERENCE PROGRAM
- 2009 W&P AGM ANNOUNCEMENT
- 2010: THIS IS WHAT A FEMINIST LOOKS LIKE
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# 20th Annual APS Women and Psychology Interest Group Conference



RE-ENGENDERING PSYCHOLOGY: RESEARCH WITH AND ABOUT WOMEN

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4, 5 & 6 December 2009 Sunbury, Victoria



Heritage-listed Sunbury Campus of Victoria University, will be the site for the 2009 W&P 20th Annual Conference.

It has been 20 years since the first Women and Psychology Annual Residential Conference! Come celebrate this commendable achievement with us in Sunbury, Victoria!

There is a full and thought-provoking program for the Conference. We have a fantastic opportunity to hear keynotes with **Pat Dudgeon and Tania Jones** speaking on *The Lives of Australian Indigenous Women* and speaker **Annamarie Ferguson**, Outreach Director, talk about the amazing work conducted by the **Women's Circus**. Annamarie will also dazzle participants with a wonderful experiential workshop.

The Conference focus is re-engendering the nature of mental and physical health, well being, human rights, cultural diversity, family diversity, and the multiple roles women engage with as paid/unpaid workers, scholars and carers.

We wish to offer an op-

portunity to explore the concept of gender as a social construction across the lines of race, ethnicity, class, age, and sexual orientation.

How can we make visible women's viewpoints and experiences in practice and research? What are the obstacles and opportunities to promoting women into positions of influence in their lives? Can you identify ways to encourage opportunities for gender equity?

**Associate Professor Pat Dudgeon, APS Fellow** is descended from Bardi people of the Kimberley. In Perth, Pat studied psychology and afterwards joined the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin as a lecturer in 1987 and later, the Head in 1990 and has led the organization through significant growth and change. Pat Dudgeon has many publications in psychology and Indigenous issues and is a founding member of Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association, which she currently chairs. Pat is also a member on the Public Interest Advisory Group of the Australian Psychological Society (APS). Currently she is a postdoctoral research fellow at the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western

“...AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE CONCEPT OF GENDER AS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION...”

Australia, researching about Aboriginal women and leadership

**Tania Jones** is a descendant of the Wathaurong and Gunditjmara people of Southwest Victoria. Tania works in the area of Indigenous family violence with the Victorian Government, and with Aboriginal communities to develop local programs to prevent, intervene and reduce violence. She also holds an advisory role with Stolen Generations Victoria and is involved with the local Aboriginal Community of Warrnambool, holding the positions of Chairperson LAECG and Board of Directors Vice Chairperson Gunditjmara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited. Tania is a founding member of Australian Indigenous Psychologist's Association and is currently engaged to develop a Cultural Competency Training program for Psychologists. Tania is very committed to advocating and working towards better mental health outcomes for Australia's Indigenous peoples.

**The Women's Circus** began as a project of Footscray Community Arts Centre in 1991. **Annamarie Ferguson** is the Out-

reach Director. The Circus' Outreach Program works to build relationships with other organizations and delivers programs to a diverse group of participants. Significant programs include programs with Parkville Juvenile Justice Centre, the Royal Melbourne Hospital Eating Disorders Unit, Gilmore Girls College and Art Beat. Across 18 years, the Circus has: presented 15 major large-scale new works in Melbourne, trained over 1600 women, toured to Beijing as part of the UN's Conference on Women in 1995, and published a book, *Women's Circus: Leaping Off the Edge*, Spinifex Press (1997). <http://womenscircus.org.au>

For women on low incomes and students who are entirely self-funded we encourage you to apply for support to attend, especially if travelling from interstate. We do not want the costs involved to prevent any woman from attending.

For more information and online registration: [www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?EventID=5254](http://www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?EventID=5254)

# 20th Annual W&P IG Conference Program

## Friday, 4 Dec 2009

- 6:00-7:00p Registration (coffee/tea/cheese & fruit)
- 7:00 – 7:30 **Traditional Wurundjeri Welcome to Country by Wurundjeri Elder & Smoking Ceremony and Research presentation by Wurundjeri Elder**
- 7:30 – 8.30 **Prevention of Sexual Violence in University settings: an Evaluation**, Rebecca Riley & Angela Utomo  
**Praxis, Gendered Oppression and Sexual Violence**, Bróna Nic Giolla Easpaig
- 8:30 – 8:45 **Musical Welcome** with Carmel O'Brien and Julie MacDonald
- 8.45p **Wine and nibbles**



Women training to perform at Women's Circus

## Saturday, 5 Dec 2009

- 9.00 – 9:15 Conference Welcome with Raelynn Alvarez Wicklein, Convener
- 9:10 – 10:10 **Exploring Meanings of Discrimination Within and Towards Families and Whānau of People Labelled with 'Mental Illness'**, Heather Barnett  
**Cause for Consideration: Are Women from another Culture? Cultural Case Formulation for Women**, Raelynn Alvarez Wicklein
- 10.10-10.40 Elaine Dignan Award Winner: **"It's just everyday": Lesbian mothers living well in the context of heterosexism and discrimination - Resources, strategies and legislative change**, Elizabeth Short
- 10.40 – 11.00 Morning Tea
- 11.00 – 11:30 **Canvassing the Emotions: Women, creativity and mental health in context**, Sally Northfield
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Keynote** – Annemarie Ferguson: **Wonderful Work of the Women's Circus**
- 12.30 – 1.15 Lunch
- 1.15 – 2.45 Workshop: **Experiential Workshop with Women's Circus**, Annemarie Ferguson
- 2.45 – 3.15 **The Wise Application of Angels: Mentoring after DV**, Carmel O'Brien
- 3.15 – 3:35 Afternoon Tea
- 3.40 – 4.10 **A Gender Sensitive Schema as an Aid to Guide Recovery from Depression in Women**, Helen Vidler
- 4.10 – 4:40 **APS Guidelines for Working with Women and Girls Panel** – Sally Northfield, Heather Gridley, & Raelynn Wicklein.
- 5.40 W&P AGM
- 7pm til late Conference Dinner at Flag of India in Sunbury

### ELAINE DIGNAN AWARD WINNER:

**ELIZABETH  
SHORT—"IT'S  
JUST THE  
EVERYDAY":  
LESBIAN MOTHERS  
LIVING WELL IN  
THE CONTEXT OF  
HETEROSEXISM  
AND  
DISCRIMINATION**

## Sunday, 6 Dec 2009

- 9.00a-10.00a Workshop: **A taste of creative arts therapy & intersubjective responding**, Julie MacDonald
- 10.00-11.00 **Council of Single Mothers and their Children, 40 years on**, Fiona Combe & Chris Penver  
**Feminist Research and Practice in Community Psychology**, Heather Gridley, Sally Northfield, Julie Kruss, Linda Chiodo, Natalie Jovanovski
- 11.00 – 11.30 Morning Tea
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Keynote Panel** – Pat Dudgeon and Tania Jones,  
**The Lives of Australian Indigenous Women**
- 12.30p – 1.30 Panel/Forum – **Herstory of Women and Psychology Interest Group**,
- 1.30 – 2.30pm **LUNCH and Conference Close**



Participants from 19th W&P Conference in Sydney, NSW—This could be you in at this year's conference! Join us in December 2009 for the 20th!

## Your Opportunities to Shape and Review APS Guidelines

### APS Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Women



The APS Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Women and Girls has not been updated since 2003. It is an important opportunity to have a hand in shaping the guidelines for working with women and girls in Australia.

The consequences of enduring gender disparities lead to profound and differential impacts on health and wellbeing. The [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Gender policy \(2002\)](#) explicitly acknowledges that sex and gender have an important impact on health and well-

being. The health burden that is created by gender discrimination, poverty, social position and various forms of violence against women are gender specific risk factors on health and wellbeing that can no longer be ignored (Office for Women, 2007; Krug, et al. 2002). Given the persistent social inequalities in the position of women in Australian society, guidelines for working with women and girls exist to optimise equitable treatment of female users of *psychological services*. Psychologists need

to be aware of, and knowledgeable about the issues and conditions that have an impact on women's lives. Ethical psychological practice with women and girls encompasses a tapestry of experiences associated with becoming and being a woman in Australian society. (Guidelines, 2009 draft)

To share in this opportunity email: Sally Northfield at [sal@infoexchange.net.au](mailto:sal@infoexchange.net.au) for a copy of the working draft. All comments and suggestions are due back to Sally by Friday, 11 Dec 2009.

### APS Guidelines for Previously Inaccessible Memories

The APS Draft Guidelines relating to previously inaccessible memories attempts to outline information on definitions used in discussing previously inaccessible memories, the nature of memory, and memories of childhood sexual abuse.

The topic areas covered by the current draft of the guidelines covers psycholo-

gists responsibilities, welfare of the client, goals and approaches in treatment, informed consent, and record keeping,

This documents has been prepared by the Ethical Guidelines Committee after extensive revisions of the previous versions.

As this document will affect

members working in many different contexts, we seek feedback from the W&P Group.

To review the guidelines draft, email: [raelynn.wicklein@rmit.edu.au](mailto:raelynn.wicklein@rmit.edu.au) & send your comments, suggestions, inclusions, amendments by Thursday 17 December, 2009.



### APS Guidelines for Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, and Criminal Activity

The APS Draft Guidelines for reporting child abuse and neglect, and criminal activity works towards assisting psychologists to make decisions in situations when reporting to a third party about such events is necessitated. It is reiterated that it is important to read these guidelines in conjunction with the latest legislation in the relevant state or

territory for reporting child abuse and neglect.

The topic areas covered are: limits of confidentiality, mandated reporting, practitioners own responsibility, methods of reporting, reporting criminal or alleged offences, and client's intention to commit a criminal offence.

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# Opinion

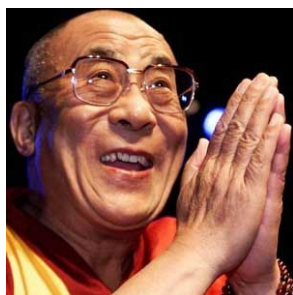


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## On Fire about Feminism



Dalai Lama—Feminist?

**‘My world’s on fire, How ‘bout yours? That’s the way I like it & I never get bored.’**  
- Smash Mouth, 1999

There have been many items in the media pertaining to women and feminist perspectives over the last few months that have captured my attention. One in particular set me on fire and I found my sense of Feminism and the political nature of speaking out renewed.

**“I call myself a feminist”**  
23 Sept 2009 in a visit to Memphis in the U.S. for a conference on Music and Peace, the Dalai Lama remarked, “I call myself a feminist...Isn’t that what you call someone who fights for women’s rights?” I was initially excited to read this and am glad the Dalai Lama does not shy away from calling himself a feminist, from his stated perspective.

After reading more of the Dalai Lama’s speech on this day, I was uncertain

that he truly grasps the meaning of Feminism and what it means to be a Feminist.

Firstly, the Dalai Lama has expressed a strongly-held belief that Feminism is about fighting for the rights of women, and I have no argument with this. However, it remains a very narrow idea of feminism. Feminism is so much more!

In this same visit, the Dalai Lama also stated that women are by nature more compassionate because of their biology and ability to nurture and birth children. Based on this assumption, he surmised a call on all women to lead and create a more compassionate world, pointing out the ‘good works’ of mothers and nurses.

WHAT?! My mind whirled with smart comebacks and an overload of trivia-like listings of feminist research and writings. My initial excitement quickly deteriorated into anger and vehement cries to anyone within earshot – “And WHAT about the role of MEN in creating a more compassionate world and being MORE compassionate TOWARD WOMEN?...” “And WHAT about the long battles to not discriminate against women specifically because they can give birth?” What a view to voice given that many

feminists are against such biological determinism. Such stereotypical views of the differences between the sexes can still propagate sexism. The rest I must say was unintelligible and interjected with 4-letter words.

Mothers and nurses do good work; there is no disputing that. But better work than female scientists creating vaccines, female engineers building homes, and female foreign news correspondents shedding light on human rights abuses – all in more traditionally “male” roles?

Secondly, in this call on women to create a more compassionate world, the Dalai Lama has failed to recognise the widely researched and accepted facts that in this earthly world women and girls are still the most victimised and discriminated groups of persons, lowest in world socio-economic status, impacted most in relative physical and mental health, and have fought to not be tied to the yoke of ‘biology’ and on and on.

But chin up, Colleagues (read sarcasm here), Amnesty International reports, “One out of every three women worldwide will be physically, sexually or otherwise abused during her lifetime with rates reaching 70 percent in some countr-

ies.” Create some COMPASSION out of that.

I do believe that in Buddhism one of the central beliefs calls on all to express more compassion for those around them. I just wish the Dalai Lama had chosen to VOICE a pointed inclusion of MEN in his call to increase COMPASSION in the world.

Perhaps this is just another example of how people –

“...SOME FEMINISTS HAVE TOO MUCH EMOTION, THAT I DON’T LIKE.” - DALAI LAMA

even the most enlightened among us – still turn to stereotypical gender roles when discussing the sexes.

A final word from the Dalai Lama, though reportedly said with a sense of humour, “some feminists have too much emotion, that I don’t like”.

We will see who has too much emotion.

Read more at:  
<http://www.memphisflyer.com/TheDailyBuzz/archives/2009/09/23/the-dalai-lama-is-a-feminist>

**RaeLynn Alvarez Wicklein, National Convener, APS Women & Psychology I G**

## Conferences with and about Women



Heather Gridley & company, sent courtesy of Heather Gridley

### 2010 Women and Psychology Conference in New Zealand

This conference heralds the revival of Trans-Tasman Women and Psychology conferences in Aotearoa New Zealand, continuing the tradition of conferences where Australasian women have come together to network and learn from one another about research and practice relevant to women. This year's conference will highlight women's and femi-

nist perspectives on global and environmental issues, mental health and wellbeing, women's changing roles in the 21st century, work-life balance, research and psychological practice with and about women.

The lovely venue, Tahunanui Park, has conference facilities and accommodation, right on the beach and a 5

minute drive from the airport and from Nelson city. Please bookmark this page: <http://www.waikato.ac.nz/wfass/WomenInPsychology2010/>

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Cate Curtis: [ccurtis@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:ccurtis@waikato.ac.nz)

“THERE IS A  
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PERSPECTIVES!  
MAKE A  
SUBMISSION  
NOW!”

### ICAP 2010 ([www.icap2010.com](http://www.icap2010.com))

We encourage women to present their work and research & make submissions for the International Congress of Applied Psychology 2010. The deadline is 1 Dec '09. While we are collecting presentations for a W&P Symposium at ICAP, we also encourage presenting through various APS colleges and profes-

sional groups as there has been discovered a dearth of female presenters and presenters with feminist perspectives! **Themes:**

- Applied Gerontology
- Applied Cognitive Psych
- Clinical & Community
- Counseling Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Economic Psychology

- Environmental Psych
  - Health & Sport Psych
  - Political Psychology
  - Professional Practice
  - Psych Assmt & Eval
  - Psychology & the Law
  - Psych& Societal Devlpt
  - Traffic Psychology
  - Work & Org Psych
- Email: [h.gridley@psychology.org.au](mailto:h.gridley@psychology.org.au)

### 6th Australian Women's Health Conference May 2010

The Australian Women's Health Network (AWHN) 6th Australian Women's Health Conference is being held in Hobart, from 18-21 May 2010.

With 'The New National Agenda' as the theme, this is a wonderful opportunity for women in health services to be part of a national and international dialogue and sharing of ideas, knowledge and

practice.

The Conference priority areas will be:

- *Women's economic health and wellbeing;*
- *Women's mental health and wellbeing;*
- *Preventing violence against women;*
- *Women's sexual and reproductive health; and,*
- *Improving women's access*

*to publicly funded and financially accessible health services.*

For more information about how you or your organisation can be involved in this important event

You can contact Women Health West on 9689 9588 or visit [www.awhn.org.au](http://www.awhn.org.au)

From Robyn Gregory, Chief Executive Officer



For more information, see [www.awhn.org.au](http://www.awhn.org.au)

### Women Making a Difference in the World for other Women

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/TECH/science/04/16/cnnheroes.erika.vohman/index.html>

[http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/isabel\\_allende\\_tells\\_tales\\_of\\_passion.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/isabel_allende_tells_tales_of_passion.html)

## W&P AGM Announcement 5 December 2009

The APS Women and Psychology Interest Group will hold its 2009 AGM at the Annual Residential Conference on 5 December 2009 at the Sunbury Campus of Victoria University.

Items on the agenda for the AGM:

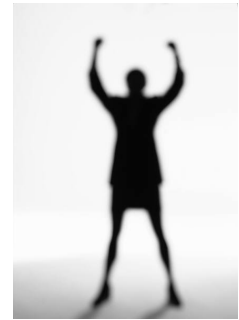
- Review APS Guidelines for Psychological Practice

- with Women and Girls
- 2010 Projects and Conferences
- Presentation of Elaine Dignan Award
- Budget Review and Fund Raising

We are also seeking persons to volunteer for Secretary, Newsletter Editor,

and Treasurer positions for the National W&P group. As we are mid-cycle to general elections (2008-2010), these positions will be for 2010 only and up for re-election in 2011.

See W&P Classified on page 8 for job descriptions and contact information.



We can make a difference in our communities and world!



Elizabeth Short presenting at the APS Conference in Brisbane

## Elaine Dignan Award Winner: Elizabeth Short

Although the heterosexism and discrimination encountered by lesbian women who are mothers can have negative practical, financial, social and

psychological consequences, lesbian mothers and their families frequently thrive. This paper is based on in-depth interviews with women from the Australian Conceiving the Family: Lesbian Mothers' Decisions, Experiences and Wellbeing, and the Current Legal, Public Policy, and Discursive Context project. The paper focuses on resources and strategies

that build or maintain resilience and that assist lesbian women and their families to navigate, negotiate and resist heterosexism, including both structural and 'mundane' heterosexism. A range of legal, social, emotional, and knowledge-based resources and strategies which promote the well-being of lesbian women and their families is presented, incl. the very

significant recent Australian legislative amendments to recognise the family relationships of parents and children in the families of lesbian women. It is important to promote knowledge of these resources and strategies, and the importance of amending discriminatory laws and policies, to psychologists and others who interact with lesbian-parented families. - E.S.

## Notes from the Editor and Editorial Policy

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Newsletters thrive on input and articles from their members. It is great to hear about activities that are happening across Australia and to read articles by members.

Is there something happening in your community that you would like to share with Women and Psychology? Have you attended an interesting conference or professional development activity? Have an opinion about a current event?

All contributions will be appreciated.

Please forward them to: Editor: Dori Wisniewski dori.w@bigpond.com

### EDITORIAL POLICY

The Women and Psychology Interest Group newsletter is a publication that communicates issues of interest to its members. It relies on the contribution of members for content.

The Editor refers to the terms of reference of the group and may consult with

the Convenor if required when collating content.

However articles and papers contributed by members may not representative of the interest group as a whole.

### W&P Terms of Reference:

- To foster research and discussion by all members of the APS into the interests of the group.

- To promote research about women by members of the group.



Members may contribute articles and papers to the newsletter.

- To promote the development of women's studies in the discipline of psychology.
- To encourage interest in psychological work with women in all fields of the discipline.

## What Women Want: The W&P Classifieds



### FROM THE EDITOR

#### **Wanted: Newsletter Editor**

The Women and Psychology Interest Group is looking for someone to volunteer their time & energy to the group newsletter. It will require roughly 10-15 hours of your time 4 times a year to produce the newsletter. What the job entails is listed below:

- Attend the W&P IG AGM, which is at the Annual Conference in December of each year.
- Attend the National Executive meeting. This is normally held in at the Annual Conference, supplemented

on occasion by phone conferences and email.

- Collation of submissions from state convenors and members (this mostly occurs through email).
- Putting together the newsletter (requires using Microsoft Publisher). Assistance with software and final proofing is provided by convenor.
- Sending it to APS Webmaster in .pdf format for publication on our website.
- Organising with APS to have hardcopy of newsletter

mailed to members without email

- Bulk email newsletter through APS to APS members and non APS members

If you are interested email: [RaeLynn.Wicklein@rmit.edu.au](mailto:RaeLynn.Wicklein@rmit.edu.au)

If more than one person volunteers for the position, there are possibilities for co-editorship. The position(s) will be voted on at the AGM in Sunbury December 2009.

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Because I am a woman, I must make unusual efforts to succeed. If I fail, no one will say, "She doesn't have what it takes." They will say, "Women don't have what it takes."  
~Clare Boothe Luce

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HELP MAKE DIFFERENCE TO THE  
COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND  
PSYCHOLOGY BY VOLUNTEERING YOUR  
TIME IN A WORTHWHILE GROUP!

## More opportunities to participate!

#### **Wanted: Secretary**

The Women and Psychology Interest Group is looking for someone to volunteer their time and energy by becoming the group Secretary. It will require roughly a few hours of your time 4-5 times a year.

What the job entails is listed below:

- Attend the W&P IG AGM, which is at the Annual Conference in December of each year.
- Attend the National Executive meeting. This is nor-

mally held in at the Annual Conference, supplemented on occasion by phone conferences and email.

- Circulate agendas and take minutes for all these occasions.
- Handle correspondence, in association with the Convenor, and a other office bearers.
- Coordinate advertising of group's activities in relevant newsletters, website, and bulk emails.

In addition, you have the opportunity to take part in

serving the membership, and steering the future of the Women and Psychology IG. This is exciting. At times it can be time-consuming, but is very worthwhile. The only requirements are Membership in Women and Psychology and enthusiasm for the work and group.

If you are interested email:

[RaeLynn.Wicklein@rmit.edu.au](mailto:RaeLynn.Wicklein@rmit.edu.au)

This position will be voted on at the AGM in Sunbury December 2009.



### FROM THE SECRETARY

#### **Wanted: Treasurer**

The Women and Psychology Interest Group is looking for someone to volunteer their time & energy to manage the group's budget. It will require roughly 2-3 hours of your time monthly to inform the Convenor and office bears of current budget balances and issues. What the job entails is listed below:

- Attend the W&P IG AGM, which is at the Annual Conference in December of each year.
- Attend the National Executive meeting. This is normally held in at the Annual Conference, supplemented on occasion by phone conferences and email.
- Track expenditures of

group and make projections for needed fund raising

- Collate budget report for AGM.
  - Receive and deposit funds raised from activities.
  - Offer suggestions for managing budget.
- If you are interested email: [RaeLynn.Wicklein@rmit.edu.au](mailto:RaeLynn.Wicklein@rmit.edu.au)



### FROM THE TREASURER



## What Women Want: The W&P Classifieds

We're on the Web!

[www.psychology.org.au/groups/wip](http://www.psychology.org.au/groups/wip)

WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR  
NEWSLETTER COMMENTS AND  
RESPONSES. SEND THEM TO:  
[DORI.W@BIGPOND.COM](mailto:DORI.W@BIGPOND.COM)

### We want your communications here! USE the Newsletter!

One of the projects for 2010 is to offer a space for more communication between members in the W&P Newsletter.

We will endeavour to use this space to:

- Develop network and support group systems.
- Share knowledge, research, skill, and employment information.
- Provide information on skill-building programs.
- Encourage women in psychological professions to participate in professional organizations, committees, presentations, & leadership positions.
- Publish information on issues of concern to and concerning women, including

legislative issues.

- Share professional expertise with women in other professions.
- Encourage and promote mentor services among women in psychological professions, including early career, postgraduate, undergraduate students.
- Share with other psychological professional groups our awareness of special principles and competencies in providing psychological services to women and girls.
- Promote informed use of psychological services among women consumers.

- Book and movie reviews
- Social gathering announcements/ calendars
- New and current research with and about women and girls
- Opinion pieces
- Promoting employment seeking persons with feminist perspectives
- Listing of persons practicing from feminist perspectives

And much, much more!

Please send in your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions to:  
[Dori.w@bigpond.com.au](mailto:Dori.w@bigpond.com.au)

Other Ideas for this space:

### THIS IS WHAT A FEMINIST LOOKS LIKE!!!

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES OF FEMINISTS. SEND THEM TO: [DORI.W@BIGPOND.COM](mailto:DORI.W@BIGPOND.COM)



The Jam Tarts from Older Women's Network, Bankstown performing at the 19th Women and Psychology Conference

## Registration Form

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Residential APS Women and Psychology Conference  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
Victoria University, Sunbury, Victoria

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Type	Full Conference 4 - 6 Dec - Price Incl GST	Sat 5 Dec Only – Incl GST
<b>APS Members</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>W &amp; P Members</b>	<b>\$245</b>	<b>\$175</b>
<b>Students/ Concession</b>	<b>\$170</b>	<b>\$110</b>
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Registration includes welcome coffee/tea/biscuits Friday night, morning/afternoon tea & lunch on Saturday, morning tea & lunch on Sunday. Conference dinner on Saturday night will be extra.

*All presenters and delegates are also asked to read the APS Ethical Guidelines for Working with Women which are available on the APS website. A hardcopy will be mailed to you by request if you don't have access to the internet.*

**Registering to attend this conference means you have read and agree to abide by the APS Ethical Guidelines for Working with Women. (I agree to abide by these Guidelines YES/NO)**

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