



UPPER HUTT BRANCH

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all our Branch Members.

It has been decided by your Committee that the Tuesday, **9th April** Branch General meeting will be **CANCELLED**, owing to unforeseen circumstances. Our **next Branch General** meeting will therefore be on **Tuesday, 14th May** at Villa Joseph meeting room, 1.30pm.

A new **CWL UH Lotto Bonus #** will start on Easter Saturday, 30th March. Thank you once again to all Members who have supported this fundraiser.



Helen Greig and Ellen McCairn recently visited **Jan Prosser** at Bupa Whitby. Jan was so thrilled to see them both. She was very chatty and “wanted to know all the news!” Susan called in to St Joseph’s Lifecare and spent some time with **Marie Brophy**.

We recently sent our **Branch Mission Community** in **Tonga**, the Ahopanilolo Technical Institute, NZ\$500. Our Mission Convenor, Liz Coe, then received the following response:

“Thank you so much for the CWL UH grant contribution. Your generosity is highly appreciated. We will invest it in one of our students who is in need of financial support with her education, especially school fees. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the members of your group. May the blessing of the coming Easter fill the CWL mission and vision.” Mrs Hiliate, Principal

Your Branch Committee have decided to reinstitute **Marshmallow Monday**. We were involved in this project pre-COVID and it was very successful. St Joseph’s School are very keen that we resume this activity. We need helpers to pour the hot chocolate. The first date is 7th May at morning tea time, and each Monday in the winter two terms. Are you up for the challenge? Any help would be much appreciated. Please ring Susan 970 3730 or 021 068 3065 or email Helen rggreig@xtra.co.nz



From the

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Branch Committee

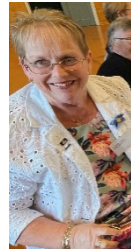


NEWS FROM OUR DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE

Catholic Women's League 80th Annual Wellington Archdiocesan Conference 16/17 March 2024. 8 members of our Upper Hutt Branch attended. The Conference was held at St. Bernadette's Church Hall in Naenae. *Some Highlights were:*

After the act of commitment and League prayer, our Chaplain, Christine Paterson, gave a very interesting talk about the start of the CWL in Wellington and how it has changed and developed over the years. This was very impressive to hear about all that has been achieved by CWL in the past 80 years. We aim to be positive and try to keep what branches are left open, alive and well.

Joan Lawn, National Mission Secretary, gave us a very informative talk and displayed photos of her trip to Tonga where she was looked after very well by the Sisters. She visited a number of the various CWL branches mission communities and schools, including the Technical College that the CWL Upper Hutt Branch supports, and enjoyed many welcomes Island Style by the lovely children. Her husband accompanied her but he was asked at customs what he had in his suitcase and he said bra's. They opened a corner of the suitcase and quickly closed it again. They could see the funny side of it all. The photos in particular showed how vital is the help, and that we continue with the support that we give in the Pacific Islands.



Lorraine

To recognise our celebration of 80 years of Faith and Service in the Wellington Archdiocese, and give appropriate thanks and praise, Mass was held at 5pm on the first day, with Monsignor Gerard Burns being the main Celebrant. Father Maleko and the Parish Priest from Lower Hutt were also in attendance. Included in the Mass was a well prepared and beautiful Liturgy for the deceased Members of all Branches. **Life Membership** of the CWL Wellington Archdiocese was conferred on **Kathi George** and **Diane Glynan**.



After Mass in the St Bernadette's Church, we returned to the Hall for a lovely dinner prepared for us by the local Samoan community, cutting of the celebration cake, and fellowship and general enjoyment shared with other branch members, with some weird and wonderful stories and musical entertainment as interludes.

Sunday morning, we had the first talk by Joy Cowley - the pros and cons of priests being able to marry. This was followed by lunch and more lovely baked goodies that we were having for morning and afternoon teas throughout the weekend! After lunch we had another talk by Joy Cowley - Feminine Spirituality. Both talks were interesting and deliberately quite controversial.

To ensure the continuance of our CWL Wellington Archdiocesan Council, it was pleasing to see the introduction of Co-Presidents Pat O'Connor of New Plymouth and Susan Lloyd of Upper Hutt sharing the role for the next two years.

Over the two days, Upper Hutt figured prominently – Christine, Nellie and Lorraine went home carrying raffle prizes!

The 2025 Archdiocesan Conference will be held in Levin, one day only, as the National Conference will be held in Auckland in July.

CHRISTINE MACARTNEY & LIZ COE

