

WILPF Aotearoa annual report 2022

Section governance:

- New executive committee after 2022 annual general meeting:
- Suzanne Loughlin is now Section president
- Megan Hutching and Edwina Hughes, Section co-ordinators
- Tamsin Kingston continued as Section Treasurer
- Celine Kearney joined Pauline Tangiora as Section vice presidents

WILPF International:

- Megan Hutching on organising committee for WILPF Congress, held online in July.
- Attended WILPF Congress - Aotearoa Section Voting Delegates were Meghan Stewart-Ward; Megan Hutching; Celine Kearney. Alternates – Tamsin Kingston; Suzanne Loughlin; Lorri Mackness
- Participated in an Asia Pacific regional workshop at Congress. We also presented a workshop on WILPF Aotearoa. Thanks to Celine Kearney for organising the workshops.
- Celine Kearney, elected alternative Asia-Pacific member on WILPF's International Board
- Del Abcede is the Section representative on the WILPF Asia Pacific regional group
- Megan Hutching is the Section representative on the WILPF Advisory Group

Produced annual report for WILPF International

Paid Section dues to WILPF International

WILPF International has extended the role of its membership team and the Section has had much more contact as a result. A number of international webinars were organised in 2022 which Section members attended.

Asia-Pacific region:

Celine Kearney and Del Abcede have attended online meetings of the WILPF Asia Pacific group held every two months, on behalf of the Section.

Key themes for the region are:

1. Responses to militarization /nuclearization and consequences/ Women Peace and Security;
2. Decolonisation /support for Indigenous People's initiatives;
3. Responses to Climate Change

Members were able to meet with Ludmilla Kwitko, WILPF Asia Pacific International Board member when she visited Auckland.

Correspondence and submissions:

Small amount of correspondence and submissions – regarding defence review, proposed legislation on mass arrivals of asylum seekers and the situation for women in Afghanistan, post-Taliban takeover.

Work is progressing on the new Section constitution required by new legislation regarding incorporated societies.

Networking and membership:

- No issues of the newsletter were produced.
- The website has been updated and a new page for news and reports has been added: <https://www.wilpf.nz/news-and-reports.html>
- We marked the 108th anniversary of WILPF's founding
- We are in the process of making another donation of WILPF Aotearoa records to the Alexander Turnbull Library

- Membership numbers are fairly static – in the mid-60s
- Membership leaflet is currently being updated with new website addresses, etc.

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