

Dear Friends of the Trust,

We are just writing to follow up on the Trust's very successful first forum celebrating the centenary of suffrage in Victoria. The event held earlier this month (the first free forum in a series of three throughout the year) attracted a crowd of 300 plus at BMW Edge Theatre in Federation Square. See more details about the event below, including how to access the speeches, as well as details of other upcoming events.

**VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST E-BULLETIN
27 MARCH 2008:**

- ◆ **Victorian Women's Trust Suffrage Events – Speeches from first forum and dates for the next two events this year**
- ◆ **Melbourne Comedy Festival - Justine Sless – it's not about the prawns**
- ◆ **Readings Event – Australian Institute of International Affairs Monthly Forum – Professor Marilyn Lake**
- ◆ **The Women's and YWCA – International No Diet Day**
- ◆ **Zonta Club – UNIFEM walk**

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST SUFFRAGE EVENT – SPEECHES NOW ONLINE

Forum One: Rediscovering Women's Political History

Speeches from the Trust's first forum celebrating the suffrage centenary are now available to download and listen to via the Trust's website:

<http://www.vwt.org.au/publications/speeches.php>

The first event included speeches from leading historians Professor Patricia Grimshaw, Professor Marilyn Lake and literary historian Jennifer Strauss (who provided an analysis of the work of poet Dame Mary Gilmore).

We highly recommend you listen to these thought-provoking speeches, 'Rediscovering Women's Political History', by clicking on the link above, or via the Trust's 'Speeches' webpage. Also included on this page are the speeches of Patricia Grimshaw and Jennifer Strauss, available to read in PDF format. We will endeavour to make Professor Marilyn Lake's speech available in this format as soon as possible.

STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT TRUST EVENTS ...

In celebrating the Centenary of Women's Suffrage in Victoria, the Victorian Women's Trust will present three free thought-provoking public forums throughout 2008.

If you missed the first event earlier this month, be sure not to miss the next two events we will hold this year:

WHEN: 16th June (second event) and 7th October (third event)
WHERE: BMW Edge Theatre, Federation Square
ADMISSION: FREE!

MELBOURNE COMEDY FESTIVAL – JUSTINE SLESS – IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PRAWNS

Justine Sless, community worker and mother of two, nicks out of a meeting to tell all about social engagement and the politics of biscuits in her first Melbourne Comedy Festival Show.

Justine's Sao dry wit and quirky humour will make you laugh outloud. A regular on the Melbourne Comedy circuit and a consummate performer at Neighbourhood House conferences and AGMs, this is a show for anyone who works in the community sector, is a sleep deprived parent or just wants to unravel the real meaning of "community capacity building".

To capture that lovely feeling of empowerment the whole community is invited: tired parents who just can't get out in the evenings are welcome to the specially discounted Cry Baby session Wednesday 9 April at 11am, one show is Auslan signed and all shows have wheelchair access.

Performed in Northcote the largest known natural habitat of community workers in the Southern hemisphere, at the Northcote Town Hall where arts, community and culture is de rigueur.

So come along and be part of this hilarious comedy that really is not about the prawns.

<http://www.comedyfestival.com.au/shop/show/181/>

WHERE: Studio 2 Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street Northcote
WHEN: 7th April –12th April Preview: 7th April
TICKETS: \$ 20 full, \$15 Concession, Tight Arse Tuesdays, Laugh Pack, Cry Baby Session, Groups 8 or more.
TIMES: All shows 21.00 plus Wednesday 9th April Cry Baby Session 11.00
BOOKINGS: TICKETMASTER 136100 or at the door

READINGS EVENT – AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MONTHLY FORUM – MARILYN LAKE

Join Readings Carlton for a glass of wine and an important discussion on Victorian Women's Trust Director Professor Marilyn Lake's new book written with Henry Reynolds: *Drawing the Global Colour Line - White Men's Countries and the International Challenge of Racial Equality*.

A work remarkable both for its international breadth and for its sensitivity to local particularity, it is a model for the new global history. Marilyn will explain the genesis of the research and then open the floor to what we hope is a lively discussion.

WHERE: Readings Carlton, Lygon Street
WHEN: Monday 7 April, 6.30pm
ADMISSION: FREE!

THE WOMEN'S (ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL) AND YWCA VIC – INTERNATIONAL NO DIET DAY

The Women's and YWCA Vic will be holding a major health promotion event to address body image and self esteem issues for young people:

WHERE: Federation Square, main stage
WHEN: Tuesday 6 May 2008
TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm

A two hour interactive multi-media, hip-hop, cake experience for young people 13ish to 16ish, in school or not.

It's FREE & it's going to be mad!

Remember to put this date in your dairy – Tuesday 6 May

For more details contact **Fiona Lange** at the Women's on 9344 2199 or fiona.lange@rwh.org.au

ZONTA CLUB – UNIFEM WALK

In support of UNIFEM and the UN, the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra has arranged a walk to raise funds and awareness. Join us for a walk of the waterways of Elwood. The walk will be following the City of Port Phillip's 'Waterways Gecko Trail'. Maps and information on points of interest will be available on the day to ensure you get the most out of your exercise!

All funds raised will support a project funded by Zonta International and delivered by UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) which provides hands-on assistance to the women and women's groups

affected by the Boxing Day tsunami and by civil war in Sri Lanka. The project's aims are to increase agricultural productivity and promote community-based entrepreneurship to revive their socio-economic livelihoods.

STARTING POINT: Point Ormond Reserve, Elwood

WHEN: Sunday 20th April 2008

TIME: 9am registration, 9.30 am start

DONATION: \$10 pp (children free)

REGISTER: online now at

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~zontamoy/planner.html>

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