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New National President for NCWNZ

This weekend has seen a change at the top of the National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ), with Elizabeth Bang elected as NCWNZ National President, at the NCWNZ National Conference in Masterton.

Elizabeth Bang from Hamilton was the senior vice president for four years of NCWNZ, and has been involved with the Council since the 1980s. Mrs Bang is also the CEO of Hospice Waikato.

Earlier today Mrs Bang announced the two new target focus areas that NCWNZ will be highlighting. These are Financial Sustainability and Positive Mental Well-Being.

Mrs Bang says under Financial Sustainability, NCWNZ will draw awareness in areas of concern to women, Pay Equity, and the gender pay gap.

"Financial Sustainability is about having the means to have insurance, life, health, accident, property, work insurance. It is about having the means to save for retirement," says Mrs Bang.

The expansion to the current Paid Parental Leave policy would also greatly help the Financial Sustainability of women Mrs Bang believes.

"The only way to effectively ensure change to the Parental Paid Leave scheme is for people to question all political parties on their position on the scheme," says Mrs Bang.

The second equally important target focus for NCWNZ, is that of Positive Mental Well-Being.

"This is an essential part of our overall health and well-being, to allow each and everyone of us to feel in control, able to make decisions, being able to form positive relationships and knowing when and where to go for help and very importantly knowing you are being heard," concluded Mrs Bang.

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