

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

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Kia Ora and Hello to all the people that have made donations for the purchase of the house. We have now reached the great total of \$146,000 raised so far.. Our plan to get 340 donors to each give \$500 each has now reached **292 donors giving the equivalent of \$500 each, this makes our mortgage with Prometheus Ethical Finance at \$24,000.** Thank you so much to all the people that have donated money and continue to donate money for the house. It's an amazing project and very heartwarming to continue to get donations for this house.

Thank you again and on Behalf of the Board of Trustees we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer, and hope you get to rest and relax and have some experiences that enrich your lives.



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**Amount raised:
\$146,000**



Reclaim the Night 2009

Sandra Dickson

We march to demand our right to be free from the fear or the reality of rape, or sexual harassment, of domestic violence, of stalking.

Reclaim the Night 2009 kicked off at Wellington Railway Station, early evening, Friday November 27th. Buffeted by gale force winds, a growing crowd of women, trans* and intersex people and children stamped their feet to stay warm while listening to speakers Gaye Puketapu-Andrews (sexual violence counselor), Elizabeth Bang (President of the National Council of Women), Eleanor Butterworth (Wellington Women's Refuge) and Lynne Pillay (Labour MP).

A skit tried to show how our justice system would look if all victims of violence were treated with the same skepticism as women survivors of sexual violence:

Lawyer: In other words, you were walking around the streets, late at night, under the influence of alcohol, in a suit that practically advertised the fact you might be available for easy money, isn't that so? In fact, if we didn't know you better, we might think you wanted this to happen.

RTN 2009 was male violence excused, minimized Aotearoa New

The fact that when seen as responsible us, whereas when are seen as less committing violence. Weatherston could be "provoked" torturing Sophie women are told to from rape on the homes are the least many women.

When the march hold banners upright winds was a challenge, and several women immediately rushed forward to hold onto the leading banner, in danger of disappearing into Wellington harbour. We marched – young and older, a range of ethnicities, women in suits and women sporting anarchist slogans - down Featherston St, stopping traffic and drawing supportive toots and applause from mostly women seated in bars along the way.

2, 4, 6, 8 No more date rape!

However we dress, wherever we go, yes means yes and no means no!

The chanting at the front was completely deafening, and pretty much constant up Willis St into Cuba Mall where it ended with most women still full of energy to continue. A number of women came up to thank the organizers at that point, many of whom had never been on a RTN event before. That was probably the most satisfying point for me.

The after-event at the Garden Bar went until midnight, with a number of local female musicians playing covers and original music. The Hutt Valley's Edwardene Tanaki, in her first live performance, was an absolute stand-out, drawing the crowd onto its feet to dance as her voice filled the room.

Local feminist band Palace This! reformed and had the crowd chanting along to their anthem "Don't touch me in my private places," and were ably supported by Rachael Wright, Mahinarangi Maika and Freya Eng.



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