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1 INTRODUCTION

The Women in Engineering (WIE) Group started on a high note in the beginning of the year in 2019 with the AGM in March where new Executives were voted in. The healthy turn out of women engineers at the AGM was an indication that there is enthusiasm amongst the women to pursue activities with the women agenda.

A few activities were planned for the next two years which is the term for this Executive Team, however, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, no activities were carried out due to restrictions imposed by the government on group activities and public movements.

However, WIE did take part in an impromptu major event, the March organised by various major women groups in Port Moresby on GENDER BASED VIOLENCE as a result of the death of a young woman, Jenelyn Kennedy, through gender based violence.

For the purpose of the current happenings of WIE, this brief report contains the following

- Major Activities for the next two years;
- WIE financial report;

2 MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

As mentioned earlier, there major activities planned for the term of this Executive Team, however, now WIE activities were carried out due to the COVID 19 pandemic lockdowns and restrictions on public activities;

1. Engineering is Fun School Talks
2. Executive Committee periodic meetings (planned for monthly meetings)
3. 2020 WOMEN ENGINEERS CONFERENCE in Lae committee meetings
4. WIE join the March against GENDER VIOLENCE in July 2020.

2.1 Engineering is Fun School Talks

For the Engineering is Fun School Talks activities, the WIE group was supposed to join the Port Moresby Branch to visit Secondary Schools in Port Moresby, again due to the government imposed lockdowns and suspension of schools in Port Moresby, the planned school talks did not eventuate.

The format or outline of the talk was the same as the Pom Branch School Talk format.

2.2 Executive Committee Periodic Meetings (Monthly)

All Executive Committee periodic meetings also were cancelled.

2.3 2020 Women Engineers Conference, Lae, Committee Meetings

This major event was also cancelled but will now be moved forward to 2021 and hopefully the COVID 19 restrictions will be lifted in the second half of the year so this planned activity can be carried out.

2.4 2020 Women Engineers join the March against Gender Based Violence

The WIE did take part in an Impromptu Major Event as a result of a Gender Based Violence. The women engineers joined hundreds of women in Port Moresby on the 4th of July 2020 to show their support to a NATION WIDE CALL to end Gender Based Violence. The President of IEPNG, Ms Finkewe Zurecnuoc led a group of Women Engineers to join the Organised March themed; SAY NO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE. WIE joined women from all Walks of Life to show their support to end VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN which in many cases end in death of the Women.

3 FINANCIAL REPORT

The WIE Group account has not been opened, thus, currently whatever monies under WIE is still managed by the IEPNG Finance Section. There were no fund raising activity done during the year. The planned activities such as the MEET and GREETs have now been forwarded to 2021 planned Activities. Thus the Financial update from the IEPNG Finances includes the WIE funds.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the format of this Brief was taken from the Port Moresby Branch's Annual Report.

5 CONCLUSION

The WIE Group planned activities were not all carried out, there was a lot of planning done by the Executive Team during their monthly meetings in 2019 sadly none took place due to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions imposed by the government. It is anticipated all planned activities from 2019 and put on hold in 2020 will be moved forward to 2021.

WIE is optimistic that, once the Existence of WIE is fully understood by all stakeholders, it will fully function and operate successfully as an important and integral part of the IEPNG. Again the government imposed restrictions due to the recent surge in COVID 19 community transmissions in the country this year WIE has had to postpone its annual AGM to a later date this year and will report to the IEPNG Council once that AGM done.

Thank you and God Bless.

6 APPENDIX

6.1 Women in Engineering PNG – 2019/2020 Executive Team

Name	Position	Field of Engineering	Company (Currently with)
Edea Bouraga (Mrs)	Chair	Mechanical Engineer	Inside Out Ltd
Puka Thoa Himata (Ms)	Deputy Chair	Electrical Engineer (Communication)	ExxonMobil Ltd
Scholly Masueng (Ms)	Treasurer	Civil Engineer	PNG Ports Ltd
Vicky Saramasi (Ms)	Secretary	Electrical Engineer (Communication)	Telikom PNG Ltd
Finkewe Zurecnuoc (Ms)	Committee Member (Team leader – Conference Committee)	Electrical Engineer (Communication)	KramerAusenco Ltd
Miriam Louma (Ms)	Committee Member (Team Leader – Public Relations)	Mining Engineer	Mineral Resources Authority (MRA)
Rachael Ivai (Ms)	Committee Member	Civil Engineer	Water PNG Ltd
Glenda Kolam (Ms)	Committee Member	Electrical Engineer (Communication)	Telikom Ltd
Janice Klink (Ms)	Committee Member	Geo Physicist	Mineral Resources Authority (MRA)
Elsie Loth (Ms)	Momase Region Representative	Civil Technician	Department of Works, Morobe
Maclay	Highlands Region Representative	Civil Engineer	Department of Works, Mt. Hagen