

Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group

2012/2013 Annual Report to the Australian Mathematical Society

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1 Executive

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2 Activities

2.1 Establishment of the group

The Women in Mathematics group was established in September 2012. An election for office bearers was held during December 2012/January 2013.

Much of the committee's discussion has focused on what the Women in Mathematics group should do to achieve its aims. The funding request which is separate from the annual report attempts to do just this.

2.2 Events

A Women in Mathematics gathering was held as part of the Australian Mathematical Sciences Student Conference (ANU) on the 15th July 2013.

The Women in Mathematics committee has been consulting with Nalini Joshi, who is running a Women in Mathematics event on 29th September, 2013 as part of the 57th Meeting of the AustMS.

2.3 Website

www.austms.org.au/Women+in+Mathematics+group

Amy Glen (Committee member) has taken the role of webmaster establishing a Women in Mathematics webpage, which is accessible via the 'About Us' tab of the AustMS website. Many mathematicians have been very helpful with suggestions and items to include on the webpage.

2.4 Discussions with Members

We have engaged in discussion regarding the issues that women in mathematical research organisations face. These ideas were written by Joanne Hall (Secretary) into a submission to the Decadal Review on the Mathematical Sciences. These discussions are also being used to inform the activities of the Women in Mathematics group. One of the items, namely the funding of research into the

gender status of mathematics in Australia, is being submitted as a starred item to the AustMS Council.

3 Membership

Prior to the establishment of the WIM, there existed an informal database of members, which has now been consolidated with the formal list formed at the time of establishment of the WIM. This data base has been synced with the AustMS database.

The Women in mathematics group currently has 101 members, of which approximately 90% are female and 10% are male.

4 Funds

The Women in Mathematics group is submitting a detailed request for funding for various activities. This includes funding specifically for the activities of the WIM, as well as general funding to promote gender equity within mathematics in Australia. The latter funding will not be directly administered by the WIM executive.

Joanne Hall
30st August 2013