

**Ode to Annual Meeting
By Andrea Soper**

I was an Annual Meeting virgin
But at my husband's constant urging
I faithfully followed the branches wishes
And voted for resolutions without any hitches.

Resolution A conditions of service
Was lost because Anna from West Auckland was nervous
Comparing trans Tasman wages was not on the list
So the first West Auckland Branch Resolution was missed.

Resolution B was removed by the exec quick smart
So we screwed up the info and made paper darts
Letter C was about tax relief which our branch wanted passed
Auckland agreed but our yes vote didn't last
As the arguments raged across the floor
That resolution unfortunately was shown the door

Resolution D was never discussed
To the best of our knowledge there was never a fuss
We moved quickly onto E support staff wage increases
They tore it apart and discussed each of the pieces
Anna Lee from West Auckland wasn't convincing and nor were the rest
So E was lost although it was one of the best

Finally a resolution was passed
It was West Auckland's third so we were aghast
Child free spaces for meal breaks and rests
Will be looked into for ECE workers to give them the best.

G was withdrawn but replaced by new words
The call for better ratios in kindys was heard
Anna Lee was successful with her number four
The rest of us were ready to head out the door
H, I, K, Land M were lost to the vote of those on the floor
The resolution fight was becoming a bit of a bore
Then up popped Alan and Blair from Central Otago
Their resolution was out of embargo

The call for more speech therapists sure hit the spot
So resolution] was agreed by the lot
Tired and weary I made my way home
With much more experience the innocence had flown.

The Fun Stuff
By Annette Batchelor

On Sunday night with hopes on high
We wandered down the street
We found a bar
We had a beer
T'was Belgium and quite sweet

Chorus: Val de re, Val de rai etc...

On Monday night we felt quite tired
We used a Wellington map
We found a bar
We had some fish
T'was raw and it was Jap

Chorus

Tuesday night was our district meal
We met at Café 88
To keep up with the Asian them
Vietnam food we ate

Chorus

And then there was the shopping trips
Of those there were a few
In and out
And up and down
And standing in a queue

Chorus

So if you go to Wellington
And conference you attend
Enjoy yourselves
Eat well and shop
And drink right to the end.