

## The Womens Place (Article for newsletter)

The Women in the Co-op have taken a separate place for ourselves as a base from which to work on issues affecting our lives, incorporating a feminist perspective. We have two rooms, one of which is used for meetings. This room is available for use by groups of women upon application to one of the co-ordinators and subject to the approval of the Womens Place Group. The other room is in the process of being converted to accommodate the new Womens library.

The administration and organisation of the Womens Place is undertaken by the Womens Place Group. Their task is to discuss, plan and decide on future actions. This work is largely followed through by the two co-ordinators in conjunction with other members of the group who have free time during the week.

Specific activities organised during the past year have included

1. A Womens Fun Weekend
2. Seminar on Pornography & Demonstration
3. Talk by Mary Daly as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Feminist Book Fair
4. Regular Womens Socials
5. Reclaim the Night March
6. Contraception Public Meeting
- 7) Anti Reagan March
8. Womens Health Talks
- 9) ~~What~~ Post-referendum support
- 10) Lesbian & Gay Rights
- 11) International Day celebrations
12. Setting up a Womens library & Information Centre.

The last mentioned is a long-term and on going

project. The Womens Place Group meet on Friday nights at 8:00. This is an action orientated group run on a collective basis, where as far as possible, decisions are reached by consensus.

Most weekday afternoons there are women in the Womens Place who would be happy to talk to any women interested in learning more of our activities. We have produced a document which outlines in some detail our reasons for organising as feminists and our structures. Any women who upon reading this document feel they are in agreement with our aims are invited to share responsibility for operating the Womens Place.