



NEW HORIZONS FOR  
WOMEN TRUST (INC.)

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**He Ara Whakapiki Wahine**

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## **Annual Report of the New Horizons for Women Trust (Inc) He Ara Whakapiki Wahine**

### **For the year ending 31 December 2008**

I am pleased to present the seventeenth Annual Report of the New Horizons for Women Trust (Inc) – He Ara Whakapiki Wahine. As Chair, I have been privileged to both present awards to and receive the thanks from the women for whom the Trust was established. When the Trust was established by a few good and insightful women in 1992, it was to help women who were realising their potential later in life. The Trust founders should be really proud that their prescience has enabled such a difference to be made in the lives of others. This combined with the Research Awards, the Sonia Davies Peace award, The Ria McBride State Services Commission Management award and the inaugural SROW Elsie Locke award, has made the Trustees lives interesting, busy and rewarding.

The Trust would not function without the wonderful women with whom I work on the Board. We had a small but efficiently effective team this year. Soon after the 2008 Annual General Meeting we had the misfortune to lose Magila Annandale as a result of the pressure of her new employment. The Trust Board meets mostly by teleconference, restricting face-to face meetings to two a year; one after the AGM and one later in the year or early in the new year. Wellington is fortunate to have a centre that has been provided by Tangi Tipene but the rest of us ring in from our homes. I would like to pay tribute to the staying power of the Trustees at some very long periods of concentration as we dealt with Trust issues. You will find more details about the Trustees and their areas of responsibility in Appendix 1

#### **Funding**

One of the most important areas of the Trust's work is looking after the money. You will hear later from our Treasurer, Heather Rae, about *how* we look after it but getting it in the first place is necessary. As a Board we spend a great deal of time trying to get money, and then we give it away. Really, that is our purpose.

We have been lucky enough to have had long-term sponsors and they have continued to have a major impact on the awards we can offer. This year we said farewell to one contributor, the Ray Perry award, but had extra contributions from the pre-loved clothing sale and from the daughters of the late Sue Macdonald (one of whom is a previous Trustee and stand-in Treasurer; Dr Sally Hasell), who gave an award in her name.

One of the major fundraisers of 2008 was the tremendous success of the pre-loved clothing sale. With Sharon Evans as our liaison person, it was organised for us by past Chair Lynn Mackenzie and Ruth Bruce, both of Zonta Wellington. The sale resulted in three second chance scholarships, two for the Wellington region and one presented in Auckland. With over \$10,000 raised by selling other people's cast-off clothes, this is a major benefit for the Trust.

This year we started a new campaign aimed at involving university campuses and nominating organisations.. The aim is to make giving achievable by all. As a result the emphasis is small but, hopefully, leading to large sums. We have called it the \$1 campaign with "Give a dollar" being the catch-cry. Of course if only 50 people give \$1 then we will not be anywhere near an award but if every woman in all our nominating organisations gave us \$1, we would have enough for an endowment fund to support a scholarship every year. We will report on the development of this campaign next year.

#### Award ceremonies

In a new development this year, we held an award ceremony in the Far North, at Kaitaia. We had two awardees there and it was much better to fly me there so that they could have their awards presented among their families and supporters than to bring them to Auckland. I had a wonderfully warm welcome from the people there with the local Business and Professional Women's Club doing the vast majority of the organisation. Our Far North Trustee Sherrill Dackers drove down from Opononi for the event, her first award ceremony. One of the awardees, Connie Popata, gave her acceptance speech appropriately in Māori as she is studying Mātauranga Māori (language (te reo), traditional environmental knowledge (tāonga tuku iho, mātauranga o te taiao), traditional knowledge of cultural practice, such as healing and medicines (rongoā), fishing (kai moana) and cultivation (mahinga kai)).

As usual we held ceremonies in Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland. The Auckland ceremony was held simply by the efforts of a past Trustee, Moira McLean, who prepared the food, told her workmates where they were to help her, begged the venue from her employer (BNZ) and roped in her daughter to hand round the food and drink. That's real grass roots commitment and we are indebted to Moira for her time and organisational skills. As you will see when we come to new trustees section on the agenda, we still have no trustees in Auckland. The Trust Board would be very glad to have some nominations next year from Auckland.

The Dunedin ceremony was small but held by permission of the Vice-Chancellor in one of the reception rooms in the Clock Tower Building. Friends and family of Dawn Ibbotson (sponsor) and Anna Day (awardee) got together to celebrate the giving and receiving of the Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Award. This award was doubly significant as Dawn herself has a Home Science degree, which has grown into the Consumer and Applied Science degree for which Anna is studying.

The sun shone on the Christchurch event after a wet and windy week. Marg Lees, our Trustee in Christchurch has been responsible for forming links with the two Zonta clubs there. This has resulted in two awards in each of the last two years. This year it was the turn of the Zonta Club of Christchurch North to raise money for two awards. It was also the first year that our new award, the SROW Elsie Locke award was

awarded. I think Elsie would have approved of Maria Rowe's research, as it is very relevant to one of Elsie Locke's interests, Women's Health. We were indebted to Marg's brother-in-law, Warren Lees, for use of the facilities at the Sonada Christchurch Campus. Not content with being the fundraisers for two awards, the Zonta ladies catered for the event as well. We presented three second-chance awards at this ceremony. One feature of the event which pleased everyone was the presence of Carla Jones, one of our past awardees, who has completed her degree and is now on the second-chance selection panel.

Our Wellington ceremony was graced by many of the women who have served on the Trust in the past and in the present by involvement in selection panels. The awardees were the most multi-national and multicultural you could hope to assemble. One thing united them - their belief in the value of education and research in their lives. The Ria McBride State Services Commission Management Award was presented by the Commission head, Iain Rennie, whom spoke about the ratio of women in his service and the places they hold and how he is very keen to encourage them to undertake further education.

There is a complete list of awardees with short biographies in Appendix 2.

### Technology

Meeting by teleconference is one use of technology that Trustees are totally familiar with now.

I had hoped to report that we now had a fully functioning website with everything up-to-date and which was proving to be a great asset for us. However, that is not quite the case so I will hold that triumph over to next year's report. It is certainly providing a place from which this year's application forms can be accessed and down-loaded and for those who cannot make it work, we still have our enquiries webmail which I oversee myself.

Mary Trounson has taken back ownership of a database she created some years ago. The advent of postcodes on everything has proved a nightmare with so many addresses to update but we are getting there. One area that is very slippery is that of email addresses. This is because it is very easy to change your email but very difficult to remember who might be still using the old one. If any of you reading this report have changed emails in the past year (or have joined a new email provider), could you drop us an email please? That way we can keep in touch more easily.

### Communication

There are so many areas and levels of communication that the Board decided that it would put all areas of publicity, newsletter, sponsor liaison, awardee liaison, nominating organisations liaison etc under that one heading. The branding started in 2007 with that edition of *Aspire*, continued in 2008 with the newsletter containing many profiles and articles of interest to all. Within this heading, Trustees are working on an information package that can be sent to all women's organisations throughout the country. It is hoped that funding can be obtained for this project during 2009. It is not only in the hope that this will attract more Trust funds, but that knowledge of the Trust's awards will reach all women for whom it can make a difference.

Sponsor liaison is a role that Marg Lees has refined and delivers well. She is able to use material that comes in from our awardees reports to inform the sponsor about the progress being made by "their" awardee. This information is provided by the awardee liaison Trustee. This may involve a straightforward request to an established email

address or may take several weeks of detective work as the awardee has moved flats, changed the phone provider and their email is different. The Trust has "lost" very few awardees.

The Trust could not function without the extras that ensure that it runs smoothly. At selection time, many women are called on to help with short lists and check criteria are met. They do this uncomplainingly and put aside the other aspects of their lives to ensure that this process has integrity and is effective and efficient. Consider the second-chance applications (nearly 200) which close on 31 May and winners (22) are notified by the end of July. Our thanks go to these women.

My thanks go to the nominating organisations for providing the Trust with outstanding women for Trustees with a plea to look around your Auckland women because it is slightly odd for there to be no Trustee in Auckland.

I acknowledge our Patrons, Dame Silvia Cartwright PCNZM, DBE and Dame Catherine Tizard ONZ, DBE, and our Vice Patron, Elizabeth Orr CNZM, for their continuing interest and support of the Trust. Each plays an integral role in the working of the Trust.

Lyn Dowsett  
Chair  
27 March 2009

## **Appendix 2**

### **Awardees 2008**

#### **Barbara Wood Award NZ Federation of Women's Institutes**

##### **Fae Allen**

Fae Allen, who was awarded the inaugural Barbara Wood Award from NZ Federation of Women's Institutes, is in her third year of a Bachelor of Social Sciences Degree at the Northland Institute of Technology. A single parent with 2 dependent teenage children, she is keen to work with youth and is involved with church and community and coaches junior rugby.

#### **Rua Stevens Award**

##### **Anne Toia**

Anne is in her first year of study for a Bachelor of Social Practice at Unitec. Her natural "social practitioner" skills will be enhanced by her qualification.

Anne is described as a charismatic person with a 'can do' attitude. She is an outstanding communicator. She has received numerous tributes and indeed she has achieved amazing things in her Housing NZ estate, turning around a street no one wanted to live in. Anne is passionate about youth counselling and youth development.

#### **Second Chance Clothing Award**

##### **Stephanie Baylis**

Stephanie is studying for a Bachelor of Nursing at the Western Institute of Technology and is in her first year of study. After consolidating knowledge in general nursing Stephanie is aiming to specialise in neo natal nursing. Stephanie is bringing up her two daughters aged eight and five, on her own. In her spare time Stephanie is involved with her children's school activities. She is determined to give her daughters and herself a "decent future".

#### **Second Chance Clothing Award**

##### **Suzanne Forsman**

Suzanne is enjoying her study for a Bachelor of Nursing at WINTEC, where she is in her third year. She is bringing up three boys aged eight, thirteen and fourteen on her own. She and her boys live in a rural area. Suzanne is delighted to have the award to assist with travel costs, especially with additional running costs incurred with placements.

#### **Second Chance Clothing Award**

##### **Shirley McBrydie**

Shirley is currently in her first year of a Bachelor of Social Work at the Whitireia Community Polytechnic. She is very motivated and has the ability to achieve her goal of graduating with a degree. She is a single parent of two teenage boys aged eighteen and sixteen who are both at home. Shirley is committed to social work with experience in Victim Support. She is also involved with other community activities. Shirley wants to use this award for travelling expenses.

### **Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Award**

#### **Anna Day**

Anna is in her third year of a Bachelor of Consumer and Applied Science at the University of Otago. Anna has two children aged eight and five. She admits to growing in confidence as a student and a mother on her own. Recently she bought a house to provide stability for her children and gave up part time work to focus on her studies. The award will provide support for her and her family as she concentrates on completing her degree.

### **Sue Macdonald Award**

#### **Hana Elojeili**

Hana is in her third year of studying for a Bachelor of Law at the University of Auckland where she has been invited to do LLB Honours. She is a pakeha of Syrian decent. For seven years Hana has brought up her two children, on her own and also supports her aging parents. Hana has a commitment to social justice and currently is part of the Equal Justice project and volunteers at Waitakere Community. The award will assist Hana with course resources including computer needs.

### **Dorothy Newman Award**

#### **Irene Harrison**

Irene is a single parent of two children aged six and ten. Her older child has special needs. Irene is aiming to work as a community nurse and is in her second year studying for a Bachelor of Nursing at Unitec. She is committed to her study and achieving success. Irene plans to do voluntary work with women who have become victims of violence. The award will be a great support for fees and course resources.

### **NZFGW Wellington Award**

#### **Carly Perrot**

Carly is at Whitireia Community Polytechnic working towards a Bachelor of Teaching Early Childhood. She is in her second year of study. Carly is a motivated person determined to work in Early Childhood, an area about which she is passionate. She is a single parent of a 6 year old and has returned to tertiary education to give her and her daughter a better future. She wants the award to purchase a computer to allow her to do assignments and class work at home and be with her daughter.

### **NZFGW Wellington**

#### **Suevale Teofilo**

Suevale is in her Second year of her Bachelor of Early Childhood Education studies at Whitireia. She manages the challenge of English as her second language (Samoan) and is persistent and committed to achieving her degree. Suevale is a single parent with two sons, one of whom is at school. She wants to use the award for travel costs and courses resources

### **NZFGW Manawatu**

#### **Vicky Jennings**

Vicki is a single parent of an 18 year old. She has overcome the challenges associated with a stroke. Vicki works part time for Homegrown Kids and also for CCS as a nanny to a child of a disabled parent. Vicki is currently study for a Bachelor of Nursing and is in her third year at the Waiariki Institute of Technology. The award will assist with hidden costs of study ie transport, course resources.

### **NZFGW Manawatu Award**

#### **Justine Phillips**

Justine is in her second year of study for a Bachelor of Nursing. She is a single parent of 2 children aged fifteen and thirteen whom she says keep her focussed on her dream of becoming a nurse. Justine wants the award for course fees, course resources plus travel. She is keen to work and make a difference in people's experience of healthcare

### **NZFGW North Shore**

#### **Tania Hoyes**

Tania is in her first year of study for a Diploma in Business at the Manukau Institute of Technology. She is a single parent of three children 10, 5 and 3. She works part time and comes with a glowing report of enthusiasm for work and study. Tania is keen to reduce her student loan and upgrade her computer with the support of this award.

### **Ray Perry Award**

#### **Rhodarica Perales-Clarkson**

As the primary income earner for a family of three children and an invalid husband, Rhodarica has decided to return to education to better her prospects. She is currently in her first year of study for a Bachelor of Nursing at UCOL Wairarapa. Rhodarica is aiming to use the money to assist with transport costs and course resources.

### **Rita King Award**

#### **Connie Popata**

Connie is in her third year, studying for a Bachelor of Maturanga Maori through Te Wananga-o-Raukawa. She is a single parent of a child aged thirteen years. Since the child's father died when child very young, Connie has found it difficult to meet expenses. She is very active in her local marae. Connie's aim is to be more self sufficient through education. She is keen to use award money to support travel costs.

### **Rita King Award**

#### **Josephine Thoresen**

Josephine is at Massey University in her third year of a Bachelor of Social Work. She moved from Palmerston North to Auckland to study and finds costs high but is determined achieve her goal. She is a single parent of a 6 year old. While in Palmerston North she was involved in her community particularly with Women's Health Collective. She would like the award to fund her computer and car expenses.

### **Jack Ilott Award**

#### **Maraea Rigby**

Maria is in her third year at Victoria University studying for a Bachelor of Arts Te Reo and Maori Majors. Maraean is a capable student who is very supportive of other students through contributing to the marae and mentoring. She wants to ultimately work as a researcher. Maraean is a single parent of 4 children although only her nine year old is dependent. The award will help with travel costs and course resources.

## **NZFGW Mildred Keir Training Award**

### **Michelle Roche**

Michelle is in her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing at Northland Polytechnic. She is recognised as a positive role model for other women in the nursing programme. Michelle has her hands full being a single parent of four children 12, 10, 6 and 4, as well as working and studying fulltime. She wants to use the award for childcare, travel and course resource costs.

## **Research Awards**

### **Joanne Richdale**

Joanne Richdale of Auckland is the winner of the research award provided by the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women. She has researched the social history of abortion in New Zealand between 1919 and 1948, and is now writing up her findings as her Ph.D. thesis at the University of Auckland. Her work covers abortion practices, legal and medical aspects, and the campaign for abortion law reform.

### **Kathryn Beck**

In her Ph.D. topic at Massey University, Albany campus, Kathryn Beck is studying iron status and health in women. She is the 2008 winner of the Society for Research on Women and New Horizons for Women Trust research award. Her work is part of a large study – the Women's Iron Status and Health project – and she will use the award money to recruit and test women aged 18-44 for iron deficiency. Those who qualify will be part of a trial which looks at whether eating kiwifruit with iron-fortified breakfast cereal increases iron absorption.

### **Lucy Johnston**

Associate Professor Lucy Johnston of the University of Canterbury is the 2008 winner of the Ria McBride Research Award. She is studying why so few women become engineers, even now. She is testing high school and university students and teachers in Christchurch to find out the strength of stereotypes about the appropriateness of women becoming engineers. She hopes her findings will lead to ways of reducing the barriers for women.

## **Ria McBride Public Service Management Award**

### **Natasha Mackie**

The 2008 winner of the Ria McBride Public Service Management Award is Natasha Mackie of Lower Hutt. She is a Team Manager in the Crown Funding and Trusts section of the Department of Internal Affairs in Wellington. Natasha will use the award as part funding of a Master's in Public Management degree at Victoria University of Wellington. This qualification will complement her 12 years of management experience, and prepare her for advancement as a manager in the Public Service. The award is funded by the State Services Commission

## **Sonja Davies Peace Award**

### **Mawafi Lamis**

This year's winner is Mawafi Lamis. She plans to use the SDPA for funding an exhibition called "Treasury of Stitches" in Dunedin. The exhibition will be of Palestinian cross-stitch and embroidery designs (along with electronic

footage) created by Palestinian women in response to their lived experiences of conflict and war. Mawafi was inspired to do the project to help New Zealand women understand what it is like for women in the Middle East, to educate them about their problems and their dreams. Embroidery was an artistic expression of Palestinian identity, about their courage in a time of conflict. Mawafi says "these women didn't give up, even that the world gave up on them, these women are saying something, they might not have the ability to make huge decisions, but they can still decide what colour to use, and which pattern works best with their design... these women are being creative even if this creativity comes from dreaming of a better life". Mawafi is also planning on publishing the project in an artistic journal entitled *Scope (Art)* see <<http://www.thescope.org/>>[www.thescope.org](http://www.thescope.org/) for online issues.

### **SROW Elsie Locke Award**

#### **Maria Rowe**

The SROW Elsie Locke Award panel unanimously selected Maria Rowe as the winner of the SROW Elsie Locke Award for 2008. The award was for \$4000. Maria is undertaking research in 'The Aggregation and Dispersal of Uropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (UPEC)'. The outcomes of this research will provide greater insight into bacterial strategies causing urinary tract disease. This is very relevant to one of Elsie Locke's interests; Women's Health. Maria's application was very professional. She has an excellent academic record and is studying at PhD level. Her references were strong. In addition to the strong academic application, Maria's referees acknowledged her as an advocate and role model for women continuing their education. This reflects NHWT objectives.

## Appendix 1

### Trustees 2008 – 2009

Lyn Dowsett (Chair),	- Dunedin	Association for Women in the Sciences
Magila Annandale	- Wellington	YWCA of Aotearoa New Zealand Inc. membership of the Board terminated August 2008
Sherrill Dakers	- Opononi	Rural Women of New Zealand
Sharon Evans	- Wellington	Life members of the former Society for Research on Women Inc. acting as a group
Jennifer Jones	- Wellington	Women's Studies Association (New Zealand)
Margaret Lees	- Christchurch	Zonta International District 16
Pat Sivertsen	- Dunedin	New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women Incorporated
Tangi Tipene	- Wellington	Council of Trade Unions National Women's Committee
Mary Trounson	- Wellington	New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women

### Committees

#### Awards Committee

Convenors:

Second Chance Awards - Ellen McCrae

Research Awards - Sharon Evans

Ria McBride Public Service Management Award – Sharon Evans

Sonja Davies Peace Award – Jennifer Jones

#### Fund Raising

Patricia Sivertsen

Tangi Tipene

#### Sponsor Liaison

Margaret Lees

#### Awardee Reports

Sharon Evans

Sherrill Dakers

#### Communication

Jennifer Jones

Patricia Sivertsen

Sherrill Dakers

Tangi Tipene

#### Technology

Mary Trounson

Patricia Sivertsen

#### Finance

Treasurer Heather Rae

Lyn Dowsett

Jennifer Jones

### **Appendix 3**

#### **Nominating Organisations of the Trust**

New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women Incorporated  
Life Members of the former Society for Research on Women in New Zealand  
Incorporated in consultation, acting as a group  
National Council of Women of New Zealand Incorporated  
PACIFICA Incorporated  
Pan Pacific South East Asia Women's Association  
Maori Women's Welfare League Incorporated  
New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Incorporated  
Council of Trade Unions National Women's Committee  
YWCA of Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated  
Zonta International District 16  
New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes Incorporated  
Women's Studies Association (New Zealand)  
Rural Women New Zealand  
The New Zealand Association for Women in the Sciences