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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As I step down from the Trust Board at the end of March, I'm taking this last opportunity to thank all of you who support the Trust in so many different ways. Without your donations of money and time we would not be able to make awards, run award ceremonies etc. With the present economic recession, we have, of course, had less return from our investments but people have continued to be generous and we have kept the awards to as high a number as we can afford. Making awards is what the Trust does. That is the only reason for us to be in existence so we are duty bound to make as many as possible.

I have enjoyed my time with the Trust so very much. I have met some wonderful women who are our award winners. They inspire us with their aspirations, with their commitment to their study and with their successes.

While I will not be serving New Horizons for Women Trust as a Trustee, I assure you I will continue to be useful. I hope to see many of you at different functions of the Trust in the future.

Sincerely,
Lyn Dowsett QSM, JP



Apikaila Lameko John Illott Trust Award 2009

More Than One Winner



At the Wellington awards ceremony on 9 September 2009 one of our award recipients was running late. She arrived, with her husband, two of her children and a baby, a few minutes before she was due to accept her award. As she stood to accept the John Illott Trust award for second chance education, Apikaila apologized for being late as "my baby son was born three hours ago". Before she could continue, the audience erupted in spontaneous applause that lasted several minutes.

Three months on, at the end of her first year of study towards a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) at Whitireia Community Polytechnic, Apikaila is very grateful for the financial support she has had from the New Horizons Trust. It was a tough year for this mother of 6 children (aged from 18 years to 3 months, including one adopted child) who has only been in New Zealand since 2003, and for whom English is her third language. She had enrolled in her study

before she knew she was expecting a baby.

Apikaila was born in Kiribati and has lived in a number of Pacific islands before joining her husband in New Zealand where her youngest three children have been born.

She has found the study really hard and in particular has found the language challenging. Yet thanks to her extremely supportive husband (Sandy who has given up his own studies to help) and other children, Apikaila has managed to pass her first year with flying colours. Her delight in her success is very evident.

Prior to taking up this course of study, Apikaila had done a range of work with young children in playgroups and early childhood centres, some paid work, some voluntary work and has done commercial cleaning to help make ends meet from time to time. She has also contributed her time to other organisations as a youth leader, secretary for a Pasifika Families group and is a Board member of the Pacific Island Cultural Social Services Trust.

Now she has a thriving baby son, Paolo (named after his grandfather), who is doted on by the other children and Sandy. All are clearly very proud of this woman who studied throughout her pregnancy, gave birth (at 15.15 hours, on 09/09/09 – it's symbolic Apikaila thinks), showered and dressed (in a new suit her husband had to buy for her that afternoon) and to the surprise of her midwives, set out for Parliament to receive her award at 6pm.

