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

For the year ending 31 December 2009

I am pleased to present the eighteenth 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.

The Board of Trustees and the Officers of the Board have met at two face-to face meetings (after the AGM and at the beginning of November) and ten teleconferences. My thanks go to the Trustees for their ability and commitment to these meetings. Teleconferences require a great deal of listening ability and a determination to be to the point with comments and reports. When we all meet around a table issues of management and strategy are easier to deal with. This is just the tip of the iceberg for a working Trust such as New Horizons for Women. The Treasurer recently asked the Trustees to give an estimate of how many hours were spent on Trust work per year for the Charity Commissions report. Of course, this is more at some points of the year than others, but I estimate that Trustees probably spend a cumulative 5,000+ hours a year on Trust business.

Award ceremonies were held in Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch and Oamaru this year. After the experiment of holding what turned out to be a highly successful award ceremony in Kaitia in 2008, the Trust was encouraged to hold two similar events in Rotorua and Oamaru this year. As in 2008, the logic behind the events was to enable the award winners to attend a ceremony along with their family and friends. The events also triggered good publicity in those areas for the Trust. As always, the award ceremonies were inspiring occasions and enabled the awardees to feel proud of their achievements whatever category, and the sponsors to feel privileged to have been involved in aiding such achievements. The Wellington ceremony had to be the most amazing with Apikaila Lameko arriving a little late but bearing her three-hour old son. Such determination is a hallmark of our awardees and we as Trustees are honoured to be able to facilitate the process of rewarding them in a small way.

On the topic of awards, we had a new award this year as well as promise of three new awards for 2010. The first Alma McCrae second-chance award, donated by the family of Ellen McCrae who chaired the Trust Board before me was awarded at the Christchurch ceremony. The Board also made the decision to rename one of the Rita King awards to honour Peg Hutchison, the Trust's long-time Treasurer. Later in the year the Trust was delighted to be the recipient of a bequest from Peg's estate and 2010 will see the awarding of the Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award, details of which will emerge from the next Board meeting, but in time to be awarded this year. Another exciting prospect is that of the Poko Morgan Award in early childhood education. This award is a work in progress in association with the winding up of the Anau Ako Trust. It has been my privilege to be working with Jo Bartley of the Anau Ako Trust on this project. It is hoped that the first award will be made in 2010 but it may be 2011. And finally, the Trust has to extend another "thank you" to Dawn Ibbotson, who has had such pleasure in her awards and particularly the 2009 recipient (who brought flowers for Dawn at the ceremony in Oamaru) that she has given another second-chance award. The Trust is extremely grateful for all these benefits that can be passed on to future awardees.

One of the items the Trust spends many hours debating is how to best get the Trust more widely known. This is both in order to be able to receive more money for awards and to be able to reach the women who can benefit from the awards we make. At one face-to-face meeting, each Trustee was asked for their vision for where the Trust would be in terms of awards and consolidated funds. The Board was united in wishing to achieve at least a million dollars in the consolidated fund by the time the Trust is twenty years old (this leaves two years to get there!) and that we will be making at least thirty second-chance awards by that time. This needs effort not only by the Trustees but also by the nominating organisations and our supporters and sponsors. The application forms need to be widely distributed. Knowing where to send information to the best purpose is vital to this operation of the Trust. The Trust is deeply grateful for all funding received, particularly in this time of recession. However, the Trust's gratitude is nowhere near that of our recipients. Trustees can be asked to speak to groups about the Trust but bringing people to the Trust award ceremonies is the best publicity. Our awardees are our leading lights and the stars of the show.

An area that has brought considerable angst to the Trust Board is that of the website (www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz). Soon after the application forms were available in 2009, it was discovered that the website could not be accessed (for downloading the forms) using Internet Explorer 8, probably the application most students would be using. This meant that time was spent sending out forms on request and probably meant that many students did not apply. The Board has spent many hours on this topic and I wish to record the Board's gratitude to two Trustees, Mary Trounson and Judy Owen, for their work in this area. Particularly in their efforts to achieve a great result for all aspects of the website, both in record keeping and in access by others. The Board is hopeful that there is a finishing line in sight and that soon the only problems will be keeping it up-to-date; more Trustee hours!

The Annual Report is the appropriate place to thank the Officers of the Board. An Wells has continued to provide an impeccable service as Secretary. An gave the Trust Board a detailed description of her role in order that a replacement be found as she is stepping down at the AGM in March. What the Board has found, is that we need two people to do what An has done for the past four years. Nothing flustered An except the Trustees inability to tell her when tasks on the To-Do list were done or that they had been superceded by others. An had the most superlative talent of being able to translate a teleconference into a concise and exact record. On behalf of the Trust Board, I would like to extend the Trust's appreciation and approbation of An's time as Trust Secretary. The Trust's Treasurer, Heather Rae, has over come considerable health problems as she has continued to keep the financial records of the Trust in order. Heather also liaises with the Investment Advisors of the Trust, organises the Auditors, keeps the EFT-POS machine rolling at the Pre-loved Fashion Sale, spots a spelling mistake at five yards and provides bed and breakfast for Trustees when we have meetings at Wellington. The Trust Board has an extraordinary Treasurer who knows no boundaries. On behalf of the Trust Board, awardees, supporters, sponsors and friends, I would like to thank Heather for her contribution to the Trust.

On a personal note, I my thanks go all the friends I have made through contacts in the Trust. Also, all the supporters and sponsors I have met and for whom I have so much appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the awardees and the Trust itself. To the awardees I have met through many ceremonies over the past five years, I give my wholehearted admiration.

To the Trustees with whom I have worked during my five years on the Trust, I wish to give my deepest respect and esteem. I have had such pleasure in working with you.

Lyn Dowsett, QSM, JP
26 March 2010

Trustees 2009

Lyn Dowsett (Chair) nominated by Association for Women in the Sciences (Dunedin)

Jennifer Jones (Deputy Chair) nominated by Women's Studies (previously Wellington and now in Melbourne)

Pat Siverstsen (Incoming Chair, Communications) nominated by Business and Professional Women (Otago)

Judy Owen (Incoming Deputy Chair, IT area, Pre-loved Clothing liaison) nominated by ex-members of SROW (Wellington)

Hermien van't Klooster (Fundraising) nominated by New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes (South Canterbury)

Marg Lees (Sponsor Liaison) nominated by Zonta International District 16 (Christchurch)

Ann Pomeroy (Sponsor Liaison, Awards) nominated by Federation of Graduate Women NZ (Wellington)

Mary Trounson (IT area, including database) nominated by Federation of Graduate Women NZ (Wellington)

Tangi Tipene (Fundraising Pre-loved Clothing liaison, Communications) nominated by Council of Trades Union (Rotorua)

Gaye Barton (Awards, Communications) nominated by YWCA NZ (Hamilton)

Sherrill Dakers (awardee liaison) nominated by Rural Women NZ (Opononi)

Honorary Officers 2009

An Wells Secretary (Wellington)

Heather Rae Treasurer (Wellington)

Retiring Trustees

Lyn Dowsett

Jennifer Jones

Sherrill Dakers (July 2009)

Mary Trounson

Awardees 2009

Second-chance awards

Memory Dzmbanhete Preloved Fashion Award
African (Zimbabwe)
Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences Eastern Institute of Technology

According to her referees, Memory is achieving well in her studies, during which she finds time to help others who are struggling. A single parent of a three-year old son, Memory helps out at her church, especially with the elderly. She hopes to work for Age Concern when she qualifies.

Renee Meiklejohn Rita King Award
New Zealander
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) University of Waikato School of Education

Renee and her partner have twin daughters. While Renee studies full-time, her partner, who was made redundant, works part-time and cares for the girls after school. Renee states that they are prepared to sacrifice comforts now for their future. She is Secretary/Treasurer for the Whangamata Summer Festival and on the committee of the local theatre society.

Marian Nesham Dorothy Newman Award
European
Bachelor of Nursing Waiariki Institute of Technology

Looking after her three daughters by herself and studying full time has left Marian with a small amount of free time during which she helps with reading at the local primary school. Her nursing tutor peaks highly of Marian as being committed to her learning and "willing to be challenged in her thinking". Marian would like to become a paediatric nurse.

Moana O'Sullivan Rua Stevens Award
Māori
Bachelor of Education (Steiner Speciality) AUT - Akoranga Campus

As well as studying for a degree herself, Moana assists other Māori and Pacific students in her role as a Tuakana Teaching Assistant at AUT. Moana has a four-year old son but is without whanau support having moved to do this specialised course. Her referees describe her as "a model candidate" for this award.

Jackie Pako
Māori

Barbara Wood Award NZ Federation of WI

Diploma in Raranga (Weaving) North Tec

Jackie runs local groups (primary school through to adult classes) to share her knowledge of weaving. A solo parent with three children, she attends therapy for depression but has found help in her studies. She hopes to have a teaching position at the almost completed marae when she completes her course.

Sanjida Pathan
NZ Indian

NZFGW North Shore Award

Diploma in Business Best Pacific Institute of Technology

Sanjida has two children to support as a solo parent after leaving an abusive marriage. She works full-time and studies part-time as well as using her management skills as manager of her son's league team. She has visions of running her own business promoting healthy eating in the South Auckland area.

Angela Turei
Māori

NZFGW North Shore Award

Bachelor of Nursing Manakau Institute of Technology

A solo mother with two dependent children, Angela is committed to her nursing degree. She has become more confident since passing exams with high grades and is sure she will succeed in her chosen new career. She sees that there are few Māori nurses and would like to specialise either as a midwife or as a Plunket nurse. Meanwhile she is helping her friend set up a business by looking after the friend's children as well as her own.

Viti Barker
Fijian/European

Graduate Women Manawatu Award

Certificate of Health, Science and Technology Universal College of Learning
(Palmerston North)

Viti is currently studying in this certificate with the aim of moving on to a degree in nursing or midwifery in 2010. Her referees speak highly of her and especially of her ability to sense when other students are confused and she helps them through their problems. Viti is determined to do well to provide both materially and as a role model for her three dependent children.

Stephney Edser Preloved Fashion Award
European/Māori
Bachelor of Nursing Universal College of Learning (Masterton)

Stephney and her husband, who has been made redundant and has health issues, care for their ten-year old grandchild for the past seven years. At present, Stephney is involved in aged/palliative care part-time work and would like to work in this area when she qualifies.

Natalie Goldsmith Peg Hutchison Award
Māori
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Māori Resource Management Victoria University

Natalie is a student mentor for other Māori and Pacific Island students at Victoria University where she is also a member of an indigenous research group. With two daughters to support, she has found the financial burden of fulltime study debilitating. Financial constraints have also caused her to give up her local and national sports representation to concentrate on her academic goals.

Rachael Kenny NZFGW Wellington Award
New Zealander
Bachelor of Arts (Alcohol and Drug Studies) Wellington Institute of Technology

A solo parent who has moved back to the Wairarapa to care for her mother since her father died, Rachael has a passion for her subject and fills in as a volunteer at her local addiction centre. Her referees support her in her determination to succeed in her choice of career.

Apikalala (Apikaila) Lameko Jack Illot Award
Tuvaluan
Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) Whitireia Community Polytechnic

After helping to establish a Tuvalu playgroup in Porirua (to maintain access to the language by the children of the area) Apikalala decided she would like to go further and be an Early Childhood teacher. Her family is committed to education as her husband is also studying - to be a computer technician. Apikalala would like to open a Tuvalu Early Childhood Centre when she is qualified.

Suliana Williams
Tongan/European
Bachelor of Social Work

Preloved Fashion Award
Whitireia Community Polytechnic

Suliana works part-time at a local community centre helping disabled people to gain confidence in their environment. With managing her sons' league teams and studying she says that she has no time to have more than a part-time job. Her husband has been made redundant and there is only temporary work available to him, but they think the struggle will be worthwhile when Suliana qualifies.

Tamara Casford
New Zealand Pakeha
Bachelor of Laws

NZFGW Wellington Award
University of Waikato

Tamara has suffered major health problems following surgery in her teens but this has not prevented her from pursuing an active role in pastoral care and commitment. She has now taken a further step to provide herself with some qualifications which will assist her being helpful and useful in the community. Tamara wishes to go into mediation and immigration law and has an abiding interest in criminal rehabilitation in the community.

Colleen Dobson
European New Zealander
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)

NZFGW Wellington Award
University of Waikato

Colleen is fully involved in her children's school being president of the PTA, runs the calf club and coaches rugby. The separation from her partner is new and has been expensive but she is determined to carry on to obtain her degree and is proud of her grades and ability to engage children in her classroom sessions.

Deidre Monga
Cook Island Māori
Bachelor of Nursing

Graduate Women Manawatu Award
Waiariki Institute of Technology

The solo mother of two boys, Deidre has long days to take part in her chosen course of study. She is doing very well in her degree course according to her academic referees. In her spare time, Deidre co-ordinates a local playgroup which is a great success according to another referee.

Shontelle Tuck NZFGW Mildred Keir Training Award
Māori
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) University of Waikato

Studying to be a primary school teacher, helping out with her father's sharemilking, helping at her children's school and looking after a combined family of five children has taken a toll on Shontelle's marriage. However, she remains committed to her goal of being a rural schoolteacher and, according to her academic referee, she shows all the qualities required.

Krystyna Fajkiel Alma McCrae Award (inaugural)
European
National Certificate in Floristry Tradestaff Training

Krystyna is determined to work through a personal disability to establish herself as a freelance floral artist. Until their recent deaths, her life has revolved around caring for her parents and she is very involved with her local church as a volunteer. She has encountered some discrimination in obtaining work because of her disability but is looking forward to establishing her own business.

Michele Green Zonta Christchurch North
European New Zealander
Diploma in Fashion Design Design and Arts College of New Zealand

Michele is the single mother of five children, three of whom are still at home. Despite health issues, Michele has excelled in all her subject areas. She is hoping to go on to do a degree in fashion design and work towards being a teacher as well as supporting herself through her own designs. She will be using the award to make her first collection.

Helen Lawton Sponsors of New Horizons for Women Trust Award
European
Diploma in Architectural Design and Technology
Design and Arts College of New Zealand

After two traumatic years of family troubles, Helen has emerged as a high achiever in her class. While her two sons have health problems, Helen keeps them active, encouraging them in their sporting activities while providing a role model for study and commitment to excellence. A solo mother now, Helen has planned her new career so that she can work from home as a draughtsperson and be there for her children.

Lorraine Hill
New Zealand European
Bachelor of Nursing

Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Award
Otago Polytechnic

Lorraine has two children and an elderly mother to look after. Having taken several steps away from a career in laboratory work, With travel commitment to attend lectures in Dunedin from Monday to Friday, Lorraine has very little time for voluntary work though she has been involved in all aspects of her children's schooling as far as PTA and sporting activities. Lorraine hopes to work in the area of women's health and to be a Red Cross volunteer.

Research Awards

Barbara Francis

NZFGW Wellington Peg Hutchison Research Award

The research is on the life of Agnes Moncrieff (1898-1988). It brings together two manuscripts drafted by Barbara Francis on Agnes Moncrieff's life into one manuscript, for publication. This award is particularly fitting as Barbara was strongly supported by Peg Hutchison (who was a friend of the Moncrieff family) in writing Agnes Moncrieff's biography.

SROW/NHWT Research award is split between

Pamela von Hurst
Massey Uni (Albany Campus)

The research is part of PhD research looking at the links between vitamin D deficiency and type II diabetes in New Zealand women.

Kathryn Robins
Waikato University

The research is for a Masters thesis on women's perception of post-separation contact of children of the relationship with the perpetrator of the family violence leading to the separation.

Sonja Davies Peace Award

Laine Tipi

Laine plans to use the Sonja Davies Peace Award to contribute to the reduction of violence within Pasifika families, by running violence prevention workshops in her community. These workshops will educate families about strategies and methods to resolve violent situations, such as understanding the causes of violence, and looking at specifically Pasifika-based solutions. Laine will also use the award to undertake training in mediation skills, which she hopes to pass on to workshop attendees. Laine is married with four adult children and three grandchildren, and is strongly involved in her community as the director and manager of Leataata o Tupulaga o le Pasefika Preschool.

Ria McBride Public Service Management Award

Jo Field

The winner of the Ria McBride Public Service Management Award is Jo Field from the Ministry of Social Development (Child, Youth and Family). Jo is currently acting as Regional Director (Central region). Her chosen course of study is to attend a leadership course at the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, entitled 'Women and Power: Leadership in a New World'. In addition to exemplifying Ria McBride's tenacity, the panel felt that Jo's approach to her work strongly reflects the ethos of Ria McBride of ensuring vulnerable groups have access to the services they need.

The **Elsie Locke Award** is a biennial award and will be awarded next in 2010.

Awards Summary 1993-2009

Year	Second-Chance Awards	Research Awards	Ria McBride Public Service Management	Sonja Davies Peace Awards	SROW Elsie Locke Awards	Total Number of Awards	Total Value of Awards
1993	2	1				3	\$6,000
1994	2	1				3	\$5,000
1995	3	2				5	\$6,200
1996	4	2				6	\$8,000
1997	5	1				6	\$10,000
1998	6	3				9	\$12,000
1999	7	2				9	\$13,000
2000	10	3	1			14	\$33,500
2001	8	3	1			12	\$31,000
2002	14	2	1			17	\$54,000
2003	13	2	1			16	\$46,500
2004	14	4	1	1		20	\$61,500
2005	17	4	1	1		23	\$69,800
2006	18	2	1	1		22	\$67,300
2007	17	3	1	1		22	\$73,750
2008	21	3	1	1	1	27	\$93,100
2009	21	3	1	1		26	\$88,000
Total	182	41	10	6	1	240	\$678,65

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