



NEW HORIZONS FOR
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New Horizons for Women Trust

supporting education, innovation and research for women

Celebrating 20 years

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From the Chair

As we celebrate 20 years since our inception it is also timely to review our processes and move forward where there is need for change.

Aspire has been the annual publication, usually with an emphasis on the previous round of awardees. It has become a very expensive glossy to print that has little value in today's world of electronic communication. The Board sees a quarterly newsletter sent by email being of much more value.

A review of our nominating process has been completed with a summary of the findings being sent to our nominating organisations. I'd like to take the opportunity of

thanking all those who took part in the interview process – your comments gave us valuable information and highlighted areas we need to improve.

I attended BPW Conference – a group struggling to retain members but with very positive ideas for the future. I also attended outgoing Zonta DG Anne McMurtrie's dinner celebrating her term of office and attended the Wellington Branch NZFGW 90th birthday – they have been such strong supporters and sponsors of awards over the years – I felt honoured to be among such truly inspiring women.

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Nominating Survey

The trust is run by Trustees who work voluntarily. We presently have 8 trustees who live and work throughout New Zealand. The Nominating Organisations that are represented are: NZ Federation of Women's Institutes, NZ Federation of Graduate Women, PACIFICA, YWCA of Aoteroa /New Zealand and Zonta International District 16.

As you are aware trustees have been nominated onto NHWT by nominating organisations. Once Trustees are selected for the board, it is expected that their important task is to manage the business of the trust utilising their personal skill sets. While trustees may wish to make reports back to their nominating organisations about the work of the trust, their primary work as a trustee is to apply their governance skills to ensuring that the NHWT strategic goals are met.

The review also gave NHWT trustees a good process forward. A clear transparent nomination process will be developed for nominating organisations, other women's organisations and women who wish to self-nominate. This process includes circulating a 'needs' profile to Nominating Organisations who can then either identify or endorse candidates from their organisations. Self-nomination will also be an option. However any self-nominating candidate will need to demonstrate a strong evidence of understanding women's issues, have excellent governance skills and have clear networks that link to NHWT. The review also highlighted the need to have strong on-going communication between NHWT and nominating organisations. Utilising nominating organisations' newsletters and creating our own will be one of the communication strategies that we will use.

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Upcoming Events

**Award Ceremonies
2012**

**Auckland
Saturday 1 September**

**Hamilton
Tuesday 4 September**

**Palmerston North
Wednesday 5 September**

**Wellington TBC
Thursday 6 September**

**Christchurch
Saturday 8 September**

**Dunedin
Sunday 9 September**

Please put the above dates in your diary. Venue and Ceremony details will be sent closer to the time.

Monica Hissink Award

Monica Brody neé Hissink was a signatory on the NHW Trust Deed. Monica headed the Wellington BPW group who wished to commemorate the work of Rita King by offering second chance education, of which Monica was a passionate supporter. Sadly Monica died in November 2011. She had always said she would like to give a donation to the Trust and her husband Mike honoured that wish with a very generous donation. We thank Mike for his generosity and wish him well as he travels back to live in the UK.



From left: Valerie, Mike and Monica in Pitlochry, Scotland – July 1997

Monica was a member of Wellington BPW and a librarian at the then Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. When I met her, she was involved in co-ordinating the libraries of the various sections of the DSIR into a main library that served the newly

formed Ministry of Science. When Rita King OBE died in 1988, Monica headed a Wellington BPW committee that wished to commemorate Rita's work, particularly that involving her leadership in the fight for equal pay and opportunities for women. The committee proposed that each of the clubs in the NZ Federation raise \$1000. This money would form the capital base for a Trust that would provide scholarships for second chance education. At the time of this initiative, I was publicity chair of the Federation and editor of the national magazine "Speak Up". Monica asked me to include an article so that the NZ wide membership would know of this proposal prior to the annual conference. Unfortunately, the proposal was rejected. However, Monica and her committee were undeterred and when they heard that women from the Society for Research on Women and representatives of the 1975 Women's Conference wished to fund second chance education and research awards, they decided to join forces. This was the beginning of what became known as the New Horizons for Women Trust. Monica and her husband, Mike Brodie, shifted to Pitlochry, Scotland in the 1990s and Monica

again worked as a librarian and she and Mike were involved in the Scottish independence movement. Alan and I visited them in July 1997. Monica and Mike later returned to NZ living in Katikati where she and Mike were involved in a kiwifruit farm. **Valerie Rhodes**
Valerie was the inaugural Chair of NHW and held the position for nine years.

The Monica Hissink Award will be for a second chance awardee and presented in 2012.

The Olive Tree Charitable Trust is sponsoring a second chance award for 2012 in memory of Professor Alan Williams. This will be awarded in the Manawatu area.

You too may wish to remember a loved one in this way - visit the NHWT website for sponsorship opportunities.



Congratulations Lynn McKenzie

who will become the first New Zealand woman to be elected as Zonta International President.

Lynn is a past Chair of New Horizons and continues to be a wonderful supporter.

The Trust wishes Lynn every success in her new role.

Lynn is pictured here with fellow Zontians at the 20th Birthday of New Horizons for Women in Wellington, March 2012.

Awardee Updates

Destynee Williamson-Poutama – Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance Award

I am very pleased to announce that in December this year, I will be graduating from Otago University with a Bachelor degree in Science. The road has been challenging to say the least, but with the amazing support from NHWT sponsors has been manageable. I am currently in preparation for exams and extremely busy writing an editorial about dietary supplement use and mortality rates in older women and a mock government submission regarding folic acid fortification of bread in NZ. The work load itself has been challenging, especially meeting deadlines. However I am positive that perseverance will prevail in the end. My main focus is to complete these two assignments and successfully prepare myself for exams. I am anxious about my exams at the moment and will be relieved once they are finished. Next semester will be less stressful as I only have one food service management paper to complete.

Nerissa Baker – Peg Hutchison Second Chance Award

I passed all of my exams for the year and found that I can actually write an essay to a pretty good standard. I have had advice from friends and family and it all helps. I feel like I've achieved a great thing by getting through the year, especially as I have had no prior university/tertiary experience. This year I will be focusing on staying right on top of the workload as I think it will definitely be as demanding, if not more so than the last. The NHWT scholarship has helped immensely. I have a new printer and can afford to pay for ink! Unfortunately we have to print our own notes, which is quite costly. I've also bought a really good pair of shoes for clinic practice, and paid for some repairs on my car! (I drive to and from Uni which means I am there when my 13 year old gets home from school. Travel by bus is just too time-consuming). As far as finances go, I will need to look for a part time job to help pay for living costs this year. The city is an expensive place! There are still 4 years to go, however as a friend pointed out "that is 20% completed already"!!!

Tania Dickson – Eva's Attic Second Chance Award

After a summer of fun in the water with my beautiful daughter...I have just started in my 3rd and final year of the Diploma in Applied Counselling. This will be a

big year with huge academic challenges. My work in placement and the development of my professional identity is the priority. I feel held and supported by my tutors and my mother/family is very encouraging. WINZ however is not helpful at all after National's policy change around training incentive allowances for beneficiaries. The financial position is one of hand to mouth every week with very little to spare. However resilience and great budgeting skills has served me well in the past and will continue to serve me now and in the future. All in all, the journey is stimulating and satisfying and I am excited about my future and the possibilities that lay ahead.

Brydie Quirk- Sue MacDonald Opportunity Award

At the end of November I graduated with my Certificate in Automotive Engineering Advanced. I was also privileged to receive the top student of the year award along with my certificate which makes all my hard work well worth it. I still have about two years left in a workshop to complete my qualification, and unfortunately due to the poor job market I have not yet found a work shop to join and help me achieve this. I have some great support around me and have not stopped looking for that right employer to take me on – it's only a matter of waiting for the right opportunity to come up. I am looking at going into an automotive parts position in the interim to help me financially but also to keep me within the industry and learning more and more. All in all I think I am doing well, I have lots of great support and have always been good at balancing my workload. I have been privileged to be a part of what you do and tell as many people as I can about the trust.

Sandra Turner/Dunedin Playback Theatre Company – Sonja Davies Peace Award

Since receiving the Sonja Davies Peace award the Dunedin Playback Theatre Company has performed three times with the specific focus on addressing issues of family violence.

Performance 1 was at the facilities of Stopping Violence Dunedin and the theme for the night was "Starting at the Beginning" – 2nd September.

Performance 2 was at St Paul's cathedral in the Octagon and the theme was "A Family Affair" – 28th October.

Performance 3 was in the crypt at St Paul's Cathedral and the theme was "When Christmas Becomes Something Else" – 16th December.

Sponsor Spotlight: Second Chance Group



Since the first sale in 2005 the Wellington Preloved fashion sale, now called the Second Chance Preloved Fashion sale has raised over \$70,000. Sale proceeds are donated to the New Horizons for Women Trust and contribute to a significant number of second chance education awards administered by the NHWT for women who might otherwise not access such opportunities. Despite the economic downturn the 2012 sale held on Saturday 10 March raised \$12,000 and this will enable three awards. The preloved fashion sale is now an annual event eagerly anticipated by women from around the Wellington region including the small organising group. It is an opportunity for an annual wardrobe clean-out, donating to a wonderful cause, the chance to volunteer and have fun on sale day, and an opportunity to purchase some fabulous preloved garments at bargain prices. The Second Chance Group website: www.secondchancegroup.org.nz and once the March 2013 sale date is confirmed the website will be updated. **Sharon Cavanagh, Chair of the Second Chance Group.**

Friends of New Horizons for Women



Congratulations Lianne Dalziel

who is our first *Friend of New Horizons for Women*

The *Friends of NHWT* was launched at the 20th Birthday Dinner as a new funding strand. Thank you Lianne for being our first 'friend' and for your continued support. It is much appreciated.

We look forward to many other supporters joining Lianne as 'friends'.



New Horizons for Women – Friends Membership

New Horizons for Women invites you to be one of our friends.

Your friendship will help us to continue to administer a variety of awards that benefit New Zealand women in their tertiary education, innovation and research.

I enclose an annual donation to join the *Friends of NHWT*.

\$50 waged
\$20 unwaged

I would also like to donate an additional \$.....

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms
First Name Surname

Address

Phone Email

I enclose my cheque payable to: New Horizons for Woman Trust.

I have made a direct credit to – 03 0502 0164566 00. Please ensure your name is the payer details and NHWT Friend as the reference.

Post to: PO Box 12498, Wellington 6144. Email: enquiries@newhorizonsforwoman.org.nz

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Can I have more brochures to give to my friends?