



NEW HORIZONS FOR
WOMEN TRUST
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New Horizons for Women Trust

supporting education, innovation and research for women

Celebrating 21 years

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From the Chair

Celebrating 21 years – the words ‘coming of age’ immediately come to mind but more important is the statement ‘we are still here and growing’ We continue to accept and implement change that will enhance our core business – administering awards that benefit NZ women.

The Trust has a long association with like-minded women’s organisations which we have always referred to as our ‘nominating organisations’. However with our rule change to recruit new trustees, we thought the word did not best describe our relationship. We have changed it to ‘partner organisations’.

We have moved to online applications for our award rounds this year and into the social media domain.

We were thrilled to present 36 awards in 2012. Having just closed applications for 2013 and seeing the number of women applying for awards, we are not even coming close to meeting the need for financial support for the women in our communities to obtain qualifications.

In 2013, my focus is on finding new sponsors, new ways of funding and encouraging other providers of education awards to consider NHWT as their administrator.

As supporters of the Trust I look to you all for help in this area and ask that you pass on ideas you may have to grow our funds.

Mavis

Happenings

2013 AGM



The 2013 AGM was also the opportunity to celebrate New Horizons for Women Trust’s ‘Coming of Age’! We are 21 years old and going from strength to strength! Past and present trustees, loyal supporters and sponsors enjoyed the witty, colourful account of our early days by inaugural chair Valerie Rhodes. The birthday cake with our logo blazoned in yellow and blue was cut by Valerie (on left) and Vice Patron Elizabeth Orr.

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Upcoming Events

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Christchurch – 31 August

Dunedin – 1 September

Hamilton – 3 September

**Palmerston North –
4 September**

Wellington – 5 September

Auckland – 7 September
Invitations with details will
be sent closer to the time

Challenge – if you have never attended an award ceremony before, do make 2013 the year you do. Join us in applauding the awardees success and hear the stories of their journey.

**2012 Annual Report now
available on the website**

The Guest Speaker was Melissa Haberfield, from Christchurch. To have her speak was a great introduction for all of us to this dynamic, young woman. All on NHWT Board look forward to her input over the coming year.

The key points from her address were:

- Create a life that gives true meaning and personal fulfilment
- Make meaningful and genuine connections with people
- Align with your values
- Continue to grow and learn
- Try something new every day...preferably something that scares you!
- Give back/pay it forward
- Cherish time with the special people in your life; friends, family and partners
- Live in the moment and be present
- Work/life balance is a myth...Work is part of life!
- Create an inspirational ripple effect
- Surround yourself with positive, forward thinking and motivating people
- Choose to work with organisations that are fantastic to deal with, allow you to do your best work and have fun along the way.



Waitangi Day Reception Government House



It was an honour for NHWT to be invited to attend the Governor-General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry and Lady Jane Mateparae Waitangi Day Garden Reception in Auckland to commemorate the 173rd Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

His Excellency's theme for 2013 is 'Celebrating New Zealand Women'. Our letter of invitation read: *New Horizons for Women Trust has supported, celebrated and contributed to women in our society.* I felt very proud to be representing such a wonderful organisation.

From left: *Mavis Shuker, Chair NHWT; Hon Louisa Wall, MP; Anne Fitisemanu, former Trustee NHWT*

Fundraising Event



A fundraiser evening was held in Pukekohe on 9 May hosted by Zonta Club of South Auckland and the funds raised were shared by Zonta SA and NHWT – a similar event was held in 2012. It was a fun night out for women and the models from the community all wore black and showed scarves, jewellery, gloves and handbags from Canvas Café and Gift Shop. Footloose provided shoes and boots for the night and Top Drawer Lingerie showed the latest in its sleepwear collection. All three businesses are women operated.

Zonta SA funds will support on-going local projects, such as making free breast cushions for women having surgery for breast cancer and their work with the Teen Parent Educators Association to help young women finish their education

and provide parental training – there are two Teen Parent Schools in South Auckland.

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Whittfield Associates** who sponsored the wine for the evening, to **Zonta South Auckland** for the scrumptious nibbles and their continuing support of NHWT and to our models pictured above.

From left: *Jude Shuker, Kiri Wilson, Rochelle Pamich, Rachel Harvey, Lynley Wood, Kirsten Harris*

Facebook

In keeping with the times, New Horizons for Women Trust has currently moved into the social networking domain! We now have a Facebook page where you can see updates of our events and important dates, and photos of our trustees and awardees. We have also created a LinkedIn page, the social networking site for professionals, which will help us create and maintain connections with professionals and other organizations. To visit us on Facebook go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/NewHorizonsForWomenTrust>

Awards – applications are now closed for 2013

In 2012, a review of the awards application processes, identified it was important to applicants that the process be 'clear and easy', 'fair and consistent' and 'timely'. Based on this feedback we have streamlined our processes and introduced an online application and selection processes – all with no major glitches or technology related grief! This will enable us to bring the whole awards programme forward in 2014 and provide the grants in a more timely way. Awards will be open from 1 February to 31 March in 2014, with the awards ceremonies being held in July instead of September.

To date we have received an increase in the number of applications for all awards, particularly the second chance education awards and research awards. We attribute this increase to an increase in demand and need for education and research, along with extensive promotion of the awards –along with the 'clear and easy' online application process.

NHWT Board wishes to thank Trustee Jo Innes for both driving this initiative and her financial support.

New Second Chance Awards

We welcome the following new sponsors who have each sponsored a second chance award for 2013.

- **FW Scholarships** - the founder of this Trust knows from personal experience that a second chance offers many opportunities that would not otherwise be available. The founder currently wishes to remain anonymous.
- **Edward Kay Charitable Trust** – this charitable trust has been established from the estate of Ted Kay who was very supportive of second chance education.
- **Zonta Club of West Auckland** – this club sponsored an award in 2011 and after more fundraising are once again sponsoring in 2013.

Research Report

- **Rose Ryan of Heathrose Research – 2012 Janus – 1995 NGO Research Award**
- **The Social (not-for) Profit Sector and Women – an exploratory study**
- We have very little information in Aotearoa New Zealand about women's participation in our country's Social (Not-for) Profit Sector leadership, aside from anecdotal evidence. This is despite this sector of our voluntary and paid work-force being heavily dominated by women.
- We have now completed a phone survey with people from 49 not-for-profit organisations. This asked about the gender and ethnic mix of paid staff, volunteers, and leadership and governance structures for the organisation.
- The organisations are a mix of national, regional and local organisations, with most from the social services sector. Over the next month we will be analysing and writing up the findings of the exploratory study. This will be used to both inform the sector and to provide the basis for a wider survey of organisations in the Social Profit Sector. We aim for the exploratory study report to be completed in May 2013.

Research Study – Family Violence and the Evangelical Church

Daphne Marsden was the recipient of the **2012 Society for Research on Women (SROW) Award**.

Daphne's thesis will explore Christian women's experience of domestic violence.

Canadian Sociologist Nason Clark claims sometimes, instead of being strongly encouraged to leave the abusive context, a Christian woman is presented with a myriad of reasons why she should stay. She is told of her responsibility to remain and to behave in ways which will discourage or prevent violence towards her. She is often expected to adapt and cater to the violence directed at her. Such advice is theologised and framed in some evangelical biblical teaching such as the elevation of a hierarchical pattern in family being ordained by God, or by encouraging women to forgive seventy times seven, or by attributing value to suffering as Christians.

In addition, modelling and teaching within church communities often promotes values which attribute greater worth and entitlement for males and husbands. When looking to the church for help, women in such situations often tell of experiencing minimisation, blame, an expectation that they will return home, behave differently, be forgiving, exercise patience, prayer and so on.

This study will explore the issues Christian women face as they suffer abuse at the hands of a spouse and seek assistance and guidance from their church communities. It will present the view that those responses by Christian communities, especially leaders, to spousal abuse suffered by their women are, for the most part limited and inadequate, and that as a result the prevention of violence within Christian families is neglected.

Recent correspondence with Daphne states *'My Masters research is going so well, I have submitted a draft this last week to my supervisors and it is looking like I will be able to submit a final version in the next month. I have made use of the New Horizons \$ by getting someone to help with the laying out and footnoting, checking sources etc. She has also helped with assisting me to get right the little bit of Hebrew and Greek I needed to include. One of my supervisors has helped me to use a good amount of the Women's Narrative which I collected so there really is a resounding voice from the women I interviewed. I am so pleased with how it is looking. It means a lot that a women's organisation such as New Horizons was willing to back me and know that they are so behind giving voice to women.'*

Progress Reports

Awardees are expected to submit a progress report to the Trust in the year they receive their award. This is then forwarded to their sponsor. I would like to share with you an excerpt from one such report I received this year that I feel 'says it all' about women striving for a better life for themselves and their families.

Studying full-time as a mature student with four young children has been a real challenge, and at times I question the amount of effort I put into my studies, hoping not to neglect my other commitments in the church and most importantly to my children. However, the reward of getting through each year gives my family and me amazing confidence and strength to continue to the end of my degree in order to strive for a better standard of life, and a more prosperous future.

I wish you all the best in the differences that you are making in others' lives in coming up with ways to support women such as myself who feel the minority in society.

Congratulations to the following awardees that have completed their study

- **Kelly Tikao – 2011 Ria McBride Research Award**
- **Karina Rakete – 2012 Chenery Memorial Second Chance Award**
- **Rebecca Leia – 2012 NZ Federation of Graduate Woman Wellington Branch Second Chance Award**
- **Karenza Dix – 2012 Olive Tree Trust Second Chance Award**
- **Michelle Pearson – 2012 NZ Federation of Graduate Women North Shore Second Chance Award**
- **Karen Thomson – 2012 Rita King Second Chance Award**

Sponsor Spotlight: Barbara Wood Second Chance Award

Barbara Wood Memorial Foundation - The Foundation was established to commemorate the life and work of the late Barbara Wood MBE, the Dominion President of the NZ Federation of Country Women's Institutes 1970-1974, the South Pacific Area Vice-President of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) from 1975 - 1977 and the Deputy World President of the same organisation between 1977-1979. Mrs Wood died tragically in the Mt Erebus air disaster.

The NZ Federation of Women's Institutes has sponsored the **Barbara Wood Second Chance Award** annually since 2008. The recipient can live anywhere in NZ and is presented their award by a member of the organisation at the awards ceremony in September each year.



NHWT is appreciative of the opportunity to be part of an award in memory of a woman who did so much to improve the lives of NZ women.

We also enjoy meeting the members of the federation who join us at NHWT events. I believe this is an example of how our partner organisations and NHWT can work together to fulfil both our aims.

NZ Federation of Women's Institutes – *to encourage and inspire women within a dynamic, caring environment* and NHWT – *empowering women to reach their potential*

2012 Barbara Wood Second Chance Award was presented to So'onaalofa Sharon Aspinall-Su'a by Noelene Coppel, NZ Federation of WI

Friends of the Trust

THANK YOU to our supporters who have also become *Friends of the Trust this year*.

Judy Lawrence

Fay Swann

Judith Miller

Philippa Bates

Margaret Bailey

Jean Yates

Mary Ronnie

Region 5 Rural Women

Deirdre Moffatt

We also say THANK YOU to those friends from 2012 who have renewed their membership

New Horizons for Women – Friends Membership

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