



NEW HORIZONS FOR
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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

Another year, another opportunity for women to apply for one of New Horizons for Women's awards and also another opportunity for you to pass this information on to a woman whom you think would benefit from this financial help.

Applications were trialled online in 2013 and proved to be very successful. With our focus on providing awards that benefit women, the significant improvement planned for 2014 was to open the awards programme for one month from 1 February to 31 March. Also, applicants will know the results by end of April (compared with July), and the awards ceremonies are scheduled for late July (compared with September in previous years).

As many of our trustees have busy full time jobs as well as other commitments to our partner organisations and to family, it is important to ensure they are given good support as trustees and they are able to focus on the key

functions of the Trust and not administrative tasks. Therefore the board has appointed a part time administration officer.

Two new trustees have been appointed for 2014 but because of a late resignation and skills needed in both the awards and information technology area, applications are being called for trustees with such skills who live in the Auckland and Dunedin area.

The last two annual meetings have been followed by a dinner and this will happen again this year. The annual meeting is to present annual accounts, report on performance and provide an opportunity to discuss issues – there are no elections. I look forward to meeting you there.

Mavis

Annual Meeting and Dinner

The Annual Meeting of the Trust will be held at 6.30 pm on Friday 4th April in the Lecture Room, Royal Society of New Zealand, 11 Turnbull Street, Thorndon, Wellington. Guest Speaker, Prof Brigid Hetwood Assistant Vice-Chancellor Research, Academic and Enterprise, Massey University followed by Dinner. Cost for dinner is – General \$50 and previous award winners \$25. **RSVP by Sunday 28th March** if you will be staying for the dinner with payment to enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz. **Direct Credit to – 03 0502 0164566 00.** Please ensure your name is in the payer details and Dinner as the reference or **cheque payable to:** New Horizons for Women Trust, PO Box 12498, Wellington 6144.

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Upcoming Events 2014

Saturday 29 March
Second Chance
Preloved Fashion Sale

Wesley Church Hall,
75 Taranaki Street,
Wellington
9am-1 pm

Friday 4 April
NHWT Annual Meeting
Royal Society of New
Zealand
11 Turnbull St,
Wellington
6.30 pm

Award Ceremonies
Late July/August 2014

Fundraising

Eva's Attic

Eva's Attic is where you can buy premium pre-loved designer clothing and other treasures with all proceeds going to charities and NHWT is one of the charities that benefits.

Take the opportunity to visit, meet the wonderful volunteers, shop or donate clothing.

Level 1, Grand Arcade, 16 Willis Street, Wellington

Second Chance Group 10th Preloved Clothing Sale

Saturday 29 March 9am to 1 pm at Wesley Church Hall, 75 Taranaki St, Wellington

This sale raises money for the Trust to support women struggling to build a better life for themselves, their families and their communities by studying for tertiary qualifications. Last year 3 awards were sponsored from the proceeds of this sale.

The Second Chance Group ask for your support in donating good quality second hand clothing and accessories, informing your friends, work colleagues and family, attending the sale and being a helper and grabbing a bargain!

www.secondchancegroup.org.nz

Board Appointments

Trustees

Rosemary du Plessis was involved in the New Horizons for Women Trust as a Society for Research on Women (SROW) representative when it was first established. She has followed its work over the years and has a strong commitment to women's pursuit of second chance education and training, research relating to girls and women, and support for women's work in the fields of peace, public service management, science and non-governmental organisations. She taught sociology for many years at University of Canterbury, was active in SROW and the Women's Studies Association, and has worked for short periods of time in government agencies. Her current research interests include the NCWNZ Christchurch Branch *Women's Voices* project that has generated over 100 stories about women's earthquake experiences. These stories are available in a digital archive at <https://quakestudies.canterbury.ac.nz/store/collection/228>. A final report on some of the key themes in these oral history interviews is currently in preparation.

Susan Hitchiner has held governance positions with four organisations in the not-for-profit (or 'social profit') sector over the last seven years, including five years with the YWCA of Aotearoa NZ – one of the Trust's partner organisations. Susan has also been on the board of Alzheimers NZ since November 2012 and has been the Chair for most of that time. Alongside that work, she has worked as an independent consultant in the public management area for more about 15 years, interspersed with ten years in second tier positions in three State sector organisations.

In her professional work, Susan's focus is on strengthening organisational performance. She has worked across a range of sectors, technical areas, and government and cultural settings.

Susan is very pleased to be joining the Trust as a trustee (she has been an advisor to the board for more than six months), as she sees its work in providing financial support for women focusing on 'second chance education' as a critical step in empowering more women to fulfil their amazing potential !

Administration Officer

Allison (Ally) Clark was born and raised in Canada, coming to New Zealand in 2000 to get to know the Kiwi half of her family. She quickly discovered tramping, got a job, met her husband and has been in Wellington ever since. Her background is in music (French Horn Performance), but comes to the position with 10 + years administrative experience, mainly at Massey University. It was with some regret that she left her position at the Sleep/Wake Research Centre 18 months ago to spend more time with her 2 children. She has plans to retrain as a primary school teacher in 2015. She is looking forwards to meeting, working with and learning from the great team of women who make up the New Horizons Women Trust.

Farewell to the following trustees who are not continuing on board this year – Marie Hook, Melissa Haberfield and Kate O'Connor.

THANK YOU for your valuable contribution to NHWT.

2013 Awardees

Congratulations to the following awardees who have completed their study – Louise Andrews, Sheree Barker, Margaret Dudley, Lizzie McColl, Misty Ratima, Kerry Shaw, Lee Smillie

Reports

A requirement of a NHWT award is to submit a report to the Trust once they have the results at the end of the year. These are then sent on to their sponsors. I would like to share with you excerpts from these reports.

Louise Andrew - Chenery Memorial Second Chance Award

I completed my four year BA Visual Arts degree at the University of Auckland and was awarded top student and finished on an A+. In my final semester, I published two books, copies of which will be held in the Manukau Institute of Technology Creative Arts Faculty library and hopefully the University of Auckland's fine art library at Elam.

The award allowed me to complete my degree by being able to stay focused on my studies without having to constantly worry about finances. It also helped immensely with the publishing of my books.

I have been accepted into the University of Auckland Graduate Diploma in Teaching, one year programme. However I am working through whether further study is a feasible option.

Sheree Barker – Rita King Second Chance Award

I have completed my degree, and have been invited to return next year to complete the honours program. I am now a New Zealand registered Occupational Therapist. I am currently in the process of applying for positions.

The award allowed me to complete my degree. Without the financial support from New Horizon for Women trust I would not have been able to do this

The award assisted in transport and childcare costs that I incurred while on 20 week placement.

Maria Byrne – Second Chance Group Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Award

I am pleased to tell you that I have continued to pass all my papers this year with really good marks, mostly A's. This has left me feeling very optimistic and positive for my last and final year in 2014. Just knowing that I have a supportive network around me and only one more year of study to get my degree has definitely boosted my motivation to complete on a high in 2014.

This award has given me so much, it has allowed me to reduce hours at work when my work/life balance was a bit hard to handle. It also gave me a boost to get through the remainder of a tough year. It was nice to be acknowledged and recognised for my hard work and effort. So thank you 😊

Melanie Collins – Olive Tree Charitable Trust Second Chance Award

I have passed all my exams, assignments and assessments

A week after banking the cheque my "very old" laptop died, and wouldn't you know it I had two assignments due that week too. With the help of the award money I was able to purchase a new laptop. Without the money I would not have been able to purchase a new computer which will have hindered on the completion of my course.

I have one more year to complete my Bachelor of Midwifery studies, which I am really looking forward to.

Margaret Dudley – Peg Hutchison Second Chance Award

I completed my Bachelor of Nursing Degree after having successfully passed my Professionals Exams and State Finals.

The award helped my children and I tremendously! It took away the stress of managing studies with family commitments and financial woes. Unfortunately, I did not get to take my family on the trip I felt myself and my children deserved (after 3 arduous years), due to food and other necessities taking priority to "pleasure". However, hopefully that's going to change next year and for our future

I am happy to say that I was offered and accepted a position as a Registered Nurse - Nurse Entry to Specialist Programme (Mental Health and Addiction Services) effective from 10 February 2014 to 9 February 2015. This will involve 64 hours employment per week and completing two graduate level papers.

Rebecca Le Noel – FW Scholarship (to a woman 40+)

I am happy to report that I have passed both my papers (Nursing with a Mental Health Focus and Professional Practice. The award has assisted with a laptop and stationary for the year which I am really appreciated of being able to have for the last year of my study. I would like to thank you very much for the award and have appreciated being the older student in my class

Fleur Malifa – Zonta West Second Chance Award

In 2013 I was successful in completing my studies as a student nurse and the opportunity to advance in my learning where I was exposed to Mental Health Community Nursing and a Kidney Transplant Ward. I learnt about the challenges that face patients on the waiting list and the importance of patient-centred care when developing care plans for individuals. In Mental Health I worked with those affected with mental illness and the desires, dreams and aspiration they possess to be independent citizens in the community. I completed the required 480 hours of clinical practice and concluded the year with a grade of B+ average. I'm extremely grateful to be the recipient of this award. It has been a blessing as it has eliminated the financial burden on my family. In 2011 we lost our home and all our security, making it extremely challenging to move on with life. 2012 I entered university with a goal to get a degree to help my family get back on our feet. The award has helped me to get a little closer towards my goal to support my family.

Lizzie McColl – NZ Federation Graduate Women Wellington Branch Second Chance Award

I finished my studies this year, LLB/BSocSci, getting a letter from The Faculty of Law Examiners expressing their delight at the high quality of my work, commitment and dedication to achieve such excellent results from the papers I completed in 2013. I have just today been offered and accepted a job with the Justice Department as a District Court Officer. I start work on January 6th and I am so excited

Misty Ratima – Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust Second Chance Award

I successfully completed and passed my Bachelor of Arts in Māori in 2013. I will be officially graduating at our Eastern Institute of Technology graduation ceremony in March this year. This year I have re-enrolled at EIT to complete my studies in Fashion Design. My goal is to immerse myself within the New Zealand fashion industry and build my own Māori infused fashion label in order to create a whānau business for myself and my children. This final year of Fashion Design study will give me the tools I need to start my own label, will offer voluntary work experience at NZ Fashion Week, will give basic business advice and further enhance my creative and fashion design knowledge

Kerry Shaw – Jack Illott Second Chance Award

*I successfully completed my studies and am now a Registered Nurse
The award allowed me to go on a 9 week placement away from home and still pay for the regular bills at home, as I was limited with the hours I could work. While it was still hard going it would have been impossible without winning the award. I can't express enough the relief of knowing there was money in the bank to cover the day to day costs of placement .My long term plan is to be a palliative care nurse. To work towards this I have secured full time employment in an aged care facility which has allocated palliative care beds*

Janice Taouma (A'oga Fa'a Samoan Inc Early Childhood Centre) - Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memeorial Award

We were thrilled to receive our award in September for an educational initiative – creating resources in Samoan for our early childhood centre and families. This will assist us greatly to develop and create books using the Samoan language. We have begun a book on Dinosaurs which we hope to finish before the year is out. Another resource we have developed with your funding is a DVD of songs and activities by the children at our centre. This has been very popular with parents and we hope to make more of these. We plan to continue to create books using Samoan language and make more song dvd's with the words of the songs displayed so parents can sing with the children.

Sinnet Frisk (SASH – Sexual Abuse Support and Healing) – Sonja Davies Peace Award

In the fourth term of 2013, SASH-Nelson delivered the SASH-in-Schools programme to nine Year 9 classes at Nelson College for Girls and nine Year 10 classes at Nelson College. This, being the second year the programme was been delivered since its redevelopment, was very successful and the students gave positive feedback on the learning. The funding allowed SASH-Nelson to deliver the programme in two one-hour sessions - an expansion of the delivery to Nelson College for Girls based on teachers feedback in 2012 and the success of the delivery of the two one-hour sessions at Nelson College in 2012. This allowed time for reinforcement of the programme’s topics as well as expanding on any specific topic wanted by individual classes.

SASH-Nelson is currently looking at expanding the delivery of the programme to other colleges in the Nelson region, and will within the next couple of months approach several colleges with the intent of including these in the 2014 delivery of the programme.

Friends of the Trust/Margaret Shields Fund

Margaret Shields Research Award

The Margaret Shields Research Award has been established to provide research funding for projects of women and/or girls in New Zealand to identify needs and future directions for possible action. The fund for the award was started with a generous contribution from Margaret's estate and is being added to by those who wish to remember her and commemorate her life and achievements including her role in the foundation of the New Horizons for Women Trust.

THANK YOU to her many friends who have donated. I’d like to especially like to acknowledge the tireless work by Judy Whitcombe to getting the fund established.

If you wish to donate please use the form below and indicate where you would like your donation to go.

New Horizons for Women – Friends Membership/ Margaret Shields Fund/Donations

I enclose an annual donation to join *Friends of NHWT*. Registered Charity No: C23206
 \$50 waged
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I enclose my cheque payable to: New Horizons for Women 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@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz Gifts of \$5 and over are tax deductible

New awards

2014 sees the addition of three new awards -

- **Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust Inc** will sponsor a third second chance award for a woman in the Manawatu area
- **Zonta Club of Whangarei** will sponsor a second chance award for a woman in the Northland area
- **NZ Federation of Graduate Women (Wellington Branch) Charitable Trust** will sponsor a second research award for a woman in the Wellington area.

Sponsor Spotlight: SROW/ Elsie Locke Research Award

Elsie Locke lived most of her adult life in Christchurch and was a multi-talented woman. She was born in Hamilton in 1912, and lived as a child in Waiuku south of Auckland. She grew up in a working class family, and pursued her educational goals at Auckland University despite great hardship, at a time when it was unusual for women to follow high educational aspirations.

As a student in the 1930s she was greatly affected by the signs of unemployment and poverty around her and it was these experiences that led her into political activism. At this time she became a member of the Communist party. One of her earliest concerns was the awareness of families living in poverty, unable to support their unplanned children. It was this issue that led her into the field of family planning. She is regarded by the Family Planning Association as one of their founders. In the late 1930s she campaigned for sexual health among young men going overseas to World War II.

Elsie moved to Christchurch with her husband Jack Locke. They lived in a small cottage in an area in North Christchurch called the Avon Loop, where they raised their four children.

Elsie Locke was always interested in New Zealand history and in writing, so that when she began to write she wrote mainly social history for children. Her first children's book was *The Runaway Settlers*, the story of a young woman who found herself unsupported in Sydney with children, and boarded a boat to New Zealand. The family found a small place to live at Governor's Bay at the head of the Lyttelton harbour, and supported themselves by growing and selling vegetables and raising animals. An exciting part of the story concerns driving their cattle over Harper's Pass down into the Taramakau Valley, which they crossed with the help of some local Maori people and finding a market for their cattle on the West Coast. *The Runaway Settlers* has been in continuous print longer than any other New Zealand children's book.

Elsie Locke was awarded an honorary D. Litt by the University of Canterbury in 1987. A bronze bust of her has a place in the line of 12 local heroes at the Christchurch Arts Centre. In older life Elsie Locke became active in the nuclear-free New Zealand and Peace movements. Elsie Locke died in 2001.

The Christchurch Branch of the Society for Research on Women proposed a SROW award to commemorate the life of Elsie Locke. It was considered that Elsie's outstanding contribution in the field of education for women, women's health, New Zealand social history, children's literature, peace and a nuclear-free New Zealand make her an inspirational figure for all young New Zealand women. The goals for which the New Horizons for Women Trust work were of life-long importance to Elsie Locke.

The 2014 SROW Elsie Locke award will be offered to an emerging researcher who presents a proposal to research 'extent to which NHWT awards have benefitted women'.