

From the Chair

This year, thanks to the efficiency of the online application process, our panellists had easy access to the applications and were able to make their decisions more quickly. The Trust was able to bring the award ceremonies forward and most importantly, the recipients received their funding earlier.

Our women struggle financially to meet all their family and study commitments and the little we are able to provide is obviously of some help but they need so much more. They have numerous obstacles to overcome to reach their goals.

Now elections are over I note the Prime Minister making comment about continuing the push for more people to be in the workforce. I believe the only way forward is through education and we have a huge skills shortage in many areas. Therefore it surely makes sense to help those who are genuinely trying to upskill.

Maybe we, as women, need to be actively lobbying the government to provide more incentives and financial help to those who are striving to gain a qualification to obtain a better job and life for themselves, their families and their country. Often the recipients are the first in their family to attend a tertiary education institute and are then able to show their children they too could aspire to higher education.

I attended 7 award ceremonies throughout New Zealand this year presenting 34 awards to well deserving women and these are reported further on in the newsletter. My thanks go to the Trustees for organising these events, to the venue sponsors, hosts and wonderful informative guest speakers – they are such a special time for our recipients.

Mavis

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Happy 100th Birthday Dawn!



Since 2005 the Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance Awards have been presented annually funded by an Endowment Fund set up with the Trust by Dawn & her late husband, chartered accountant, Arthur Ibbotson.

Dawn has been active in voluntary and governance organisations – particularly those which advocate for the empowerment of women for much of her adult life. She is a life member of National Council of Women and a member of NZ Federation of Graduate Women. She is a former member of the Otago Polytechnic Council, was the first woman on Dunedin Teacher's College Council and Deputy Chair of Knox College Council. Along with Arthur she was a keen tramper and member of the NZ Alpine Club.

For the past 30 years Dawn has made and sold gift cards using dried flowers from her garden, raising over \$60,000 for a variety of charitable organisations. Every year Dawn presents her award - for the last few years this has been at the Dunedin Ceremony. She is an inspiration to us all and the Trust wishes her a wonderful 100th birthday and look forward to her continued presence at the award ceremonies.

We would like to offer our congratulations to the awardees for 2014:

Second Chance Awards

Barbara Wood Second Chance Award: *Te Ara Kuka*

Chenery Memorial Second Chance Award: *Bev Clarke*

Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance Award: *Lara Marshall*

FW Scholarship: *Sandra MacFarlane*

Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust Second Chance Awards:

Deshannon Matthews, Karen Easton, Kylee Murray

Jack Ilott Second Chance Award: *Sarah Henderson*

Monica Hissink Second Chance Award: *Sandra King*

NHWT (Anonymous) Second Chance Award: *Alice Downie*

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Second Chance Awards:

Bronwyn Williams, Emma Warrington, Yvone Chiku

NZ Federation Graduate Women Mildred Keir Second Chance Award: *Emma Warrington*

NZ Federation of Graduate Women North Shore Second Chance Award: *Hannah Koronui*

Peg Hutchison Second Chance Award: *Theresa Gray*

Rita King Second Chance Award: *Jane Caffery*

Second Chance Group Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Awards:

Meri- Ira Hiki, Narges Hamidi, Courtney Kete

Ted Athy Second Chance Award: *Tania Kapita*

Zonta West Second Chance Award: *Florence Veletaloola*

Zonta Whangārei Second Chance Award: *Shelley Stringfellow*

Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance (Foundation Studies) Award: *Rachel Taipari*

Alma McCrae Second Chance (Foundation Studies) Award: *Bridget Newton*

Research Awards

Margaret L Bailey Science Award: *Lucy Burkitt*

Society for Research on Women Elsie Locke Award: *Dr Panea Farvid*

Society for Research on Women/New Horizons for Women Research Award: *Elizabeth Luke*

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Research Award: *Vanisa Dhuru, Jane Adams*

Special Awards

Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award: *Rosa Lee*

Ria McBride Public Service Management Award: *Jacqueline Barnes*

Sonja Davies Peace Award: *Donna Swift*

Award Ceremony Highlights

As always, the highlight of the NHWT Calendar is the annual awards ceremonies. It is a great opportunity for the board of trustees, its sponsors and supporters to meet our awardees in person and to hear their stories. It is an honour and a pleasure to present the awards to these deserving women and to celebrate their achievements.



Mavis Shuker (NHWT Chair),
Alice Downie (Awardee), Lianne Dalziel,
Sandra Macfarlane (Awardee) and
Rosemary Du Plessis (NHWT Trustee)

Christchurch/Otautahi Awards Ceremony: 20th of June

The first NHWT Award Ceremony in 2014 was held on a brilliantly sunny winter afternoon at University of Canterbury Te Ao Mārama. The two awardees, Alice Downie and Sandra Macfarlane, are both enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work Programme at the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT). Tutors, as well as nearly 50 whanau and friends, donors, supporters of New Horizons for Women Trust and representatives of other women's organisations attended.

Rosemary Du Plessis, NHWT Trustee, welcomed everyone. Mayor Lianne Dalziel congratulated the recipients on their awards and highlighted how the achievements of individuals often require the support and collaboration of others. Dr Liz Gordon spoke about why second chance education was important for women. She argued that tertiary education was not only a means of acquiring qualifications and skills, but a way to widen your horizons and enable personal transformation.

The awards were presented by Danielle O'Halloran, President of PACIFCA and Yvonne Crichton-Hill, Senior Lecturer and Department Coordinator in Social Work and Human Services at University of Canterbury. Alice Downie and Sandra Macfarlane each offered an impressive mihi at the beginning of their acceptance speeches. They spoke movingly about the life circumstances that had prompted their decisions to enter the Social Work programme at CPIT, and what engaged them personally about the training they were receiving and the work they were doing on placements within community organisations and stage agencies.

Afternoon tea was provided by the Zonta Club South Christchurch. The foyer of Te Ao Mārama was decorated by a wonderful tapa cloth provided by Danielle O'Halloran and PACIFCA. Moana Matthes, who worked for the the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies for many years and assisted with previous NHWT Award ceremonies, was remembered with affection and gratitude at this award ceremony.

Dunedin Awards Ceremony: 22nd of June

On 22 June we had a small gathering in the St John Church hall to present two of the awards. On the day, Clare Curran, Member of Parliament for Dunedin South, provided an opening address, outlining the Labour Party's stance on women's issues. Following this, Dawn Ibbotson, one of our very special, longstanding scholarship donors, was presented with some flowers in honour of her 100th birthday and our Chair, Mavis Shuker spoke about NHWT and our upcoming plans.

Ms Ibbotson presented her second chance education award to Mrs Lara Marshall, who is finishing a degree in Bachelor of Nursing, and Mavis presented a Graduate Women Wellington research award to Mrs Jane Adams. Jane also spoke, explaining her research in the history of infertility in New Zealand. This was a fascinating talk which provided an excellent insight into an important part of our history.

Afterwards, we all enjoyed the sumptuous afternoon tea provided by the Dunedin Branch of the National Council of Women.



Jane Adams (Awardee), Dawn Ibbotson,
Hermien van 't Klooster (NHWT Trustee),
Mavis Shuker (NHWT Chair) &
Lara Marshall (Awardee)



Ngairé Phillips (NHWT Trustee), Meri-Ira Hine-Kohu Hiki, Natasha Joyce Pakai, Jane Caffery (Awardees), Mavis Shuker (NHWT Chair), Theresa Gray (Awardee), Gaye Barton (NHWT Trustee) Te Ara Kuka and Kylee Murray (Awardees)

Hamilton Awards Ceremony: 22nd of July

Six Second Chance Education Awards, grants to help women with study and/or living expenses, were presented at the Hamilton Ceremony, held at WINTEC. Recipients attended with proud families and friends to receive their award and share their journey of learning and obstacles that they were overcoming to achieve academic success. Three women were first in their family to go to university; they are the trail-blazers for their families.

An inspiring address was given by Sue Moroney, Hamilton-based Labour MP, who shared her own educational experience and her belief in increasing women's participation in tertiary studies. She, however, reminded us all that gaining a tertiary qualification does not close the pay equity gap. Sponsors included: The NZ Federation of Women's

Institutes, NZ Federation of Graduate Women Charitable Trust, Second Chance Group, New Horizons for Women Trust/Peg Hutchinson Fund, Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust.

Wellington Awards Ceremony: 24th of July

The Wellington Award ceremony was held at the Carter Observatory. Mavis Shuker (Chair of NHWT) opened the event with an update on the work of the Trust and this was followed by a talk from Claire Bretherton of the Observatory on her career in astronomer and her favourite women astronomers. Ten awards were presented including Second Chance Education, Research Awards, Opportunity awards as well as special awards. These included the Sonja Davies Peace Award that went to Donna Swift for her work that has developed from 'The Girls Project: An investigation of girls' use of violent and anti-social behaviour'. Donna is now creating resources for educators and caregivers to enhance the well-being of teenage girls.



Wellington Awardees pose with Mavis Shuker (NHWT chair)

Palmerston North Ceremony: 25th of July

Once again the Palmerston North awards ceremony was a collective effort. Thank you UCOL, Zonta Club of Manawatu and Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust for assisting the Trust to host an award ceremony in the Manawatu. The ceremony started with a warm welcome from Bonnie Dewart, Deputy Chief Executive Academic UCOL and Mavis Shuker, Chair NHWT. Four awards were presented; three Second Chance Education (Diploma/Degree) awards and the specific purpose award, Margaret L Bailey Science Award. Participants had the pleasure of being addressed by our guest speaker, Professor Sarah Leberman, Head of School, School of Management, Massey University. Sarah encouraged those present to be a 'Person of Influence', offering pragmatic tips for all.



DeShannon Matthews, an excited Second Chance awardee with her family!

Auckland Ceremony: 26th of July

The Auckland ceremony was hosted by Manukau Institute of Technology. Our Chair, Mavis Shuker, provided a warm welcome and a selection of representatives from the award sponsors were on hand to present eight awards to recipients from across the region. Special guest, Dame Cath Tizard ONZ, GCMG, GCVO, DBE, QSO, DStJ and former Mayor of Auckland was on hand to present Dr. Pantea Farvid with the SROW (Society for Research on Women) Research Award for her project entitled '*Media Literacy for Teen Girls in Aotearoa*'. We were honoured to have Maire Leadbeater, daughter of Elsie Locke, NZ Human Rights and Peace activist, to present the SROW Elsie Locke Award to Elizabeth Luke for her Research project which will evaluate how NHWT awards have benefited women. The Chenery Memorial Second Chance Award was presented by Vicky Mee, National President of BPW (Business & Professional Women Inc.) to Bev Clark, an Auckland based Weltec student. Zonta West Auckland's President Rhondda Paice presented the Award they sponsor to Luti Veletaloola, a nursing student from MIT, followed by the the presentation of the NZFGW North Shore Award to fellow MIT nursing student Hannah Koronui, by Margaret Ellet, past chair of both NHWT and NZFGW Tania Kapita, also an MIT nursing student, received the Ted Athy Second Chance award from Barbara Astill of the Edward Kay Charitable Trust. Lynda Garret, NHWT trustee, presented the Ibbotson Foundation Award, in the name of the 'legendary' Dawn Ibbotson, to Rachel Taipari who is studying Social Services also at MIT. Bronwyn Williams who is studying Visual Arts at EIT in Gisborne received the NZFGW, Wellington Branch Second Chance Award from Barbara Astill.



Hannah Koronui being presented with her award by Margaret Ellet (NZFGW North Shore & former NHWT Chair)

Guest speaker Dr Melinda Webber describes herself firstly as a mama, sister, daughter, friend and partner, lucky to be loved in return for each of these roles. Secondly she is a proud wahine with proud Te Arawa and Ngāpuhi whakapapa (lineage) - Her connections to these places shape who she is and what she aspires to do in life and work. And thirdly, she is an academic and a researcher at The University of Auckland in the fields of Adolescent social psychology, racial ethnic identify construction, Māori gifted learners, Māori success and qualitative research methodologies. This was a fitting ending to a great afternoon of smiles, tears and song as well as inspirational stories and a celebration of fantastic women.

Whangārei Ceremony: 2nd of August

The inaugural Whangārei ceremony was hosted by Northtec, Tai Tokerau Wānanga in their Interactive Learning Centre at their Raumanga Campus. Zonta sponsored the event and supported the day with their warmth and generosity providing decorative adornments and a feast of warm soup and a range of home cooked delicacies.

Our two recipients were supported with family and whānau at the event. In their acceptance speeches, both awardees acknowledged the importance of their support and that they were key to helping them along this journey. Irene McPherson representing Zonta Whangārei presented the Second Chance awards to Sandra King of The University of Auckland, Tai Tokerau Campus who is studying a Bachelor of Education and to Shelley Stringfellow who is studying a Bachelor of Applied Social Services at Northtec. Our guest speaker was Heather Peters, formerly of The University of Auckland, recently retired after working in teacher education for 20 years. She was instrumental in the formation of the northern campus in Whangārei which now hosts some 180 students. Ms. Peters encouraged us all to continue learning and to foster education to all our communities.



Awardee Shelley Stringfellow (bottom right) with members of Zonta Whangārei

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The Trust would like to acknowledge the support of our 2014 Sponsors.

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Barbara Wood Memorial Foundation, NZ Federation of Womens Institutes
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NZ Federation of Graduate Women (Wellington Branch) Charitable Trust
NZ Federation of Graduate Women North Shore Charitable Trust
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Donors

Each year a range of awards are funded by Endowment Funds managed by New Horizons for Women. These funds are the result of the generosity of many donors – both individuals and groups. The funds continue to grow through the support of the Donors and Friends of NHWT and this is very much appreciated.

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Sponsor Spotlight: FW Trust

The FW Trust was founded in 2009 by a retired teacher and published writer who overcame a number of obstacles to complete a Ph.D when she was in her seventies.

The founder recognises from her own experience that there are many reasons why women do not realise their full potential and succeed in gaining a qualification on their first attempt. She feels that how women cope with this and respond is what matters. Based on this, her wish is to give a Second Chance opportunity to women who are New Zealand citizens and over forty years of age. Her focus is on women who have a “get on with it” attitude and “the guts to try again and to keep on going until they are thoroughly – and honestly – satisfied that they have used their capabilities to the utmost to work towards a qualification”.

The founder is supported by a small group of trustees who are entrusted with ensuring the founder’s philosophy and wishes are promoted.

Research Spotlight: Dr Lucy Burkitt

Dr Lucy Burkitt is the recipient of the 2014 Margaret L Bailey Science Award.

I am a soil scientist with 14 years’ experience in Australia and New Zealand. I started my research career in Victoria, Australia with a PhD focussing on improving the efficiency of phosphorus fertiliser use in pasture systems. Since then, I have led projects and published papers in international journals studying nutrient management under intensive pasture systems at farm and catchment scale, phosphorus uptake and runoff following different fertiliser strategies and phosphorus risk modelling.

We moved to New Zealand in 2012 when my husband was offered a job at Massey University and so I am currently re-establishing my research career in our new home. My recent research has involved establishing a stream water quality monitoring program and researching the effects of animal treading on nutrient runoff, leaching and denitrification in New Zealand hill country.

I am extremely grateful for the Margaret L Bailey Science Award. This award will be used for the collection, processing and analysis of water quality samples from our hill country surface run off experiment.

Awardee Spotlight: Yvone Chiku

We had the great pleasure of meeting Yvone and her beautiful family at the Wellington ceremony. She shared some of the challenges she has faced moving to New Zealand from Zimbabwe and how her experiences have motivated her to pursue a career in nursing.

As a married mother of three children, I have had many challenges and ‘ups and downs’ in my life. I had given up any idea of going back to study after such a long time away from school. I took up work as a caregiver in a number of different nursing homes as I was not prepared to face going to school again.

I had passion, without motivation until I eventually undertook some foundation studies at Whitirea, and achieved A grades! I have moved on to the Bachelor of Nursing course and I have continued to succeed academically. Financial constraints did make this very difficult at times. The New Horizons Award has helped to ease this burden.

I would love to study medicine further, focussing on health and wellbeing for all ages. I would like to devise a health model for migrants, providing coping mechanisms for dealing with the pressures of living in a new country and dealing with distance from family support networks. I would like to help change the nation and create a new ‘healthy’ generation!

The NZFGW (Wellington Branch) Second Chance award has helped me towards that goal this year. I am also thankful for the support of my husband and kids who are my ‘anchor’, for my parents who are my ‘strength’ and also my academic mentor Carolyn Fry who has been my support in this journey!



Yvone receiving her award from
Dr Pushpa Wood
(NZFGW Charitable Trust Wellington Branch)

Second Chance Group: Preloved Fashion Sale 2015 Appeal

Wherever did 2014 go to? It doesn't seem any time since we closed the doors on yet another very successful sale in March 2014. As a result three more women have received awards to give them a '*second chance*' to further develop their education thanks to your quality donations last summer and your purchases on the day.

Now it's time to start thinking about those items in your wardrobe that you haven't worn for ages and are still in great condition.

The 11th Preloved Fashion Sale will be held on Saturday the 21st of March 2015 from 9am and soon we will be advertising our drop off points for collecting your fashion items to give them a '*second chance*' at this one-of-a-kind sale in Wellington.

I know I have some items that need a '*second chance*'. They are 3-4 years old and I haven't worn them for at least two years. I keep thinking that maybe next season I'll wear them. But I never do. If you have some of these items in your wardrobe, be brave, make a decision and hand them over to us to give them a '*second chance*' in someone else's wardrobe.

If you have already started to clear out your wardrobe of winter gear you haven't worn this past winter, or your last summer range, then contact us to arrange early pickup of your treasures.

With your help we can make this an even bigger and better sale than ever before.

If you would like to receive our reminder emails over the next few months then send me your email address, preferably your personal address as we may lose you if we have your work email address and you change your job.

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