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FROM THE CHAIR

As we approach our 20th birthday I've been reflecting on the vision and tenacity of our founding trustees. I hope that they are proud of the way the NHWT has grown and developed and that they approve of our vision for the future.

This vision and tenacity is repeated each year by our awardees. Their commitment, hard work and sacrifice is truly impressive. I was privileged to go to all five award ceremonies in 2010. It was enriching, humbling and loads of fun. There was laughter and tears in equal measure.

Our vision for 2015 is to make 50 awards. It is a big bold goal and in setting it we continue the vision of our founders who also started with a big bold goal.

I've found my first year as chair a very satisfying one. We achieved our goal of 25 awards. And we have a close knit and hardworking team of Trustees and Officers, all of whom give so generously of their time. Together we will achieve our 2011 target of 29 awards.

Patricia Sivertsen

Jack Ilott Second Chance Education Award updates

1998. Nanette McKendry left school at 15. She was in her 40's and studying Social Services at polytechnic when she received her award. She went on to complete a Consumer and Applied Science degree, a B.Teach secondary and Graduate Diploma in Second Language Teaching at university and it was there she discovered she had apraxia, which had affected her achievement at school. Nanette left teaching to care for her grandchildren when her daughter had an accident and now runs Dunedin Debt Collectors.

1999. Annie Coughlan was working in a shearing gang and studying sociology then social work when she received her award. Annie now has a degree in Social Work and works as a mental health social worker.

Robyne Nash: a second chance in a second language

2010 New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (North Shore) Second Chance Education Award

The audience was spellbound when Robyne accepted her award, as her speech was delivered in one of New Zealand's lesser known official languages – New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL).

Robyne's journey began when ten of her friends put in ten dollars each so Robyne could attend a community class in sign language at Glenfield College. There she learned about the desperate need for more NZSL interpreters.

She found the class a fantastic introduction, but felt she needed to increase her skills in sign language, so she enrolled in a summer school course. It was also Robyne's first time back in a classroom in over 22 years – a challenge in itself!

Robyne has now completed a Certificate in New Zealand Sign Language and

Deaf Studies at Auckland University of Technology and hopes to be accepted into the Year Two NZSL Interpreting course. Robyne said, "The scholarship from the New Horizons for Women Trust just helps confirm that NZSL interpreting is my calling in life."



NZFGW (North Shore) member Frances Bell presents the 2010 NZFGW (North Shore) Second Chance Education Award to Robyne Nash.

New Horizons for Women Trust

The New Horizons for Women Trust (NHWT) supports education, innovation and research which benefits women. The trust achieves this by administering a variety of awards that help New Zealand women to:

- Complete second chance education
- Research issues of significance to New Zealand women and girls
- Promote peace and eliminate family violence
- Advance their careers

Since 1993, we have made 265 awards valued at nearly \$800,000. In addition to research and second chance education awards, we administer a range of other awards such as the *Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award*, the *Sonja*

Davies Peace Award, the *SROW Elsie Locke Award* and the *Ria McBride Public Service Management Award*. In 2010 the NHWT made 25 awards valued at over \$90,000. You can find a full list of the 2010 award recipients on our website.

The NHWT awards are funded through donations, bequests, fundraising and sponsorships. Sponsorship is the major source of funding and we are particularly grateful to our sponsors who have continued to support us through difficult economic times.

A board of Trustees manages the NHWT. Trustees and officers work voluntarily and meet by teleconference each month. A small group of dedicated supporters also volunteer their time and skills for fundraising and other activities.

Whakanui: 20th Anniversary Celebrations

The Wellington Business and Professional Women, the Society for Research on Women, and some of the convenors of the 1975 United Women's Convention formed the NHWT in 1991. 30 September 2011 marks the 20th anniversary of signing the Trust Deed. The founding Trustees were Monica Hissink, Peg Hutchison, Mary Mowbray, Elizabeth Orr and Valerie Rhodes.

Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." The thoughtful and committed women who founded the NHWT and those who have supported us in the 20 years since have changed the lives of many women, families and communities. We are all grateful to them.

Anniversary celebrations will be held later in 2011.

Letter from Jo Randerson

2010 Sonja Davies Peace Award

I was delighted and very grateful to receive the 2010 Sonja Davies Award to assist my study. I have embarked on a two year Masters degree in Theatre Arts (MTA) jointly taught by Victoria University and Te Kura Toi Whakaari: New Zealand Drama School. I chose to return to study because after 15 years freelancing in the arts I urgently needed to strengthen my artistic practice and develop professionally. I have had an incredibly beneficial year of study and the only daunting factor was the large fee which was unattainable for my current level of income, especially with a young family to support.

I was deeply honoured to be selected for this award as being associated with Sonja Davies means a huge amount to me. She led a courageous and energetic path through her life and has always been a figure I admired and respected. The association with such a politically and socially driven woman helps me stay true to the purpose of my work and re-focuses me on the social justice aspect of the art I create. Although the financial support makes a huge difference to me and my whanau, the honour of being connected to Sonja Davies means even more.

Letter from Muse Magazine

2010 Society for Research on Women (SROW) Elsie Locke Award

Muse is very proud to be the 2010 recipients of the SROW Elsie Locke Award. This award commemorates the life and work of a wonderful writer, historian, and tireless worker for a fairer society, with passion for equality for women, reproductive choice and the environment. As a publication profiling current gender issues, stimulating feminist discussion and providing a contemporary space for feminist voices, many of our previous issues have focused on similar areas, and it is an honour to receive this award and the support it offers to continue this important work.

In late 2010 we printed the issue on the theme of 'power and control', with the next focusing on 'ecofeminism', touching on the areas of social justice and the environment that were of such great interest and concern to Elsie Locke herself. 2011 promises to be a busy one for Muse, with our milestone tenth issue due for release, and an increasing online presence with our facebook page and

website, alongside the hardcopy zine.

We are very grateful to the NHWT for facilitating these awards and for the generous sponsorship of those individuals and organisations that made the SROW Elsie Locke Award possible. We are humbled and honoured by the privilege of receiving this very special award, and are very excited at the opportunities it presents for the future of feminist media in NZ.

For more information and the latest news visit www.musemagazine.org.nz



Son of Elsie Locke, Keith Locke (MP) presents the 2010 SROW Elsie Locke Award to Muse Magazine Collective

Naomi Honiss: First Female Marine Engineer

2010 Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award

In 2010, Naomi Honiss was the inaugural recipient of the *Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award*. This award is for women who are changing direction in their career and intending to work in a field where women are under-represented, or is non-traditional. Naomi is the first female marine engineering cadet in New Zealand, and internationally there are few women in this field.

Originally from Paraparaumu and educated at Kerikeri High School, Naomi has a Bachelor of Business in Leisure Management from Griffiths University in Australia. She is now studying towards a Diploma in Marine Engineering at the New Zealand Maritime School of Manukau Institute of Technology. There she will gain a Class 3 Engineers ticket, enabling her to work on cruise ships. Naomi intends to study towards the Class 1 and 2 Engineers Certificates, which are needed for career promotion and greater responsibilities.

Naomi says, "The cruise ship industry may take you to wonderful and exotic destinations, but my time is spent down in the depths of the ship – my beloved engine room!"



NHWT Chair, Pat Sivertsen presents the 2010 Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award to Naomi Honiss

Letter from Moana O'Sullivan

2009 Rua and Clarrie Stevens Second Chance Education Award

Thanks to the Clarrie and Rua Stevens Award I was able to complete my studies in December 2009. That final year was the toughest and was the most grueling ever and had I not received the award, I would have had to drop a couple of papers and resit them again in 2010. The award enabled me to cover not only texts, stationary and assignment resource costs but also to cover the cost of transport, and practicum resource costs, which were extremely high for the Steiner specialty teaching option that I had chosen.

I have been most grateful for the support of NHWT. I now hold a Bachelor of Education (Steiner ECE Teaching) and am currently working part-time as a kindergarten teacher at the Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School and Kindergartens. In addition to this role, I have undertaken part-time study towards a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education through the University of Auckland.

Many thanks for your help and support along the way! It would not have been possible without your help.

Moana O'Sullivan

Your Old Clothes Educate Women

Pre-Loved Fashion Sale

In March, Wellington is home of the Pre-Loved Fashion Sale. This major event in every fashionista's calendar raises around \$9000 for the NHWT each year. We use this money to fund Second Chance Education Awards.

Eva's Attic

Founded by Margaret Doucas and Theresa Gattung, Eva's Attic sells donated clothing, accessories and treasures. Eva's Attic is staffed by volunteers and the profits are distributed to three charities, including the NHWT. In 2010, Eva's Attic gave almost \$6,000 to the NHWT, which was used to administer awards. Visit: www.evasattic.co.nz.

To donate clothing and other items, or get involved, contact: enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

Ruth Sarson: Improving Our Environment

2010 Alma McCrae Second Chance Education Award

As a parent of two young boys, Ruth understands the challenges of returning to study, and realises the long term benefits of education for herself and her family. Prior to commencing her studies, Ruth was an active member of her children's school Board of Trustees, a Cycle Safe Instructor, and a mentor for women learning how to commute by bicycle.

Ruth has now completed her first year of study towards a Bachelor of Environmental Management at Lincoln University. Making a contribution to the community through education and improving the environment is important to Ruth. She is a keen cyclist and a committed advocate for the cycle to work movement.

In the short-term, Ruth's goal is to maintain her good grades and win the Lincoln University exchange with Copenhagen University. There she

would like to learn more about cycle-friendly urban infrastructure and explore attitudes towards cycling in a city where 55% of people bike to work each day.

Ruth has used her award for course expenses and maintaining her primary mode of transport to and from university – her bicycle.



Daughter of Alma McCrae and former NHWT Chair, Ellen McCrae presents the 2010 Alma McCrae Second Chance Education Award to Ruth Sarson

Syrina Pene : Raising The Bar

2010 New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (Wellington) Second Chance Education Award

Syrina Pene has successfully combined her work, study and family commitments to not only complete a Graduate Diploma in Communications, but to also begin her new field of study – a Bachelor of Laws.

Syrina's interest in law was sparked when she supported her mother in settling her father's estate. Since completing her first year of legal study, her interest has widened to constitutional law and Maori/indigenous legal issues. She is now looking at indigenous issues through different lenses and would like to work for her iwi.

The first in her family to attend university, Syrina is determined to be a good role model for her three teenage children, and "To raise the bar and be a role model for my whanau". Syrina believes her award was "an affirmation of my success as I knew it was a national award and that there were lots of candidates. But the NHWT chose me". The award helps Syrina manage living expenses as she juggles looking after a family, working part time, and completing her degree.

Bolstered by her success, Syrina has been encouraged to apply for the Hamilton YWCA Maori Women Community Award. If successful, she will receive a study grant, and have the opportunity to serve on the YWCA board and learn governance skills that she can transfer to other community organisations.



President of NZFGW (Waikato Branch), Marylyn Hills, presents the 2010 NZFGW (Wellington) Second Chance Education Award to Syrina Pene

Sponsor Spotlight: Rua and Clarrie Stevens Charitable Trust

The NHWT appreciates the support of sponsors like the Rua and Clarrie Stevens Charitable Trust. The Trust was established in 1970 and for the last 12 years has sponsored the *NHWT's Rua Stevens Second Chance Education Award*.

Trustees Lee and Penny Stevens appreciate the opportunity to offer an award in memory of Rua. Rua was a passionate and committed kindergarten teacher and preference is given to an applicant studying early childhood education.

Lee says, "The award makes a real difference to the lives

of women, their families and communities. The recipient becomes confident, has a real sense of achievement and recognizes that someone believes and values them and their contribution to our community. They realise they can and will make a difference. This is evident in seeing the direction and success of previous recipients of NHWT awards."



Lee and Penny Stevens of the Rua and Clarrie Stevens Charitable Trust present the 2010 Rua Stevens Second Chance Education Award to Renu Singh.

We Couldn't Do It Without Our Sponsors

In 2010, the NHWT gave almost \$90,000 in awards. We couldn't do this without the generous support of our 2010 awards sponsors:

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We thank these individuals and organisations for sponsoring awards, and look forward to offering many more awards with you in the future.

To fund more awards, we need more sponsors. Individuals, families, private or public sector organisations, charitable trusts and other groups can be sponsors.

As a sponsor, you provide the funds for an award in any given year, or over several years. You can let the NHWT do the hard work to establish, promote and administer the award, or you can be more closely involved by working with us to establish the eligibility criteria, promote the award, select the recipients and present the award.

Our sponsors have an opportunity to really make a difference in someone's life. If you'd like to make a difference, please email us: enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

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