

# NEW HORIZONS FOR WOMEN TRUST: HINE KAHUKURA AUTUMN 2018 PANUI

E te whānau whanui o Hine Kahukura, tēnā koutou katoa Ngā mihi tuatahi ki te runga rawa, nana nei ngā mea katoa Ngā mihi ki te hunga ngaro ngā tini aitua kua hinga Haere koutou, okioki mai i roto i te whānau Ka huri ki a tatou e ngā mātua, ngā tupuna e tautoko kaha ana i nga mahi a Hine Kahukura Tēnā koutou katoa!

Warm Autumn greetings to our New Horizons for Women Trust: Hine Kahukura friends, whānau and family. It has been a while since we last communicated with you via newsletter, but we plan to have these circlated more regularly now so we can stay in touch with you more and to let you know what is happening for the Trust currently.

2018 is well underway and our Award panels are currently meeting and considering the many applications received for all the New Horizons for Women Trust: Hine Kahukura (NHWT: HK) awards. We look forward to confirming recipients in the next few weeks. The work of the Awards Officers and all the Panel members is greatly appreciated and I wish to acknowledge and thank them all for their continued support, expertise and time that is freely given to the work of NHWT: HK each year. Your voluntary time and contributions to the selection of award recipients work is greatly appreciated.

This year we welcome new trustees to the board with the appointments of Debbie Gee (Wellington), Gail Campbell (Wellington) and Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai (Dunedin). They all bring new strengths and expertise to our board as we work towards supporting more and more wahine in their quests for further education and research.

E mihi ana ki a tātou e te whānau. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa,

nā Jenni Tupu Ngāpuhi, Te Aupōuri, Samoa Chair, New Horizons for Women Trust: Hine Kahukura.

# **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held on 6 April in the conference room at St Andrews on the Terrace. The highlight of the evening were two very successful women who were our guest speakers.



Kesta Dennison, 2016 recipient of the Ria McBride Public Service Management award, gave an impressive insight into the progress of her studies. Kesta is using this award to further her study and research at the Massey University Centre for Defence and Security Studies. The programme provides a greater geopolitical and strategic insight into the global nature of

security issues including emerging challenges and approaches to addressing them.

Her plans will involve travel overseas to advance these. Kesta's philosophy is "To live a happy healthy fulfilling life and we must hold onto values that are greater than our own. Find a problem you care about and start solving it. You won't solve the world's problems but you can contribute and make a difference."



Dr Gill Greer, Chief Executive of the New Zealand National Council of Women (NZNCW), Gill gave an update on outcomes from the 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) and the challenges ahead for gender equality. She suggested that there were benefits from these outcomes

for the members of NHWT:HK and NZNCW.

The 2017 Annual Report was presented and is available on our website <a href="www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz">www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz</a> . If you would like a copy, please email our Trust Manager enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

At the AGM, new trustees were announced and welcomed:

## **Gail Campbell**

Gail's iwi affiliation is Rongowhakaata and Ngāti Porou. She has broad experience in networking across local and central government, community and iwi, with a strong focus on utilising team strengths and developing capability to achieve organisational outcomes. Gail has extensive experience as a Board member in not for profit organisations and holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Management.

#### **Debbie Gee**

Debbie is of Kāi Tahu and Kāti Māmoe descent and recently completed an MBA. Debbie has an extensive background in strategic management and leadership, specifically in communications and marketing, as well as change management, stakeholder and community engagement, project management and issues/risk management.

### Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai

Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai is the Manager of the University of Otago Pacific Islands Centre. She holds a law and an arts degree and brings experience in the tertiary sector particularly in designing and facilitating support programmes to the board. Nina has considerable experience in community engagement and is a respected cultural consultant. Her interests and focus is on the support of youth, family, low socio-economic groups, voluntary, community, non-government organisations and church.

### **Taone O'Regan**

Our Trust Manager, Taone O'Regan, who was appointed in November last year was also introduced. Taone is of Ngāi Tahu descent and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills from working in mental health and social services. She has a strong background in and brings experience from managing non-governmental organisations, administering grants and working in the community sector. As Trust Manager, Taone is contracted part time and undertakes the operational management and development work of the Trust. She can be contacted by email at enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz.

#### **Awards and Ceremonies**

Over 40 awards were offered this year and 201 applications received. Successful recipients will be advised and invited with whānau to attend award ceremonies shortly.

All award ceremonies are yet to be fully confirmed but tentative dates have been made for the following:

- Wellington, Te Whanganui-ā-Tara, 25 July at 6.00pm, Te Puni Kokiri House, 143 Lambton Quay.
- Auckland, Tāmaki Makaurau, 4 August at 1.30 pm, AUT South Campus, 640 Gt South Road, Manukau.

In each issue of our Panui we will highlight one of our awards and introduce you to our very special hard working people who contribute to the success of NHWT: HK.

## **Ria McBride Public Service Management Award**

The Ria McBride Public Service Management Award for women is sponsored by the State Services Commission. The goal of this prestigious award is to help women, including those who have not previously undertaken academic studies, who have already demonstrated potential, to advance to higher levels of responsibility in the Public Service.

The award honours Ria McBride, who was the first woman appointed Chief Clerk of the Public Service Commission (which preceded the current State Services Commission). Ria worked for the Public Service Commission from 1946 to 1960 overcoming prejudice and obstacles as a woman in a then male domain.

She was the first non-Māori to be appointed to the Māori Welfare Division of the Māori Affairs Department, serving as Administration Officer there from 1960 to 1967, when she became head of the Housing Division.

Upon her "retirement" in 1970, Ria pursued equal employment opportunities for women, as a founder member of the National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women. In this role she helped set up the Accident Compensation Commission.

From 1978 to 1980 Ria was one of the first full-time Human Rights Commissioners.

### Sally Hasell



Sally became a trustee when she was nominated by the Society for Research on Women (SROW) in Christchurch, back in the 1980s. She served for several terms as a trustee, assisted with the award selection process and for the past five years has sponsored a career change award.

"Over that time I have seen the trust undergo major changes in governance and in the number and variety of awards," says Sally. "Through hard work and challenges the Trust has emerged in a strong position and well able to meet the aspirations for the trust of the inspirational women who began it all."

For Sally, two highlights stand out from her involvement. The first was when she led the introduction of a process by which women, not affiliated with a women's organisation, could be a trustee. This increased the pool of women eligible to become trustees and allowed the board to select trustees with specific skills.

The second highlight was the move to on-line applications. "I remember staggering home from the post office on the bus with bag loads of mail. Applications would invariably arrive in the last couple of days before the deadline," Sally says. "The process from there was

laborious beginning with manually entering applicants on to a spreadsheet. A far cry from the efficient process there is today."

# Thank you

New Horizons for Women Trust: Hine Kahukura is thankful to the wonderful sponsors and donors who make these awards possible. This year we welcomed new partnerships and collaborations from the Public Service Association (PSA sponsored Second-Chance Education Degree Study Award), Association of Women in the Sciences (AWIS STEM Study Award) and Business and Professional Women Auckland (BPW Auckland sponsored Second-chance Education Foundation Study Award).

#### Invitation

Have you thought about joining our wonderful supporters by sponsoring an award? The award ceremony season is always eagerly anticipated by those involved with award winners, trustees and supporters. It is inspiring to see women grow successful careers and businesses that are made possible through an award from New Horizons for Women Trust: Hine Kahukura.

You can also help us make a difference to women's lives through your financial support. Remember, if you are donating to a charity gifts over \$5 are tax deductible. New Horizons for Women Trust: Hine Kahukura is a Charitable Trust and our Charities Registration Number is CC23206.

Please visit our website <u>www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz</u> to see the different ways in which this can be done. For more information, please contact our Trust Manager, Taone O'Regan at <u>enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz</u>