

New Horizons for Women Trust Supporting education, innovation and research for women

Newsletter

From the Chair



The Trust has an exciting year ahead as we focus on our purpose 'inspiring women to create new horizons'. The importance and

impact of our work is evident by what our awardees tell us; here are some stories from our 2015 awardees: 'the award went a long way, alleviating money concerns so I could focus on my studies', 'it has meant so much more than the actual monetary value - it has given me a sense of self-worth and belief in myself', 'completing my degree has opened up new opportunities for me - I am due to start my first career job next month', 'the award enabled us to complete our research - our results will inspire others', 'the awards ceremony itself was a wonderful experience that inspired me to focus my study on women's issues.'

Last year we approached you, our community to explore how the Trust could best benefit women and girls. Building on your thoughts and ideas, we will offer new services and awards in 2016. In this newsletter you'll read about the new awards achieved by partnering with like-minded organisations: Wāhine Ora: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Horizons for Women Trust Research Award - a research award cofunded with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga; an award for refugee women sponsored by Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust; and a Trades Award sponsored by Zonta Club of South Auckland. If you would like to partner with the Trust to offer an

award or have us administer your award for you, please contact me.

The awards would not be possible without the generous support from sponsors and donors this year and from previous years. Nor would the Trust exist as it is today without the work of people over the years. Join us at our Annual Meeting/Silver Jubilee Celebration as we acknowledge our history and set our future direction. Our guest speaker, Dr Farah Palmer, will be inspirational as she shares with us her thoughts on women in sport and young women in leadership; particularly Māori women in leadership.

We continue to strengthen the governance of the Trust by attracting strong and capable women to the Trust Board. I'd like to welcome our new Trustees to the Board: Dr Jennifer Curtin (Auckland), Noeline Holt (Wellington), Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki (Auckland) and Lindsay Geenty (Hamilton). Appointing new Trustees means we have to farewell others; I'd like to acknowledge the work of Justine Cornwall and Sally Hasell who leave the Board. Sally has been with the Trust for 12 years on and off since her first term in 1994, including two terms on the Trust; she will pick up the role of Awards Officer in 2016. This year we also say cheerio and a huge thanks to Heather Rae. Heather has been our Treasurer since 2007, picking up the role from Peg Hutchison, the Trust's first Treasurer.

Wishing everyone a wonderful year.

Kind regards, Jo

Dr Jo Innes, Chair

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Invitation to our Annual Meeting and Silver Jubilee Celebration:

Our Annual Meeting this year will also be a chance to celebrate our Silver Jubilee. Join us to reflect on our history and the people who make our work possible, to celebrate what has been achieved and to find out about New Horizons for Women's future plans.

Day/Time: The evening will start with refreshments at 5.30pm, Friday 1st April **Venue:** The Royal Society Building, Mulgrave Street, Wellington. **RSVP** by 24th March, 2016 to: <u>enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz</u>

Guest Speaker: Dr Farah Rangikoepa Palmer

Former captain of the Black Ferns, NZ women's rugby team, Senior Lecturer and Director - Te Au Rangahau (Māori Business and Leadership Centre), Massey University.

We look forward to sharing the evening with you!

(While there is no charge for this event, we welcome donations on the night to assist with costs).

Introducing New Trustee – Jennifer Curtin:



Dr Jennifer Curtin is Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Auckland. Prior to this she worked at the Australian National University, the University of Canberra and Monash University in Melbourne. Jennifer teaches foundation, first year and upper level students and supervises a number of postgraduate researchers. Her own research and publications have focused on women's representation and participation in politics and the role of feminist entrepreneurs in creating substantive policy change. In 2012 she received a Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar

Award to pursue her research in the United States. Jennifer is from Hamilton, and after leaving school worked as a bank officer here and overseas before taking up the challenge of higher education at the University of Waikato. She financed her studies by joining the Territorials. Jennifer believes passionately in the importance of ensuring the opportunities for higher education are shared equitably across society.

Our next issue will highlight our incoming Trustees who join the Trust in April.

Wish to contact the Trust? Here are our details: New Horizons for Women Trust, PO Box 12-498, Wellington Email: enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz Website: www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz Facebook: www.facebook.com/newhorizonsforwomentrust Registered Charity: # CC23206

Award Season News:

Applications for all awards opened on 1st March and close on 17th April

- For information visit our website: https://www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz/award-applications
- or contact our Administrator, Rachel Nankivell at enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

Our new Awards for 2016:

Wāhine Ora: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Horizons for Women Trust Research Award

New Horizons for Women Trust are excited to launch a new co-funded research award with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, New Zealand's Māori Centre for Research Excellence. This year Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga has implemented a new research strategy which will comprise of a suite of research projects within three key research themes:

- Whai Rawa (The Māori Economy)
- Te Tai Ao (The Natural Environment)
- Mauri Ora (Human Flourishing)

These themes are woven through with a vigorous programme, Te Reo me Ngā Tikanga Māori, that invests Indigeneity strongly into the research space.

Our new award is named *Wāhine Ora: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Horizons for Women Trust Research Award* and will fund and support research that is being carried out to support Māori women and children. The name *Wāhine Ora* depicts the wellbeing, mana and wairua of Māori women and their families or Whānau and fits well with the research theme of *Mauri Ora* or *Human Flourishing* in the work being made by Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

A co-funded sum of \$10,000 in 2016 has been made available to support research or projects where research is being conducted to be nefit Māori women and/or Māori girls in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust Refugee Study Award

The Trust is offering a Refugee Study Award for the first time in 2016. Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust recognise the need to support recent refugee women to New Zealand and have kindly offered to sponsor an award. The award is for a woman who is studying for a diploma or degree qualification and who has not been through the New Zealand school system. Applicants can apply via our online applications site <u>https://www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz/award-applications</u> from 1st March.

For further information please contact us at <u>enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz</u>

Zonta Club of South Auckland Trades Award

We are delighted to announce a new award specifically targeted at women who want to acquire trades



Hon. Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch with Awardee, Jean Nel (2015)

qualifications.

In 2016 the Zonta Club of South Auckland is sponsoring a new award for a South Auckland woman under 35 who is enrolled in a course that will prepare her for an apprenticeship in the trades field. The successful applicant will receive \$1,500.

Applicants may have recently left college/high school, but they could also have returned to study after a break. They do not need to be studying in South Auckland, but should come from the area (from Tamaki Estuary to the north and Pokeno in the south). Zonta South Auckland is keen to help a woman who may have had to travel elsewhere to do a course that will contribute to hergetting a trades qualification.

Please pass information on about this award to anyone who you think might be eligible to apply and also to any tertiary education providers offering courses in which applicants might be enrolled.

Award Spotlight: The SROW Research Award 2016

In 2016, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Society for Research on Women, the \$5,000 SROW Research Award will be awarded to a successful applicant involved in research of benefit to girls and women. This significant research award is administered by the New Horizons for Women Trust and offered in alternate years with the Margaret Shields Research Award, which was awarded for the first time in 2015. The alternation of these awards is appropriate, since Margaret Shields was involved in the founding of both the Society for Research on Women (SROW) and the New Horizons for Women Trust (NHWT).

The Society for Research on Women (SROW) was established in 1966 following a series of lectures on *The Changing Role of Women* organised by the Linden Playcentre in Wellington. Women were spurred by those lectures to research women's lives. Mary Mowbray and Margaret Shields were the founders of SROW and, with other hard-working volunteers, they ran a national office based in Wellington. SROW branches were quickly established in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin and later in Hamilton, Palmerston North and Napier. By 1983 SROW had produced over 50 publications. These included: lecture series in other centres on the changing role of women; a major report on urban women; explorations of topics such as childcare requirements; employers' attitudes to employment of women and other employment issues; issues for unmarried and solo mothers; immigrant women; caring for adult dependents; balancing a career, marriage and family; parent education; access to credit and finance; health, abortion and housing concerns; and participation on school committees.

In 1984 a Minister for Women was appointed and the Ministry for Women's Affairs established. By that time many New Zealand Universities had women's studies/gender studies departments and research relating to women's lives was carried out mainly through these institutions. The need for SROW's voluntary research work was less obvious, and branches became less active. In 1990 Margaret Shields was one of the founders of the New Horizons for Women Trust and SROW became one of the founding member organisations. Wellington and Christchurch branches of SROW donated capital to an

endowment fund to support awards for women researching the lives of women and girls. The first SROW Research Awards were offered in 1998.

Margaret Shields died in 2013. Donations to create a research award in her name were invested in the SROW/Margaret Shields Research Award endowment fund. A major contribution to this award was received from the estate of Margaret Shields. The first recipient of the Margaret Shields Research Award was Nina Seja, who received her award at the New Horizons for Women Trust Awards Ceremony in Auckland in August 2015. She is engaged in writing the oral histories of women photographers and documenting exhibitions of importance to the history of women in New Zealand.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a SROW Research Award in 2016. Information about this award and other research awards is available on the New Horizons for Women Trust website.



Recipient of the Margaret Shields Research Award (2015), Ni na Seja with Luit Bieringa, curator, writer, and leading photography advocate at the launch of her book PhotoForum at 40.

Research Award Spotlight: "Mumpreneurs"



The 2015 recipients of the NZFGW Wellington Branch Charitable Trust Research Award were Jodyanne Kirkwood (right) & Tarja Viitanen (left), from Otago.

They reported that their study of mumpreneurs went very well. They interviewed fifteen NZ mumpreneurs about their motivations for entering business ownership, and how they managed their childcare. They asked them what advice they had for other

prospective mumpreneurs and what might the government be able to do to assist them.

A summary of the results can be found at: <u>http://www.business.otago.ac.nz/mgmt/research/Mumpreneur-report.pdf</u>

Their research was also featured in the Otago Daily Times: <u>http://www.odt.co.nz/news/business/368326/entrepreneurship-icing-cake-mums</u>

Dr Kirkwood wrote an article about the research for M2 Woman magazine that was published in Jan/Feb 2016 issue: <u>http://www.m2woman.co.nz/inside-m2woman-januaryfebruary-2015/</u> This article focuses on the practical things that potential mumpreneurs might need to think about before starting their own business.

The award was used to hire a research assistant to do the main transcribing of the interviews. This amounted to a substantial amount of pages of transcripts (118 single-spaced pages), which they would

not have had time to do themselves. The research assistant was also able to help with gathering literature and helping search for mumpreneurs to interview.

Now that they have disseminated the results of the interviews to participants, the media and other interested parties, they are embarking on publishing the results in academic journals. One article is in progress to date called *"Living the dream – Are mumpreneurs really getting flexibility from business ownership?"*

Upcoming Events:

Society for Research on Women - 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 21 May 2016, Wellington Girls' College

One of the Trust's founding organisations, the Society For Research On Women In NZ (SROW) is celebrating the 50th anniversary since it began in 1966. Former members are arranging a daytime gathering on Saturday 21 May at Wellington Girls' College, where the Society was formed, to mark the occasion, to review what SROW has accomplished and to look at how research is being conducted now.

From the beginning of the New Horizons for Women Trust, SROW contributed to the research awards and to the Endowment Fund. It was a nominating body until it was wound up in 2006 and its life members retain the status of partner organisation to the Trust. The SROW Research Award is being offered in 2016 (see page 4).

Any of our supporters who are former SROW members and would like more detail about the event should contact Mary Mowbray (trevandmary55@gmail.com).

NHWT Annual Meeting

Friday 1st April, 5.30pm, Wellington (details on page 2)

Pre-loved Fashion Sale

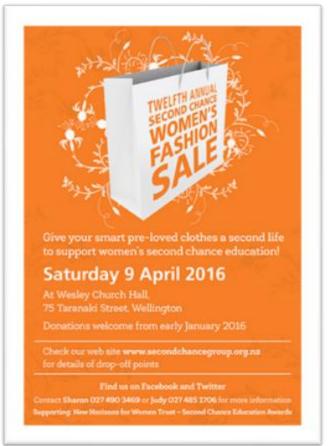
Please support this fundraising event, raising money to sponsor second-chance awards for NHWT (more info on right) Saturday, 9th April, Wellington www.secondchancegroup.org.nz

NHWT Award Applications Open

Tuesday, 1st March

NHWT Award Applications Close

Sunday, 17th April



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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.

This year five new Second-chance Education Awards have been funded by the recently established Alexandra Kilpatrick Fund.

Friends of New Horizons for Women Trust:

As a Friend you can make an annual donation and be kept up-to-date with events and activities throughout the year. Your donation will support the Trust in continuing to provide women with scholarships, enabling them the opportunities offered through tertiary qualifications, and ensuring research is dedicated to issues affecting women and girls in New Zealand.

Become a Friend of the Trust by filling in the form below, or contacting our Administrator, Rachel Nankivellat <u>enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz</u>

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