

NEWSLETTER

From the Chair



Welcome to our July 2015 newsletter. I encourage you to read on. In this newsletter you'll hear about what we

have been up to over the past 3 months and snippets of exciting new developments planned for 2015 and beyond.

Our purpose is to provide awards that benefit women. Since our beginnings in 1993, we have consistently offered more awards each year. In 2015 we are offering 40 awards, up from 34 in 2014. This increase has been due to an increase in Second Chance Education Awards; our focus is now to increase the number of research awards. Please do attend an award ceremony near you to celebrate our awardees and the people who make the work of the Trust possible.

In 2014, the SROW Elsie Locke Award was awarded to a researcher to examine the question "to what extent have NHWT awards benefited women?" To our knowledge, this is the first time research of this nature has been undertaken by a Trust that provides awards for women. The research is progressing well and I hope to provide early results at the award ceremonies.

We could not offer these awards without our sponsors and donors over the years. I want to acknowledge those sponsors and

donors who support us each year, and those who have sponsored an award this year for the first time or after a break. Of particular note are two new endowment funds established in 2015, the Alexandra Kilpatrick Fund and the Shields/SROW Research Award Fund.

Earlier in the year we recruited four new Trustees each bringing key additional strengths to the Board; Eva Hartshorn-Sanders (Policy/Audit and Risk), Justine Cornwall (Finance and Fund Management), Shirley Gillet (Sponsorship and Fundraising) and Colleen Dryden (Community Networks). A special welcome to you all. It is with sadness I farewell two women who have collectively given 21 years to the Trust; both Dr Ann Pomeroy and Marg Lees initially joined the Trust as Trustees and more recently have contributed as Awards Officers. Thank you! I wish you all the very best in your 'retirement'.

The way we work as a Board is developing. We are strengthening our core governance roles of strategic leadership, stewardship, and connecting with our community. Later in the year we intend to engage with you, our community, to explore how we can best achieve our constitution, while ensuring we are well positioned for a forward looking future. If you are interested in joining a think tank please introduce yourself at an award ceremony or make contact through mail or email.

Dr Jo Innes, Chair

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Congratulations to our 2015 Award Recipients

See our facebook page for photos from the award ceremonies as they are held during July and August

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Board Appointments

Introducing our newly elected Trust members:



Shirley Gillett has worked in education for many years teaching at the University of Otago and the University of Otago College of Education. Her teaching and life passions are philosophy of education and social theory, gender studies, empowerment for women through sport, pedagogy and theories of motivation. She has represented New Zealand in hockey, and worked in Otago hockey for many years, currently engaged in a governance role. She is also involved in the Federation of University Women (Otago) and internationally.



Justine Cornwall is currently the Deputy Children's Commissioner, prior to which she worked in the public sector in the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Justice and in the States Services Commission. During her public service career Justine has led reviews of the Domestic Violence and Victim's Right's Acts, and was involved in the significant development of services for victims of crime. Justine has a Ph.D. in Social Psychology, and is herself a past recipient of the Ria McBride Research Award.



Colleen Dryden is the Executive Officer for the New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes and has worked in the not-for-profit sector for the past 18 years. This includes positions as Game Development Manager for Netball New Zealand and the Executive Director for Volleyball New Zealand. Colleen is also the immediate Past President and Treasurer of Parafed Wellington, an organisation which facilitates sport and recreation for people with physically disabilities in the Wellington Region.



Eva Hartshorn-Sanders

Eva Hartshorn-Sanders is a public lawyer and the National Women's Officer at the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA). She brings a mix of legal, policy and governance experience to the work of the Trust. She currently sits as an advisory board member on the State Sector Retirement Savings Scheme Advisory Board, is a member of the CTU Women's Council and CTU Legal Group, and is the Justice and Law Reform Convenor for the National Council of Women.

Award Spotlight: The Margaret Shields Research Award

The first recipient of the inaugural Margaret Shields Research Award has just been announced. Nina Seja will receive \$5,000 to support her research into the artistic, social and political impact of the independent artist-run Auckland gallery, Real Pictures, that exhibited the work of leading photographers from 1979 - 1990. Nina will use the Margaret Shields Research Award to fund her work on oral histories of women photographers and the documentation of exhibitions important to the history of women in New Zealand. The New Horizons for Women Trust is delighted that this research-specific award has been added to the range of awards offered by the Trust and anticipates that it will be used to fund a range of exciting research projects in the future.

The Margaret Shields Research Award was set up in the memory of Dame Margaret Shields, former Labour Party MP for Kapiti, and Cabinet Minister in the 1984 Labour Government. In 1966 she was one of the founders of the Society for Research on Women in New Zealand (SROW), set up to undertake research on the needs of women and generate evidence for action of benefit for women. After leaving Parliament in 1990, Margaret Shields worked internationally for the advancement of women, served on the Greater Wellington Regional Council, and made a major contribution to the establishment of the New Horizons for Women Trust in 1991.

This new research award commemorates the life and achievements of a woman who was committed to the use of research to inform action that addressed issues that women considered important. Having pursued second chance education and dedicated her time to community activities, Margaret used her considerable personal skills and energy in a range of local, regional, national and international arenas. Resources to provide ongoing funding for this biennial award were raised through donations to the NHWT Shields Fund following Dame Margaret Shields' death in 2013. There was a major contribution to this fund from the estate of Dame Margaret Shields.

Research awards have always been a key component of the awards offered by New Horizons for Women Trust and the Society for Research on Women was one of the key organisations involved in founding NHWT. This award not only recognises Dame Margaret's contribution to research relating to women and girls, but also her work with other pioneers of gender-focused research in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The first major SROW project was a survey of women in towns and cities, published as *Urban Women* in 1972. This was the beginning of several decades of SROW research and other work that highlighted the need for change in the interests of equality and social justice for women and girls.

Rosemary Du Plessis

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Mary Mowbray, Joan Stagpoole and Margaret Shields present Rob Muldoon (Minister of Finance) with a copy of SROW's first publication *Urban Women* in 1972.

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Research Spotlight: Research Award Recipient, Jane Adams

Jane Adams is the recipient of the 2014 NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Research Award



I returned to PhD study last year, after taking time off in 2013 when my second child was born. The Research Award was a huge boost in helping me get back into the swing of things and to better manage my family and study commitments, and I am really appreciative of the Trust for its generosity.

My PhD (in History and Law) examines the history of infertility

(involuntary childlessness) in New Zealand, from the 1950s into the early twenty-first century. I am particularly focusing upon medical responses to infertility, including the introduction of infertility treatments (such as artificial insemination and *in vitro* fertilisation). I am also interested in legal responses to infertility, including in the areas of adoption, divorce and assisted reproductive technology laws.

To date, I've found that New Zealand's medical and legal communities tended to approach infertility (within marriage) along pronounced gender lines for most of my period. The medical profession was more interested in researching and treating female-based infertility, despite its recognition from the 1950s that infertility could affect males as commonly as females. Male-based infertility was almost completely ignored by the medical profession well into the 1970s (although artificial insemination by semen donor was being used here before then, practitioners did not openly acknowledge this or publish in this area). I argue that the media attention surrounding the introduction of female-based infertility treatments (such as *in vitro* fertilisation) helped to reinforce prevalent historical understandings of infertility as a 'woman's issue'. In comparison, our legal community has tended to focus upon and respond to issues arising from male-based infertility and specifically the implications of using third party semen donors. On the few occasions that Parliament took legislative action, prior to the introduction of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act 2004, it did so with male-based infertility issues in mind. Since the mid-1990s a broader understanding of infertility has emerged, including the concept of 'social infertility.'

Awards News : the 2015 Award Ceremonies

We invite you to join us in celebrating with our 2015 Awardees at the following regional ceremonies:

Hamilton:

Date: 5pm, Friday 17th July, 5pm ○ *Venue:* The Bill Gallagher Centre, Wintec

Guest Speaker: Anjum Rahman, Trustee of Shama (Hamilton Ethnic Women's Center)

Christchurch:

Date: 2pm, Saturday 18th July ○ *Venue:* Te Ao Mārama Aotahi - School of Māori and Indigenous Studies, University of Canterbury

Guest Speaker: Danielle O'Halloran, PACIFICA Christchurch Branch

Dunedin:

Date: 11am, Sunday 19th July ○ *Venue:* Te Tumu Annex, University of Otago

Guest Speaker: Pearl Matahiki, Tumuaki / Manager, Māori Centre

Wellington:

Date: 5.15pm, Thursday 23rd July ○ *Venue:* Hunter Common Room, Victoria University of Wellington, Kelburn Parade, Wellington

Guest Speaker: Sandi Beatie, Former Statutory Deputy Commissioner, State Services Commissioner

Palmerston North:

Date: 2.30pm, Friday 24th July ○ *Venue:* UCOL, Cnr Princess St and King St ○ *Guest Speaker:* Dr Sita Venkateswar, School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University

Auckland:

Date: 12.30pm, Saturday 8th August ○ *Venue:* Room (MB317) at our AUT South Campus, 640 Great South Road, Manukau (cnr of Gt South & Iirangi Drive)

Guest Speaker: Jenny-May Coffin, Silver Fern/TVNZ & Maori Television Sports Commentator & News Presenter

Whangarei:

Date: 11am, Sun 9th August ○ *Venue:* North Tec, Tai Tokerau Wānanga at the Interactive Learning Centre (D340), Raumanga Campus, Gate 1, Raumanga Valley Road, Whangārei

Guest Speaker: Sharon Morgan, Deputy Mayor of Whangārei

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*This year three new second chance education awards have been funded by the recently established **Alexandra Kilpatrick Fund.***

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