

—New Horizons for Women Hine Kahukura

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From the Chair



2016 has been a growth year for New Horizons for Women Trust. Our Applicants and Awardees portfolio have been effective in working with our sponsors and partners to offer a record number of awards this year. Our awards benefitted 44 women who 'inspire to create new horizons' for themselves and their families/whanau and communities. It's particularly exciting to see the portfolio expanding and being responsive to emerging needs with the new study awards for refugee

women, women studying the trades and awards established to benefit Māori. Congratulations to our awardees and to those who support you. We look forward to hearing about your progress.

The Partnerships and Promotions portfolio have guided the Trust in our branding initiative. We now have a revitalised brand which represents the purpose and the 'persona' of the Trust. Our purpose 'inspiring women to create new horizons' keeps us focused on 'inspiring women' and at the same time offers opportunities to expand our thinking for how else can we help women to create new horizons. The brand is centred around the idea of inspiring women to 'create her stories' and applies visual language and colour to add vitality and power to these stories.

You'll see in our updated Strategy our intention to develop as a bi-culturally responsive organisation. To this end we are working to develop our understanding for what this means for NHWT; and exploring how we can best respect our bicultural heritage. Jenni Tupu tells our story so far.

Dr Jo Innes, Chair, New Horizons for Women Trust, 2015-2017

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New Horizons for Women have introduced a gifted Māori name that reflects the support offered by New Horizons for Women to women across Aotearoa New Zealand. The rebranding project provided the Board with the opportunity to move from the previous use of He Ara Whakapiki Wāhine, as the translation of New Horizons for Women, and to seek a name that has wairua (spirit) and mana (prestige) and portrays our presence in wider communities. Previously, Dr Valance Smith gifted two names to New Horizons for Women for Second-chance education awards:

Hine Te Ao or Dawn Maiden, named to reflect the new morning bringing a new beginning or a new start as many of our women progress in their journeys towards new horizons.

Hine Taipari or Maiden of the Incoming Tide, named to reflect the tide and our lives as women, where we may recede like the tide into a low place in life but we will always come back, ebb and flow into the next high tide in our journeys towards new horizons.

Following on from *Hine Te Ao* and *Hine Taipari*, Dr Smith also gifted the name *Hine Kahukura* to encapsulate our organisation and our efforts in supporting other women in their journeys towards new horizons. The translation of *kahukura* is used to mean the feathers that enable a bird to fly, the more feathers the stronger the flight and the higher the heights achieved. Thus *kahukura* is seen as a metaphor in describing the financial support that enhances our wāhine and their ability to follow their dreams, their journeys, their new horizons.

Hine Kahukura describes great prestige in being female and in Māoridom our ancestors or goddesses are likewise described as Hine.

Hine-Ahu-One who was the first woman created by Tane-nui-a-rangi, Hine Titama the daughter of Tane and Hine-Ahu-One who became Hine-nui-te-pō the goddess of darkness and death are all named *Hine* rather than *Wāhine*. Common language of today tends to imply that *Hine* means “young girl” and *Wāhine* “older woman” but there is great mana in the use of *Hine* and portrays strength and prestige of woman or women and females overall.

The Māori concept of *wāhine* portrays strength and courage and this can be difficult to translate but could be considered by the words of Associate Professor Leonie Pihama, University of Waikato:

"Conceptually we can begin to see Wāhine as the intersection of the two worlds: *wā* and *hine*. *Wā* relates to notions of time and space, *Hine* to a female essence. The term Wāhine designates a certain time and space for Māori women but is by no means a universal term like the term woman in English. There are many times and spaces that Māori women move through in our lives, Wāhine is one of those. There are others"

Pihama, L. (2001). Tihei Mauri Ora Honouring Our Voices: Mana Wāhine as a Kaupapa Māori Theoretical Framework (Unpublished doctoral thesis). University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.

There is also a whakatauki (proverb) that encapsulates this:

Mā te kahukura, ka rere te manu! By the korowai of feathers, the bird will fly higher!

~ Congratulations to our 2016 Awardees ~

The following awards were recently presented at ceremonies in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin

Second-chance Education Awards

Alma McCrae Second-chance Education Award (Foundation Studies) sponsored by Ellen McCrae and Graeme Matheson	Name withheld
Second-chance Education Award (Foundation Studies) funded from the Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance Awards Fund	Barbara Little
Second-chance Education Award (Foundation Studies) sponsored by the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust	Allie Durrant
Second-chance Education Award (Foundation Studies) sponsored by the Canterbury Graduate Women Trust	Hineawe Hapuku
Second-chance Education Award (Foundation Studies) sponsored by the Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust	Kenni-Mei Simeon-Pohatu
Second-chance Education Award (Foundation Studies) sponsored by the Chenery Memorial Trust	Kylie Robinson
Second-chance Education Award (Foundation Studies) sponsored by the Canterbury Graduate Women Trust	Lei Tevaga
Hine Taipari Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) funded by the Alexandra Kilpatrick Bequest	Jodi Tautari
Hine te Ao Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) funded by the Alexandra Kilpatrick Bequest	Kelly Dixon
Jack Ilott Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the John Ilott Charitable Trust	Erina Norman
Mildred Keir Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the NZ Federation of Graduate Women	Melanie Adamson
Peg Hutchison Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies)	Te Ara Erueti
Rita King Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies)	Caroline McClutchie
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) from an Anonymous sponsor	Trudy Thomson
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) funded by the Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memorial Award Fund	Alana Leaupepe
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) funded by the Alexandra Kilpatrick Bequest	Sarah-Michelle Washer
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) funded from the Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second-chance Awards Fund	Francis Diack
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the NZFGW (Wellington Branch) Charitable Trust	Amber Leonard Schoss
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the FW Trust	Anji Piper-Beckett
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the Olive Tree Charitable Trust	Elizabeth Leslie Hackett

Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the NZFGW (Wellington Branch) Charitable Trust	Elizabeth Paula Love
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust	Esther Pilato
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust	Jodi Fitzwater
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the NZFGW (Wellington Branch) Charitable Trust	Ngairé Tuhua
Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the NZFGW (North Shore) Charitable Trust	Teresa McCarthy
Second-chance Education Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the Second Chance Group	Hannah Terrace
Second-chance Education Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the Second Chance Group	Jodi Bishop
Second-chance Education Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the Second Chance Group	Katie Gilmore
Second-chance Education Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the Second Chance Group	Lisa Goudie
Ted Athy Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) sponsored by the Edward Kay Charitable Trust	Teresa Stonebridge

Research Awards

Janus NGO Research Award	Karen McIntyre
NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Research Award	Zaramasina Clark
NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Research Award	Elizabeth Pakai
Society for Research on Women Research Award	Helen Fitt
Wāhine Ora: Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga New Horizons for Women Trust Research Award	Felicity Ware

Specific Purpose Awards

Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust Refugee Study Award	Nibaruta Menedore
Margaret L Bailey Science Award	Verity Oliver
Peg Hutchison Career Change Award	Janie Tito
Refugee Award sponsored by The Second Chance Group Wellington	Sapana Kalikote
Ria McBride Public Service Management Award	Kesta Dennison
Sonja Davies Peace Award	Toni McErlane
Sue Macdonald Career Change Award	Megan McDonald
Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memorial Innovation Award	Keri Cheetham
Zonta Club of South Auckland Trades Award	Jane Halaifonua-Walmsley

2016 Award Ceremony Highlights

As always, the highlight of the NHWT Calendar are the Annual Awards Ceremonies. It is a great opportunity for the Board of Trustees, our 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.



Rae Julian presents Toni McErlane with the Sonja Davies Peace Award

Hamilton / Kirikiriroa Awards Ceremony, 23rd July

The Waikato ceremony was held again at the Bill Gallagher Centre at Wintec. The six awardees were presented with their awards by sponsors and NHWT trustees and were very appreciative of the recognition and of the support. Our guest speaker Tina Cross was inspirational as she shared stories of the women in her life who had inspired her. She also entertained us with three songs,



Tina Cross

including “Walk Away”, a song written by Tina, specifically to raise funds and awareness for Women's Refuge

(<http://www.tinacross.co.nz>). The 50 or so guests were treated to a scrumptious afternoon tea provided by Hillcrest High School Hospitality students.



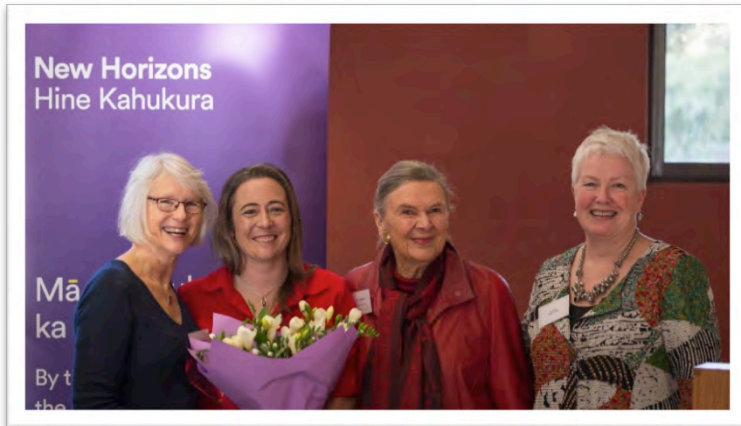
Sacha McMeeking – Māori and Indigenous Studies, University of Canterbury (Guest Speaker, Christchurch Award Ceremony), Ali Jones (Christchurch City Councillor) and Jo Innes (Chair, NHWT)

Christchurch / Ōtautahi Awards Ceremony, 24th July

Dr Helen Fitt received the Society for Research on Women Research Award at the Christchurch/Ōtautahi Award Ceremony at Te Ao Mārama, Aotahi - School of Māori and Indigenous Studies, University of Canterbury. She spoke about her “slightly winding road” into academic research and why it was important to research issues relating to transport and gender. Christchurch City Councillor, Ali Jones, welcomed those attending and endorsed the need for ongoing work for gender equality and women’s visibility. Guest speaker, Sacha McMeeking, highlighted the value of women believing in what other women can achieve and creating opportunities for change in their lives and the lives of others.

Margaret Sweet, former president of the Christchurch Branch of the Society for Research on Women (SROW), presented the award to Helen Fitt. She talked about the history of SROW,

Christchurch projects in the 1990s, and how the Christchurch and Wellington branches of SROW had established this award in 2000.



Rosemary Du Plessis (Trustee, New Horizons for Women Trust – Hine Kahukura), Helen Fitt (Society for Research on Women Research Awardee), Margaret Sweet (Former President, SROW Christchurch Branch) and Jo Innes (Chair, New Horizons for Women Trust - Hine Kahukura)

Dunedin / Ōtepoti Awards Ceremony, 23rd July The Dunedin Awards Ceremony was held in the conference room at the Dunedin Art Gallery, with the support of Coordinator, Dana Lee. The guest speaker was Sue Bidrose (CEO DCC), who was accompanied by Penny Hulse (Deputy Mayor of Auckland). It was a feast of speakers and was fascinating to hear their conversation around their own lives and background, which was followed by many questions asking about their current lives as female politicians. Thirty-five or so attendees, including representation from



Shirley Gillett, Speakers Dr Sue Bidrose and Deputy mayor Auckland Penny Hulse, with Awardee Francis Diack and sons.

Zonta, National Council of Women, and Federation of Graduate

Women, enjoyed the afternoon. We were also fortunate to have 2016 Dunedin awardee Rhiannone Robb speak of the difference being an awardee had made to her life over the last 12 months. The highlight of the afternoon was presenting Francis Diack with the Second-chance Education Award (Diploma/Degree Studies) funded from the Dawn & Arthur Ibbotson Second-chance Award and sharing this special experience with her two sons and step-



NHWT Chair, Jo Innes with Awardee – Francis Diack and Dunedin NHWT Trustee, Shirley Gillett.

parents. Lyn Dowsett (former Chair of NHWT) presented the award on Dawn's behalf. We were also able to extend this experience by personally visiting sponsor Dawn Ibbotson at her house and sharing a glass of celebratory wine and cake afterwards. (see photo Page 13)



All twelve recipients of awards at the Wellington Ceremony

Wellington / Te Whanga-nui-a-Tara Awards Ceremony, 21 July

This year's ceremony was held at Premier House in Wellington and was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and aspirations of 14 women who had won awards and research grants. Amongst them were women

committed to taking risks by changing careers, with others taking that step

towards a new stage in their lives through the attainment of an academic qualification. The Ria McBride awardee, Kesta Dennison, works at Customs NZ and was planning to use her grant for a Master's thesis in international strategies for preventing child pornography exportation / importation – which is something that she currently helps to prevent, detect and prosecute on a daily basis. We also had three awards granted through the Wellington-based Second Chance Group, who raise their funds through an annual clothing sale – a record number and a reflection of the fantastic fundraising effort that went in at the start of this year.

At the ceremony we had a guest speech from the EEO Commissioner, Dr Jackie Blue, who helped to highlight the challenges for women generally in NZ, to celebrate those women who are determined “scrappers” and a bit of fun as we tried out the psychological benefit of power poses. We also had two young women in high school feminist clubs (Marika Mills Szabo and Lili Cantlay) talk about the challenges that they saw for women today – a great “tag-team” speech effort. All in all a wonderful event to celebrate our awardees and to show our appreciation for our sponsors and supporters.

Palmerston North / Te Papa-i-Oea Awards Ceremony, 22nd July

The Palmerston North Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 22 July at the Globe Theatre, Palmerston North. We presented a record number of awards this year to women undertaking tertiary education at institutions and undertaking research within the Manawatu-Wanganui region – 6 awards for second-chance education, two research awards and two specific purpose awards. Congratulations to all our award



Awardees and friends/whanau at the Palmerston North Awards Ceremony

winners. We wish you well as you create new horizons for yourself and others.

We could not offer these awards without the generous support from our award sponsors and donors. Thank you for your support - Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust, Olive Tree Charitable Trust, NZFGW Wellington Branch, Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust, Dawn Ibbotson, Second Chance Group, Teupoko'ina Utanga Morgan Memorial Fund, and the NHWT Fund. Also, we would like to thank members of the Zonta Club of Manawatu and Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust for their help in hosting the awards ceremony.

**Auckland /
Tāmaki
Makaurau
Awards
Ceremony, 6th
August**

Thirteen
awardees were
recognised at
the New
Horizons for
Women Trust's
Auckland

ceremony on 6th
August. Hosted



Auckland Ceremony Awardees

at
Auckland University of Technology's South Campus, and MC'd by Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki, awardees were joined by over 80 whānau, friends, sponsors and donors for moving speeches and much celebration. Our keynote speaker was the inspirational Louisa Wall, MP for Manurewa, who shared with us her stories of how important financial and whānau support had been to her educational and life pursuits. In addition to giving out a number of second-chance education and research awards, the ceremony included the presentation of several inaugural awards: the Zonta South Auckland Trades Award, the NZ Federation of Graduate Women (Manawatu) Refugee Award, and the Wāhine Ora Ngā Pae o te Maramatanga New Horizons for Women Research Award. Our thanks, once again, go to our generous sponsors and donors, without whom these awards would not be possible, and to AUT and FACEUP for their donations. We wish our awardees all the best in their future endeavours.



Former NHWT Chair – Mavis Shuker with Deputy Chair, Ngaire Phillips and Trustee Jenni Tupu

The Ria McBride Public Service Management Award *Stephanie Martin's Story*

Recipient of the Ria McBride Public Service Management Award



Stephanie Martin and family at the 2015 Award Ceremony

The word “consequences” typically carries negative connotations. I’m only just now going to university to get my education. I’m pushing 40 so none of the cool younger students want to play with me, I get picked last for group activities and I eat lunch by myself. This is a consequence of accidentally starting my family at the age of 17.

I associate a “Big OE” to my propensity to periodically “Over Eat” rather than an “Overseas Experience”. This is a consequence of

spending my teens and twenties counting pennies for a tin of formula rather than a ticket for France.

People no longer look shocked when I mention I have a 21-year-old daughter. Against my better judgment I continue to invest my hard-earned pay packet in the latest L’Oréal product guaranteed to reduce my fine lines and wrinkles. Despite my commitment to the day and night application working in gentle circles from the t-zone out, I’m appropriately disappointed when by the time I’m scraping out the very bottom of the jar I realise I’m not the one out of 300 women guaranteed to get results. This is a consequence of a diet consisting of caffeine and sugar that necessarily accompanies the challenge of trying to be a good wife, mother, employee and student.

In 2015 I was selected as the recipient of the Ria McBride award for Public Service Management. A group of outstanding, accomplished women chose me. They chose me because I didn’t let pushing 40 stop me from going to university and getting my education. They chose me because they knew I’d work hard and if I really want to, I will find a way to take that trip to France one day. They chose me because they knew the wrinkles and fine lines are a result of determination and aspiration and these are good qualities.

So you see, for me, suffering my consequences was well worth it because the events that precluded said consequences are what has made me who I am. It just so happens that who I am was recognised by the New Horizons’ for Women Trust as being not too bad at all.

Since receiving my award, I’ve been believing in myself as much as NHWT believes in me. I’m taking my self-assigned ‘not too bad’ status and I’m going to build on it to become a real contender. The best thing that can happen to me on my future journey is a few more consequences. I only hope the next ones don’t come in the form of wrinkles (surely a girl can catch a break from time to time).

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The prestigious Ria McBride Public Service Management Award was established in 2000 and is funded by the State Services Commission. It is presented annually by New Horizons for Women Trust to a woman who has demonstrated potential to both study and advance to higher levels on management within the public service. The Award is named in honour of Ria McBride whose contribution to New Zealand's public service was substantial. She joined the Public Service Commission (the predecessor of the SSC) in 1946 and in 1955 became the first woman appointed to the prestigious position of Chief Clerk. Ria McBride became the first non-Maori to be appointed to the Maori Welfare Division of the Maori Affairs Department, serving as Administration Officer there from 1960 to 1967, when she became head of the Housing Division. Upon her retirement in 1970, she 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 she was one of the first full-time human rights commissioners. In addition to forging a significant career for herself in a time when women in senior management were few and far between, Ria McBride also championed the need for better pay and conditions for women across the Public Service.

Stephanie Martin won the Ria McBride Public Service Management Award 2015 and in 2016 it was presented to Kesta Dennison by Debbie Power, Deputy State Services Commissioner, at the Wellington ceremony.

Applications for the 2017 Award will open in March next year.



2016 Recipient of the Ria McBride Public Service Management Award, Kesta Dennison

~ Thank you to our 2016 Sponsors ~

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NZ Federation of Graduate Women (Wellington Branch) Charitable Trust

NZ Federation of Graduate Women (North Shore) Charitable Trust

Canterbury Federation of Graduate Women Trust

The Second Chance Group

State Services Commission

Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust

Olive Tree Charitable Trust

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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.

As a Friend of New Horizons for Women Trust you will receive:

- **Our quarterly newsletter by email, (your choice).** The newsletter features stories, profiles and information about the people we work with to increase access to education and research for women in NZ.
- **An invitation** to our Annual Meeting (in Wellington) and the Award Ceremony in your region.

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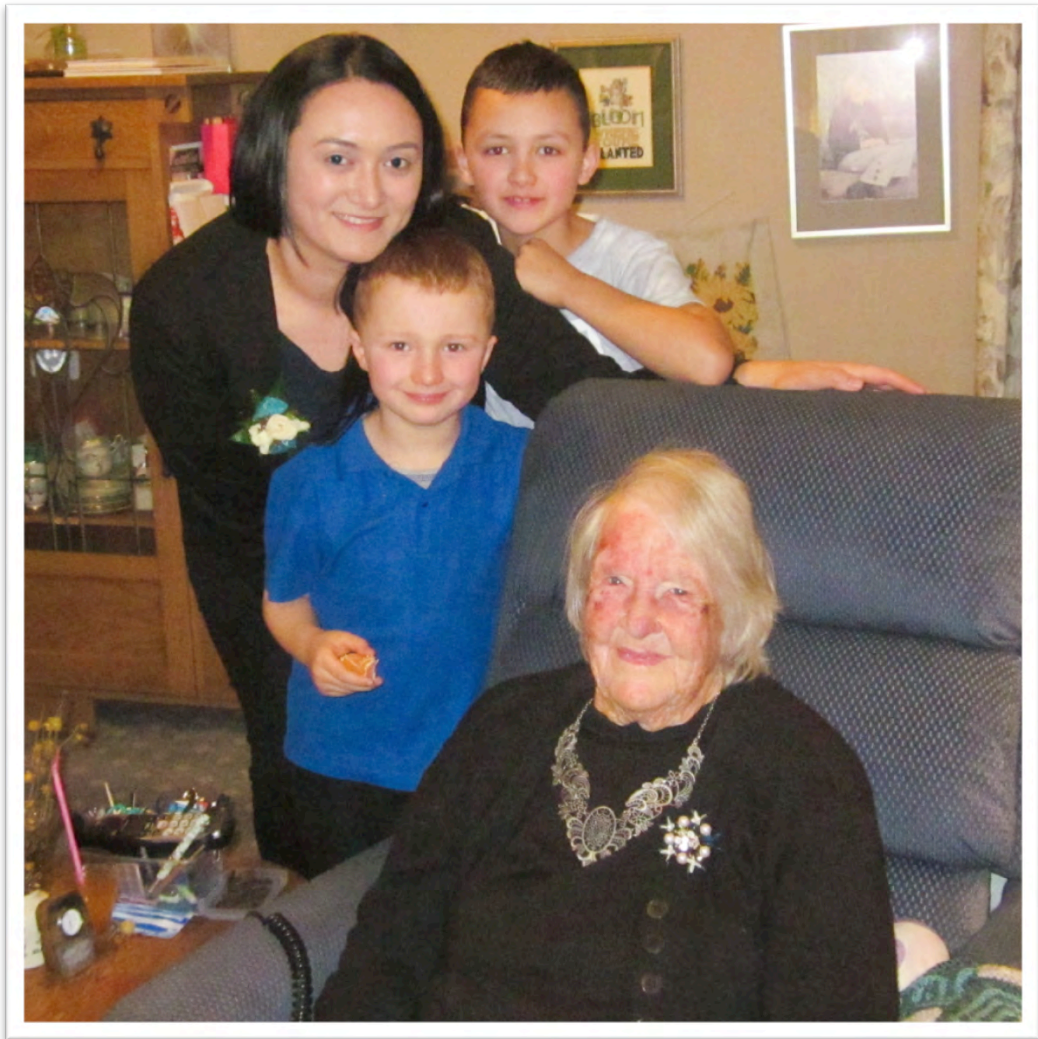
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Dawn Ibbotson, our wonderful donor from Dunedin with 2016 awardee Francis Diack and sons.