



## Newsletter August 09

### Our Post Graduate Students for 2009

Every year now at the lunch at Wharerata we are asking the recipients of our scholarships to tell us a little about their studies.

Here are their particular fields of enquiry:

Rosemary Atkins	MEd Education - Junior, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year assessment processes
Paula Case	BBS (Hons) Comm., Journalism and Marketing – Country of origin
Genevieve Cooper	BBS (Hons) Economics and Finance – Investment choices
Emma Curtin	MSc Natural Resources – A certain beetle of central Otago
Elizabeth Daly	BSc (Hons) Natural Resources – A certain rare snail ( <i>Ed - that big one</i> )
Ava Handley	BSc (Hons) Molecular Biosciences – Gene clusters
Sarah Herbert	MSc Food Nutrition and Health – Cancer patients
Heather Heron	MA Psychology - Identity, with Maori who don't look Maori
Donell Hole	MSc Natural Resources - Tui Mine pollution
Janice Moody	BSc Fundamental Sciences – properties of light absorbant dyes

Rosemary Rippon	MSc Natural Resources - Hihi (saddleback) no self sufficient population
Catriona Sainsbury	Masters Sociology - social work, best practises with the deaf
Jacqueline Shakes	BSc (Hons) Food Nutrition and Health - Nutrigenetics
Deborah Trail	Masters Education – literacy, children who find it hard to learn

*I sincerely hope that I didn't get these muddled as I was slow to start taking notes - Editor*

### National

Jane Bellamy, Executive Officer of Auckland Graduate Women, has sent me the following:

*On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009 a motion at a Special General Meeting was made to wind up Auckland Graduate Women at the end of this financial year. It was a sad occasion attended by 24 members, many of whom have been very loyal members of the Branch for a very long period of time and have held office at both Branch and National levels. The longest serving members present were Dame Dorothy Winstone and Phyllis Vincent, who have been members since the early 1940s. Both of them spoke to say that while they were saddened by what was to happen they realised that it was inevitable.*

*Charlene Lutes, National President comments.....I am saddened at the news that a Branch with such a distinguished record and a large membership has been unable to continue because of inability to form a Branch Committee. Perhaps it is symptomatic of our times that those who owe so much to NZFGW (NZFGW) women who worked for many years raising money and advocating for women's education are unwilling or unable to offer some of their time and skills to maintaining and further developing the gains made by others.*

**IFUW Empowering women & girls through lifelong education for leadership, decisionmaking and peace**  
Our international umbrella group, IFUW, has had a relationship with four other groups operating as Project 50. It was announced earlier in the year that we have withdrawn our support. Our national executive however calls upon us to continue good relations with other related community groups, especially ones like National Council of Women.

From **Louise Croot**, IFUW President, Dunedin, NZ (*abridged, part of a letter*)

In IFUW we have our Hegg Hoffett Fund to assist graduate women displaced because of war, political upheaval or other serious emergencies. Do look on our website [www.ifuw.org](http://www.ifuw.org) to

see more about our work with our fund over many years now. National Affiliates can apply for assistance for graduate women who come to their notice in their area.

## **Funding for Exceptional Student Achievement**

Graduate Women's Charitable Trust, Manawatu, has contributed \$500 to fund a trip to Japan for year 13 student Sophia Frentz from Tauranga Girls' College. While it is unusual for the Manawatu organisation to fund a student from another part of the country, it was felt that Sophia deserved support. She has been selected to represent New Zealand as part of a team of three boys and one girl to compete in the international Biology Olympiad, which has nothing to do with sport and everything to do with high achievement in science. The students, who compete as individuals, are tested on theory, practical knowledge and problem solving.

Sophia's family was faced with finding \$6,500. The honour of being chosen to represent New Zealand has no funding attached to it. With the help of the Manawatu Graduate Women's Trust, the necessary sum has now been raised. She left New Zealand on July 8<sup>th</sup> and arrived home on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dr Dell Panny, our Branch President, presented the cheque to Sophia in Tauranga. While visiting the school, she donated two of her books to the school library: *I have What I Gave: The Fiction of Janet Frame* and *Turning the Eye: Patricia Grace and the Short Story*.

## **8th Triennial Conference: Taking Effective Action**

Preparations are going well for the 28<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference to be held at St Cuthbert's College in Auckland, 2-4 October 2009. An exciting and varied programme is taking shape, with time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The Conference begins in the afternoon of Friday, 2 October and ends mid-afternoon on Sunday, 4 October. It is not too early to book travel in order to get the best rates. Accommodation will be available at St Cuthbert's or in nearby motels. Click on <http://www.nzfgw.org.nz/national-conference-2009.asp> for information about the programme, accommodation and registration.

There are several remits by branches; one on early intervention in intergenerational families put forward by Hutt Valley Branch, one on HIV and AIDS education/prevention by Waikato Branch and one asking the government to re-instate funding for community education. The remits alone make interesting reading. Your committee will be very interested in a remit on dues.

We have at least two committee members who will be going to the conference. Please contact the secretary if you are keen to join them.

At every IFUW Conference there is a Hegg Hoffet shop selling small items donated by members from all over the world. NZFGW Branches often support this fund with donations but it is not often that we have our own shop. Joy Dunsheath (Wellington Branch) has generously offered to organize a Hegg Hoffet Shop at our Triennial Conference. Contact Dell Panny with offers of items.

**Public Affairs** – from National Exec newsletter, July 09, Jean Silver

Jean notes that there were some serious funding cuts made in the recent National Party government budget to adult and community education while there has been a budget boost for work on the pay gap between men and women

## **Dates for Diaries**

September 15th – **Annual General Meeting** of NZFGW Manawatu Inc. (see separate sheet)

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