



50 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED BY ZONTA NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is full of selfless, courageous women. In this year's 50th Anniversary of Zonta Clubs in New Zealand, we give special recognition to fifty of these women - "Women of Achievement"- women who have worked hard to focus their passion, drive and valued time into pursuing a better place for us to live.

They were selected by a judging panel of accomplished women, none of whom are Zontians, for their perseverance and courage in the face of some of the most serious issues facing women today.

"These Awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise the inspirational women in our lives and to celebrate their contribution to making a difference to the lives of women and girls", says Dr Janette Irvine, Governor of Zonta New Zealand.

Dr Irvine goes on to say, "Zonta is a global organisation and envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence."

"On 8th March 2016, International Women's Day, these incredible women, from around the country, will have their names released and they will receive certificates to recognise their work. Their names and achievements will also be published on the Zonta New Zealand District 16 website www.zonta.org.nz Local clubs will recognise regional awards at ceremonies held around the country."

Please join with us and celebrate these Women of Achievement!

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Background information:

In November 1965, 50 years ago, the first Zonta Club in New Zealand and Australia was established - the Zonta Club of Auckland. Since that time Zonta in New Zealand has grown. Today there are 28 clubs located from Whangarei to Dunedin, all working together to empower women locally, nationally and internationally through service and advocacy.

Criteria for the Award:

- Women eligible to be nominated are those who:
 1. are living, and are a New Zealand citizen or resident, and
 2. demonstrate an active commitment to volunteerism, leadership and a significant contribution to empowering women and girls in New Zealand and/or globally.
- Women who are deceased (and who passed away in the last 50 years – i.e. after 1 January 1966) are also eligible for nomination if during their lifetime, they were a New Zealand citizen or resident, and demonstrated the attributes in 2. above.
- Members of Zonta and members of the general public may be nominated.

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Name	Location	Short description of achievements relative to this Award	Photo
Julie Ainsworth	Porirua	Through 18 years' service with Girl Guiding NZ Julie has inspired and given both girls and women every opportunity to gain knowledge and leadership skills no matter what age	
Lynne Anderson	Auckland	Developing the confidence of women of all ages through encouraging them to sing which Lynne does in a number of forums including the Howick Singers.	
Gretl Bass	Auckland	Through her love of sewing and desire to serve she has formed and lead groups of women who make children's clothing and teddies for St John Ambulance who give these to young children travelling in ambulances. Gretl's leadership has provided other women with an opportunity to serve their community.	
Deborah Bush	Christchurch	Deborah co-founded Endometriosis New Zealand in 1985. ENZ has initiated specialised programmes, fostered research, and actively lobbied for better outcomes for the tens of thousands of girls and women with endometriosis in New Zealand. Deborah's advocacy for improved service provision to New Zealand women suffering the effects of endometriosis today has led to her global recognition as an expert in this field, and improvements in the medical and support services available to Endometriosis sufferers.	
Rachel Callender	Timaru	Rachel is inspiring mothers of babies and children with disabilities by providing a platform of greater understanding and awareness in our communities through the Super Power Baby Project, empowering many others to also become advocates for children with health issues.	
Dame Silvia Cartwright	Auckland	Dame Silvia has served on the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and played a major role in drafting the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Protocol has been in force since 2000 and led to a number of decisions against member states on issues such as domestic violence, parental leave and forced sterilization. Dame Silvia was conferred with Honorary Membership of Zonta International in 2001.	
Steve Chadwick	Rotorua	Steve established the first Family Planning Clinic in Rotorua and helped establish the first Women's Refuge and Teen Parent's School in Rotorua. As Chair of the New Zealand Parliamentarians Population and Development Committee lead the publishing of "Creating a Culture of Non Violence" in 2005, "Youth Sexual Health, Our Health" in 2006 and "Making Maternal Health Matter" in 2009. Steve is the Mayor of Rotorua.	

Marina Charlton	Timaru	Through her teaching role helping to set up the Teen Parent study Group at Timaru Girls High School, Marina's contribution and leadership has made a huge difference to empowering many young mothers to greater independence for both them and their children.	
Helen Clark	New York, USA	Helen Clark leads by example and whatever she is doing feels it is important to bring a gender eye to her work. She is a New Zealander who has made and continues to make an outstanding contribution to promoting gender equality and women's active political, economic, and social participation. Helen challenges all of us to look like the society we represent, not a segment of society and she urges us to support women who are prepared to walk over burning coals to make a difference.	
Vi Cottrell	Kaipoi	Vi, co-founder of Trade Aid, has been committed to the social enterprise for over 40 years. Most of the craft producers are women and Fair Trade makes a huge impact on their and their families' lives	
Sandra Curd	Ashburton	Sandra has been an active volunteer in the Winchmore / Ashburton area for over 30 years for a wide range of service organisations. She is a life member of Rural Women NZ Mid Canterbury Provincial, a member of Zonta Club of Ashburton and a strong advocate for eliminating violence against women.	
Lynn Dawson	Auckland	Lynn's role with the Books in Prison project gave marginalised women the opportunity that most have never had - the access to libraries and books, improved literacy reading and writing skills. The Magnolia House project is to benefit homeless women and women released from prison. It will offer these women an opportunity to transition away from homelessness and violent environments. She is co-founder of the "Peggy Purl in Your Community" project which is now a nationwide project that ensures vulnerable children in all communities receive warm woolly blankets over the coming winter season.	
Dame Miriam Dell	South Wairapapa	Dame Miriam has been and continues to be at the forefront of women's issues in New Zealand and internationally for over 30 years, promoting women's advancement and equal rights in society.	
Vanisa Dhiru	Wellington	Serving a number of not-for-profit boards since university, Vanisa is involved with number of organisations in the women's, ethnic and youth sectors. She is currently the Vice President of the National Council of Women New Zealand.	
Lesley Elliott	Dunedin	Lesley is the founder and current chair of the Sophie Elliott Foundation, the mission of which is to cause a profound shift in New Zealand's attitudes towards relationship violence. The Foundation is making a significant difference, in particular, through the availability of the Loves-Me-Not relationships programme in high schools at year 12 level.	

Dr Jilly Evans	San Diego, USA	Dr Evans champions the promotion of women in science-based careers as well as causes alleviating childhood poverty and helping New Zealand to find a good working model for commercialising biotechnology research	
Sonia Faulkner	Auckland	Sonia has been a volunteer with Girl Guiding New Zealand since 1968 working with both girls and women to meet the organisation's mission to enable girls and young women to reach their full potential and make a difference in the world. Sonia leads by example and her leadership approach is one of empowerment for the individuals she leads. Under Sonia's leadership Girl Guiding New Zealand has restructured to give girls and young women a real voice in running the organisation.	
Professor Emerita Jean Fleming	Waikanae	Prof Jean Fleming is a long-term advocate for women in the field of science. In 1993 she convened the first NZ conference for women in science. Her scientific endeavours also led to many other awards, including the Suffrage Centennial Medal in 1993, awarded to 500 women and men who had, by their virtues and talents, made a recognised contribution to the rights of women in New Zealand. She became an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit in 2002 and a Companion of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 2011, for services to science and science communication in New Zealand	
Nicola Gavey	Auckland	Nicola is a hugely successful researcher with a stellar national and international reputation and an impressive list of achievements. Throughout her 25 years of scholarly activity, women's issues have been at the forefront of her research, and absolutely at the forefront of her campaigning and engagement with communities in New Zealand. Very few local scholars have been as committed to improving women's lives and have made such a major and sustained contribution	
Fiona Harnett	Auckland	Fiona leads by example and is a role model for young women and what can be achieved when a person is passionate about a cause and prepared to work hard to make a difference. Her contribution over the last 25 years to Girl Guiding New Zealand has directly and indirectly led to the empowerment of women and girls as members and the last 5 years to the international Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.	
Heather Henare	Wellington	Heather's passion and dedication for the rights of women and children has seen her devote herself personally and professionally to working toward the elimination of violence against women and children	
Catherine Hollister-Jones	Deceased	Miss Hollister-Jones moved to the Punjab region of India where she worked with women and children. She went on to open a Christian-based curriculum school, which started with only six students, and within 10 years she had more than 800 students. She received the Queen's Service Medal in 1991 for her commitment to public service	
Phillippa Jacobs	Christchurch	Phillippa is the current mentor for the Z Club Avonside Girls High School and during her time as mentor membership has grown from 18 to 72 young women. Through Phillippa's leadership each year young women are empowered to develop leadership skills and to participate in community, school, national and international projects and fundraising	

Joan Macdonald	Auckland	Joan has been an active member of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Aotearoa Section for more than 45 years and also active with both the National Council of Women and UN Women Auckland. She has been a lifelong and strong advocate for women in Aotearoa and the Pacific, and has worked to eliminate all forms of violence against women. Her particular focus has been on the structural causes of discrimination and violence, including the effects of colonization, as an anti-racism and Treaty of Waitangi educator since the 1970s, and on women’s rights in the workplace and the community. This has involved working for the elimination of poverty, the improvement of health care, and alternatives to the incarceration of women in prison. Her commitment to women has been guided by her strong dedication to social justice and peace, and her former career as a Plunket nurse.	
Holly Mathieson	London, United Kingdom	Holly is one of only a handful of women in the world forging a career as an orchestral conductor. She is one of less than 10 women to currently hold a permanent conducting title with one of the UK’s major music organisations. In addition to pursuing her own work, she advocates for the advancement of other deserving women as leaders in the performing arts. She is a member of the Women of the World Festival "think-in" discussion group, and Women in Classical Music panel - both at the Southbank Centre, London - volunteer initiatives led by high-profile women in the arts and sciences to identify areas of extreme gender inequality in their fields and devise creative and business strategies to redress the imbalance.	
Diane Maxwell	Auckland	Throughout her career in some very male industries, including banking, Diane has been a strong advocate for the role of women in the workplace and for representation at senior levels – including ensuring some young women were brought into networks and roles and given opportunities to step up and thrive.	
Lynn McKenzie	Wellington	Lynn McKenzie has had a long association with empowering women locally, nationally and globally and volunteerism. In 2014 Lynn was made an Officer of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to women. A past trustee and Chair of the New Horizons for Women Trust, Lynn went on to co-found the annual Wellington Pre-Loved Second Chance Fashion which has raised over \$50,000 for second chance education scholarships for women. Lynn has been an active member of Zonta International since 1989 having held local, national and international leadership roles. She was the first New Zealander to be Zonta’s International President 2012-2014 and currently serves as the Chairman of their International Nominating Committee. In the wider social sector Lynn serves as Board member and Chair of Social Development Partners, an umbrella national organisation for community organisations in New Zealand. Lynn is CE of the National Council of Women New Zealand.	
Louise Nicholas	Rotorua	Louise has taken a lead in the change of attitudes towards victims of sexual abuse, “I turned my ordeal into an opportunity”. Louise has demonstrated this in her work with the New Zealand Police, working with senior police officers on how to work with victims of rape. She is also a leading advocate in raising the awareness of sexual abuse and the need for education and empowerment of women and young girls.	

Dr Farah Palmer	Palmerston North	Farah is the Director of the Māori Business & Leadership Centre and a Senior Lecturer in the School of Management, College of Business, Massey University. Her teaching and research interests are in sport sociology, sport management, leadership and governance as they relate to Māori and women in particular. She has helped to deliver a Young Women in Leadership Programme at Massey for Year 12 female students in the Manawatū and Auckland regions, and helped establish a Māori Mentoring & Leadership Programme in the Massey Business School. Dr Palmer was a member of the New Zealand women's rugby team (Black Ferns) from 1995 to 2006, and captained the team to three World Cups (1998, 2002, and 2006).	
Win Parkes	Timaru	Win has been mentoring and educating women for many years, involved with the Women's Loan Fund since 2003 assisting women to financial independence and self-confidence. She was the Health Co-Ordinator at Timaru Girls High School for 10 years teaching courses on health, drug and alcohol and sex education and other social courses.	
Sharmila Pathak	Tauranga	Sharmila is the coordinator and manager of Shakti Ethnic Women's Support group in the Tauranga area. She not only helps 'rescue' but is involved in helping women change from victims to live fulfilling and independent lives, and educating the young which will change attitudes for the future generations.	
Kerry Petrie	Red Beach	Kerry is the Executive Director of A Girl Called Hope, a residential life development programme for young women motivated for change by addressing the drivers and effects of life-controlling issues and behaviours, including anxiety, depression, disordered eating, self-harm, suicidal ideation and unplanned pregnancy. It exists to provide a future full of hope and potential to every young women – to show them they are valued, purposed and above all have a reason to live.	
Julie Raine	Auckland	Julie was one five women involved in the launch of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) in Auckland in 2012. Julie is a great advocate to women in the industry and is dedicated to the 'Inspiring Women Series'. Julie says 'Our purpose is to encourage women to pursue, establish and most importantly sustain a career in the industry'. Julie's ambition is to support women in the industry, to inspire, give confidence and to share career tips and key learnings for women to be successful in their careers.	
Cherry Raymond	Deceased	Cherry was the first President of the first Zonta club chartered in New Zealand, the Zonta Club of Auckland in October 1965. She was a broadcaster who talked radical but dressed chic, and she influenced generations of New Zealanders. As a 1960's NZ Woman's Weekly columnist covering ground breaking subjects including abortion, liberalisation of homosexuality, mixed marriages, encouraging women to open their own bank accounts.	
Terry Scott	Hamilton	Terry has served her community in various roles for nearly 60 years, including outstanding service with the National Council of Women who presented Terry with a Distinguished Service Award in 2010.	

Dame Jenny Shipley	Auckland	Dame Jenny continues to contribute to the empowerment of women across a broad spectrum of organisations and activities, from chairing Global Women NZ to supporting women in business and contemplating politics in Nambia	
Beverley Shore Bennett	Waikanae	Beverley, well known as an artist and has designed stained glass windows for many churches throughout New Zealand. She has also been a member of Zonta since she helped to establish the Zonta Club of Wellington in 1965. Beverley went on to be the District XVI Governor in 1976-78 and also serve on Zonta International's nominating committee. She has continued to support the mission of improving the lives of women and girls through all aspects of their lives. Beverley is a Lay Canon emeritus of the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul and a Fellow of the British Society of Master Glass Painters.	
Anthea Simock	Hamilton	Anthea was the founding Chief Executive of Child Matters and continues to lead the organisation today. It was created in 1993 when it became very apparent that more was needed to prevent child abuse following the violent death of two-year-old Delcelia Witika. Child Matters has trained thousands of key adults to protect children to make sure that those who could have saved children like Delcelia not only know what to do, but have the courage and determination to do so. Over 21 years Child Matters has increased the awareness and understanding of child abuse and encouraged society to think more critically about violence against children.	
Dame Margaret Sparrow	Wellington	Dame Margaret is a sexual health pioneer and a long term advocate for women's rights to abortion and contraception, and continues to advocate on these issues.	
Barbara Stewart	Rotorua	Barbara was the founding Teacher in Charge at Rotorua School for Young Parents, leading the staff in their mission to empower these young women to be confident leaders of their whanau and their community. Mentoring is a huge component to the success being achieved.	
Tracey Swanberg	Auckland	Tracey is passionate about eliminating family and sexual violence. She is the North Shore Womens Centre Manager and also has a long involvement with Women's Refuge. She also puts her expertise to training/upskilling volunteers and staff to become specialist family violence advocates for women and children experiencing family and sexual violence.	
Joan Swift	Auckland	Joan has been involved with Look Good Feel Better for over 25 years and through the work the organisation does restores the self-esteem of women undergoing treatment that affects their appearance.	
Barbara Thompson	Porirua	Barbara, through her membership of Zonta has initiated many projects that have empowered women of all ages including projects to build the self esteem of women in Arohata Prison	

Maxelyn Tudman	Auckland	Maxelyn has shown as absolute commitment to empowering women and girls through her membership of Zonta International. She is particularly proud of establishing a Z Club at Carmel College and mentoring the young women to become advocates for equality in all aspects of our lives.	
Celia Wade Brown	Wellington	Celia is the Mayor of Wellington and has an absolute commitment to the empowerment of women and to the elimination of violence against women and children.	
Dr Marilyn Waring	Auckland	From the time Marilyn became the youngest member of the Parliament of New Zealand in 1975, she has dedicated her career to advancing the status of women internationally. In particular, Marilyn is known as the principal founder of feminist economics, which argues that women's work has not traditionally been factored into economic study. Marilyn was conferred with Honorary Membership of Zonta International in 2014.	
Angela Warren-Clarke	Mount Maunganui	Angela is manager of Tauranga's Womens Refuge. She is an amazingly enthusiastic woman who goes above and beyond to help others around her.	
Janet Williams	Hamilton	Janet's main area of influence for empowering women and girls has been in her involvement with Rural Women NZ. She is president of Rukuhia Branch of Rural Women and is involved at regional level in Rural Women; is the Rural Women Representative on both the Waikato Federated Farmers Regional Executive Board and the Hamilton Branch of National Council of Women.	
Adrienne Wylie	Oamaru	Adrienne's achievements have been many and varied. She carries out her community service in a very willing manner and gets the job done quietly and efficiently. Adrienne has an ongoing commitment to eliminating all forms of violence against women and children.	
Beatrice Tui Yates	Rotorua	Bea has been an amazing role model for the young women in her community, fund raising for many projects including the Kidney Dialysis unit at the Rotorua Hospital. A teacher for over 50 years, she continues to help out when needed. In recent years Bea has been inspiring the young women at the Rotorua School for Young Parents. The many Bilingual stories for children are shared and enjoyed by all in Rotorua. A staunch kapa haka performer she continues to entertain hundreds of visitors to Rotorua.	

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