

GRADUATE WOMEN OTAGO

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

May Graduation Help Needed | Travel Award Recipients

Upcoming May Branch Meeting!

There will be no branch meeting in April however, there will be a branch meeting in May

When: Thursday, May 23rd, 2019

Where: Benham Seminar Room, 2nd floor in the Zoology Department, 340 Great King Street

Time: 7:15 pm - Please join us for a cuppa and casual catch-up before the meeting, which will formally begin at 7:30 pm

Speaker/topic: To be finalized.

Details: Members may use the car park in front of the Zoology Building and the elevator inside, and will be welcomed by a member 'personing' the locked main entry door between approximately 7.15 - 7.35pm.

Apologies: If you are unable to attend a branch meeting, please email your apology to: info@nzfgwotago.org.nz



A message from GWO's President:

My first sight of Dunedin was in the autumn, an entire decade ago this month. I still love the autumnal colours, and the wee sharp frost in the mornings. The changing of the seasons always reminds me how quickly time seems to be passing now.

A reminder to members that your annual subscriptions for 2018/19 are due. If you have a query about your membership status, please email members@gwotago.co.nz.

As our scheduled April meeting date falls on Anzac Day we won't have a meeting this month, but there will be a meeting on 23 May. I think we've had some great meetings this year so far, but members' feedback is always welcome. If any members have suggestions as to speakers or topics they'd like to see at our meetings please do also get in touch with the Committee. We appreciate your input!

- Carol Jess, President

Graduate Women Otago Branch Meeting Minutes

28 March 2019

Bentham Seminar Room, Zoology Department

Welcome

Apologies: Carol Jess, Christine Clegg, Elizabeth Hannan – accepted.

Acceptance of Agenda – agreed.

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising - minutes were taken as read — carried.

Correspondence:

- Travel awards - four applications received
- Otago Settlers Association e-News
- Other queries of administrative nature: membership; gown hire

Matters Arising from correspondence: None

Business Reports:

- Charitable Trust: Christine Clegg
- Academic Dress: Christine Clegg

Convenors' Report:

- Young Members
- Community Awards

General Business:

Brenda Shore Award: Lorraine Isaacs announced that there is not enough money in the Brenda Shore account to make a worthwhile award this year, so they have decided not to make an award in 2019 and will wait until next year. By 2020 there will be enough money to make the awards that year and in future.

Jeanette Scott Award: Shirley Gillett spoke about the establishment of the new Jeanette Scott Award, administered by New Horizons for Women. She has advertised the award at the College for Education, as well as promoting GW's other awards to encourage a wider range of students to apply for our other awards.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Speakers at March GWO Meeting

At our March branch meeting, we were delighted to have as guest speakers, recipients of our recent Community Awards.

Lynne Stewart from the Epilepsy NZ Association, Otago Branch, provided a very interesting talk on the complicated disease of epilepsy and the work of the local organisation. The interest engendered was demonstrated by the number of questions asked and it was pleasing to hear how helpful our award has been.

Lynne's talk was followed by a very different organisation. Jackie and Ed of the Laurel Project told us about their project and the reasons for it. These inspiring and committed young people discussed how, as newly graduated from Art School, they found few outlets for exhibiting their work. Undaunted, with a group of artists they got together and decided to work towards finding a space for new artists to display their work. They have now opened an Art Space and they gave us information on what they have achieved so far, and the exhibitions held, including a very successful Fringe Festival event. They will notify us about future events. They paid tribute to the wider Dunedin Art Community and organisations such as the Dunedin Art Gallery and the Dunedin City Council and others for their support. Everything the members of the project do is voluntary and is carried out at the same time as they are working to earn a living. They have already achieved much in a short time and we were delighted that we could be of assistance to them. Many questions followed.

It was an interesting evening for all of us and heartening to know that we can help a variety of organisations in our region to carry out such interesting and useful work.

We thank Lynne, Jackie and Ed for providing such an interesting and encouraging evening.

- Cathy Timperley

Travel Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following recipients of GWO's Travel Awards!

★ **Swati Shah:**

- American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting Paper Presentation: People like us need to hide it: Stigma and surrogacy for the Indian Intending Parents

★ **Alisha Adams:**

- Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting Paper Presentation : From the mouths of babes: weaning, diet and stress in Neolithic Vietnam

★ **Zohreh Jafarian Tangrood:**

- World Confederation of Physical Therapy Poster presentation: Between-day reliability of scapular locator for measuring scapular orientation during arm elevation in asymptomatic participants
- Oral presentation: Is there any relationship between changes in shoulder pain and scapular rotation in patients with subacromial shoulder pain

Volunteer Opportunity - May Graduations

Dear Branch members, we need your help with the May graduations. The University does not provide us with students in May, so we rely on you to come and give a couple of hours of your time.

It is very rewarding work and a happy time for the graduands and their families. We hope that the two early evening times - on Thursday and Friday - would suit those who are working during the day, but still want to help. The longer opening session on Monday has been divided into two as usual, so one of these times may be more convenient.

The following times are for the graduands. Helpers please come 10/15 minutes earlier. Please note that collection times involve a lot of standing and moving around. If this is not for you, then return times have more opportunity for you to sit down.

- ➔ Any help, within the hours during the day that the rooms are open would be much appreciated, please send your name Rhonda Schlaadt who will coordinate helpers for both days. When leaving a message for her, please include your telephone number as well as your name: 022 410 2936 Text, Rhonda.schlaadt@otago.ac.nz

Graduation Saturday 11 May 2019

Collection from Academic Dress Rooms:

- Thursday 9 May 5.30pm - 7.00pm
- Friday 10 May 11.00am - 2.00pm **OR** Friday 10 May 5.30pm - 7.00pm
- Saturday 11 May 8.30am - 12 noon

Returns to Academic Dress Rooms:

- Sunday 12 May 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Monday 13 May 9.00am - 12noon
- Monday 13 May 12noon - 2.00pm

- ➔ Convenors: Jules Gross and Jane Ashman

Graduation Saturday 18 May 2019

Collection from Academic Dress Rooms:

- Thursday 16 May 5.30pm - 7.00pm
- Friday 17 May 11.00am - 2.00pm **OR** Friday 17 May 5.30 pm - 7.00pm
- Saturday 18 May 8.30am - 12 noon

Returns to Academic Dress Rooms:

- Sunday 19 May 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Monday 20 May 9.00am - 12noon
- Monday 20 May 12noon - 2.00pm

- ➔ Convenors: Yvonne Coughlan and Rhonda Schlaadt

Volunteer Opportunity - Academic Dress for Convocation (Saturday June 1 2019)

Dear Members, we will have no sooner tidied up from the May graduations when we will be handing out for the 150th Celebration Convocation at Queens Birthday weekend. We do not know how many are likely to require academic dress, but are planning to open the rooms on:

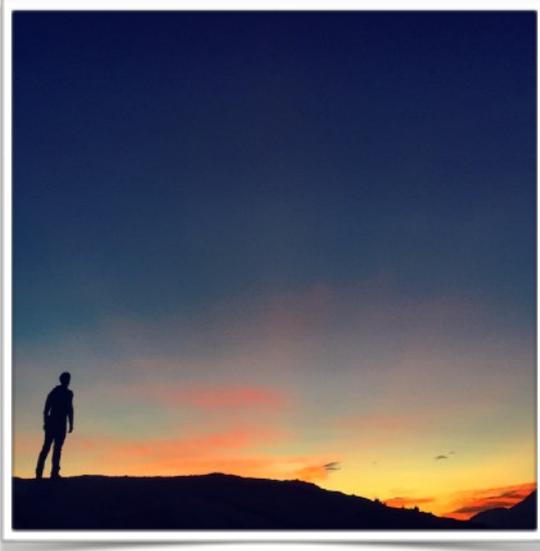
Collection

- Friday 31 May from 11.00am - 3.00pm **and**
- Friday 31 May 5.00pm - 7.00pm
- Saturday 1 June from 9.00am - 1.30pm.

Returns

- Sunday 2 June 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- Tuesday 4 June 11.00am - 2.00pm

- ➔ If you are going to be in Dunedin at Queens Birthday weekend and could help with this, please get in touch with Sue Cathro who is coordinating Academic Dress for this and have your name put on the list: b.s.cathro@xtra.co.nz Mobile: 0221715513 Home: 03 455 4604



NCW Reports - April

In April we heard from Lucy Gray, a member of NCW, who spoke about equal pay action history in Dunedin. She began by telling the story of Jean Parker, a clerical supervisor at IRD in Dunedin in the 50s, who inadvertently led an early equal pay campaign by laying a formal complaint about gender pay disparities in her workplace. Fast forward 60 years, and Lucy was herself an active campaigner in the recent successful battle to have equal pay enshrined in NZ legislation. She brought along the wonderful banner that had been created by many women as a work of craftivism (using crafts in the aim of activism). The banner reads 'Equal Pay Now!', and the words are made of dozens (perhaps hundreds) of crocheted flowers in the suffrage colours of purple, white, and green.

-Amy Dowdle

Save the Date: Upcoming Young Members Event!

What will it be?

Pecha Kucha competition!

When?

May 15th at 6:00 PM

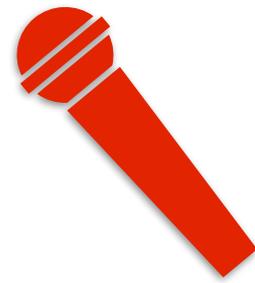
Where?

New event space (next door to Dog with Two Tails, Moray Place)

Stay Tuned!

More details coming soon - keep an eye on your inbox or check out our Facebook page (@graduatewomenotago) for more information! (Nibbles provided, bar available, prizes to be won!)

-Amy Dowdle



May Newsletter Deadline Date

The next committee meeting is **Thursday, May 2nd**

The closing date for newsletter items is **Sunday, May 5th**

~ Angela Spontelli Gisselman, Newsletter Editor

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