

NEWSLETTER June 2003



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Go jump in the lake!

That was career advice for AWIS National Executive member Mary de Winton! As a scientist with NIWA she studies plants that grow in the depths of NZ's lakes. Mary gives a brief rundown on some research on submerged plants and diving as part of the job.

Healthy buildings for healthy, happy people

We profile Dr Robyn Phipps, who after attaining degrees in Building Science and Architecture and working as an architect, is now a senior lecturer in Building Technology at Massey University. She explains her research into the design of healthy buildings.

Obituaries

It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the loss of two wonderful women scientists, Desma Hogg on 6 June and Anita Borg on 6 April. Both women had a strong association with AWIS and we will miss them deeply.

Confessions of a science teacher

AWIS member Chris Duggan tells how she 'fell' into teaching science at her local high school, and describes the challenges and benefits of her job – plus she gives an insight into a typical working day of a teacher.

A job in science policy

Nicola Jenkin works as an Advisor in the Investment and Performance Group at the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology. She explains how she came to this career, what her work involves and why she likes it.

More marvellous Marsden researchers

Following our profiles in the March newsletter, here are two more women who were successful in the last Marsden funding round. This is a highly competitive Government fund supporting basic research.

Chemistry careers 101

AWIS profiles two chemists and university lecturers, Carol Taylor and Kathryn McGrath. They describe how they came to choose chemistry as a career, explain what their job involves, and why they love what they do.

WMO Conference on Women in Meteorology & Hydrology, Geneva

Asmita Gosai of NIWA files a report on this conference.

Following the maple leaf . . .

AWIS member Julia Charity of Forest Research, Rotorua, provides a report of her research trip to Canada funded by the Zonta Science Award and UNESCO.

Conference aims to strengthen links between scientists and journalists

Journalist Emma Tankersley reports on The British Council's Science and the Media seminar, held in Cambridge, UK in March.

Gee whiz Martha! Unravelling the mysteries of science reporting

Jim Tully, Head of Mass Communication and Journalism at the University of Canterbury, provided these notes of his talk presented to the Liggins Institute in Auckland on 14 May.

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