



# newsletter

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*In this months issue...*

## *Grow Your Own Pearls!!!*

*Berni Aquilina, shares her experiences as pearling industry consultant, explains how cultured pearls are grown, and what impact her efforts are having on the economies of small island communities.*

## *Report from the dry side*

*Jean Fleming shares her experiences of moving to Australia and settling into research and teaching at Griffith University's School of Biomolecular & Biomedical Sciences.*

## *Fertility Research Rewarded*

*New AWIS member Julia Young explains how after grueling interviews she has been awarded two scholarships to travel overseas to further her research into sheep fertility.*

## *Creating links between the UK and New Zealand*

*Dr Stephanie Hughes, Dr Julia Horsfield, and Dr Liz Ledgerwood were 3 of the scientists who in March 2006 spent a week together in a networking program that aims to foster new scientific collaborations between New Zealand and the UK.*

## *Be Breast Aware*

*We all lead busy lives and often struggle to make time for ourselves but many Christchurch women took a step in the right direction recently and attended a Breast Health Seminar.*

## *Breast cancer research*

*Jo Perry's tell us about her research, and how she has been awarded a grant from the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation, which has allowed a PhD student to work with her on the project.*

## *Sustained Excellence in Teaching*

*Juliana Mansvelt was recently awarded the Massey University Award for sustained excellence in teaching. She shares some of the changes and challenges she's dealt with during her teaching career*

## *Hard work really does pay off...*

*Caradee Wright describes what has driven her to research UV radiation exposure in New Zealand.*

## *Gender differences in ADHD*

*Julia Rucklidge explains how when she started investigating ADHD in girls she found little research and many assumptions based on studies of boys.*

## *Give the chicks the ticks to make life run smoothly*

*An interesting point of view from Mirko Bagaric head of Deakin Law School and author of How to Live: Being Happy and Dealing with Moral Dilemma in the New Zealand Herald.*