



newsletter

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In this month's issue. . . .

2007 MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year Awards

We profile this year's winners - **Jessie Jacobsen**, MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year, **Sarah Cox**, MacDiarmid Master's Student Award winner, **Natalie Harfoot**, MacDiarmid Science and Our Society Award winner and **Gabrielle David**, MacDiarmid Science and Our Society Award runner up. Congratulations to all!

Life in science after retirement

Congratulations to **Janet Bradford-Grieve** who was recently awarded the **Queens Birthday Honours Order of the NZ Merit Award**. Janet shares with us how her science-based career in biological oceanography seems to be very alive, even after retirement.

Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards 2007 (TTEA)

Katharine Dickinson was awarded with the **Sustained Excellence Award** and has chosen this Chinese proverb to introduce her teaching philosophy '**Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand.**' **Selena Chan** received the **Prime Minister's Supreme Award** and shares with us **On being a baker, teacher and researcher**. Congratulations to both Kath and Selena!

Engineering and onwards in Big 'R' and Small 'D'

Michelle Challies of AgResearch shares with us her passion for electronics and comments on the challenges she faces in this male dominated profession.

Seizing science opportunities with both hands

- an adventurous approach that Senior Scientist of AgResearch **Helen Withers** has adopted throughout her research career and which she recommends to any student or young scientist.

Writing science from home beats working

Annette Taylor has been reporting on science-based issues for a long time and has profiled many scientists. Now, we asked her to introduce herself.

From the National Executive

Malina Storer reports on the AWIS AGM, conference preparations and changes for the Nelson Branch.

Slug Biology. . . slithering to New Zealand from the UK

AgResearch Plant Protection Scientist **Dr Sally Howlett** tells us about her fascination for biology and how it has shaped her science career...

Creating a Health Journey for myself and others

Health Journeys NZ director **Jane Currie**, a breast cancer survivor, talks about her journey with cancer and development of the "Help me to heal" Programme.

Mind Matters

Beverly Burns, a Registered Psychologist, has summarised the presentation 'Resilience in today's world' that she gave to the AWIS Waikato Branch members in June of this year.

Announcements

Sarah Beanland Memorial Scholarship

AWIS Convenors Report – July 2007.

AWIS Financial Report – July 2007.

AWIS AGM minutes 2007

Branch News

Jean Fleming (Overseas)

Fiona Carswell (Christchurch)

Jenipher Hubley (Nelson)

Liz Carpenter and Catty Bunting (Waikato)

Congratulations

Debbie Hay for Queenstown Molecular Biology Promising Researcher Award

Carolyn Burns for Naumann-Thienemann Medal Limnology Award

Jean S Fleming who has accepted a Personal Chair in Science Communication at the University of Otago

From the editor

Striking a Balance - AWIS Conference flyer