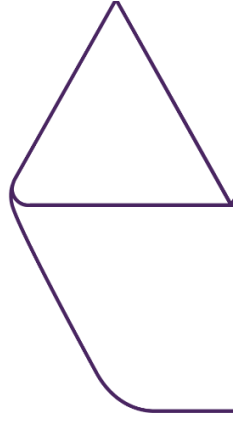




AWIS

Association for Women in the Sciences



AWIS Convenor's Report 2026

Emma Timewell, National Convenor
Presented on 24 July 2026

Our regions

AWIS had 49 individual members and 1 corporate member at the end of the 2025/26 year, broken down into regions:

- Auckland 18
- Christchurch 10
- Dunedin 10
- Nelson/Tasman 1
- Waikato 5
- Wellington 5

Constitution

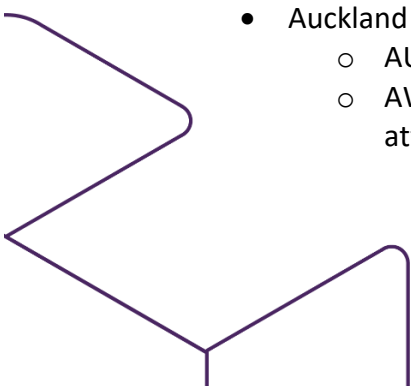
The AWIS Constitution was updated and approved at last year's AGM. This has subsequently been filed with the New Zealand Companies Office and AWIS is now re-registered under the new Incorporated Societies Act (2022 Act).

Dell Award

The Dell Award was presented to Natali Delorme from the Cawthron Institute. This is the seventh instance of the biennial award to be awarded. Formal presentation of the award will happen later in 2026.

Regional activities

- Auckland
 - AUWS Careers Expo – booth to showcase AWIS to STEM students
 - AWIS Quiz Night – organised by student PR team at AUT, approx. 100 people attended



- AWIS Strategy Day – representatives from range of women networks to start building a stronger network
- Christchurch
 - Social gathering associated with attendance at Royal Society Te Āparangi talk
- Dunedin
 - Women in Science brunch – partnership with International Science Festival
 - Series of three monthly social gatherings – low attendance so disbanded

Our scholarships

The AWIS Women in STEM scholarship and the Gatehouse Travel Award were not awarded this year owing to our financial position.

Planning for 2026/27

2026 is the 40th anniversary of AWIS, and planning is underway for celebrations throughout the year. This includes our next triennial conference happening in September at multiple venues across the country – designed to reduce requirements for funding and maximise attendance.

Thanks

Thanks to all the Executive for their help and support over the year.