

ZONTA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

100 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNISED BY ZONTA NEW ZEALAND

Zonta International's centennial celebrations start in New Zealand on 8 November 2019 and conclude 47 hours later in Hawaii. In New Zealand Zonta is celebrating this remarkable anniversary with celebrations from Whangarei in the north to Invercargill in the south.

Zonta brings together women worldwide who are continuously working together at all levels in our communities to empower the lives of women and girls globally.

Souella Cumming, Governor of Zonta New Zealand, says, "Zonta's role in empowering women in 2019 is as relevant as it was 100 years ago when Zonta was first started in Buffalo New York USA in 1919. Zonta has made significant progress in some areas such as education and political representation but issues of equity, gender violence and contribution to advancing the economic status of women still remain.

Zonta in New Zealand is a powerful voice against family and domestic violence and advocating for legislative changes. Today, we are recognising the achievements of 100 women in New Zealand who have made a significant contribution towards the empowerment of women and girls within this country and globally. In 2016 we recognised the contribution of 50 New Zealand women and now in 2019 we are recognising a further 50 special women to bring the group to 100 Women of Achievement on this special Zonta centennial anniversary."

The Women of Achievement Award recognises women from household names to the quiet achievers. The contribution of each and every one of these 100 women to the empowerment of women and girls is equally as important. They are a unique representative group from the hundreds of thousands of New Zealand women who actively work towards gender equality and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls.

The contribution by these 100 women has made and continues to make a significant difference to the lives of women and girls, and in turn to our community.

Recipients are being presented with a celebratory medal. The medal designed by Jessica Ward, a member of the Zonta Club of Wellington, incorporates three stylised Zonta roses representing the three key selection criteria - volunteerism, leadership and making a significant contribution to empowering other women and girls. The "Z" is part of Zonta's emblem and is the Sioux symbol for "ray of light," "sunshine" or "flash of radiance"- and so "inspiration".



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Background information:

Zonta International was founded in Buffalo New York, USA in 1919. The first Zonta Club in New Zealand and Australia – the Zonta Club of Auckland – was established in November 1965. Since that time Zonta in New Zealand has grown and today there are 28 clubs located from Whangarei to Invercargill, all working together to empower women locally, nationally and internationally through service and advocacy.

Mission & Vision:

Mission – Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

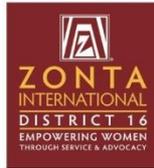
Vision – Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

“Zonta” is derived from a Lakhota (Teton Dakota), a language of the Native-American Sioux peoples, the word meaning honest and trustworthy. The emblem was adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty and trust, inspiration and the ability to work together for service and world understanding.

Zonta's flower is a yellow rose. The yellow 'Zonta Rose' originated in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand in 1983 and was bred in Fielding by Frank Mason & Son Ltd, one of the business owners being a Zontian from the Zonta Club of Manawatu. It was adopted by the international organisation in 1984.

Zonta International History Fact sheet attached.

Media Release for recipients of the 2016 Zonta 50 Women of Achievement Awards <https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/50-Anniversary-Celebration-Awards-50-Women-of-Achievement-2016.pdf>



ZONTA NEW ZEALAND WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT 2019

Name	Location	Short description of achievements relative to this Award	Photo
Denise Arnold	Tauranga	<p>After reading an article about the horrors of child prostitution in Cambodia Denise felt compelled to visit the country. Poverty was everywhere after decades of civil war. Denise decided education was the way forward for rural Cambodia and she set up the Cambodia Charitable Trust. Beginning with one school now 430 children are sponsored, nineteen primary schools and four secondary schools are supported with 10,500 children attending much better schools as a result and CCT has a national teacher training programme in seventeen teacher training colleges. In her local community of Tauranga Denise's law firm has championed the voice of women through regular meetings of Wonder Women.</p>	
Dame Sue Bagshaw	Christchurch	<p>Dame Sue Bagshaw is doctor and well known person in the Christchurch Canterbury region for her work with young people. Her entire life professionally and personally is concerned with the wellbeing of young people mentally, physically and sexually in her community. The model of offering young people free doctor's appointments, counselling and addiction and support services under one roof has since been applied around New Zealand. Sue's work at the Family Planning Association and on the Women's Health Committee of the Health Research Council have all contributed to empowering women.</p>	
Minnie Baragwanath	Palmerston North	<p>Minnie Baragwanath is the founder and CEO of the Be. Lab, formerly Be. Accessible www.belab.co.nz. After being diagnosed at 14 with a rare sight condition and partial blindness, she became passionate about creating a world that was equitable for all people, but particularly those living with a disability or access need. Her belief in focusing on what is possible has led her to navigate the world of education and work, and now runs a highly successful social enterprise. As well as positively changing lives of women and girls locally and nationally, her influence and thought leadership is now also reaching a global audience.</p>	
Dr Zhiyan Basharati	Christchurch	<p>Dr Zhiyan Basharati arrived in New Zealand when she was 11. Since graduating with a PhD in forensic psychology she has worked as a tireless support for the refugee and migrant community, particularly encouraging and leading women and girls to achieve their dreams. After the Christchurch shooting in March she recognised the need for a community-based voice for victims and founded the Christchurch Victims Organising Committee (CVOC). She has also worked with youth and refugee entrepreneurs to help build a thriving refugee and migrant community".</p>	
Professor Virginia Braun	Auckland	<p>Professor Virginia "Ginny" Braun is a New Zealand psychology academic at the School of Psychology at University of Auckland. She has promoted visibility and participation of women in science by establishing a Gender Equity Platform in the Faculty of Science (2014), which included a Women in Science Network and other initiatives to increase participation, belonging and success. In her own scholarship, Ginny wants to do work that challenges and questions prevailing knowledge and societal</p>	

		<p>systems that perpetuate inequalities and troubling practices. Such work is critical and meaningful, and hopefully changes some things for the better. She is a feminist and critical (health) psychologist, and her research explores the intersecting areas of gender, gendered bodies, sex/sexuality, health, and (now) food. She teaches, supervises and researches in these areas, but is perhaps best known for her work on qualitative research methodologies, especially thematic analysis.</p>	
Hahna Briggs	Dunedin	<p>In Hahna's work in communities, whether it is a role as an advocate, support person or dance mentor, her focus is always person centred. An example is when working with female survivors of sexual violence Hahna worked alongside the woman, providing information and advice so that she felt empowered to make an informed decision. Hahna has taken this way of working into her work with the disability and LGBTIAQ communities. Hahna founded GASP! Dance Inclusive, a largely volunteer based venture for people with and without disabilities. She has worked and volunteered in the disability and LGBTIAQ communities in Dunedin since 2007.</p>	
Dame Margaret Brimble FRS	Auckland	<p>Dame Margaret has received many recognitions for her science and educational achievements including being elected a Fellow of the Royal Society London (2018) and inducted into the American Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry Hall of Fame (2019). She was named the L'Oreal-UNESCO Women in Science Laureate in Materials Science for Asia Pacific in 2007 and has encouraged and influenced girls and young women to develop their abilities to reach their full potential. She's a role model in New Zealand and around the world who actively empowers women around her to reach their full potential in both academic science and commercial research. She has discovered several drugs in phase 2/3 human clinical trials for neurodevelopment disorders and has co-founded a spin out company in the USA working on cancer vaccines.</p>	
Colleen Brown	Auckland	<p>Colleen Brown, MNZM is an outstanding member of both her local community of Manurewa, the wider Manukau and Auckland communities and on a national scale. The Zonta Club of South Auckland said in her nomination "It is difficult to separate Colleen's volunteering from leadership in that she has so often been the one leading the way wherever she has directed her skills. In whatever endeavour she has been involved in she has proved to be a woman of impact and influence." Colleen leads by example, is a role model and mentor for many girls and young women particularly in the disability community. She has also recently retired as a JP after 21 years' service.</p>	
Dame Diana Crossan	Wellington	<p>Dame Diana Crossan has been described as a woman who rebelled against the glass ceiling and promoted equal opportunities in state services. Diana says "I was always very aware of gender issues. I was brought up to believe that things were equal and when I hit something that wasn't I found a way around it." During the 1980s she was a pioneer in encouraging and supporting women in the public service to step up to leadership positions. Her reputation, backed up by anecdotal evidence, for being a highly effective mentor of younger women in the public service workplace. More recently Diana is Chair of the Good Shepherd New Zealand Board. She was interested in joining this organisation because of the focus on support for disadvantaged girls and women. As well as this role she is currently involved with several boards in the private, public and community sectors that focus on financial literacy, financial products and support for refugees.</p>	

<p>Souella Cumming DStJ</p>	<p>Wellington</p>	<p>Souella is committed to making a real difference in the lives of women and girls as demonstrated through her volunteer work and in her professional life. As a KPMG partner and leader of one of the firm's most significant practice groups, Souella has become a role model for women in her field of practice and a mentor to many young women at KPMG. She has actively supported KPMG's "Women in Business Network" over the past 25 years. This network attracts a broad range of professionals and business women. Souella's work in empowering other women occurs at many levels – as a professional, as a volunteer, and as a colleague and friend of many.</p>	
<p>Sarah Davis</p>	<p>Rotorua</p>	<p>During Sarah's 7 1/2 years as principal of Timaru Girls High School (TGHS) she turned around TGHS through her positive and progressive leadership. During this time the school roll went through significant growth by re-establishing strong links with the South Canterbury community, building up Hostel numbers, and creating strong working relationships with other educational providers in town. Sarah invited inspirational speakers to address students and encouraged the girls to follow studies they may not otherwise consider, e.g. engineering and the trades. She also set up a Teen Parent Study Unit at TGHS. This turned around the lives of many teenage girls providing them with the opportunity to complete their education. Sarah is currently the principal of Rotorua Girls High School.</p>	
<p>Julie Dockrill</p>		<p>As a Rotarian and Midwife Julie became involved in an International Rotary project (Australia and NZ) to provide Childbirth Education and Advanced Obstetric Emergency training to communities, Health care workers and Doctors in Mongolia. No such education existed prior to this project. In 2013 Julie was part of a small team that went to Mongolia and trained 300 maternal health workers over a 3 week period. The team developed a manual that was translated as a resource and they provided other childbirth education resources to enhance their training and give back to the most needed communities. The aim of the project was to provide Mongolian people with tools to teach Childbirth education, manage obstetric emergencies and reduce mortality and morbidity. In 2016 the team returned and had produced a curriculum that was embedded into the national training education for all midwives at the four Mongolian universities and also produced a new manual for use with the curriculum. In 2018 they returned to focus completely on obstetric emergencies. In three years over 3,000 community and health care workers have been trained and the mortality and morbidity for both mothers and babies has decreased by up to a staggering 70 %. The project has left Mongolia with a completely sustainable programme that also has National Government endorsement.</p>	
<p>Gail Donald</p>	<p>Mangawhai</p>	<p>Gail has been supporting activities to empower women and girls for many years, as well as many other community activities ranging from coaching junior netball to repertory theatre. She is a strong advocate for life-long learning. She is particularly committed to assisting women into employment and creating opportunities to break the cycle of family violence. Gail is currently a member of the Zonta Club of Mangawhai.</p>	

<p>Theresa Gattung</p>	<p>Auckland</p>	<p>Theresa has used her personal success in the business world to enable other women to achieve business success. She's demonstrated remarkable generosity and a willingness to give her personal time to supporting women. In 2015 she cofounded World Women Charitable Trust which led to her bringing SheEO to NZ in 2017, a crowd funding initiative which provides start-up funding for women starting their own business. She is on the global board of World Pulse, a social network connecting women worldwide for change by harnessing the power of technology and Chair of Co.OfWomen, a community, support and learning organisation for women entrepreneurs. Theresa is also patron of NZ based Cambodia Charitable Trust and personally supports many girls to provide further education opportunities for them in Cambodia.</p>	
<p>Lynette Grave</p>	<p>Dunedin</p>	<p>Lynette is a member of the Zonta Club of Metropolitan Dunedin since it was formed in 1997 rising through the organisation to be Governor of Zonta in New Zealand in 2006-2008. Lynette is a committed advocate for empowering women and girls. She does this through activities with Zonta and National Council of Women. Through her Zonta club Lynette has helped raise in excess of \$500,000 (in particular from the annual Extraordinary Fashion Show) for charities supporting women in Dunedin. She helped to establish and still supports the St Hilda's Z Club, convenes the NCW Annual Dawn Ibbotson Essay Competition for girls where the topic is always on issues affecting women and girls, and is an active mentor for younger women. Lynette was a key contributor to the establishment of Zonta clubs in Oamaru (2008) and Invercargill (2019).</p>	
<p>Karen Guilliland</p>	<p>Christchurch</p>	<p>Karen Guilliland retired as Chief Executive of the New Zealand College of Midwives at the end of 2018. She'd held this position since the College was founded in 1989. Karen had been at the forefront of the movement to revive the midwifery profession in New Zealand during the 1970s and 1980s and to give women greater choice over how and where they gave birth. Professor Hannah Dahlen, an Australian midwifery leader, tweeted that Guilliland was one of the "strongest and loudest voices for women and midwives in the world" and that "she has led New Zealand to lead the world when it comes to midwifery". New Zealand's midwifery system has become a role model internationally.</p>	
<p>Julie Hart</p>		<p>Julie has a strong sense of equality and a desire to ensure others see differing outlooks, options and opinions. Julie uses Women's Refuge air time to promote a new way of thinking in listeners, educating them on the dynamics of domestic violence, challenging social discourse and advocating for better outcomes for whanau. She was instrumental in the development of transitional housing for homeless women in the Hawkes Bay area Triple S (Safe, Secure, Short-term). Its doors opened in June 2017 and houses up to 12 families at a time. Julie's view was that if a woman was homeless, especially with her children, then domestic violence would be part of their story – and she was right.</p>	
<p>Janet Hope QSM</p>	<p>Orewa</p>	<p>Janet had a distinguished 33-year career with the NZ Police. Among the many recognitions she received a highly commended award from the Australasian Council of Women in Policing in the Most Outstanding Female Leader category for 'proven leadership skills and abilities and for having made a real difference to women in the NZ Police'. Janet actively mentored and empowered women to develop leadership skills and apply for more senior ranked positions in the Police. Since retiring from the Police Janet has worked in the not for profit/volunteer sector. She has been a member of Zonta since 2004. She led the organisation in New Zealand 2016-2018 and is currently an elected member of the Zonta International Nominating Committee.</p>	

<p>Dr Janette Irvine</p>	<p>Rotorua</p>	<p>Janette is a retired general practitioner and much of her medically orientated work focussed on women and children. In the 1980's she trained with Doctors for Sexual Abuse Care, and started doing forensic examinations for sexual assault victims for the police. Initially she did this on her own before establishing a roster with 5 other trained women doctors in Rotorua. Janette first joined Zonta in 1981 and was on the Zonta NZ Board from 2010 to 2016. She headed Zonta in NZ over the biennium 2014-2016. Janette is an active member of the NZ UN Women's Empowerment Principles Committee. The Principles are a guide for businesses on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace and community.</p>	
<p>Barbara Kendall</p>		<p>Barbara, through her actions, has been motivating and inspiring young women. Her message 'that young women can do anything whether it be in sport or any other field through purpose, passion, a great attitude and clearly defined goals can achieve their dreams'. Serving on the International Olympic Committee for 12 years she represented Athletes, Women, New Zealand and Oceania on many commissions and working groups. She is described as a strong practical voice for athletes' and women's leadership. When she joined the committee in 2005 there were less than 10% women involved and the committee realised they needed to change the way they did things to get more women involved in sports leadership, particularly younger women.</p>	
<p>Sharyn Kingan</p>		<p>Sharyn is one of the victim support volunteers in North Otago. In this role she supports women and their families through times of trauma, stress and when they are at their most vulnerable. She supports them through their recovery journey also assisting with their accommodation, medical and legal requirements. She empowers them to carry on with daily life and helps them regain confidence and self-esteem.</p>	
<p>Lydia Ko</p>		<p>As well as playing professional golf Lydia Ko takes time to help grow the game in New Zealand as an ambassador for She Loves Golf aimed at empowering women to have the confidence to give golf a go. She also supports NZ Golf's 'Futures' programme for juniors where her influence on young girls and women is very clear. Lydia started and covers all expenses for the Lydia Ko Scholarship where she supports promising female amateur golfers to travel to her home base in Florida to practise with her and learn what it takes to play on the LPGA Tour of America.</p>	
<p>Ang Jury</p>		<p>Currently CEO of the National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges, Ang is a long-term activist in the battle to eliminate violence against women. This includes involvement through many volunteer roles as well as contributing academically, and making herself available to comment on issues relating to violence against women in order to precipitate national dialogue and encourage people to increase their understanding of this scourge on society. Ang has also campaigned for research to be survivor led and disseminated. She inspires commitment and dedication in her staff through her leadership.</p>	
<p>Jan Logie MP</p>	<p>Wellington</p>	<p>In Parliament, Jan is a champion for people and families affected by domestic and sexual violence, and serves as the Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Domestic and Sexual Violence Issues). She leads the Joint Venture which brings together government agencies to take collective responsibility for ending this violence, and successfully introduced a member's bill to provide all workers with domestic violence leave. Jan has a proud history as volunteer for many organisations including Women's Refuge and Wellington Rape Crisis.</p>	

<p>Lizzie Marvelly</p>	<p>Rotorua</p>	<p>Lizzie Marvelly is an award-winning writer, musician, producer and activist. In 2015, she founded Villainesse.com and launched the internationally successful #MyBodyMyTerms campaign. Since then she's co-produced webseries The REAL Sex Talk and The REAL Drug Talk, and Māori Television documentary He Māngai Wāhine. In 2018 she founded Wāhine Kākano - The New Zealand Young Women's Festival and published her first book, That F Word - Growing Up Feminist in Aotearoa. She's a Canon Media Award-winner, serial Women of Influence Awards finalist and in 2019, she was awarded Massey University's Distinguished Young Alumni Award.</p>	
<p>Dame Lesley Max</p>		<p>Dame Lesley and the various organisations that she founded, leads and actively participates in are most certainly effective in the domain of empowering women and girls. Co-founded by Dame Lesley in 1990, Great Potentials Foundation has grown into a leading social agency, well regarded for its mission to break cycles of disadvantage and unleash potential across New Zealand. Through this Foundation HIPPY (Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters) was introduced. Typically, the women with whom HIPPY works, whether they are mothers or the home tutors (who are also mothers) are either unemployed or working in low-paid employment, probably part-time. With the skills and confidence, the women acquire as participants in HIPPY, they are considerably more employable.</p>	
<p>Gina McJorow</p>	<p>Wellington</p>	<p>Gina is a Senior HR Manager for ANZ, based in Wellington. Professionally and personally, Gina has a strong drive to improve opportunities for women. She is the co-founder of Everyday Inspiration - www.everydayinspiration.co.nz - which celebrates and inspires female talent. She has lead initiatives championing gender equality in the workplace including ANZ's market-leading parental leave practices. ANZ has been recognised in multiple awards, including the 2018 White Camellia WEPS Supreme Award. Gina also works to support those impacted by family violence, leading a partnership with Women's Refuge to enable women to take practical steps to gain financial independence. She co-created an online toolkit for workplaces in 2018 which has since been incorporated in the Government's workplace policy builder. https://www.businessworkingtoendfamilyviolence.co.nz/ .</p>	
<p>Karen Mitchell</p>		<p>Karen's advocacy for women and girls has focused on addressing gender disparity. In the 1990's she ran a programme called Skills and Opportunities in Science (SOS) at Carmel College which contributed to an ongoing and significant increase in girls taking Physical Sciences. In a recent letter to her students about why she loves teaching she wrote, "Life is a big problem. If you are a problem solver life is an engaging challenge." Karen continues to address gender disparity other social justice issues through work with Zonta Auckland North Shore & the Carmel College Z Club where the focus is on developing leadership potential and service.</p>	
<p>Rebecca Morahan</p>		<p>Rebecca launched Bellyful Porirua in 2011 and continues to be an active volunteer. She's become a trustee of Bellyful NZ in 2016. Through Bellyful, Rebecca supports parents, especially women post-partum where serious illness affects a family and there's little or no family support. Bellyful also empowers women to be a part of helping the welfare of other women and families in the area. In 2016 Rebecca co-founded WELIfed in Porirua with Kim Murray. WELIfed empowers women from decile one households with the skills, confidence and support to feed their families with healthy nutritious food. The course encourages women to use seasonal produce in meals, setting up their own home gardens and incorporates literacy and numeracy skills when portioning ingredients for recipes.</p>	

<p>Charlotte Muggeridge</p>	<p>Hamilton</p>	<p>Charlotte is 27 years old and although her governance career is in its early stages, she has pushed for and dedicated time towards great causes to better the community. Her leadership includes being current President of National Council of Women – Hamilton Branch and Co-President for the YWCA Hamilton. In November 2019, Charlotte is heading to South Africa to be a part of the World YWCA conference where she is running for election to the World Board. Charlotte has completed her Masters in Political Science with a thesis topic of: "Income Inequality, Voter Turnout and Employment in 2005-2014 Elections in New Zealand". Charlotte uses her advocacy skills to be a voice for New Zealand young women, keeps up-to-date with law changes and continues to assist in creating a gender equal New Zealand.</p>	
<p>Kahira-Rata Olley</p>	<p>Rotorua</p>	<p>Kahira-Rata Olley is the Founder of Save Our Babies Charitable Trust and has dedicated her life to the elimination of sexual abuse and domestic violence. As a survivor herself, she has used her life experiences to identify gaps in our community and has set up a number of programs and initiatives to lift up, support and empower our vulnerable women and children. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serenity Sistaz: "Cuppa & Korero" once a week, "Holistic Healing Wellness Wananga" one per term. Safe non-judgemental environment for women to share their stories and heal. • Full Puku Full Potential: Free School Lunches • Running to STOP IT: Biennial awareness run for Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse. • All About Me: Bootcamp fitness training for all. 	
<p>Mary O'Regan</p>	<p>Wellington</p>	<p>Mary is a trailblazer and well known for her work to empower women. The empowerment of women and girls in New Zealand is core to Ministry For Women, and in 1985 Mary was its foundation CEO. Her vision was two-fold: to create an organisation that made policies and legislation work in the interests of women and to provide a way of working to which women could relate. Mary has served on a number of Boards and organisations including Women's Refuge Foundation, Wellington Community Trust, the National Council on Employment of Women, National President of the YWCA and a Board Member if the Fred Hollows Foundation. Summing up feminism in one word Mary said it was about choice.</p>	
<p>Michelle Pleydell</p>	<p>Rotorua</p>	<p>Michelle Pleydell JP, is the Dress for Success Rotorua Charitable Trust President, a volunteer leadership role she has held since 2013. Michelle joined this organisation as a founding board member in 2011, 'to help members of the community thrive in work and in life'. Michelle has contributed hundreds of voluntary hours during the last 8 years to making Dress for Success Bay of Plenty the place to go to for women and girls seeking a supportive pathway to employment and future careers. Michelle has contributed her many skills to make Dress for Success in the Bay of Plenty area such a valuable, professionally managed programme. A programme that grows confidence, self-belief and encourages personal development.</p>	
<p>Anjum Rahman</p>	<p>Hamilton</p>	<p>Anjum is a member and media spokesperson for the Islamic Women's Council. She is dedicated to breaking down the stereo types about Muslims and about Muslim women in particular and improving the lives of migrant women through advocacy and practical support. Anjum was involved in setting up Shama (Hamilton Ethnic Women's Centre) 16 years ago and remains heavily involved. Her current project is the Inclusive Aotearoa Collective, which aims to develop and implement a national strategy on diversity and representation. She has been a consistent advocate for women of all ethnicities.</p>	

<p>Eva Rickard</p>		<p>Tuaiwa Hautai "Eva" Rickard rose to prominence as an influential activist for Māori land rights. She was also an ardent advocate for women's rights within Māoridom itself and encouraged other female activists to ignore traditional Māori protocol by calling for the rights for Māori women to speak at official Māori gatherings, including on the marae. Throughout the 1950s Eva organised many fundraising activities to support worthy causes. During the 1960s and 1970s she served as a member of the local Red Cross Society, Plunket and the Raglan Domain Board, as well as school and marae committees. Eva's activism widened its scope and to focus on local and international campaigns for human rights and justice and other indigenous rights causes both in New Zealand and overseas.</p>	
<p>Denise Ritchie</p>		<p>Denise, a barrister by profession, has devoted almost 30 years to working on local and global issues of sexual violence - as a law reformer, campaigner, advocate and public speaker. In 2003 she founded STOP DEMAND, a foundation dedicated to reducing sexual violence, sexual exploitation and sexual denigration of women and children by seeking to shift underlying attitudes and beliefs, and challenging male demand fuelling the global sex trade. Denise has been the face of a number of calls to action to stop gender-based sexual violence including campaigns that led to the banning of hip hop group Odd Future from New Zealand and NZME/NZ Herald pulling its sex trade ads for 'young girls'. Denise has more recently been involved with projects in Nigeria arising from Boko Haram's kidnapping of schoolgirls, sexual slavery and displaced women's menstrual health.</p>	
<p>Dr Lauren Roche</p>	<p>Tutukaka Coast, Northland</p>	<p>Lauren is based on the Tutukaka Coast northeast of Whangarei. These days she is an author, mother and Ironman. She's also a retired specialist general practitioner. After a life where she faced many difficult challenges Lauren has translated this into helping others. Together with Hawke's Bay Police she meets and mentors young women who are victims of crime through the Wahine Toa programme. Lauren provides a free medical clinic for the homeless, many of whom are women and children, speaks to women in prisons and to teen parent students.</p>	
<p>Nicole Smit</p>	<p>Christchurch</p>	<p>Nicole really resounded with the quote "To make a difference in the world you don't have to be brilliant, rich or perfect. You just have to care." She first developed her volunteer and leadership work while at secondary school in Christchurch with this work focused on empowering young women. In 2017, after training as a Registered Nurse, Nicole went as a volunteer nurse to Uganda for 3 months and returned again in 2018 for more volunteering. This included being part of the volunteer team who funded a brand new medical centre in a small village as well as assisting the health of women and girls.</p>	
<p>Maureen Steven</p>	<p>Auckland</p>	<p>Maureen has been a member of West Auckland Zonta for 34 years. Like many Zontians, she has contributed to the empowerment of women and children through funding, educational scholarships, service projects and fundraising. Maureen has been involved in education in one form or another all her life. Encouraging women to achieve has always been her goal. Some of her successes include; the young women at Kelston Girls College gaining in confidence and skills; assisting women through Breast Cancer Support to acquire self - esteem and move on; and teaching women, new to New Zealand, to achieve and gain success in integration.</p>	

<p>Ailsa Stewart QSO</p>	<p>Whanganui</p>	<p>Ailsa has been an active member of the Whanganui community in volunteer and public service roles for over 40 years. Ailsa is a nurse and midwife who later in her career became an educator of nurses and caregivers. She also nursed in Tonga and the Solomon Islands. Ailsa was made a Companion of The Queen's Service Order in 2006 and received the Women's Suffrage Medal in 1993. Her volunteering was across a wide range of organisations including Citizen's Advice, Alzheimer's Society, Aged Concern, Order of St John's, National Council of Women and Zonta Club of Whanganui. She has also served on the both Whanganui District Council and District Health Board.</p>	
<p>Annah Stretton</p>		<p>Annah Stretton is perhaps best known for her career as a fashion designer and business entrepreneur with 27 years of commercial success as a designer, manufacturer and retailer. Lesser known, however, are her achievements as a philanthropist, social entrepreneur, board chair and/or trustee, business mentor, mother, publisher, speaker, author and advocate for the inclusion and advancement of disadvantaged women. In 2013 Annah set up the Stretton Foundation, and in 2014 the first of her three charities RAW (Reclaim Another Woman www.raw.org.nz) was born. Annah's success in the social impact space has demonstrated how taking an entrepreneurial approach to a systemic social problem can accelerate positive outcomes. Her efforts have been widely recognised by the industry, and through the many awards she has received for her work with RAW, including being a finalist for New Zealander of the Year in 2018 and 2019. Annah is also currently the chair of the Waikato women's refuge and a board member of UNICEF NZ.</p>	
<p>Dr Edna Tait</p>	<p>Whangarei</p>	<p>Edna has devoted her life to education, more recently through her service with UNESCO. She served two terms (1989–94 and 2006–13) on the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO. She was also a Director, Head of Office, and Education Advisor for the UNESCO Office for Pacific Member States (1995–2005). With UNESCO she actively supported programmes in the Pacific to improve the quality of education for women and girls, particularly important in many countries where there were no or little formal learning opportunities for girls. There were also programmes addressing the causes of gender-based violence, empowerment of women in taking on leadership roles and the training of women journalists. Prior to working for UNESCO, Edna was Principal of Tikipunga High School (1983–95). Edna has always gone the extra mile in her professional roles and in retirement she continues to volunteer in education.</p>	
<p>Andrée Talbot</p>	<p>Auckland</p>	<p>Andrée, a lawyer by profession, has been involved with Plunket for 21 years, and serving as National President in 2014-2017. Andrée embodies all that is great about volunteering and service within Plunket. Her dedication and 20 plus years of service to Plunket is a true testament of the difference just one person can make towards their local community and at a national level - she has a very strong vision and sense of community. Andrée has said she began volunteering to 'give back' and because she felt then and she still does now that 'all parents should be able to access the support they need to give their children the best start in life'.</p>	

<p>Dr Amama Thornley</p>	<p>Christchurch</p>	<p>Amama is an active advocate of education for women and girls through figurehead roles and mentoring programmes within the medical fraternity. A GP for more than 45 years she has contributed to many other areas that have had an impact on women's lives including 20 years as a parenthood educator for Plunket, 10 years as an anti natal educator and family medicine registrar training for over 30 years. Amama has been a member of the Zonta Club of Christchurch South since 1992.</p>	
<p>Lisa Tumahai</p>	<p>Christchurch</p>	<p>In 2017, Lisa became the first female kaiwhakahaere (chair) at Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. There has been a huge shift in female representation at the Ngāi Tahu board table in the past few years, with more than half the members now female. Lisa says: "This is a timely reminder of how far we have come. We are still wives, mothers and carers, but we have a strong presence of women in the workforce, in leadership and executive roles and at the decision-making tables." At the same time, Lisa remembers the inequity affecting many wāhine and advocates for them in her various leadership roles. In Hokitika, which is within the rohe of her hapū Ngāti Waewae, Lisa uses her profile to promote safe sleeping practices and prevent Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy.</p>	
<p>Eileen von Dadelszen QSM, JP</p>	<p>Hastings</p>	<p>Eileen has many firsts, breaking barriers: first woman elected as Chairperson of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, first female District Planner in the Ministry of Works, one of the first two women elected to the Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce. Recognised as a role model for young women planners in the Central North Island and beyond, Eileen's most recent role has been as a Commissioner of the Environment Court. As well as a long involvement in community activities, particularly in singing and theatre, Eileen supports women to stand for public roles, helping them to develop confidence and skills to succeed.</p>	
<p>Beverley Ward</p>	<p>Timaru</p>	<p>Beverley instigated the forming of "Angels" in Timaru by setting up a committee of Zontians and prominent women in the community to get it started. This organisation later changed to the South Canterbury Women's Loan Fund. Women in the community are granted small interest free loans to help in times of financial difficulty, or to help retrain, or help set up a small business. She also set up a Creative Fibre Course at Aoraki Polytech to empower young women. She taught spinning and weaving to enable them to create their own garments and work to sell. Beverley has been a member of the Zonta Club of Timaru since the club was formed in 1989.</p>	
<p>Dr Pushpa Wood ONZM</p>	<p>Wellington</p>	<p>Dr Pushpa Wood became an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to financial literacy and interfaith relations. She was the first Indian woman awarded with this honour and the first person in New Zealand to receive an award for both financial literacy and interfaith relations. In many of her roles, she focuses on gender issues and her work also shows how she recognises the importance of culture when addressing these gender issues. Pushpa is currently Director, Westpac Massey Fin-Ed Centre at the Massey Wellington Campus.</p>	

<p>Dr Judy Whitcombe QSO JP</p>	<p>Porirua</p>	<p>Judy has made a significant contribution towards advancing the status of women through her service, advocacy, research and the development of social policy. Judy's working career spans many decades, starting in the education field progressing through to the public service, where she held a wide variety of positions being responsible for Ministerial reviews, departmental budgeting, research, training and management development in the public sector. Judy has been involved with social research for over 40 years with over 15 studies for the Society for Research on Women. As a member of the National Council of Women she is a member of the Parliamentary Watch Committee which makes submissions to Select Committees on Bills and legislation that impact on women.</p>	
<p>Debbie Whiteley</p>	<p>Upper Hutt</p>	<p>Debbie's focus has always been education, access to it and the opportunities it offers for those who have had it. She recalls having a strong sense of justice from an early age; her mother said she was born saying "it's not fair". Debbie was instrumental in setting up the Hutt Valley Teen Parent Unit, over 21 years ago. Since then she says her life could be described as both working and volunteering her time and energy to that cause. She says "I do what I do out of passion, not as a career." In addition to emphasising the importance of education for the young mums, Debbie's focus is also on the importance of the role model played by the young mums on their own children and wider family network. Every effort is made to introduce good educative practices to the students – the school has trialled Loves Me Not and similar programmes.</p>	

The descriptions for the other 50 Women of Achievement who were recognised in 2016 can be found at <https://zonta.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/50-Anniversary-Celebration-Awards-50-Women-of-Achievement-2016.pdf>

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Julie Ainsworth	Lynne Anderson	Gretl Bass
Deborah Bush	Rachel Callender	Dame Silvia Cartwright
Steve Chadwick	Marina Charlton	Helen Clark
Vi Cottrell	Sandra Curd	Lynn Dawson
Dame Miriam Dell	Vanisa Dhiru	Lesley Elliott
Dr Jilly Evans	Sonia Faulkner	Professor Jean Fleming
Nicola Gavey	Fiona Harnett	Heather Henare
Catherine Hollister-Jones	Phillippa Jacobs	Joan Macdonald
Holly Mathieson	Diane Maxwell	Lynn McKenzie
Louise Nicholas	Dr Farah Palmer	Win Parkes
Sharmila Pathak	Kerry Petrie	Julie Raine
Cherry Raymond	Terry Scott	Dame Jenny Shipley
Beverley Shore-Bennett	Anthea Simock	Dame Margaret Sparrow
Barbara Stewart	Tracey Swanberg	Joan Swift
Barbara Thompson	Maxelyn Tudman	Celia Wade-Brown
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