



NZGS NEWS

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Report on Executive Meeting (13 October)

The AGM

A very successful AGM and awards presentation evening was held on 19 September at Auckland University. (Auckland Branch was thanked for the work they had done in hosting this meeting).

Key issues dealt with at the AGM including passing the updated and modernised Constitution. All proposed changes were carried successfully. Emeritus Professor Peter Holland and Dr Maria Borovnik were thanked for the work they in particular had put into updating the constitution. Members will be advised when the new constitution has been posted on the Charities Commission Website (it is already available on the NZGS website).

The idea of having an early bird discount for members who re-subscribe in the first quarter of each year (or the last quarter of the previous year) was proposed and accepted. To action this change agreement from members will be required in 2015 to raise the subscription by the amount that the ordinary subscription fee is to be discounted. A proposal to this effect will be put to Council in 2015.

The new Membership Officer Karen Fisher was welcomed to the committee.

The NZ Geographer

Several sub-committee meetings have been held to discuss the new contract with Wiley our publisher in the new environment of on-line copy. A list of questions was drawn up that our Editor Professor Etienne Nel will pose to the publishing team. We are looking for an environment where we can continue to build the academic credibility of the journal while also including a variety of articles that broaden our appeal (including articles of value to schools).

The weblink on the NZGS website to the *New Zealand Geographer* on Wiley's website is now operational. The next step is for our webmaster Dr Matt Henry to create links for those who want this access, plus a request category in the subscription form for 2015, for new members.

Treasurer's report

Firstly we are delighted with the increase in membership numbers for the first time in some years. Costs have been considerably paired back and work continues on investigating ways to further reduce expenses/increase income.

A Pomeroy (President)

Labour, Employment and Work Conference (LEW16)

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November, 2014.

Victoria University of Wellington, Rutherford House

The 16th Conference on Labour, Employment and Work in New Zealand will be held on November 27 and 28 at Rutherford House at Victoria University of Wellington.

This year's conference brings together more than 50 research papers, some of which will be presented in five 'focus' sessions that reflect key issues in the current labour, employment and work environment:

- Migration and the labour market
- Understanding insecure work
- Changing demography of the labour market
- The ageing workforce
- Women in the labour market

Other papers offered include: changes in occupational structure, renewing unions, the living wage, safety at work, labour market catchment trends, nurse migration and student employment in the care sector among a range of other topics.

Plenary speakers

Professor David Fergusson (University of Otago, Christchurch) will speak to his paper *Unemployment and psychosocial wellbeing: findings from the Christchurch Health and Development Study*

Professor Garry Barrett (University of Sydney) will speak on *Social Security Incentives, Retirement Choices and Well-Being*

Background

The LEW conference series was established in 1984, 30 years ago, to provide a forum for academics who were researching in the field of labour, employment and work: economists, social scientists, human geographers, statisticians and industrial relations experts as well as policy analysts and researchers working in the government, business and NGO sectors.

Of particular interest and concern at the time was the consequences of the rising rate of unemployment in New Zealand. The aim throughout has been to share the latest research findings and policy initiatives and the conferences has been hosted by Victoria University in Wellington every two years.

The conference is a joint initiative between Human Geography (within the School of Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences) and the Industrial Relations Centre (now renamed Centre for Labour, Employment and Work, CLEW) within the Victoria Business School and is supported this year by **Victoria University of Wellington** and the **Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)**.

Website and registration

Registrations along with a draft programme will be available on the website from Thursday 23rd October <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/som/clew/lew-conference>

Any enquiries should be sent to the conference organiser Professor Philip Morrison, Victoria University of Wellington at Philip.Morrison@vuw.ac.nz.

New Zealand Geographical Society Awards 2014

Presented at the AGM in Auckland on 19 September and at the Otago Branch meeting on 7 October

Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award (and Medal): Professor Robin A. Kearns (The University of Auckland)

Distinguished Service Award: Dr David Hayward (The University of Auckland), Sue Lynch (Otago Girl's High School), and Lennox Sharp (East Otago High School).

Honorary Life Fellowship Award: Richard Heerdegen (Manawatu Branch).

President's Awards:

- **Best Master's Thesis:** Samuel McLachlan (Otago University) and Hayley Sparks (The University of Auckland)
- **Best Doctoral Thesis:** Dr Thomas Etherington (The University of Auckland) and Dr Amanda Thomas (Victoria University of Wellington)
- **Emerging Researcher in Geography (in all educational settings)** Dr Alan Gamlen (Victoria University of Wellington)
- **Special Award for Exceptional Service (in recognition of contributions to the establishment of the postgraduate network):** Dr Gail Yvonne Adams-Hutchison (Waikato University); Gradon Diprose (Victoria University of Wellington); Dr Marcela Palomino-Schalscha (Victoria University of Wellington); Marc Tadaki (The University of Auckland); Dr Amanda Thomas (Victoria University of Wellington); Cherie Todd (Waikato University).

Dr Ann Pomeroy, President
(on behalf of the Awards Sub-Committee)

Save the Date: NZGS 2016 CONFERENCE
Otago University, Dunedin

Welcome reception: Monday 1st February – evening
Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th February

Conference dinner: Larnach Castle (3 Feb); Field trips to be advised

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