



Graduate Women Manawatu Looking Back, 2002 - 2022

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Who we are

Graduate Women Manawatu are a small, active branch with diverse membership. We have 37 members including life members, graduate members & student members.

GWNZ believe in empowering women. We do this through education, advocacy and community.

Our education activities offer members scholarships, mentorship and personal development. Our members are smart; we like to **THINK**.

We are passionate about making a difference in the lives of women, particularly as it relates to education. We show we are advocates by taking **ACTION** within our community.

GWNZ is a community, connecting at the branch, national and international levels. Our branch is a vibrant space where women can **CONNECT**, build relationship and flourish.



Education | Think

1. Friendship Bridge Awards – Beyond the Thesis –2019, 2020
2. Sponsored the Massey University 3MT competition – 2019, 2020, 2021
3. Spearheaded the GWNZ awardee network and peer mentoring offer – 2019,2020
4. Participated in the GWM-CT scholarships selection panel, annually
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Advocacy | Act

1. AGM 2019 Speaker – Johanna Wood, President of NZ Football 2019; Oceania representative on the International Executive, FiFA
2. Partnering with local book shop - Marilyn Garson - Still Lives - a Memoir of Gaza – 27 November 2019
3. Partnering with Massey University - Film Series – 2017, 2018, 2019
4. Partnering with young entrepreneurs - Giving Love – Pacific students creating a story book in multiple pacific languages.
5. Partnering with the Public Library and like-minded community groups for panel discussions – TPPA, population issues, fashion industry and climate change, period equity

**Film Series - Women,
War & Peace, 2019**



Community | Connect

1. GWM create a Friendship Bridge – 2016 -
2. Presentation by zoom - Re-Constructing Belonging - Neighbourhood practices during COVID-19 Level 4 – presented by Dr Penny Robinson, 7 May 2020
3. Hosted Women@Massey coffee morning in the Gown Room, 11 September 2019
4. What's Up Social Group – social initiatives
5. Research Group – coffee catch ups
6. Participated in GWNZ AGM, 2018, 2019, 2020; GWNZ Refresh, 2019-2020
7. Represented at GWI 33rd Triennial, Centenary Celebration and Conference, 25 – 28 July 2019



Special mention

1. Jean Corbin-Thomas honoured with life-membership. Jean has been a member of Graduate Women New Zealand since the early 1980s; holding the positions of President of the Graduate Women Manawatu Branch Committee and Chair of the Graduate Women Manawatu Charitable Trust.
2. Farewell to Win Rockell. Win valued education very highly, especially that of women and girls. She began her B. Sc degree as an extramural student from Massey, completing it after the young family moved to Palmerston North. Win was active in GWM and the National Executive

**Win Rockell, member
of GWM and National
Executive; first women
Pro Chancellor,
Massey University**



Get in touch

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