



Awards

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1. STAFF AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2014 -2015

Lin Roberts, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Environmental Management, was the Poster Award winner at the Sustainability Science Congress 2014, held in Copenhagen, Denmark. The theme of the congress was “Global Challenges: Achieving Sustainability”. Conference delegates voted on the winner of the poster competition. Lin’s poster title was *A better life with a smaller footprint? Understanding happiness, satisfiers and nature’s contribution*; it was based on the 2015 report, *The nature of wellbeing: how nature’s ecosystem services contribute to the wellbeing of New Zealand and New Zealanders* by L. Roberts, A. Brower, G. Kerr, S. Lambert, W. McWilliam, K. Moore, J. Quinn, D. Simmons, S. Thrush, M. Townsend, P. Blaschke, R. Costanza, R. Cullen, K. Hughey, and S. Wratten.

Professor **Hirini Matunga** received an outstanding service award from the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI) at its 2015 conference in Auckland. The award was for demonstrating with excellence Papa Pounamu values and service in Māori environmental planning and resource management. Papa Pounamu is a full day hui at NZPI, featuring a variety of speakers presenting on a range of topics including: Tuhoe spatial planning; integrating matauranga Māori with western science; iwi and local government co-governance in practice; and Maori urban and landscape design.

2. STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2014 -2015

Michelle Ruske was awarded the John Hayward Memorial Prize for 2014. This award is made to the most outstanding Master of Environmental Policy student who has completed the requirements for the degree, and is based mainly on academic performance in core subjects.

This award was created after the death of John Hayward in 1993. John Hayward was the founder of the Centre for Resource Management at Lincoln, as well as

the Master of Science (Resource Management) degree, the precursor of the Master of Environmental Policy degree.

Shona Jowett was awarded the Thomson (formerly Brookers) Prize for Resource Management for 2014. This prize is awarded to the highest performing first year Master of Environmental Policy student, and is based on academic performance in the five core subjects.

Thomson Brookers is the major law publishing firm in New Zealand and has close connections with Lincoln University. Its online and hard copy versions of the Resource Management Act and other legislation enables students to keep up-to-date with relevant changes in planning law.

Roxanne Lloyd was awarded a Rona Scholarship from Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trust for 2015. Roxanne is a Master of Applied Science (Environmental Management) student; in her Masters thesis she is exploring the spatial pattern of marine farm locations throughout New Zealand under climate change conditions using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and agent-based modelling. In particular, her research focuses on environmental, physical and social variables, and the current thoughts and ideas of marine farmers that may influence the decision-making process in site selection.

3. SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

Each year a number of Lincoln University summer scholarships provide select students the opportunity to carry out research projects during the summer holidays. The following students were awarded a summer scholarship to work on projects of particular relevance to environmental management and planning.

Ella Shields: *From plan to practice: Enhancing landholder implementation of expert advice on riparian restoration plans in the Selwyn-Waihora catchment*

Supervised by Hamish Rennie and Adrienne Lomax
(Waihora Ellesmere Trust)
Funded by Waihora Ellesmere Trust

Deborah Paterson: *Māori and Indigenous agribusiness pathways*

Supervised by Simon Lambert
Funded by Lincoln University

Jamie Evans: *An investigation into digital farming in Canterbury: How much data is really being used?*

Supervised by Shirley Gibbs, Pat Anthony and Kevin Moore

Funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand
(Canterbury Branch)

Olivia Lin: *Future-proofing the Styx website*

Supervised by Shirley Gibbs, Chris Philips and Nick Spencer (Landcare Research)

Funded by Styx Living Laboratory Trust

Zac Taylor: *Managing visitor impacts on the New Zealand sub-Antarctic islands*

Supervised by Emma Stewart, Stephen Espiner and Daniela Liggett (University of Canterbury)

Funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand
(Canterbury Branch)