



# EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION



## SUFFRAGE 125 COMPETITION | 125 Years On

Thank you to those who entered our competition, where we wanted to acknowledge the women and the men, Māori and Pākehā, who were involved in the suffrage campaign. “Young women who entered are proving themselves to be proud bearers of the suffrage legacy of courage and community... they will use their skills to create positive change in the future.” - Nina Tomaszuk, GM, Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

We asked...

*What does the Suffrage Movement mean to you, your family, your whānau, your identity?*

### WINNER - song & video ‘STRONG WOMEN’

“...can fight for the me that I want to be  
Without their fight where would I be  
Ready to use what you gave to us... I can follow my dreams  
Coz I have the right to vote  
Power of v-o-t-e”

By Maca Shepherd (photo on the right)



### MY FUTURE

*Highly Commended*

I wrote this to remind myself in the future, of the opportunities my family have here in NZ & how it’s been shaped by powerful people & events like women’s suffrage.

By Jesslyn Woo

### I MAY STAND

*Highly Commended*

“...I know that I may stand here today because she took a stand.

*New Zealand’s women stand together in a field of white camellias.  
Now we can see the sunshine, but we still have some growing to do.”*

By Lauren Parker



### SIX GENERATIONS - STRENGTH, COURAGE & AROHA

*Highly Commended (photo on the right)*

The Māori Wāhine... fought for not only our Wāhine but also for our Nation, carving a passage for us to follow, creating opportunities for us to strive for, to create the people we are today...

The suffrage movement means love, beauty & empathy; means women coming together & empowering one another.

It is knowing I am loved and worth fighting for.

By Kyla Sherbanowski



### WE ARE EMPOWERED

*Highly Commended*

Empowerment is knowledge, wisdom, kindness, and being able to do what we love no matter what size or gender we are...

**We are empowered....**

By Stephanie Werner

# CELEBRATING OUR AWARDEES

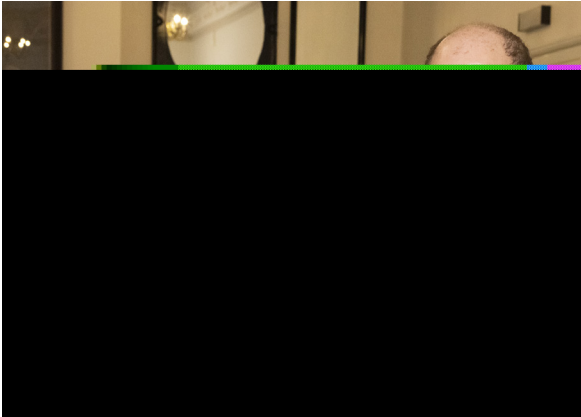
## *The KEECT Awards Ceremony, 2018*

Recognising the achievements of our latest Awardees, we gathered for an inspiring celebration at Old Government House with family, friends, supporters, The KEECT Trustees and Award Selection Panellists.

We also celebrated the 125th anniversary of the women gaining suffrage in New Zealand, with our special speaker Christina Sayers Wickstead, Creative Director of the New Zealand Suffrage Museum Project. Christina spoke of the value of education as a key to broadening horizons and transforming lives.



*Kate Edger, Kate Sheppard and their fellow suffragists would have been both astounded and delighted at the range of subjects and careers being pursued by these women.*



*Clockwise from Top:*

*Christina Sayers Wickstead*

*Awardee & Guest*

*Awardee & Guest*

*Group photo*

*Sonia, Hilary & Stephanie (Trustees)*

*Jill (Kate Edger's granddaughter) & Awardee*

*Dr Jane Horan & Michael Marinovich*

*All photos provided by Timeless Images*



# CELEBRATING OUR AWARDEES



Above: Jim Liu from Starchi Dry Cleaners, Awardee and Doris du Pont ONZM,

Dr Elizabeth Godfrey with Awardee, Leawell Apparel & Awardee.

## GIVING THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Thinking about suffrage highlights the importance of the work that The KEECT does in 'empowering through education'.

*Access to education is key for women in creating meaningful and productive lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This benefits all of society.*

We at The KEECT are extremely proud of the contribution that we make. However, the real recognition should go to all our Awardees and their friends and families, who are the ones that put in the hard work and make the sacrifices required to achieve their dreams. We love the Awards Ceremony, some photos of which you can see on these pages, because it gives us the opportunity to celebrate these lovely and inspiring people.

Please let us know if you are interested in applying for an award or in funding an award.

Many thanks to everyone involved with the Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust and I wish you all the very best for the holiday season and for 2019.

**Stephanie Harris**

Chair  
The KEECT



Above: Awardees; Dr Rashika Karunasinghe & Charmian O'Connor (Trustee); Christina (Speaker) & Margaret (Trustee)

*Stephanie Harris noted that the opportunities available to today's women are a legacy of the courage shown by the suffrage campaigners.*

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Model wearing Legal Regalia



Model wearing University of Auckland BSc Regalia with the Korowai  
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## BEST WISHES FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON AND FOR 2019

### From The KEECT Trustees

From left: Sonia Pechner, Jill Smith, Emeritus Professor Dame Charmian O'Connor, Margaret Crannigan Allen, Stephanie Harris (Chair), Hilary Lewis.



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