

Education Endowment Trust

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Trust report 2008

Trustees: John St George (Chairman), John Hogan (Secretary), Stuart Rabone, Vivienne Bull, Richard Barker Graeme Fulton (Treasurer) and Murray Stevens (ex officio).

This year the Trustees opened up a new award to BSc(Hons) project students at a value of \$2000. The award was advertised to allow for students to apply at the end of the year when they have established their BSc projects. We made two awards under this new scholarship to:

Lisa Milham, University of Otago, Structural and environmental distribution of antimony in a mesothermal mine system.

Genelle Slack, University of Otago, A detailed soil and plant nutrition analysis of areas of struggling and healthy plants at the rehabilitated Wangaloa Coal Mine on the south east coast of New Zealand.

It is very encouraging to see that both students have submitted papers to the 2008 Branch Conference to be held in Wellington.

Five awards were made at the Masters level. The awards were as follows:

Bradley Hopcroft, University of Waikato, Oligocene - Early Miocene depositional system of eastern Taranaki Basin and implications for hydrocarbon habitats.

Hugh Davies, University of Otago, Geochemical changes following pH remediation within the Mangatini Stream, Stockton Mine, West Coast, NZ.

Sarah Ewen, University of Waikato, Stratigraphy, sedimentology and petrology of miocene cold-seep limestones in northern Hawke's Bay: the geological evidence for past seabed hydrocarbon seepage.

Helen Cocker, University of Auckland, Broken Hills Mine, Coromandel Peninsula, New Zealand.

James Mortimer, University of Auckland, Structural aspects of the Favona low-sulphidation Au-Ag deposit, Waihi, New Zealand.

The Trustees are pleased to report another successful year in increasing the level of funds to enable further scholarships to be made to students for mining/geology research. The total funds in the Trust account as at 31 July 2008 were \$168,236.07. With our current investment portfolio we are close to generating enough income for our annual scholarships to be self-funding.

Since the funds accumulate mainly from the returns out of our annual conference, we would like to acknowledge the companies that sponsor our conferences and also all the conference organisers who devote a large amount of time to arranging these events and ensuring that they are a success.

This year Stuart Rabone stepped down from his dual roles as Secretary/Treasurer of the Trust, which he has held since the Trust started in 1998. I take this opportunity to thank

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Stuart for his contribution to the Trust in these two demanding roles. He carried out his tasks with integrity and dignity as well as keeping an impeccable set of records. Stuart will continue to serve the Trust as a Trustee.

We are currently reviewing an encouraging list of applications for awards for this year and will announce the successful candidates during the conference.

John St George
Chairman of Trustees