

## **Report from the Manawatu/Wanganui Horowhenua Region**

The membership has remained at 18, a core group attend all the meetings with others more likely to attend if the meeting is linked to some other event.

Our report back meeting from the 2005 conference was combined with a very interesting discussion with a new Trades Mentor employed by Vision Manawatu. His job is to promote trades careers and assist students to make the transition from school to apprenticeships. The Manawatu schools are making good use of him, he is popular with the students and an excellent role model.

Our AGM was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and followed by a meal. The officers for this year are:

President	Rhondda Berg
Secretary	Trish Keiller
Treasurer	Sandy Brown
Exec Rep	Pamela Murray

Meetings were planned as one per term, where possible linked to another event.

Our second meeting was combined with a very useful and interesting Careers day at the Palmerston North Hospital. The term three focus was a workshop based on new computer aided resources.

The Wanganui Careers Advisers and Rotary clubs held their biennial Careers Conference and Expo. This is an excellent event offering a wide variety of seminars as well as the usual expo displays.

Ongoing issues in our region are the continuation of Designing Careers and the variety of ways it is being approached, and Gateway being introduced to more schools. Poor communication with our local Polytechnic and its lack of flexibility with STAR courses is an ongoing concern along with the usual issues related to work load.

Pamela Murray