## Wanaka Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand Presidents Report for the year 2015/2016

It is with pleasure that I present the 2015/2016 annual report for the Wanaka Branch of the RSNZ. Over the course of the year we have enjoyed a series of stimulating and entertaining lectures covering a wide variety of topics (see <u>www.royalsocietywanaka.org</u> for details on each of these lectures).

The attendance for all of the lectures has been exceptional and provides confidence to your committee that we have the correct format for our branch. As detailed in the Treasurer's report, the average attendance was 106 persons per meeting. The funds from membership fees and the door charge of \$5 continue to enable us to bring to our meetings high calibre speakers from all over New Zealand. In addition we wish to acknowledge the ongoing support of the RSNZ in providing speakers such as the Rutherford Medal winners.

An important highlight of the year was the introduction of our website and members are encouraged to seek details of upcoming lectures as well as use the site for archive material. We particularly acknowledge the work of committee member Amy Ballantyne and her company Weka Web Ltd for the production of a web site we are very proud of.