MEET OUR 30 FINALISTS

HEALTH & SCIENCE

BELINDA SOUTHERN
Christchurch

DEBORAH COOLIDGE
Endometriosis New Zealand

JENI PEARCE
Sports scientist

VANESSA THORNTON
Middlemore Hospital Emergency Dept

FRANCA RONCHESE
Scientist

ANN MIEKE ANDERSON
CEO

Business

DONA WHITE
Co-Owner, Port Events

JANINE HALL
Skiier, Freestyle

ANGELA GRIFFITH
Surfing, New Zealand Surfing Association

SANDRA CROSBY
Director, The Lizard Centre

LUCY MILLER
Carnegie Trust, NZ

Prize Total

480,000

Next Woman of the Year Awards

Pandora

The countdown is on for the announcement of the New Zealand’s most influential women, the 2012 NZ Women of the Year. This month our women will introduce the latest in culture, business, arts, and community. What’s more, there are three prize packages for those women who deserve to be celebrated for their passion and success.

ANNA-MIEKE ANDERSON
CEO

MaDonna, an ethical jewellery company that makes conflict-free diamonds. MaDonna has grown 10% since 2009 and this year was one of Portland’s fastest-growing companies. The company’s Greener Diamond Foundation, which projects focus on reformed child soldiers and local youth.

Based in Oregon, USA, Anderson founded MaDonna and its sister company, Fork, in 2008. From the beginning, she targeted ethical sourcing and a commitment to social justice. Her company is the first to use conflict-free, colorless, and non-diamond cut diamonds. It is also a member of the World Diamond Council, which certifies that its diamonds are mined in compliance with the Kimberley Process.

MaDonna’s mission is to provide conflict-free diamonds and to support the development of ethical mining practices. The company also invests in communities affected by diamond mining. It partners with organizations such as the Camfed, an organization that supports education for girls in Africa.

MaDonna is committed to its vision of being a positive force for change and to preserving the beauty of diamond jewelry. The company’s commitment to social responsibility is reflected in its products, which are made from sustainable materials and are designed to last a lifetime. MaDonna’s ethical approach to business has earned it recognition as a leader in the diamond industry.