

## Remembrances

In 1988, Diana was one of a group from 24 countries, and represented the Pacific Institute of Resource Management on a Soviet Peace Cruise from Kiev to Odessa to the Black Sea calling at cities along the way. Through interpreters, the group had the opportunity to meet and share ideas. Mr Gorbachev spoke to them for half an hour and then asked for questions. Diana felt they were free to ask questions without political overtones, and New Zealand's anti-nuclear stance was enthusiastically received wherever she went.



*Diana Unwin*

Diana trained as a teacher, after gaining a Master of Arts with First Class Honours from Otago University with a thesis entitled, 'Women in New Zealand Industry'. She went on to work as a librarian, reporter, trained as a factory inspector, Diana's appointment to the South Canterbury Hospital Board influenced her decision to train as a nurse and at the age of almost fifty she was accepted for training at Wellington Hospital.

Ultimately, however, Diana's lasting legacy is in the individual lives she touched: the families she supported, her compassion for the disadvantaged, her befriending of the friendless, the

connections she fostered, her passion for peace, and her endless advocacy of social justice and the equitable distribution of resources. Her eloquent critique of the hierarchical, consumerist, market-driven capitalist world order that can only lead to conflict and exploitation was mirrored in a life that turned aside from success on those terms and focussed on the individual acts of generosity, kindness and selflessness that are the foundations of the world she dreamed of.

She was a remarkable woman.