

## Sophie Hunt

I have recently completed an MSc in ecology at the University of Canterbury in the Freshwater Research Group (FERG). My research investigated the combined effects of urbanisation and climate change on the spread of invasive species, particularly mosquitoes. This involved conducting a range of experiments and field surveys, which I found both challenging and fun. I found that human-modified landscapes are more likely to have habitats that support mosquitoes, and that climate change may exacerbate the spread of mosquitoes. I am now working at Plant and Food Research in Auckland as an Insect Technician, and there are a variety of very interesting projects going on that I am getting involved with. I look forward to continuing to develop and grow as a scientist. I am incredibly grateful to the Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women for their continual support during my studies, and also to the family of Doris Le Roi.