



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2015

PRESIDENT'S PEN

The month of April sees us focusing on Easter and ANZAC as well as school holidays. BPW clubs discuss resolutions going to BPWNZ conference and AGM – which is what we did at our last meeting.

I was pleased with the group breakout discussions and the plenary session reporting back. Delegates going to conference to represent Huntly & Districts were given good feedback and direction on how our club is to vote.

People traditionally have their own areas of interest and Kiwis are a diverse bunch, but in general we all stand proud when 25th April comes around. Fellow New Zealanders have served in WW1 & 11 and other wars and attending the services in our district is a good reminder to us all, that we should stand up for what we believe in and be counted!

On 25 April 2015, we will commemorate the centenary of the ANZAC landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. What followed in 1915 was a bitter eight-month campaign that helped to forge our nation.

Australia and New Zealand conduct three commemorative services at Gallipoli on Anzac Day each year. The Dawn Service at the Anzac Commemorative Site is jointly conducted by both countries and is followed by an Australian Memorial Service at Lone Pine, and a New Zealand Memorial Service at Chunuk Bair.

Tradition is important. Our club's history of placing flowers on the graves of the servicemen is our part in joining in with our community on this special day. Thank you to all members for their contribution to this project.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them. Lest we forget.



Janet Gibb President

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

May Club Meeting

Monday 4th May

at the Huntly RSA

"Meet & Greet" from

5.30 - Dinner 6.00pm

\$25.00

Speaker

Karen Crowe -

**On life as an expat,
education and the
opportunities for and role
of women in Abu Dhabi.**

NOTE:

Please let Gayle

Scott know if you are

not attending.

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Committee Meetings

Tuesday 28th April

Future Dates:

5.30pm, at Jan

Shand's home

Mon 25th May

Mon 29th June

Mon 27th July

Mon 24th August

Huntly & Districts Business and Professional Women meet on the first Monday of each month. For more information on the club - contact President Janet Gibb 07 824 6737 or 027 475 3397.

DUTY ROSTERS

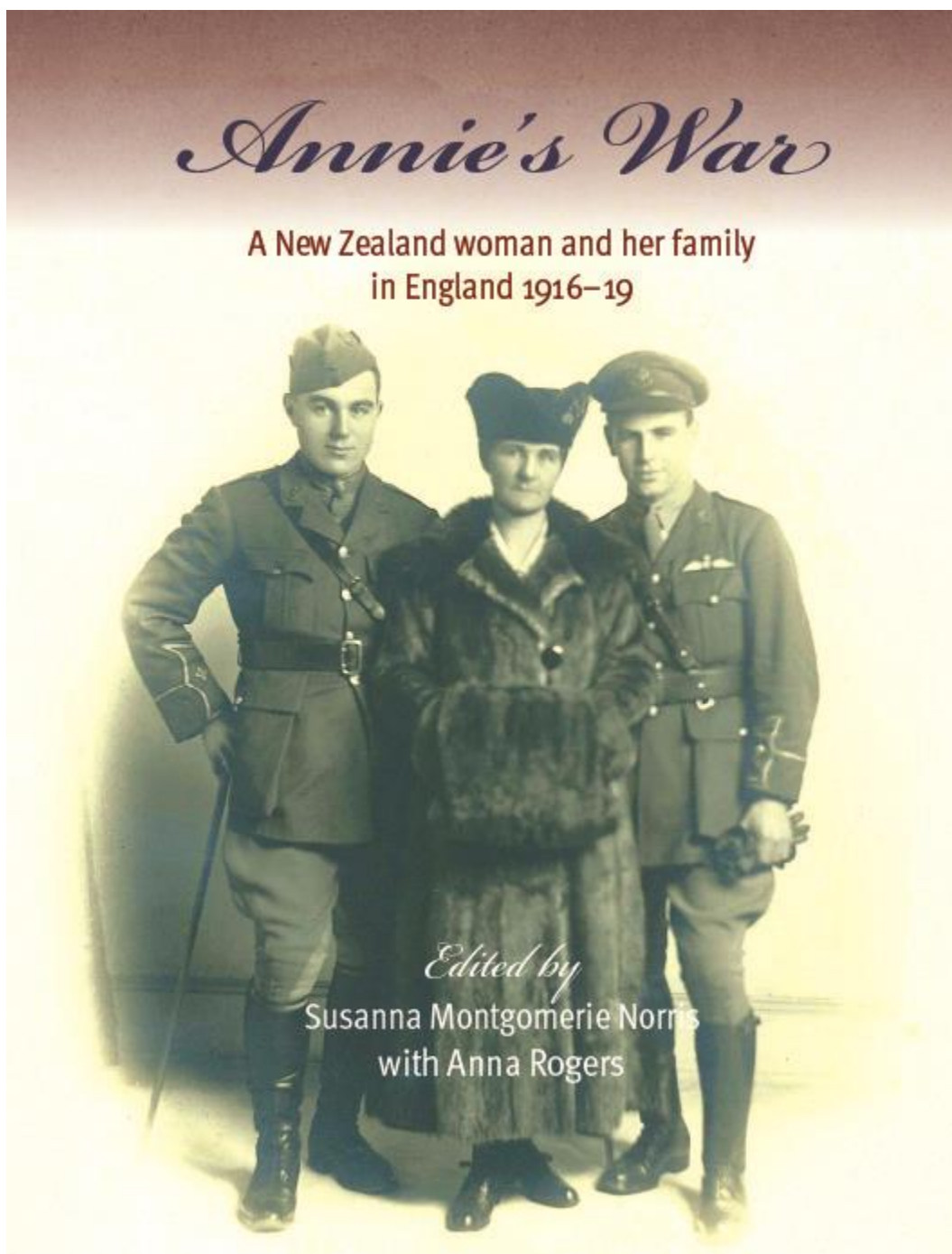
Hostesses: Pauline Dunn & Joy Dugdale

Raffle: Wendy Horrox & Betty East

Birthday wishes to:

Pat Speedy

Book Review



Annie's War is a remarkable book. There have been many published collections of soldiers' diaries and letters from the First World War, but never a first-hand account of one New Zealand family's life in England during these challenging and frightening years.

When her sons, Oswald and Seton, decided they wanted to serve as pilots, which meant enlisting in Britain, Annie Montgomerie decreed that the whole family would go too. So from 1916 to 1919 they lived in London, facing Zeppelin attacks, giving hospitality to young New Zealand friends who left to fight (and sometimes never came back), watching Oswald and Seton go off to war, and suffering in the influenza epidemic.

Through all this Annie kept a diary, in which she recorded her deep love and concern for her family, her hatred of the war, her forthright, amusing and proudly Kiwi views on the English and myriad fascinating details about wartime London life. Annie's granddaughter, Susanna Montgomerie Norris, has transcribed and edited this extraordinary account, along with many letters and diary excerpts from her pilot father, Seton. Richly illustrated with contemporary photographs and other memorabilia, and superbly annotated by Anna Rogers, *Annie's War* offers a unique and compelling view of a crucial time in world history.

Editors

Susanna Montgomerie Norris was born in 1940 and brought up on the family farm, Taukoro, near Wanganui. She qualified as a teacher and spent two years teaching in London, then travelling in Europe and North America. She later trained as a children's librarian. Susanna, who has a lifelong interest in history, especially that of her family, has spent many years transcribing and working on her grandmother Annie's diaries, which were discovered by her cousin, John Montgomerie, who has also supplied a large number of the photos used.

Anna Rogers has spent most of her working life as a fiction and non-fiction book editor. She is also the author of eight books, including *While You're Away: New Zealand Nurses at War 1899–1948* and illustrated histories of the West Coast and Canterbury, and is a regular book reviewer.

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*We welcome your ideas,
suggestions to improve our
club.*

The International Collect

We ask

That we meet together as women, not allowing beliefs, religion, nationality, ethnicity or language to come between us.

That these meetings enable us to move forward and advance the status of women throughout the world.

That the value of women be recognized in our families, our communities, our workplaces, our country and the world.

That we use our good ideas, our knowledge, our experience to promote the worth of women.

That we combine our strengths to move forward in peace, in serenity and in love.

That women of all generations will do their part to achieve harmony and equality among all human beings

Aims of BPW

BPW International aims to unite business and professional women in all parts of the world to:

1. Work for women's: • economic independence • equal opportunity and representation in economic, civil and political life
2. Encourage and support women and girls to: • develop their professional and leadership potential • undertake lifelong education and training • use their abilities for the benefit of others, locally, nationally and internationally
3. Advocate: • for the elimination of all discrimination against women • for human rights and the use of gender-sensitive perspectives
4. Undertake: • world-wide networking and co-operation between business and professional women • non-profit projects that help women gain economic independence • to present the views of business and professional women to international organisations and agencies, and to business, governments and civil society.

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

**Contributions to our bulletin are welcome from all club members.
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