



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

As I write this on Easter Friday morning, the weather report is that Cyclone Cook has moved towards the South Island but is losing its strength. There will be big clean-up projects to clear the damage on roads and property and patience will be needed by everyone. I'm looking forward to a planned three night stay later in the week at Long Bay on the Coromandel Peninsula. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and that you weren't too badly affected by the weather.

Seven members from our Club are attending the BPWNZ Conference in Central Hawkes Bay on 21-23 April and will be at conference when you get this newsletter. We will be representing the views put forward by our members at our April dinner meeting - thank you all for your contributions and opinions on the three external resolutions. Conference attendees will be reporting back to members at our dinner meeting on 1st May. Janet has been nominated by our Club to be the next Vice President – Issues for BPWNZ and on her election to this position it is important our club support her to do this very important and busy job. As you all know, Janet has been the BPWNZ Secretary for the past year, which is also a very busy role and we congratulate her on a job well done and for continuing to represent our Club on the NZ Executive Committee. Huntly and Districts has been asked by BPWNZ to host this year's Northern Regional Conference. Thank you to Janet for volunteering to co-ordinate this event which will require input from many of our club members, so we will be in touch with details about this later. The date of the Regional Meeting is to be confirmed at Conference but is proposed to be the 20th May.

Thank you to those members who are helping out with the ANZAC flower arranging at the soldiers graves at Kimihia Lawn Cemetery on the 24th April. This is one of our yearly projects (first initiated by Jean Dodd - a past President of our Club) and is a way we can help the small group of Huntly RSA women who used to organize the flowers on their own.

Kimihia Home and Hospital have recently held a farewell for their retiring Facility Manager, Diana le Mon, who has done a great job in this position for the eight years she was in charge. Our club has had the privilege of working with Diana and the Home over the past four years with the running of several fundraising High Tea afternoons for Kimihia Home's benefit and also assistance with the Home's Gala fundraisers. Diana was also a speaker at one of our dinner meetings. The newly appointed Facility Manager is Fiona Morgan who has worked at Kimihia Home for several years as a Registered Nurse and has deputized for Diana on several occasions. We wish both of them well – Diana in her retirement and Fiona in her new position and I am sure our club will continue to support Fiona in her new role and Kimihia Home itself.

Kia Kaha – Trish Foy

COMING UP

MAY MEETING

Monday 1st May

5.15pm at Huntly RSA

Meeting – 5.30pm sharp

DINNER to follow

\$25.00 per head

SPEAKERS

Huntly College female student leaders

Our BPW Annual Conference attendees report back.

HOSTESSES

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ANZAC FLOWERS PROJECT

Monday 24th April

CANDLELIGHTING

Tuesday 13th June

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 24th April

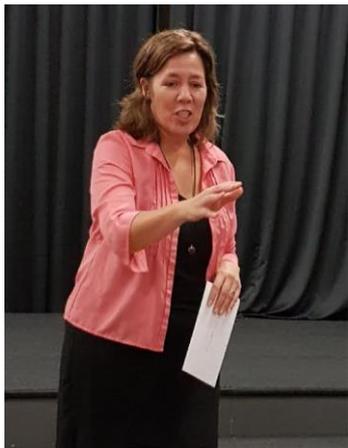
5.15 pm at

Cowley Stanich offices

Monday 29th May

Monday 26th June

BPW 2017 STUDY GRANT RECIPIENT - Tania Campbell



Our April meeting guest speaker was Tania Campbell. She is Huntly & Districts BPW Grant recipient for 2017 and is in her second year of a four year degree in Social Work. She is studying full time at Wintec and next year has a 40 hour placement. Tania shared with us her passion for children and their wellbeing, and her more recent work with youth where she has identified a huge gap and the need for trust.

Prior to embarking on her degree, Tania had no previous academic qualifications although she had experience working with elderly, youth and special needs people. Tania is on the Board of Trustees at Huntly Primary where she has been nominated as Chairperson and also volunteers as part of her course and interest. With her study, Tania works at empowering people and is learning lots of new skills. At present they are focusing on reflection – thoughts, values and making sure they are not judging people. Recently they had a marae visit and are presently doing research, much of which is done in groups which Tania finds challenging but exciting.

Tania was very grateful for the study grant scholarship of \$500 and assured us she would keep in touch to let us know how she is progressing. She is keen to work in the Huntly area when she completes her degree. We wish her all the best.

TOP TEN MONEY TIPS FOR WOMEN (from Investing for Beginners by Deborah Fowles – Update 21st September 2016)

A National Centre for Women and Retirement Research (NCWRR) study showed a direct correlation between a woman's personality characteristics and her financial habits. Assertiveness, openness to change, and an optimistic outlook are the qualities that tend to lead to smart money choices.

For many people, money is an emotionally charged issue. It may represent power, or love, or control, especially in relationships. Our beliefs about money and our emotional attachments to it strongly influence the way we spend and handle money.

If you aren't where you should be financially, examine what drives you emotionally when it comes to money and try to figure out the psychological stumbling blocks that keep you from becoming financially independent.

Here are ten of the most important things women can do for themselves and their financial future:

1. Don't rely on someone else, like a husband or boyfriend, for your financial security. Educate yourself about money management and investing
2. Set goals - it's the key to financial success.
3. Don't use money to make yourself feel good. That type of high is fleeting. Instead, do things that promote self-respect and creativity so you don't have to seek those feelings through spending money.
4. Spend less than you earn - it's the secret to creating wealth.
5. Get an education. People with university degrees make on average significantly more money than those who don't have degrees.
6. Build an emergency fund. Without one, losing your job or incurring a large unexpected bill could force you to take on heavy credit card debt, and could put you into a financial hole that will be difficult if not impossible to dig your way out of.
7. Be involved in the day-to-day management of your family's finances, and talk about money with your spouse.

8. Don't take on your partner's or spouse's debt when you marry. Wait until you're both out of debt before tying the knot, or protect yourself with a pre-nuptial agreement. They're not only for the rich.
9. Don't let the fear of losing money, fear of failure, or fear of the unknown stop you from investing.
10. Learn from your money mistakes. Don't let them hobble you.

Your financial security is dependent on your attitudes and beliefs about money and your willingness to take your financial future into your own hands.

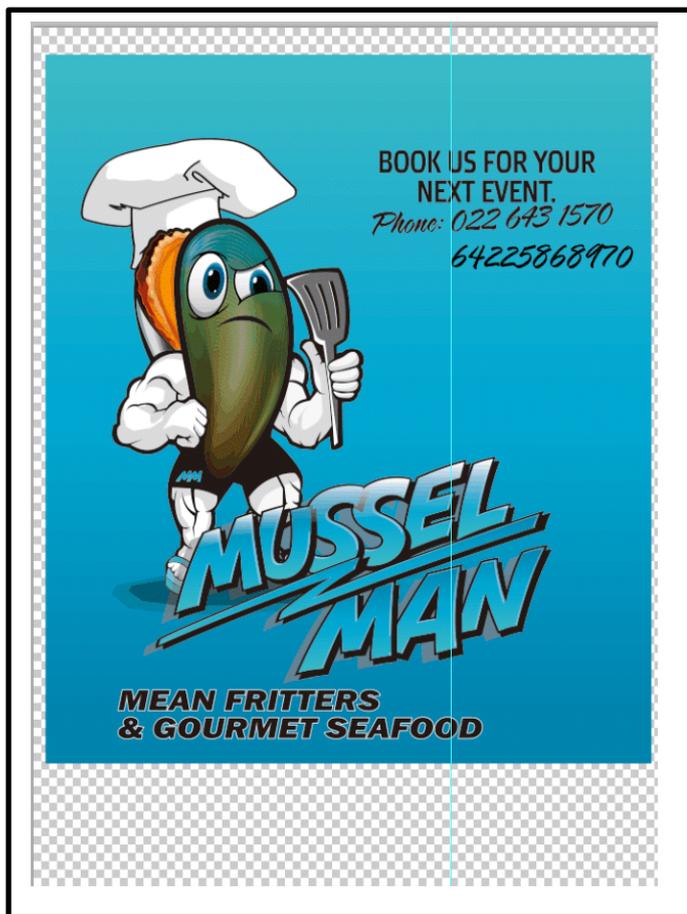
PEN PORTRAIT - Gaye Hancock

I grew up in Rotorua, one of 4 girls. I was named Gabrielle but dropped the name as soon as I left school (far too angelic, I thought at the time!) and began my working life training in medical lab science at Whakatane Hospital. I was fortunate to live for most of those 3 years renting original 'kiwi baches' in Ohope which have long since been replaced by beachfront mansions. In order to continue my training, I moved to Waikato Hospital and qualified in haematology. There I met my husband Brian, also a scientist. We married, settled in Hamilton and had 3 daughters. I continued in lab work, working at Med Lab, doing 'the graveyard shift' at the hospital and many years at Path lab. Then in 2005, for a complete career change, Brian and I started a property management company looking after tenants and rentals houses. It certainly had its challenges but was never dull or mundane. From floods to fires, every day was different! Brian passed away in 2012 and since then I have sold the business, moved house and built a new one, and now enjoy being a more hands-on grandma and having time for new opportunities!

PEN PORTRAIT - Pauline Dunn

I was born in Hamilton on the 6th April 1952 to Alf and Bub Andersen. Mum's name was really Valerie but her brother was unable to say her name so that was where Bub came in, and everyone knew her as this. I am from a family of six, 3 boys and 3 girls and the third in line. I lived in Taupiri most of my child hood and went to Taupiri school and then to Ngaruawahia High School. My first job was at the Taupiri Exchange until I married and shifted to Te Kauwhata where I also worked on the Exchange, as a Postie, and a stint for the local chemist, which was a real experience and a half. When my marriage split, my daughter Sharon and I moved to Australia for two years and funnily lived in a place called Glen Huntly! I worked in a chemist there but Sharon wasn't happy and wanted to move home so we shifted back to NZ where we rented in Taupiri, and Sharon went to Huntly College. After a while I brought a place in Hamilton and went back to the Post Office. Sharon went to Fraser High School where she did very well. To make ends meet I had two jobs, I worked at the post office from 6am until 1pm then went cleaning 5-9pm. Sharon would help me with the cleaning and it gave her pocket money to buy the little things she wanted, it also helped with a few extra bits such as the odd time I would buy Sharon a packet of chocolate biscuits she would say "Wow Mum have we won lotto", which was funny. Sharon and I were on our own for a long time, and then hello along came Willy and life was very different! On our first date Willy said "I'm taking you out somewhere special". I thought WOW we are going to Auckland for lunch, I had no good clothes so off to my sisters I go, get all dressed to the nines, heels and all thinking this is exciting. We ended up in the Maramarua forest shooting bloody ducks!! As the story goes one night 20 years later, and after a few wines, our friends ask "when is this wedding" so that night we made the decision and a date was set. Nine years later we are very happily married I no longer have to work two jobs, and with the Post Office closing in Huntly I now work locally at Countdown Huntly. I have five grand children and like to spend time with family and friends. Any spare time I get, Willy and I go up the Hakarimatas for exercise not shooting ducks! As you can see things have changed and we all have a very happy life. Hope you all enjoy reading my story.

Thankyou to Gaye and Pauline for their Pen Portrait contributions to this bulletin. Well done both of you!



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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, and 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

Please email them to gancocknz@gmail.com by the 15th of the month. Contributions to our bulletin are welcome from all club members.