



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENTS PEN

Kia Ora everyone

It's been a busy month in August on my BPW Calendar with attendances at the Leadership and Regional Conference in Pukekohe, BPW Tamaki's Candlelighting and arrangements for our up-and-coming reunion dinner on 5th September.

This week Janet and I attended BPW Tamaki's candlelighting dinner at Waipuna Lodge in Mt Wellington, Auckland. We had a lovely dinner in the restaurant and networked with many of the members who attended the Regional Conference but also some other BPW women including Colleen Edwards (whom many of you will know). Originally from Te Kauwhata, Colleen was a past member of our club and now a member of BPW Hibiscus Coast. Unfortunately Colleen is unable to attend our Reunion dinner but does pass on her best wishes to all members past and present, for an enjoyable evening. The speaker at Tamaki's Candlelighting was Sina Wendt-Moore, Chief Executive of Leadership NZ, who was also a guest speaker at the Asia Pacific Regional Conference. Sina talked about how important it was to develop leaders across all generations and have boards with a range of ages. She highlighted the characteristics of the four main generations of Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, X and Y generations and asked us to discuss in groups how we could encourage, develop and improve leadership for our younger generational groups particularly. Very thought provoking.



The Leadership and Regional Conference held in Pukekohe on the 30th and 31st July was one of the best we have attended and was well worth giving up a weekend for. Janet and I attended both days and Wendy attended the first day. We were encouraged to participate straight away on the first day, by each club having to deliver a short dissertation on our club membership,

projects, and highlights. Speakers from both BPW executive and non-BPW members were followed by workshops to discuss the speaker's content. BPW's new personal development project of GROW-Me was presented by BPW Warkworth's Charlotte Nevill for members' consideration. GROW-Me is going to be a wonderful tool (once completed) to use for developing skills of members and for attracting younger women to BPW. Thank you to Janet and Wendy for representing our Club and for their contributions at the Conference.

Finally, our Reunion dinner meeting – invitations have been sent to as many members as we have been able to find addresses for and the organisation is well underway. I am hopeful we will have a good turnout of past members and 100% turnout of current members.

We have some lovely goods already for our home baking/preserves/ handcraft raffles but do need some more so we can have three - four draws. A reminder if you are able to contribute, please drop any contributions in to Wendy at Cowley Stanich & Co offices at 7 Hakanoa St, Huntly.

Kia kaha

Trish Foy

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

MEMBERS' REUNION DINNER

Monday 5th
September
at Huntly RSA
Williams Street
Huntly
from 5.30pm

\$25.00 per head

Please RSVP by 25th

August to

trish@cscs.co.nz or

07 8289042 or

021840022

Hostesses:

**Evelyn Bryce &
Karen Putwain**

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Di Dean

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday 29th August

5.15 pm at

Cowley Stanich

Office

FUTURE MEETING DATES

26th September,

24th October

Councillors Lynch, Gibb, and Sedgwick share their Experiences

With the local body elections soon, we had a very interesting session with Shirley Boyd coordinating the panel of councillors Janet Gibb, Shelley Lynch and Jan Sedgwick.

The roles: All councillors sit on the main committees and attend community groups as council representatives.

Shelley has been Huntly Ward councillor for 6 years and is Chair of Discretionary Funds, the first woman chair in Waikato District Council. She finds it is still a “Man’s Club”, enjoyable but you need to know when to stand your ground and when to be quiet.

Janet has been Ngaruawahia Ward councillor for 3 years, is Deputy Chair of Strategy and Finance, belongs to the Audit and Risk committee ensuring measures are in place for emergencies and is doing a 5 year term on the Licensing Committee with hearings in regards to manager licenses and on and off licensed venues.

Jan has been 6 years representing Whangamarino Ward based in Te Kauwhata, forming interest groups to talk with rural community. Both Janet and Jan are Resource Management Commissioners, making sure all environmental, social, cultural aspects of decisions and activities will be viable long term.

The work: Shelley reported 28 meetings in 4 weeks with many long days and lots of variety including many workshops, AGM’s, community board, hearings, meetings with rate payers which are often after 6pm or in weekends, citizenship meeting, a lot of social occasions and phone calls.

Janet explained meetings and workshops usually start at 9am as support staff are required to provide information. Wearing different hats happens as she gives recommendations to Council along with submissions from the public.

Jan and Shelley spoke of the huge amount of reading involved, both for council meetings and before attending workshops which is very time consuming and “weighty”! They need a good general understanding of life in the area and what is going on in the other Wards. There are 13 councillors (6 women) plus the Mayor.

Work life balance: Shelley has BPW and Rotary, focusses on Huntly and enjoys talking to people – surprise, surprise! She has even had a stalker to deal with. Shelley spoke of the expectations people have of councillors and the need to give them time to talk about their concerns, many of which can be sorted quickly with the knowledge and contacts of councillors.

Janet reads fiction at the end of the day to relax. She enjoys time with family, on their farm, with BPW NZ and going to the gym. Janet commented on the changed use of social media as a councillor. She finds people often do not have facts correct and as councillors they need to patiently explain details and be diplomatic.

Jan loves playing tennis, travel and trains guide dogs. She commented on frequently being recognised and interrupted in public and is appreciative of her supportive partner. Facebook is working well in the rural community providing information. Untangling people from the red tape by listening to them and bringing clarity is rewarding as a councillor.

Those present certainly respect and appreciate the time and effort these women put into their role as councillors and being prepared to give up so much of their private life - thank you!!!



Membership Long Service Awards
Rosemary Curle, Joy Dugdale,
Betty East and Carole Rodgers-Carroll.



Huntly Allsorts reps receive our club’s
fundraised funds from daffodil sales
presented by Trish Foy.



Councillors Lynch, Gibb and
Sedgwick with Shirley Boyd
and Gaye Hancock

Update on Sarah Jones- Football referee

Sarah Jones was our July guest speaker. Wendy Horrox reports on Sarah's experiences in Rio as a referee at the Olympic Games. Sarah arrived in Rio on 27th July and had to get Rio 2016 accreditation verified before heading through customs. One of the first things she noticed was that barely anyone spoke English but she did say the man at the hotel reception spoke English so she could communicate with him. The first few days were spent meeting other referees and officials/instructors and sorting out her Olympic gear along with pre-tournament seminars and training - so very hectic. Her hotel is a 15 minute walk from Santos Dumont Airport and just across the road from the beach which she said she will not be swimming in - very dirty! Between the hotel and the beach there is artificial football fields and it is not unusual for people to be still playing at 5 in the morning. The traffic everywhere is very hectic and there is a definite housing crisis - we think NZ is bad enough but it doesn't compare to Rio.

Sarah was lucky enough to witness the Olympic flame parade and said the experience was amazing. There were so many people. So much media and many armed soldiers and police protecting the parade.

Sarah was Assistant Referee for the Germany vs Australia game and we eagerly await hearing from her regarding her experience of this and also about any other games she may be lucky enough to be involved in.



BPW INTERNATIONAL DAY

Wear anything **YELLOW**, then post on social media!



A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BPW INTERNATIONAL August 2016

Wear something yellow this #BPWDay

Happening on 26 August, #BPWDay celebrates the day that BPW was founded by Lena Madelin Phillips back in 1930.

On our 86th anniversary, we would like all our BPW sisters to embody the BPW spirit and colour.

Join us in our celebrations by wearing something yellow, just like President Yasmin !

It could be anything, whether an outfit or an accessory, simply wear something yellow, then snap a photo and share it with us on social media using our official hashtag, #BPWDay.

We will be sending reminders via email, on our [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram](#) so stay tuned.

NOTICES

**BPW HUNTLY REUNION
DINNER MEETING**

Last minute reminder to RSVP by 25th August to Trish Foy regarding your attendance at the BPW Huntly and Districts members' special reunion at our 5th September meeting.

If you have photos older than three years and you don't mind sharing, please provided to Trish for inclusion in a photo slide show.

Contributions for the raffles are to be dropped off at Cowley Stanich office, 7 Hakanoa Street Huntly

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Other Committee:

Jan Shand Shelley Lynch

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 ghancocknz@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.
Contributions to our bulletin are welcome from all club members.*