

Our Newsletter for February 2017

Fabulous February

Welcome back! Happy New Year! No doubt everyone had a great Christmas with fun, food and families and a Happy Holiday break. Now we are back with Fabulous February and Pay Equality is our thing. Wow this is going to be so interesting as it's all in the news and our 1st Vice President Helen Swales is coming to tell us all about it. You so have to come and get your photo with Helen as this is a rare opportunity.

It would be great for you to bring a guest that 1. is interested in this area and 2. we need a woman from nursing, physio, doctor, accountant, lawyer, Manager, teacher, owns her own business etc. If you think of her right now just invite her!! Bring also a red bag and wear your BPW badge.

New time start of 5.45pm so we can network/drinkies then have a business meeting from 6 to 6.30pm.

This newsletter is compiled of 3 parts – 1st is your local president's letter, 2nd is national's president's letter and 3rd is the international president's letter. Also each month will be sponsored by a member to promote her business or anything she wishes, which is what we are about – a win win situation. This is great news!

Remember that now you are a member you are only able to miss any two meetings a year, so pick wisely. And lastly but not the least, can't wait to see you on Monday and who you are going to bring as your guest.

Don't forget to reply now or by Friday to the bpw email. Thanks again.

Cheers

Sheryl Wallis
Your President

Next Dinner Meetings

20th February 2017
5.45pm Tairoa Lodge for
6.30 pm Dinner

Next Exec Meeting

6^h March 2017
7.30 pm Sheryl's house

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National news

Message from Vicky Mee –

Wishing all members, a great year for 2017!

I hope the year brings everyone opportunities for personal growth as well as the satisfaction that comes from being part of advocacy or projects that make a difference in your community, our country or internationally.

Flowing out of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference last year was the impetus for the Young BPWs of the region to meet up at a regional conference in Singapore. I'm delighted that Vivien Johnston, our Young BPW Rep, will be there and we look forward to the energy and ideas she will bring back to the group in NZ. It is great that the enthusiasm from the Asia Pacific Conference is being built on and our younger members are playing an active role in shaping our organisation and our work.

We all bring our different strengths to BPW and this is what makes it such a strong organisation with a great deal of mana behind our voice. Our voice has authority because we are building on top of the amazing work done by BPW NZ members over the years since our beginning in 1939. I know that through BPW, I have learnt to look at issues and problems differently and I try and discern if there is a structural problem causing any difficulties. If there is, then there is a challenge: working through the process of fully understanding the issue, knowing who is involved and their stance, thinking through a strategy and then advocating for change or pulling together a project to make the change. I know I am often surprised how quickly things can fall into place once a good underlying plan is agreed.

BPW NZ is a great training ground for advocacy as we are involved in submissions on national issues and international through CSW and through the International Congresses. This is an area we want to grow and it's great to see the Young BPWs aware of the difference they can make. I and the executive team welcome interest from all members who want to work for change in our society. One of the most important mechanisms for change is to target change in our workplaces. If gender equality is accepted in the workplace it will ripple out and become the norm throughout society. BPW's support and leadership of the UN Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) committee and the discussions with the organisations that make up the WEPs signatories is a vital part of our work for gender equality.

Pay equity is going to be a major focus of 2017. I know some clubs have some great events planned for Red Bag Day and we all need to keep awareness of equal pay to the fore in our February events and publicity. This pay equity focus will be ongoing throughout the year as we work for full implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Working Group on the General Principles of Pay Equity.

It was great that the government accepted the recommendations on November 24th and now comes the work of putting this into practice.

Encouragement comes from Phil O'Reilly's opinion piece in the NZ Herald (former head of Business NZ and one of the members of the Joint Working Group): http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11783755

We have some important work to do and a great Hawkes Bay conference coming up with a very different ambience from our last three urban conferences. It's going to be a wonderful event! Do come as I know you will not be disappointed and I'm looking forward to catching up with so many members.

I wish you and your clubs the very best for 2017 as you act on the triennial theme of "Making a Difference through Leadership and Action".

Vicky Mee

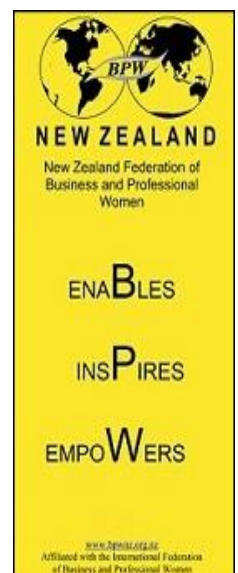


Vicky Mee
President BPW NZ

**BPW NZ
National Events**

- Feb 14th Auckland Pay Equity Coalition meeting
- Mar 8th International Women's Day breakfast
- March 24th BPW Hibiscus Coast awards dinner

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Dear BPW Sister,

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

On our 87th 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.

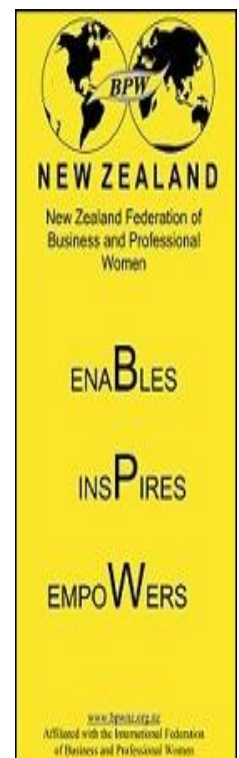
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- Next Congress in Cairo, Egypt 2017



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Hawera Club November 2016 Dinner

Rochelle Steer, Rocky, from Donation Station and Kai kitchen Informed us on the future plans for the Kai Kitchen and the reverse advent calendar that they are organising for Christmas.

Te Aroha Hohaia, chair of Ta Ara Pae (Summit house trust) Spoke on their new developments and her role in governance there.



Hawera Club December 2016 Dinner

Our clubs Christmas dinner which we invited husbands, partners and friends to. We had a wonderful five course meal with wine tasting and was enjoyed by everyone.



Desiree Bond
Secretary



Gwen Cater
Treasurer



Karen Pratt



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Linda Morrison



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Be there or be square Looking forward to seeing you