



BPW Wellington

We have been busy in the last couple of months. In April, A contingent of BPW Wellington delegates attended the Asia Pacific Regional Conference. This was attended by members from all over the world and a lot was shared about BPW activities internationally.

[Read here](#) for the highlights

Although we are off to a slow start, our goals this year are firm. We are looking to roll out initiatives on advocacy, professional and personal development and Entrepreneurship.

JOIN US FOR OUR CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY DINNER!

Each year clubs all over the world come together to participate in a ceremony to pay special tribute to one of the world's most influential organisations, the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, which unites

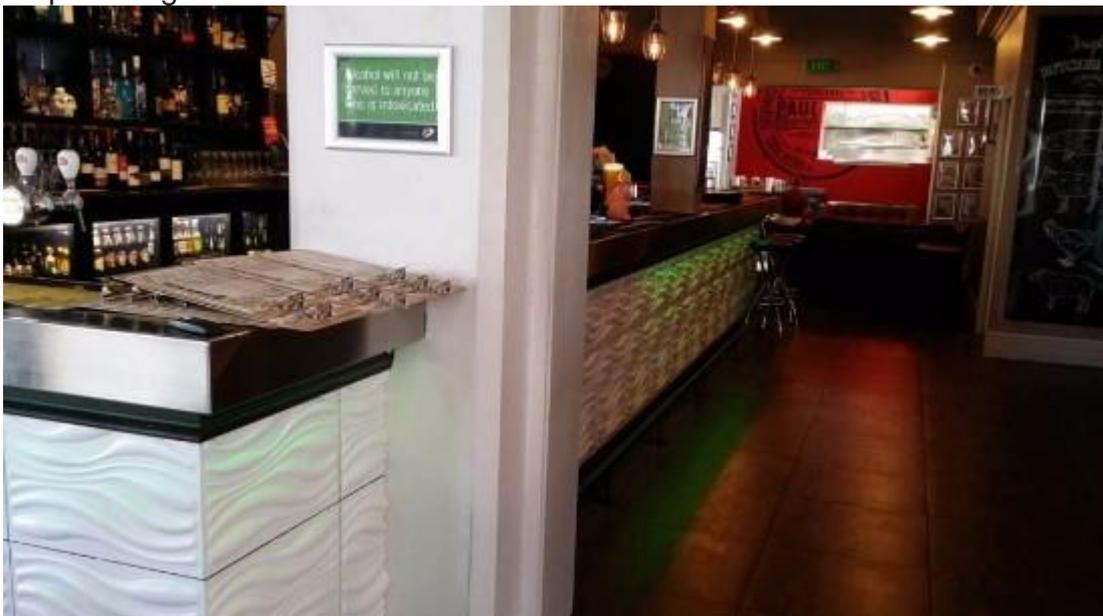


women around the world.

Although its members speak in many languages and live in countries with differing traditions they share the same determination of purpose. [Read more about Candle lighting here](#)

For this month we have decided to change the format and the venue of our usual meeting and share some insights that our President, Hellen Swales has brought back from her recent trip where she represented BPW NZ at the United Nations. Hellen has some interesting, and funny stories from her time there and also some lessons that she brought back and would love to share.

We will also be launching the outline of our new initiatives focused on empowering women.



The Dinner will be held on Sunday, 29 May at the Butcher & Brewer, 175 Jackson Street, Petone.

We are meeting for a dinner as we want to provide an opportunity to really get to know each other and reinvigorate our group. We hope we can use this time to develop less formal and more relaxed relationships.

The dinner will be \$20- \$30 per person to be paid at the bar. \$5.00 cash additional will be payable to BPW to cover admin costs.

Please join us and feel free to bring a guest who you think would love to be involved.

Please RSVP to Leonie Dobbs leonie.dobbs@xtra.co.nz

Dr Yasmin Darwich, President of
BPW International



During the Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Dr Jasmin Darwich, who came to join us from Mexico delivered a thought provoking and powerful speech, sharing with us the plight of women in underdeveloped countries and key barriers to women growing in leadership and in business worldwide.

She shared initiatives, projects and advocacy actions that are happening around the world. To read the report [click here](#).



Looking to make a difference?

BPWNZ have set up a range of task forces to enhance our brand, and engage new members. This is an opportunity to get involved in issues that really make you tick.

Whatever you are interested in, whether it be about supporting women, or being supported, BPW has something practical for you. We are focusing this year on making sure you know exactly what is available for you. Click here to find out what you can get involved in.

[Get more information here](#)



Congratulations to our new members Angela Lane from Netti, Stephanie Russell and Niamh O'Sullivan from Coca Cola Amatil. We look forward to getting to know you!