

**Colleen M Brooker
BADGE OF HONOUR 2010
BPW(F)**

BPW Membership:

Membership:	1972 to 1978 (Hamilton) 1978 to present (Auckland)
President:	1981 to 1983, and 1985 to 1986
Secretary:	2009 to current
Committee positions:	various over the years

BPW NZ Federation:

Membership Chair:	1981 - 1983
Publicity & Publications Chair:	1983 - 1987
Planning Committee NZ Congress:	1983 - 1985
Publicity & Press Officer for NZ Congress:	1985
Employment & Conditions Chair:	1987 - 1989
1st Vice President :	1989 - 1991
Finance Officer:	1991 - 1993
Trustee on the NZ Horizons for Women Trust when living in Wellington	
Merchandise Convener:	1998 to current
Minute Secretary at the Executive meetings:	2006 - 2009
Badge of Honour:	2010

BPW International Federation:

International Publicity Committee Member:	1985 - 1989
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Professional & Personal Insight:

- Qualified Nurse and owned a Secretarial College & Word processing Bureau, 1978 - 1990
- NZ Qualifications Authority, Education Management Systems Auditor, 1991- 2008
- Other roles: Treasurer of Association of Private Providers of Training & Education
Member of Advisory Committee to Government Commission to Education Structure
Member of Chamber of Commerce. Trustee, New Horizons for Women's Trust

Colleen Brooker - Her Story:

- As BPW club member attended her first NZ Conference, 1981, result became Membership Chair
⇒ Club delegate to the National Council of Women and Trustee on the New Zealand Horizons for Women Trust when living in Wellington
⇒ PPSEAWA Delegate, 1989 - 1990.
- Association with BPW NZ:
⇒ Publicity Chair, magazine 'Speak Up' was produced successfully
⇒ Assisted with the International Congress held in Auckland, 1984
 - ◆ held the position of Press Officer
 - ◆ ensured the International President had speaking opportunities in the press, radio and on television.
- International representation:
⇒ Attended almost every Congress since 1984, these have included:
 - ◆ Auckland, New Zealand (1985), Hague, Delegate (1987), Bahamas, Deputy Leader and Delegate (1989), Nairobi, Delegate (1991)
 - ◆ visited the Project 5.0 Nursing School in Las Pas, Mexico (1991).
 ⇒ One of three official sponsored delegates who travelled to the Soviet Union to meet with the Russian Women's Committee (equivalent to the Ministry of Women's Affairs NZ) about the Business and Professional Women's organisation, to explore setting up a BPW club in Moscow and St Petersburg (1990),
 - ◆ entertained by the Japanese BPW women in Tokyo on route
 - ◆ participated in the goodwill tour through Scandinavia, Finland meeting BPW women.
 ⇒ NZ Vice President, Australian Conference, 1990, first of many exchange visits between the two countries.
⇒ As an observer attended the following conferences and was a volunteer:
 - ◆ Melbourne, Head Teller (2002), Switzerland, Credentials Desk (2005).
- Colleen Brooker instigated the annual Brooker Marketing Award to encourage clubs to advertise themselves professionally.

