



# BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

During the last two months I have been fortunate to not only attend our own International Candle lighting ceremony, but also be present at a ceremony held by BPW Franklin in Pukekohe as well as a combined ceremony for BPW clubs Tamaki, Auckland and Hibiscus Coast at Waipuna Lodge in Auckland.

It is a privilege to have the opportunity more than once in a year to light candles for other countries and honour women who stand up around the world for equality and better opportunities for all women – Empower Women and you will empower a nation.

Penny Hulse, Deputy Mayor of Auckland Council was the guest speaker at the combined event. She epitomizes a good leader, who looks for solutions even when dealing with massive challenges, empowering others and encouraging them along for the journey.

This week I was asked to present the Rita King Award for the New Horizons for Women Trust. The ceremony held in Hamilton at WINTEC presented six awards. The award in Rita's name went to Laurene Bryce studying the Bachelor of Nursing.

Rita King MBE was a life member of BPW Wellington for 40 years and a passionate advocate for equal pay and work opportunities for women. She was a founding member of NHWT. It was inspiring to see women striving to achieve and being selected to receive these second chance awards.

**PLEASE NOTE a change to the August program** – we would like to trial holding the club meeting first followed by dinner, then the speaker. This should enable you to then relax and enjoy the evening and ensure we deal with business matters quickly and efficiently.

This month's guest speaker will be interesting and fun – so be prepared for a great evening.



Janet Gibb President

## WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

### **August Club Meeting**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
at the Huntly RSA**

**MEETING at 5.30pm**

**DINNER at 6.00pm**

**\$25.00 per head**

**After dinner Speaker**

**Janine Antram tells us  
about her health  
challenge that led to  
establishing her  
business – SSHairwear.**

**NOTE:**  
**Please let Gayle  
Scott know if you are  
not attending.**

**PH: 021 263 6840 or**

### **Committee Meetings**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

5.30pm, at Jan  
Shand's home

Future Dates:

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> August

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> September

*Huntly & Districts Business and Professional Women meet on the first Monday of each month. For more information on the club - contact President Janet Gibb 07 824 6737 or 027 475 3397.*

## **DUTY ROSTERS**

*Hostesses: Shirley Boyde & Jan Shand*

*Raffle: Janet*

## **Birthday wishes to:**

Carol Rodgers-Carroll

### **Rita King – BPW Wellington Life Member for 40 years**

On researching Rita King prior to presenting the award for New Horizons for Women Trust I found a snippet from a paper in 1971:

It is the 1970s, when the front page of the Timaru Herald is still taken up with advertisements, men are men and mow the lawns, and women look their best sitting at a typewriter!

*"Unequal pay does nothing to encourage women to make their best effort," Mrs. Rita M King, the president of the Council for Equal Pay and Opportunity, told a public meeting, arranged by the Timaru Business and Professional Women's Club and attended by seven women.*

*A fellow of the Society of Chartered Accountants in Wellington, Mrs. King represented the New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women on the Council for Equal Pay and was a party to the commission of inquiry on equal pay held earlier that year.*

*Equal pay was the short title for the principle that, where the work was of equal value, the pay for that work should also be equal, Mrs. King said. All women asked was that their work be measured by the same standards as the work of men, and rarely do men, as between themselves man to man, do work of equal value.*

*"Whatever good reason there may be for paying one person more or less than another, the sex of either person should not be taken into account," she said.*

*The main arguments against equal pay were intelligence, strength, family responsibilities, continuity of service and the burning question, cost, Mrs. King said.*

. Rita King MBE was a life member of BPW Wellington for 40 years and a passionate advocate for equal pay and work opportunities for women.

She was also a foundation member of the Society for Research on Women. As a chartered accountant in the 1940s and 50s Rita shared women's problems of inequality in the work place. In the 1960s she worked to improve women's access to education and training and to promote equal pay and opportunity. She had a major input into the Equal Pay Act 1972.

BPW NZ was a founding member of the New Horizons Trust for Women in 1989 and in 1993 donated funds to set up the Rita King Award.



## **July Guest Speakers – Waikato District Council Panel**

**Angela Parquist, Lianne Van den Bemd, Kelly Newell and Sheryl Paekau**



### **We thank our July Guest Speakers who shared with us about their roles with the Waikato District Council**

Angela, Manager of Customer Services is responsible for 70+ staff from those working in the five libraries to others on the phones at the contact center and manning the front counters – the face to face contact with the public.

Lianne assists many organisations to apply for funding for projects through the different community funds available. Across the district there are innumerable volunteers passionate about their communities, who give their time and just need a helping hand with funding.

Kelly is involved with Civil Defense and Community Response Plans – she is setting up action plans with champions in the different towns and villages throughout the district, in order to be ready for a disaster. The issue may not even be local however we could the only help that people from other areas receive e.g. an overflow of Aucklanders fleeing a disaster over the Bombay Hills.

Sheryl is in the planning team and has been involved recently in all the consultation in our district for feedback on the District Plan Review. She is also passionate about our heritage and is one of the team assisting with the implementation of the Heritage Strategy.

There are challenges along with the successes, but more and more council staff are working alongside people in the community to deliver what is needed and asked for.

Each of these women is passionate about their roles serving the community through local government – a good example of the Women’s Empowerment Principles at work.

**Fundraiser**



The team is fundraising to attend the Gold Coast Netball Carnival in July 2016 held in the Gold Coast and also a North Island Secondary schools netball tournament (UNISS) being held in Hamilton in early September this year.

They will be grateful for any support from BPW members – if anyone would like to purchase any large bags of pinecones and can't make it on Saturday to collect they can just place their order with Trish Foy (email work or phone) and she will arrange. Pinecones are \$7 per bag or 3 bags for \$20.

**Your Committee**

- President:** Janet Gibb  
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- Vice President:** Trish Foy  
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Jan Shand 021 848 043
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- Catering:** Gayle Scott  
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- Other committee: Betty East

*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, 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**

*Contributions to our bulletin are welcome from all club members. Please email them to janetmgibb@gmail.com by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.*