



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Our club celebrated International Candle Lighting again with a successful night hosting guest members from Franklin, Tamaki, Upper Hutt and Wellington along with members and their guests including the Mayoress Trish Sanson.

We were privileged to welcome Hellen Swales, Vice President Issues for BPWNZ as our guest speaker and also have Vicky Mee President of BPWNZ be present to read her personal message for Candle Lighting to the gathered group of women.

The event is an important opportunity to recognise and pay tribute to the work of the organisation and its founding member, Dr Lena Madesin Phillips. We enjoy taking stock of our achievements and the achievements of our sister clubs by improving the status of women from our own towns in New Zealand and internationally. We have changed laws, brought awareness to inequities and partnered our efforts with several international and national organisations that have the same goals and objectives as we do. We must be proud of our accomplishments but our work is not yet complete.

Internationally we are continuing to work towards erasing human trafficking, domestic violence, discrimination and inequality for women in education, employment and health.

We now need to focus on local issues and continue to lobby for action around the two resolutions our own club put forward at the recent AGM in Christchurch.

"By lighting each candle we pledge our support to the group's advocacy and efforts for a better life throughout the whole world."



Janet Gibb President

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

July Club Meeting

Monday 6th July

at the Huntly RSA

"Meet & Greet" from

5.30 - Dinner 6.00pm

\$25.00 per head

Speaker

**A Panel of women from
Waikato District Council
discussing their roles in
our community from
Heritage and Customer
Service to Community
Response and grants.**

NOTE:

Please let Gayle

**Scott know if you are
not attending.**

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Committee Meetings

Monday 29th June

5.30pm, at Jan

Shand's home

Future Dates:

Mon 27th July

Mon 24th August

Mon 28th September

DUTY ROSTERS

Hostesses: Betty East & Wendy Horrox

Raffle: Trish Foy & Pauline Dunn

Birthday wishes to:

Evelyn Bryce, Helen

McAlpine, Beth Wright

Farewell Message from Colleen Yorwarth BPW Huntly & Districts Member from 1997 to 2015



As I leave BPW Huntly & Districts I reflect on my time over the past 20 years.

During this time I have enjoyed meeting with new people and participating in the administration of the organisation. A highlight was attending the National Conference in my first year; this enabled me to learn quickly what BPW's purpose and goals were. I have fond memories of being mentored by Dulcie Dodd during my early years of membership. I had the opportunity to contribute at National level on Health issues. I found this interesting and challenging as at the time New Zealand was experiencing major changes to our health systems. I have been able to attend most annual conferences and have enjoyed over the past 6 years contributing by being the Official Time Keeper. Over the years the structure of the national organisation has evolved to ensure that all women are welcomed and able to use their skill and talents to ensure the promotion of women is continued.

I believe attending National Conference is an excellent way for new members to learn and experience BPW, a great opportunity to meet other members of Clubs from throughout New Zealand, who share the same visions for women. I have always been very proud of being part Huntly who have undertaken various projects that have supported our local community. I have vivid memories of our first Wearable Arts evening, the laughter, hard work and what we learning that first night, it was a great experience that the Club turned into a high profile event that many looked forward to attending bi-annually.

My congratulations to the Club on your more recent projects, the mentoring of young women in our community, ANZAC flowers and the annual high teas at Aparangi and Kimihia Home and Hospital ensure that BPW is very active.

Candlelighting has always been favourite, inviting guests, other community groups and sister Clubs, always having wonderful guest speakers, a highlight the Top Twins. Over the years I have developed a really connection with Franklin Club and have more recently spent many evenings in Pukekohe with my daughter Andrea who is a member, their Club always making me very welcome.

Over the past couple of years I have found it difficult to attend Club dinner meetings as I find driving at night too challenging, so reluctantly have resigned from Huntly Club. I will continue my association with BPW joining Andrea at Franklin for monthly meetings whilst spending time with family.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of BPW Huntly & Districts present and past for a wonderful 20 years and wish you all well. I look forward to catching up with you at future candlelighting evenings and other BPW events

Candle Lighting Ceremony



BPW Huntly & Districts President Janet Gibb; BPWNZ President Vicky Mee; BPW Huntly & Districts VP Trish Foy



Our members networking with guest

We thank May Guest Speaker Hellen Swales – Vice President Issues for BPWNZ

for her overview of her time in New York at the United Nations at CSW59 – the 59th session on the Commission on the Status of Women.

Hellen talked about how amazing the women attendees were from all around the world and that issues raised in New Zealand can be elevated as high as the United Nations. New Zealand was critical in discussions about Forced Marriages and has a great reputation for speaking to issues, often being asked to second motions from other countries.

In New Zealand Hellen is an elected member for Upper Hutt City Council and Member of BPW Upper Hutt as well as President for BPW Wellington. She is engaging more with President Vicky Mee to increase our profile with various organisations, including Parliament. She loves her involvement with BPW and finds it so rewarding knowing that can make a difference.



Long Service Award Recipients Honoured

Freda Aldridge, Beth Wright & Evelyn Bryce



Your Committee

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*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

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