



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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NEWSLETTER – MAY 2016

PRESIDENTS PEN

At our April dinner meeting we heard from Aotea Maipi who is one of the Champions of the It's not OK Campaign which has been operating in Huntly for the last 18 months. Our community has many people working hard to try to reduce the domestic violence in our district.

The NZ Herald published a week-long series about family violence called “**We’re better than this**”. Some of the things under discussion:

- Our country’s appalling record of domestic violence (we have the worst rate of family and intimate-partner violence in the world and 80% of incidents go unreported)
- Victim’s stories and the reasons why victims find it hard to leave continuing violent situations
- How and where to get help or more information
- A perpetrator’s admission of his path to violence, his shame and how he is now telling his story through the It’s Not OK campaign, calling for men to take stock, take responsibility and make changes
- Agencies responses to family violence and the challenges and frustrations for these agencies
- That violence doesn’t always come from men, there’s also violence by women. Violence is across all sectors and levels of society
- Suggested solutions – improving legislation and response; educating and raising awareness of the issue and the warning signs; promoting equality and healthy relationships; and properly funding support agencies.

It is good to see that this issue is being brought to the forefront by the media, thus supporting all the work that the many organisations including BPW are doing to try to reduce and eliminate family violence. This is a good example where the media can be used to highlight and promote discussion for action over a serious problem in our society. Let’s all take action so we aren’t discussing the same appalling statistics in twenty years’ time.

Kia Kaha

Stay Strong

Trish Foy

WHAT’S ON NEXT MONTH

June Club Meeting:

CANDLELIGHTING

Monday 13 June 16

at Huntly RSA

William Street Huntly

Meet and Greet 6pm

\$35.00 per head

SPEAKER

Panel of women from
other cultures

NOTE

Please RSVP by 3rd June to

Gayle Scott

Phone 021 263 6840 or

scottptgy@xtra.co.nz

or Trish trish@cscs.co.nz

HOSTESSES

Wendy & Merle

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Trish, Janet, Shelley,

Claire and Maeve

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mon 23rd May 5.30pm,

at Jan Shand's home

FUTURE DATES

27/6, 25/7 29/8

Huntly & Districts Business and Professional Women meet on the first Monday of each month.

For more information on the club - contact President Trish Foy 07 828 7590 or 021 840 022

CANDLE LIGHTING

At our June meeting we celebrate all the women of the world through our Candle lighting ceremony. We will be welcoming as guests, women of different nationalities from our community – three of whom will form a panel of guest speakers.

Vicky Mee our BPWNZ President will be attending, along with some BPW members from other clubs, invited local women and of course, you and other Huntly and District Club members.

Business & Professional Women (BPW) Huntly & Districts

Invites you to attend our International Candle Lighting Ceremony Monday 13th June 2016 from 6pm

at Huntly RSA 42 William Street Huntly

\$35 per head Cash Bar available and Raffles 3 tickets for \$5.00

Global Theme: Wear Clothes Or Jewellery Related To Your Heritage

Guest Speakers A panel of local women of different nationalities will discuss their experiences in New Zealand as their new country

Please RSVP by 3rd June to Trish Foy by either email or phone - trish@csca.co.nz Phone 021 840022

*Payment can be banked to 03-1570-0024631-00 Ref: Candle lighting and Name
or post cheque to: PO Box 247 Huntly*



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED AT OUR MAY DINNER MEETING



Trish Foy welcomes: Janine Kerr, Robyn Kerr, Gaye Hancock, Karen Putwain, and Nola Morland

ANZAC FLOWERS PROJECT



HELPERS ON THE DAY

L-R Shirley, Carole, Gayle, Nola and Trish
Absent from the photo Shelley, Janet,
Beth and Betty

Thanks to all those who helped decorate the soldiers graves at the Huntly Cemetery and a special thanks to Shirley Boyde for coordinating the project.



MAY GUEST SPEAKER – AOTEA MAIPI HUNTLY'S IT'S NOT OK CAMPAIGN



At our May meeting we welcomed Aotea Maipi from “Huntly Proud” which was set up as a response to the It’s Not OK campaign for action on family violence. Its Not OK is a community driven behaviour change campaign to reduce family violence in NZ and its goal is to change attitudes and behaviour that tolerate any kind of family violence. Community ownership is the key to success. They do this by recruiting and training local ‘Champions’ – people who are well known and visible in different sectors of their community. Local champions work well because people feel more comfortable about asking them for help.

Launched in Huntly in November 2014 the group has held a Men’s Hui on 26-28 June 2015, a Call to Women on 21 November 2015 and It’s Not OK Family Fun Day on 21st November 2015. In the first 6 months, the police statistics reported a

30% reduction in family violence in comparison to the previous year. Any members who would be interested in becoming ‘Champions’ are encouraged to contact Aotea. She intends on setting up a suicide prevention programme/group as well.

NOTICES

North Waikato Transport Trust Health Shuttle

Pre-loved Pudding and Pie Fundraiser

Help is requested by North Waikato Transport Trust for the Pre-Loved Pudding and Pie fundraiser on 30 July 2016.

They ask that we provide some baking and support the function by attending.

More details later.

BPW NZ Northern Regional Meeting

The Regional and Leadership Meeting dates are the 30th-31st July 2016 and will be held at the St Andrews Anglican Church, Reid Anderson Hall, Wesley Street, Pukekohe.

BPW Huntly Reunion Dinner Meeting

We are inviting all past and present BPW Huntly and Districts members to a special reunion at our 5th September meeting. If you have photos older than 3 years and you don't mind sharing, please provide to Trish for inclusion in a photo slide show.

YOU'RE COMMITTEE

President:

Trish Foy

828 7590 or 021 840 022

Immediate Past President:

Janet Gibb

(07) 824 6737 or 027 4753397

Secretary:

Carole Rodgers

828 8804 or 022 1300 351

Treasurer:

Wendy Horrox

828 8804 or 027 202 2252

Catering:

Gayle Scott

826 3383 or 021 263 6840

Other Committee:

Jan Shand Shelley Lynch

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, and 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 ghancocknz@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.