

Our Newsletter for June 2016

Dear members,

May was a busy month for the executive with lots of final arrangements to be made for the Makaia Carr event. Ticket sales was slow as usual, but picked up in the last few days and we ended up with 78 tickets sold, which is very good for a Hawera event. We pretty much broke even with the ticket sales, but ended up making over \$1500 profit due to raffle sales, auction of the voucher that Racquel had provided and a donation towards the event from the TSB bank. A big THANK YOU to all members who have donated towards the raffle. Your donations, in combination with Rachel's sales skills accounted for one third of the total profit!

The event was a great success. Makaia was very inspiring and the Q&A set-up worked well. There was plenty of supper and the band Easy was of very high quality and great for dancing the night away. Overall it was a great evening and we achieved our goal of securing enough funds for the 2017 Women's Education Scholarship.

Speaking of the BPW Hawera Women's Education Scholarship, we are now calling for applications. If you are interested or know someone who could use a bit of (financial) support to further their education, please guide them to our website (bpwhawera.org.nz) where the application form can be downloaded. But be quick; the closing date is 19 June 2016!

Looking forward we have Candle lighting coming up in June and we are saying farewell to Chanel who is moving back to the USA shortly after. The Regional meeting will be held the 20th of August in the Wellington region. Please let me or Helen know if you are interested in attending this meeting.

October (= AGM) is also only a few months away. We would love to add some new faces to the executive. If you are interested in joining, please come see any of the executive members and maybe join us in one of our upcoming meetings, so you can experience for yourself what it's like to be involved in the executive. You're never too old, too young or too new as we need a good representation of our members on our executive and every single member can help increase the diversity and bring in new, fresh ideas. We'd love to have you on board!

Keep warm and dry and see you all on the 20th of June for our special candle lighting dinner.

Kind regards,

Anita Scott

Next Dinner Meetings

20th June 2016

6pm Tairoa Lodge for
6.30 pm Dinner

Candle Lighting.

18th July 2016

6pm Tairoa Lodge for
6.30 pm Dinner

Next Exec Meeting

7th June 2016

7.30 pm Anita's house

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National news

Message from Vicky Mee –

Your new executive met in May for our strategic meeting to work through our direction and priorities for the year. The Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) had given us a great springboard of energy and enthusiasm and the ideas flowed! We were looking to capture where we are going succinctly and the two key directions that emerged were to right gender imbalance and to unlock women's potential.

BPW New Zealand has been using the Keys to Achievement (KTA) programme to enable members to grow their skills and to build their leadership capacity in a trusted environment for a number of years. For some, the KTAs do not hold enough challenge and/or they are not extending skills in directions that are most useful for career growth and maintaining work/life balance. BPW Warkworth undertook a review of the KTAs last year and has come up with an exciting new concept which they are calling Growme. . At our regional meetings in July and August we will be running workshops around Growme and seeking your feedback as we decide if it is the right fit for our organisation and how we will use it. It is your decision as to whether we pick this up, run it side by side with the KTAs or gradually retire the KTAs.

Our second goal of righting gender imbalance is huge! And yet this is one that we can tackle in our communities, nationally or internationally. Clubs working in their communities, running events and gaining publicity around International Women's Day, Red Bag Day and other issues, such as the 1 in 4 campaign from BPW Kaitaia, are helping right that balance. In this local body election year hosting panels around topical issues is another way to ensure women's voices are heard. BPWNZ President's Message-Vicky Mee 3 BPW NZ Newsletter June 2016 BPW Gisborne showed last year with their launch of the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) in Gisborne that starting discussions on gender equity in organisations can be very effective at a regional level.

BPW New Zealand is committed to promoting the WEPs through New Zealand as one of the key ways we can help right gender imbalance in the workplace. I have just become Chair of the national WEPs committee and am looking forward to initiatives which will be launched this year to help companies set targets and measure progress to gender equity. Pay Equity is going to be a BIG topic this year. We are expecting the results from Dame Patsy Reddy's Working Group on the principles underlying the Equal Pay Act 1972 to be released soon and this plus the results from the Working Group on Caregivers' pay (following the Kristine Bartlett court case) will determine a lot of BPW New Zealand's advocacy work this year.

If we are to be effective advocates, then upskilling ourselves is vital. Again I see our two goals meshing well. Nationally we are seeing daily headlines about families in financial stress and very often it is the women who bear the brunt of many policies. Our concern about the feminisation of poverty will be another advocacy push. Gender imbalance is found in many walks of life and when we look globally it can seem overwhelming.

I congratulate Hellen Swales and Sally Smith for their work at CSW60 and ensuring that BPW New Zealand continues to play its role with BPW Africa in working to end child and forced marriages. BPW New Zealand needs a steady platform underpinning our organisation to enable us to deliver effectively on these two goals. So we are looking for task force members not only in the Growme and advocacy space but also to enable membership, ensure we are well funded and to boost our communication around all the great things we are doing.

Our regional meetings will be a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and to challenge ourselves to unlock our own potential so we can successfully right gender imbalances! Hope we all rise to the challenge!

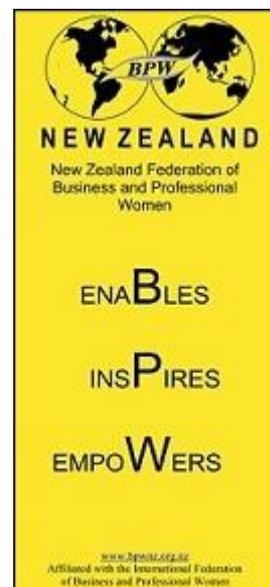
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BPW NZ
National Events

- ✓ June 13th
Welcome WEPS
signatory Waikato
District Council
- ✓ June 16th
Auckland launch
of WEPs Gender
Equality strategy
- ✓ June 25th
Conference 2017
planning with
BPW
Central HB

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OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER MAY 2016

A NIGHT WITH MAKAI A CARR FROM MOTIVATEME

A FEW PHOTOS FROM OUR EVENT



Feedback = please reply to Helen direct on helenjcook@xtra.co.nz

A big thank you to the following members to help out with the meet and greet.

Dinner Meeting Date	Meet & Greet Roster
	(If you are unable to complete, please arrange for another member to take your seat at the door)
20th June	Rachel Werder and Sheryl Wallis
18th July	Gwen and Michelle Plumtree
15th August	Dee and Michele McClure
19 th September	Helen Cook and Vivien Johnston

**We also seek your assistance to introduce and thank the speakers at each monthly meeting as many hands make light work.
Thanks.**

June is Candle Lighting and we look forward to seeing you all there 😊



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