



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Thank you for your recent support in electing me to be Huntly & District BPW President. I am looking forward to my tenure (albeit with some trepidation!) and hope to continue, with the support of our committee, the good work that has been done by all our Past Presidents, Executive Committee and members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet on behalf of us all, for the leadership she has shown over the past two years in her capacity as President. Under her stewardship our Club won the 2015 BPW Club of the Year, the Nepal Literacy Fund Award, whilst continuing with our usual annual community focused activities. Janet has recently signed up the Waikato District Council for the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPS) and this was recognised publicly by our BPW NZ President, Vicky Mee, at the Leadership Forum held last weekend. This is a wonderful achievement. I believe Janet's representation of Huntly and Districts at national level with BPW NZ, coupled with her massive amount of input at Club level and support from you, our members, has been a prime reason for our club's success. Thanks again Janet and I appreciate the support that you and other club members have offered me in my new role.

BPW Huntly & Districts offers a variety of benefits for members – fellowship, personal development, leadership, networking, opportunities of support to women in our community, knowledge sharing (both giving and receiving) and friendship. We all have the opportunity through our Club to reap all or some of these benefits, but at the same time we must together help develop these opportunities/benefits by using our skills and the many BPW resources available to us.

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

November Club Meeting

**Monday 2 November
at the Huntly RSA**

MEETING at 5.30pm

DINNER at 6.00pm

SPEAKER follows

\$25.00 per head

Speaker

**Ruth Hanson on her
Nepal experiences.
Fund Raiser
Nepal Literacy**

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

PH: 021 263 6840 or

Committee Meetings

Tuesday 27th October

5.30pm, at Jan
Shand's home

Future Dates:

Mon 30th November

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.

One such BPW resource is the learnings from the two- day BPW NZ Leadership Forum held in Pukekohe on 10th and 11th of this month. Janet, Merle, Shirley and I along with our guest Janine, attended this. Wendy, unfortunately, was unable to attend at the last minute because of illness. We all found the forum invaluable and it was especially timely for me, given my new role.

There were practical workshops on positively influencing others, how to flourish as a club, ideas on increasing membership, and being effective in specific roles e.g. secretary, treasurer. At the end of the forum we were asked to formulate specific goals for our club during the next year. We will be discussing these goals with members over the coming month and how we can use the information and tools provided to us by BPW to ensure we meet those goals.

However, I believe our main focus for our Club over the next year should be to raise our profile within our community and attract more members. With a larger member base we can achieve so much more.

So let's all make an effort to talk to other women in our community about BPW, be present as a group at events like the Pink Walk for Cancer on the 19th October and build on the good work we are already doing for our community and our women.

Remember, together we can truly make a difference.

Kia Kaha

Trish Foy – President

BPWNZ Leadership Forum – Pukekohe



Janet Gibb, Trish Foy, Shirley Boyde and Janine Kerr

Goals we formulated:

1. To raise our Club's profile within our area so that we can attract more members
2. Build on our current base of club activities for existing members
3. Support the Keys to Achievement (KTA) review and use KTA's to encourage and mentor new members
4. Work on action plans for resolutions
5. Formulate an alternative project/use of funds from past ARTZ show proceeds.

Before we finalise these goals we would like to have input from members and so we invite you to provide your feedback on these at the next meeting.

DUTY ROSTERS

Hostesses:

Beth Wright and Pat Speedy

Birthday wishes to:

Freda Aldridge, Joy Dugdale

Shirley Boyde

Outgoing Presidents Report for Year ended 31 August 2015

This is my last report as President being my 2nd year. I have enjoyed the term as President and wish the incoming President well. I will support her in her term.

We have been successful in obtaining grant funds again through Pub Charity for our conferences and leadership forums over the past years and I am happy to continue to apply for funding going forward to assist members to continue to attend these valuable forums.

Our remits this year were unanimously passed at the BPWNZ AGM and the Aparangi fundraiser was another great result for your efforts. The AGM also resulted in our club winning Club of the Year as well as the Nepal Literacy Trophy for most raised funds.

We have had excellent speakers and workshops, ANZAC flowers displayed, sponsorship of college students, Blue Light week for two girls at Huntly College and two study grants. Plus hot off the press, success with Waikato District Council agreeing to participate in the Women's Empowerment Principles.

Thanks again to my committee and all members for your dedication.

Nepal Literacy Fund



When Pauline Gapper, a past BPW NZ President and a member of Hibiscus Coast Club, met with BPW members in Kathmandu in 1988 she was asked if the New Zealand Federation could help financially with the literacy classes the Nepali clubs wished to set up for illiterate women.

At that time Nepal had the lowest literacy rate for women in the world.

Our Federation in New Zealand decided clubs would be asked to contribute on a voluntary basis to this project. The literacy programme run by BPW Nepal Chapters can have such an effect on the lives of underprivileged women and their families. Education more than anything else can help empower Nepali women.

Pauline assured us that no money we raise for the scheme is spent on administration. All is spent on running the literacy classes.

Our November dinner meeting is targeted for us to raise funds again for this fund. We are holding a book sale – bring books for sale and buy books to read. Let's raise the bar and help these women

Important Dates

Huntly PINK Walk

19 October 2015

5.30 pm

Starts at Huntly Soccer Club

See Carole for other details

POTLUCK Dinner 4th November – 6.30pm

Held in Pukekohe by Vicky Mee, BPWNZ President

Meet international BPW members

See Trish for other details

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BPW account number **03 1570 0024631 00**

with your '**NAME**' as reference

and '**SUBS**' in the code field.

Or bring a cheque to meeting as alternative option.

Your 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, 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 15th of the month.**