



BPW HUNTLY & DISTRICTS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

On Thursday 17th September I attended, with other BPW representatives, the **White Camellia Awards**. The awards recognise winners of each of the Women's Empowerment principles along with an overall winner for 2015. These businesses understand that a holistic approach to gender equity is key to change

An organisation-wide commitment to supporting gender equality has seen one of New Zealand's largest companies named the supreme winner at this year's **White Camellia Awards**. Coca Cola Amatil won one of the seven category awards, recognising the company's transparent reporting processes on gender equality, before being named the supreme winner.

BPWNZ President Vicky Mee was the MC for the evening, introducing speakers including Sue Kedgley (WEPs Chair), Dr. Michelle Dickinson (Nano Girl) and Hon. Louise Upston (Minister for Women).

The White Camellia Awards is held annually on or near to the anniversary for Women's Suffrage (19th September), with the white camellia also being the flower worn by the suffragettes 122 years ago, when Kate Shepherd led the charge for women to get the vote in 1883.



Janet Gibb - President



WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

October Club

Meeting

Monday 5 October

at the Huntly RSA

MEETING at 5.30pm

DINNER at 6.00pm

AGM follows

\$25.00 per head

Scholarship Winners

Renata Smith and
Yvonne Haenga will
speak to us about their
journey studying for their
degrees

NOTE:

Please let Gayle

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

PH: 021 263 6840 or

Committee Meetings

Monday 28th

September

5.30pm, at Jan

Shand's home

Future Dates:

Tue 27th October

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.

DUTY ROSTERS

Hostesses: Carole and Janet

Raffle: Janet

Birthday wishes to:

Gayle Scott

September Workshops

Three workshops were held at the September meeting. Two worked on actions for follow up after our resolutions were unanimously passed at the BPWNZ AGM this year. The third explored a possible resolution for 2016 AGM. Each group is following up on the next steps and reports on progress will come back to our meetings.

Led by Trish Foy with Kimihia Home and Hospital Manager, Diana Le Mon – the first resolution: Recuperating in Home Town Care Facility.

“THAT the New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW NZ) Inc. urges the Ministry of Health and District Health Boards to ensure that hospital patients requiring convalescent care after discharge are able to choose where they wish to go and are placed in the facility of their choice whenever possible.”



Wendy Horrox with Annette Evans, Manager of Insight Endometriosis ran the second workshop: Improved Health Outcomes for Women with Endometriosis.

“THAT the New Zealand Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW NZ) Inc. urges the Ministry of Health and District Health Boards to recognize the significant impact of endometriosis on women’s health and adopt a pro-active approach to management of the condition by funding programmes to raise awareness and to improve services for women and girls with endometriosis.”



Shirley Boyde facilitated the third workshop, where members explored whether there are sufficient, effective services for new mothers in our communities.



IT'S NOT OK – ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

If you are a victim or perpetrator of domestic violence, please seek help.

On Friday 18th September, a Hikoi / March was held in Ngaruawahia to remember a beautiful young woman, Tara Brown, whose life was taken so cruelly and violently. Tara leaves behind a little girl and a heartbroken whanau. Tara's mum Natalie grew up in Ngaruawahia. Over 200 of us marched from Turangawaewae Marae to the Point, where a karakia and himene took place.

Close family friends spoke along with Women's refuge and Iwi liaison for the police and project leader for Huntly's **It's Not Okay campaign** Destry Murphy, took the opportunity to announce the campaign will be coming to Ngaruawahia.

"A Call to Women" happening at Waahi Paa. 6-8 November

Register by clicking on this link. <https://itsnotok.wufoo.com/forms/a-call-to-women-event/>

Poowhiri Friday 6 November 2015, 6.30pm. NO CHILDREN! only young ladies 14 years and over permitted to attend. The weekend is to empower Women to stand against Family Violence. Key focus topics will be: What is emotional abuse? What can I do if I am in an abusive situation? How can I become an advocate? Also - suicide prevention.



Important Dates

Huntly PINK Walk

19 October 2015

5.30 pm

Starts at Huntly Soccer Club

See Carole for other details

Asia Pacific Regional Meeting

9 – 10 April 2016

Auckland

BPWNZ AGM

8 April 2016

Auckland

Your Committee

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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 15th of the month.**