

BPW AUCKLAND

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BPW Auckland is now 65 years young.

Meetings: Meetings continue to be interesting and/or challenging. Succession training for chairing meetings has proved successful. Innovative titles given to our speaker's presentations were inspirational. Table Topics were a productive way to contribute ideas.

Membership: BPW Auckland welcomed three new members this year. They have already contributed to the club by being involved in the Candlelighting organisation and the Northern Regional Meeting. Their names have gone forward for the Committee and we look forward to their fresh approach.

Speakers: Three members have been given the opportunity to be Speakers. Often the person who is sitting beside you at dinner has built an interesting, successful life by setting goals and accomplishing them. We have had other interesting speakers this year. Most challenging were Fiona Schroeder and Denise Ritchie.

Web: The link facility has been used to enable browsers to go to member's web sites. Meeting notices are also linked so that it can be seen what our programmes are. The web is a great recruitment tool.

CEDAW Discussions: Members contributed information for the NGO Shadow Report.

International Women's Day: Two members continue to be on the Auckland Regional UN Women Committee and were responsible for organising another successful breakfast on 8 March.

Auckland Branch of National Council of Women: The branch was being very ably led by one of our members until the most recent election. Our club supported the campaign to stop the Auckland City Council from removing the Suffrage Memorial in Khartoum Place in the city and intend to meet there each year in September to celebrate our ancestor's achievement in gaining the vote for women

Conference in Franklin: Five of us attended and thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with BPW colleagues. We were thrilled to receive the Brass Lamp for the contribution of \$1000.00 to the BPW Nepal Literacy programme.

Candle lighting: This year BPW Auckland joined with BPW Tamaki at the Waipuna Lodge for a very successful event with over 60 people attending. Dr Judy McGregor, Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner, addressed us on her experience working (literally) undercover in a care facility and other related matters that come under her portfolio. She is a very dynamic speaker, passionate about promoting equal opportunity in our society.

Northern Regional Meeting: Auckland hosted the Northern Regional Meeting with over 20 people attending. On our agenda, we promoted Equal Pay Day, Feminism and an overview of using social media.

