

Business and Professional Women Doubtless Bay

Club Details;

Meet every second Thursday of the month at the Reia Taipa Bay Resort

President: Christine Berridge

Secretary: Lyn Dow

Treasurer: Melva Saxton

Immediate Past President: Leslie Whitehorn

Newsletter: Patsy Thornton

Membership: 16

Special Events Held:

- Emergency Preparedness – Karlene Tipler who is completing her PHD at Victoria University visited the area for several days meeting with Schools, Business people and Emergency workers to explain protocols and help them establish policies that will mean being better prepared in the case of a disaster hitting the area. Karlene was sponsored by BPW Doubtless Bay.
- Silent Auction held in conjunction with the local Fire Brigade raised \$4000 the proceeds going towards our Second Chance award and helping with the establishment of a water tanker for the local brigade. Many local businesses and club members sponsored the goods up for auction. Most notably a helicopter flight for 4 around the Bay of Islands.
- Suffrage Day High Tea. This event was held at the Taipa Bay Resort with approximately 40 women turning up to hear our guest speaker Jill Garrett speak on her experiences while living and working in the Middle East. Jill was the recipients of the Kate Sheppard Scholarship in 2002 she used her scholarship to help establish a programme for immigrants to New Zealand to provide more language learning avenues.
- Pink Ribbon Day saw us providing stalls in the local community to promote awareness and collect donations. Those who helped on the day found the networking and response of the community a great experience.

Guest Speakers of Note;

Catherine Leu from the Liebe BPW club in Switzerland attended our dinner meeting in March. She spoke on her home town and her BPW involvement. This has created an opportunity for us to establish a link with her club and we enjoy learning and sharing activities both clubs are involved with.

Vita Simmons attended a meeting as a guest but became an inspirational speaker sharing with us her experiences with helping establish women into businesses in third world countries. Her book "Trees need water to bear fruit" was available for us to purchase plus members were invited to be part of the first giving circle which was to be established in Nepal.

Karlene Tipler from Wellington spoke to us on the value of being prepared for emergency situations in our work place environment. This talk provided us with practical information such as where you would store you back up data, generator accessibility, supply control plus ideas on how to re start your business in the least amount of time where possible.

Adeline Knight spoke on her up-coming trip to Antwerp where she was making her first foray into the diamond market. Adeline discussed what she would be looking for in the way of product for her store and design projects. She also explained what we as consumers should consider when purchasing our own jewellery.