

GISBORNE BPW YEARBOOK 2013

Our year got off to an inspiring talk by local woman Nancy Kahalewai, a reknowned Hawaiian massage specialist.

In March local woman and recipient of the prestigious Nuffield Scholarship, Sandra Faulkner, shared her story of study and travel to develop her farming business.

A local project manager from the district health board, Janet Wilson, gave us an insight in to bringing various health projects to fruition. We were pleased to welcome her as a member of our club later in the year.

We learned about a local art project from Laura Scheper in May.

We celebrated candlelighting in June with a "Pecha Kucha" night. Four club members had 6 minutes to share 20 pictures from their travels, only 20 seconds per slide. We also had a panel discussion with four of our long-standing club members.

In July we invited two local computer experts to share their technical skills and information with us, and had a lot of laughs along the way.

Christopher Devonport, our regional coroner spoke in August about his role in the community.

In September local historian and author Sheridan Gundry gave us an idea of the time and attention to detail required to put together a comprehensive history of Gisborne from 1950 onward.

We marked cancer awareness month in October with two speaker from the local branch of CANTEEN.

At our AGM in November we welcomed several new members to our committee. Our guest speaker was Petra, our local Anglican vicar, originally from Bavaria, and a woman with many interesting stories to tell.

We ended our year with a fun evening including a guest appearance by "Freda Mirklis" aka local thespian Peter Burrows. Members came dressed in fanciful fascinators. It was a great end to the year.