

BPW Hawera

2012 Stats and Highlights Report



BPW Hawera statistics and meeting format

BPW Hawera meets every third Monday of the month at Tairoa Lodge Church Hall in Hawera. Club Membership at 30th of September 2012 was 44 members including 10 YBPW members with 49 women on the books throughout the year. We usually have a guest speaker at each meeting and also encourage our members to give short presentations. We also organize one or two breakfast meetings each year in which we encourage all members to bring one or two guests with them. In general we end up with half members, half guests at our breakfast meetings. Our AGM is held in October.

The 2012 Executive consisted off:

President	Anita Scott
Vice-President/ KTA	Helen Cook
Treasurer	Te Aroha Hohaia (2011/2012) / Helen Cook (2012/2013)
Secretary	Adora Joy Torres (2011/2012)
Young BPW Convenor	Rachel Werder (2011/2012) / Vivien Yeung (2012/2013)
Dinner convenor	Margie Jones
Exec. Members	Christina Bycroft (2011/2012),
Exec. Members	Adora Joy Torres (2012/2013), Christine Corrigan (2012/2013)

BPW Hawera members Chris Turner, Anita Scott and Te Aroha Hohaia have been involved with the National Executive as Executive Secretary, YBPW convenor and projects team till Conference 2012.

BPW Hawera is a stable, consistent club with a wide diversity of women with regards to age, background and profession where all members and guests are respected just the way they are. There is a very warm and welcoming atmosphere. We make a point of welcoming all our guests at the start of each meeting and actively follow up with them if they show an interest in joining.



Executive committee 2012-2013

Advocacy, Leadership, Personal Development and Networking

Domestic Violence is NOT OK

BPW Hawera members are very passionate about the cause against domestic violence and have been supporting Hawera Rape Crisis (HRC) and the safe house throughout a year with monthly donations and support during the white ribbon march. Awareness has been raised through several guest speakers on the subject such as HRC's spokesperson Pam Bassett and Sgt. Lincoln McCrea. BPW Hawera also provides ongoing support to the Taranaki Safe Families Collaborative by involvement in the Family Challenge day for the third year in a row.

Later in 2012, South and central Taranaki's fight against domestic violence has been put further on the back foot because of a cash crisis. HRC Family Counseling Services has announced it will get rid of five of its eight employees including Pam Bassett. They will also drop all of its frontline services after failing to secure funding for next year. BPW Hawera member Te Aroha Hohaia has stepped up to the challenge and is now heading the new Hawera Rape Crisis Board who have the challenging task to get them back on track, out of depth and their services restored.

Education and Leadership

BPW Hawera is also very passionate about Education and Leadership. Our annual Second Chance Education Scholarship was awarded to Rochelle Hurst, which she will use towards her training to obtain a nursing degree.

One of the 2012 highlights was Tawhiti Primary School Principal Chris Riley, receiver of the 2012 "Excellence in Leadership Award" speaking to us about Distributive Leadership and the introduction of "Restorative Justice" in her school. She stressed the importance of creating a highly motivated and engaged team. Later in the year Chris was rewarded one of five National Awards of Excellence. This tied in very nicely with the theme for the year "New Dimensions of Leadership – for the Future".

Friendship and Support

Friendship and support are very important in our club and many members see each other outside BPW meetings. We support each other's businesses and make a point of getting to know the partners of our members. In 2012 we organized two partner nights.

Candle lighting is another night where we mainly focus on friendship and our diversity.

At National Conference, friendships between members always grow stronger between the participants. In 2012 we had 7 members attending conference. It also supports friendships between members of other clubs.

BPW Hawera is very much looking forward to hosting the 2013 National Conference in beautiful Hawera. You are all very welcome!



Above: BPW Hawera members at conference including founding member Diane O'Brien.