

Huntly & Districts

President: Janet Gibb
Vice President: Trish Foy
Secretary: Carole Rodgers-Carroll
Treasurer: Wendy Horrox
Committee: Gayle Scott, Jan Shand, Betty East
Meetings: 1st Monday of the month at 5.30 for a 6.00pm start.
Membership: 28

The highlight of our year was again putting on the Huntly Wearable Artz Show in conjunction with another local group due to less capacity than usual in our membership. The success of the joint venture was proven on the night with large community support and an excellent show being produced.

We continue to sponsor a student at both Huntly and Te Kauwhata Colleges. A cup and money is given for the female student who shows integrity, and initiative.

Annually the Members support White Ribbon Day, International Women's Day, Nepal Literacy Fund, Daffodil Appeal and place flowers on the graves of the returned Servicemen for ANZAC day.

Our other major project in the community this year was a fundraiser event for the Te Kauwhata Aparangi Care Unit in the form of a High Tea for residents and participants. Total funds raised were \$1100 from entry fees, raffle, donations and craft stall entry fees.

Three members committed their time to speak to Gateway students at the local college 4 times at each of 2 semesters discussing skills required around obtaining employment.

We continue to provide an opportunity for grant(s) for women returning to study. Last year we chose one recipient who was awarded \$500 toward her studies.

We had a number of interesting speakers over the year including:

- A local business woman
- Manager of the Huntly College Gateway program that we assist with
- A member who travelled to Mozambique
- The study grant recipient
- A retired policeman on his career both in UK and NZ
- BPWNZ President Vicky Mee on Jenju conference
- Mayor and Mayoress of Waikato District Council
- Speaker on working in Sri Lanka
- Local Resthome and Hospital Manager

Eight members attended Conference in Wellington, and three others attended the regional forum with two attending the leadership forum. We continue to support BPWNZ and this year have submitted two resolutions to conference 2015.

Janet Gibb - President BPW Huntly & Districts