

Huntly & Districts

President: Jan Shand
Vice President: Janet Gibb
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Treasurer: Carole Rodgers-Carroll
Committee: Merle Costar, Di Dean, Jean Dodd, Nola Moreland, Judy Perrie, Gayle Scott.
Meets: 1st Monday of the month at 5.30 for a 6.00pm start.
Membership: 40

We started the 2012 year with an interesting meeting at the local Coalfields Museum where we had finger food whilst listening to curator Jane Ferrier speaking to us on how to care for things from the past. We always include early in our year a meeting inviting our partners. This takes the form of a BBQ at the Waiterimu Golf Club and we raise money for our study grant recipients.

We 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.

As a result of a club survey, business breakfast meetings were started and held for 4 months – this initiative did not prove as popular as we anticipated.

The Members also supported White Ribbon Day, International Women's Day, Nepal Literacy Fund, Daffodil Appeal and Women's Refuge Night Shelter and put flowers on the graves of the returned Servicemen for ANZAC day.

Our Arts Show was another sold out event. Claire Gregson and her team had the organizing all under control and David Sidwell was employed to direct the event. The Arts exhibition and show took place early in October.

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

- Nikki Haureroa Waikato Sport,
- Lisa Taylor from ACC
- Caroline Savage President BPWNZ who told us what BPWNZ offers us, and about Women's Empowerment Principles.
- Hon Nanaia Mahuta was a very interesting speaker at our Candle Lighting Meeting.
- Local hairdressers Terri Abel, and Lee Tumai, and fashion designers from Wardrobe in Grey St Hamilton, Tamara and Aroha gave us tips on how to look good.
- We had an interesting panel of 4 local women who told us their stories on coping with their very different cancers and answered questions from the members.
- Anthea Simcock spoke to us about the aims of Child Matters – raising awareness of the violence our children are subjected to in communities. She late was awarded an honour in the New Year's Honours list for her work in this area.

- Sandra Perry is a local Huntly woman who is the Chief Executive of the Waikato Chamber of Commerce – we enjoyed her overview of our region and what is on offer at the Chamber of Commerce for local business people.

Seven members attended Conference in Pukekohe, where we received Club of the Year Award, and the Community Award for our project mentoring Huntly College girls.

Five members attended the Regional Meeting in Te Puke in August.

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