

UPPER HUTT

BPW Upper Hutt Executive

President:	Christine Edney
Secretary:	Sally Kean
Treasurer:	Petrina Brenchley / Alison Prince
Committee:	Alison Hobbs, Hellen Swales, Pauline Whiston, Trish Gray and Trish Leahy

Vital Statistics

Meets:	2 nd Tuesday each month except January at 6.30 pm
Venue:	The Fig Tree Café, Fergusson Drive, Heretaunga
Number of Members:	20
Young BPW's:	Nil
Club Email:	kean@paradise.net.nz

2013 has been a busy year for BPW Upper Hutt with the organisation of the 2014 Conference gaining momentum as the year progressed. Club numbers have stayed the same but we lost our Young BPW member who moved overseas and our Treasurer, Petrina Brenchley who with her husband, moved to Lake Waikaremoana to take up a challenging position with DOC. However, two members who had a year's leave of absence have returned to the Club.

Our President Christine Edney and new committee member Hellen Swales, who is a Councillor on the Upper Hutt City Council, attended the Leadership Forum in Pukekohe in February and found this to be very beneficial. The Club also sent Christine Edney and Hellen Swales as Delegates and Leonie Dobbs as an observer to the Annual Conference held in Hawera. In September, seven members of our Club attended the Regional Meeting held in Palmerston North which we found very beneficial and the idea of all clubs in the region organising this event in a central location, worked well.

The Club celebrated Red Bag Day with a breakfast at Silverspoon Restaurant in Silverstream. We had Jennifer Fischer, President Greater Wellington of the YWCA speak to us and members from the Soroptimist Club and other guests joined us to celebrate this special day.

Once again we have continued to attract interesting speakers to our Dinner Meetings as well as joining Mana Club once during the year and they joined with us for the Candlelighting Ceremony. Speakers this year have included the Soroptimists, John Makowen an authorised financial advisor, Dr Jackie Blue National Party List MP, Mary Richardson from Upper Hutt who has been awarded several civic and national awards, Cecilia Titulaer the Upper Hutt City Council's Settlement Support Officer, Mike Sansom, Development Manager, Cross Cutting Issues and Gender, New Zealand Aid

programme, one of our Club Members who has had breast cancer spoke to us in October (Breast Cancer Awareness month), and Ferrell Irvine a practising Psychotherapist at Arohata Women's Prison.

In September Christine Edney, Angela McLeod, Hellen Swales and Elaine White attended the White Camelia Awards held in the Grand Hall at Parliament which celebrated 120 years of Women's Suffrage and the Women's Empowerment Principles. Awards were handed out in several categories to those businesses who had been nominated for their participation in Women's Empowerment Principles.

On the social front we held two film fundraising events and celebrated our Birthday month at a member's home with a Dessert Evening as this was the same month we joined with the Mana Club for their Dinner Meeting. We also held a fashion parade which was the forerunner to a much bigger event planned for 2014 from which we hope to raise funds towards a sponsorship of a female to go to University or some other form of tertiary education.

Our "Hands Up" Cup recipient for 2013 was Leonie Dobbs who always pitches in and helps do many little chores at our dinner meetings each month.