

2016 YEAR BOOK Huntly & Districts

President:	Trish Foy
Vice President:	Wendy Horrox
Secretary:	Jan Shand
Treasurer:	Wendy Horrox
Young BPW:	None
Newsletter Editor:	Gaye Hancock
Committee:	Gayle Scott, Jan Shand, Shelley Lynch, Janet Gibb, Karen Putwain
Membership:	25

Our main community project this year was a High Tea Fundraiser we organized for our local resthome and hospital in March 2016. This involved all of our club members, other local community groups, musicians, and our Mayor. We raised \$2065 for Kimihia Home and were thrilled with this result.

A very successful club reunion of present and past members was held in September 2016 and which was thoroughly enjoyed by all 58 attendees.

We continue to sponsor a student at both Huntly and Te Kauwhata Colleges. A cup and money is presented by one of our members for the female student who shows integrity and initiative.

Annually our members support White Ribbon Day, International Women's Day, Nepal Literacy Fund, Daffodil Appeal and providing and arranging fresh flowers and knitted poppies of the graves of the Returned Servicemen for ANZAC day.

Our second chance study grant programme has continued to provide an opportunity for grant(s) for women returning to study. Our very deserved Study Grant Recipient was presented with a \$500 cheque at our April 2016 dinner meeting.

We have also assisted our Huntly Ladies Allsorts Group for Breast Cancer, Huntly Line Dancing and Huntly Friendship House.

At club meetings over the year we had workshop/discussion panels on planning for events/projects to include in our club calendar, use of our Artz Funds, and BPW NZ resolutions.

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

- A panel of three local immigrant women at our Candlelighting function which was
- very well received
- Jenny Kelly, a local author and historian
- Sarah Jones, a New Zealand soccer referee
- A panel of local councillors, Janet Gibb, Shelley Lynch and Jan Sedgwick

- Donna Smith speaking about Cochlea implants
- Sharnay Cocup - our study grant recipient
- A speaker on her experiences in Nepal
- Aotea Maipi from "Huntly's It's not OK" campaign
- BPWNZ President Vicky Mee at our December /Christmas meeting

Five of our members attended the BPWNZ Leadership Forum in Pukekohe, and three members attended the Northern Regional Meeting and Training Forum. Two members attended each of BPW Franklin and BPW Tamaki's Candlelighting functions.

We continue to support BPWNZ and had five members attend the BPWNZ Conference AGM and Asia Pacific Conference. Club member Janet Gibb was voted in as the new Executive Secretary for BPWNZ, Jan Shand was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal, Merle Costar assisted with judging of the Awards and four members received 10 year Long Service Awards.

The 2016 year was completed at our December dinner meeting with a celebration of our Club's achievements, a Christmas skit by our Committee and some Line Dancing with the Huntly Line Dancing Club.

Trish Foy
President
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