



## e-newsletter

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### From the President.....

Hello to you all.

Another month has sped by so quickly and September and Spring is now just around the corner and I can see Spring bulbs popping through the surface of the garden.



I have just read the BPW NZ newsletter and it has mentioned the BPW Conference to be held in Warkworth April 20<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 so if there are any members who would like to attend please let me know so accommodation can be booked.

Remember the 26th August is our 87<sup>th</sup> BPW Day and it would be great for those attending the dinner meeting this month if we could wear yellow and take some photos of us all.

Virginia once again has been busy and has organised BPW Franklins first Meet the Candidate evening this month. Other BPW clubs in New Zealand have held these evening before with great success and so sure ours will be as well.

I would like to thank our members especially Lee and Raewyn for yet another very successful fundraising Effort for our Bursary Award and for Gail in organising and presenting the raffle prizes. I have appreciated all the help put in from our members this year including Toni's work on our newsletter and Facebook.

Look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Regards  
Glenys Hayward  
President BPW Franklin

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### Meet the Candidates

The 2017 General Election will be held on Saturday 23 September. By voting, you can have your say on the issues that affect you, your friends and your family.

BPW Franklin is hosting a Meet the Candidates evening at The Franklin Club, 7 East Street, Pukekohe on Wednesday 23 August from 7:45pm.

We invite friends, family and the general public to come along and meet the local candidates standing for the Hunua electorate so you can make an informed decision at this years general election.

Candidates attending (at time of writing):

Andrew Bayly—National  
Anthony Smith—ACT  
Baljit Kaur—Labour  
Ian Cummings—Independent  
Jon Reeves—NZ First

The evening will be hosted by Vicky Mee, Immediate Past President BPW NZ. Candidates will each have time to answer prepared questions, a closing statement and then informal questions from the floor.

We would love to see you there.

VOTE FROM  
11 SEPTEMBER

ELECTIONS



## Apologies

### Please note changes below:

Members if you are unable to attend this month's dinner, please phone an apology through to:

**Marilyn Bennett**

**(09) 236 0636 (leave a message)**

**(027) 479 9121 (text preferred)**

**Email: marilynbenett35@gmail.com**

**Before 8.00pm  
on Sunday 20th August**

**If you have any special dietary needs,  
please notify Marilyn**

- If you are bringing guests, please let Marilyn know.
- An account for dinner will be sent for late apologies.
- Waiving of this charge will be at the discretion of the committee.

## August Birthdays

3rd Shelley Murphy  
16th Denise Donald  
20th Lone Heron



**ON AUGUST 26, CELEBRATE  
#BPWDay BY WEARING YELLOW  
AND YOUR BPW PIN.**

Snap a photo  
and share with us  
via social media  
using hashtags  
#BPWDay  
and #BPWPride!



## Draft Programme 2017

- Sept 27th: Jen Birch Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Oct 25th: Predator Free NZ
- Nov 22nd: Stan Gammon—Light-hearted Tales from the Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group (Partners welcome)
- Jan 24th Informal Strategic Planning Session
- Feb 28th Bursary Award Presentation & AGM
- Mar 28th Vicky Mee, UN Global Compact

**23rd August 2017**

### Franklin Club

7 East Street, Pukekohe

Mix 'n mingle at 5:45pm,  
start 6:30pm

(Please note earlier start time)



**COST: \$30.00**

**THEME: Our 33rd Birthday Celebration**

**ASSIST. TREASURER: Toni H**

**HOSTESSES: Marion W**

Juliet P (Andrew), Marilyn B (Baljit), Bree C  
(Anthony), Fionna (Ian), Trudi H (Jon)

If you are unable to undertake your role, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. However, if you need help finding a replacement a committee member will assist you.



Last month's guest speaker was an inspiring young woman, Neelam O'Neil who has a goal to be the first female para-shooter to represent NZ at the Paralympic Games. Neelam competes in the 10m air rifle. It's an expensive road ahead for Neelam and at the suggestion of BPW Franklin has set up a givealittle page to support her to reach her goals.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/neelamheadstothailand>

**givealittle**  
from the Spark Foundation



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## Members Happenings...

It is with sadness the executive announces we have accepted the resignation of **Andrea Kimber** as 1st Vice President. Andrea is relocating closer to Hamilton where her husband works and where Andrea also has a new job. We wish to thank Andrea for her contribution to BPW Franklin and wish her well with her future endeavours.



Andrea's departure leaves a vacancy for next year where the second term as president will also come to an end for Glenys. Any members who would like to get involved and have a say in the running of the club, please consider and put your name forward for the AGM next year.

Congratulations to **Trudi Harrison** who this month celebrated her 45th wedding anniversary. If any members are happy to share what they have been up to, please let Toni know by emailing [bpwfranklin@gmail.com](mailto:bpwfranklin@gmail.com).



Thanks to everyone who supported our movie fundraiser. It was a successful evening, raising around \$2,400 for the bursary award. We will be holding another fundraising event 'Bursary Breakfast' on **Friday 27 October**. More details to follow soon.



### BPW NZ Conference 2018

Conference is to be held in Warkworth April 20th—22nd. Please let Glenys know if you would like to attend as Glenys is holding some rooms for members to stay together.

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## Issues

BPW NZ Taskforce Issues has continued to be extremely busy making submissions on many topics on our behalf.

Since the end of May the taskforce has provided a submission in response to the Draft Suicide Preventions Strategy released by the Ministry of Health.

Three oral submissions have been made on the Consumers' Right to Know (Country of Origin of Food) Bill [written submission], the Family and Whanau Violence Legislation Bill [written submission] and the Domestic Violence—Victims Protection Bill [written submission].

Most recently the taskforce provided a submission to the Marriage (Court Consent to Marriage of Minors) Amendment Bill which BPW NZ supports as it helps protect minors from forced or coerced marriage. However, BPW NZ believes the legal age of marriage should be 18, so that it is not legal for minors to marry under any circumstances.

If anyone would like to assist with submissions please contact [vpissues@bpwnz.org.nz](mailto:vpissues@bpwnz.org.nz) or [taskforceissues@gmail.com](mailto:taskforceissues@gmail.com).

Franklin Community Choir  
and other local performers present



A variety concert celebrating the first 30 years of the choir

2pm Sunday 27 August 2017

Main Lounge, Ecolight Stadium, Pukekohe

(access to carpark from Franklin Road—see reverse for map)

Tickets from Music Mania, choir members,  
or call 0275 317 354

Adults \$20 Students \$10



## Photos from last months meeting...



**"I AM  
NATURALLY  
ANTI-SLAVERY.  
IF SLAVERY  
IS NOT  
WRONG,  
NOTHING  
IS  
WRONG."**

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN (1809-1865)**



### NATIONAL'S PROPOSED NEW EQUAL PAY LAW DISAPPOINTS

The Employment (Pay Equity and Equal Pay) Bill tabled on 27 July by the Government doesn't do what the Government promises it would do, says the Pay Equity Coalition (Wellington).

"The Coalition is disappointed because this Bill will fail to deliver equal pay for many women," says spokesperson Angela McLeod.

"The Bill makes it harder and more expensive for women to make a claim by introducing additional barriers for women to take pay equity claims."

"We question if the government is committed to achieving pay equity in New Zealand if this Bill does not enable a better process and pathway to equal pay."

"Unfortunately, this Bill is a step backwards in achieving equal pay. Working women deserve better, we deserve a law which supports equal pay for work of equal value," McLeod said.



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