



e-newsletter

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From the President.....

Hello to you all,
Hope you all are surviving better than John and I with the winter colds and flu. I was just getting over one and now down with another chest infection, however starting to feel better thank goodness.



Our thoughts go out to members with loved ones who are not well or have had a shock with bad health reports. Hope that surgery and further tests are more positive and your life can return to normal.

A few of our members are or have been away on local or overseas trips, some of them we can follow on Facebook, which I do enjoy seeing the holiday photos. Hope you all return refreshed and well after your holiday.

Bree and her team thank you all for the splendid Candle Lighting evening in June. This was Bree first time organising this event and I know you put a lot of work in behind the scenes to make the evening such a great success. Toni, thank you for your time in preparing the invitations and sending them out to members and guests, although you are not on the events committee your help has been much appreciated.

A few of our members have also attending the Huntly and Tamaki Candle Lighting evenings and it's great to meet up again with woman you have meet through the year attending other BPW functions and the clubs also appreciate our attendance.

Don't forget to bring cash for tickets for our Bursary Award Fund Raising Theatre evening as Raewyn and Lee will have them available for sale. Thanks once again to Pukekohe Travel who will have tickets available for sale as well. The fund raising committee are also organising a Breakfast for the Bursary Awards at Mitre 10 in October so please look out for the dates closer to the time.

Virginia has organised some exciting dinner meeting guests and events for the remainder of the year so please invite friends and neighbours to join us and spread the word about BPW Franklin. Thanks Virginia for all your work finding these speakers and advertising in the Post.

Look forward to seeing you all at the July dinner meeting

Regards Glenys

Guest Speaker—Neelam O'Neill

This month's guest speaker is Neelam O'Neill who has a dream to become a Paralympian in the sport of target shooting. Neelam has been shooting 10 metre indoor air-rifle as a para-sport for 5 years and have accomplished numerous national placings since 2013. At 24 years old, Neelam has represented New Zealand overseas twice. She attended her first World Cup in Sydney, Australia in 2015.



As a result of her dedication to air-rifle shooting, she was a finalist in 2014 for the 'Courage in Sport' Attitude award and was invited to join a national talent development program called Pathway to Podium in 2016. It's a program that assists emerging athletes to be better prepared for high performance and Neelam is currently in her second year of the program.

Neelam's aim is to attend a World Cup in Thailand in November this year and begin her international journey towards potentially attending the Paralympics in Tokyo in 2020. If Neelam achieves this, she will be the first female para-shooter representing New Zealand since Allison Smith in 1984.



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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 23rd July**

**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.

July Birthdays

13th Glenys Hayward

16th Jodie Blackburn



Draft Programme 2017

August 23rd: *Candidates Panel (Election Sept 23)*
(BPW Franklin Birthday)

Please note that dinner will be half an hour earlier in August to give enough time for the planned political debate.

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

27th JULY 2017

Franklin Club

7 East Street, Pukekohe

Mix 'n mingle at 6.15pm,
start 7.00pm

COST: \$30.00

THEME: Mother/Daughter Evening
International Justice

HOSTESSES: Liz H, Wendy D

INTRODUCER: Fionna W

THANKER: Nicky T

ASSIST. TREASURER: Toni H

COLLECT READER: Marilyn B

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.

Wednesday 2nd August

Fundraiser Movie Night

Check out page 5 for details.

Members are encouraged to sell 4 tickets each in order to sell out the theatre.

Equal Pay Week of Action

12 August—Auckland there will be a March from the bottom of Queen St (11am) to Suffrage Memorial Rally(12noon).

Friday 29 October (Friday after Labour Weekend)

BPW Fundraiser Breakfast

Opportunity coming to have your say.

Members will be invited to participate in a survey in the next couple of months to share thoughts and opinions on how the club is run and if there are any suggestions, room for improvement or to let us know what we are doing well. Questions are currently being formulated. It would be appreciated if members could take the time to complete the survey to be able to guide the committee in the direction and decisions we need to make.

Save the Date!



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Virginia is almost ready to bring Yasmin to meetings so below is some **Guide Dog Etiquette** to take note of. Please do not distract a guide dog when its' red coat or harness is on – it is **"on-duty"** at all times. This includes not talking to the dog or making noises or hand signals that may take the dogs attention off its work. This also includes not patting the dog or attempting to feed it.

Guide dogs need to focus on their work, if they are not focused there is potential to put their handlers' safety at risk, as well as their own.

Guide dogs need to be well behaved, inconspicuous and settled in all environments. They are legally entitled to access any public place to assist their blind or low vision handlers. But this access is a privilege that is continually challenged and reliant on their continued impeccable behaviour.



Blind Foundation
Guide dogs

More Kiwis approaching Retirement with money trouble

- "Many had found a way to cope day-to-day but would hit retirement and realise they did not have enough savings to last the next 30 years. "That's where the rubber hits the road and they are called to account, facing 30 years of poverty."
- Check out more [here](#).

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Members Happenings...

Vicky Mee, Glenys Hayward, Toni Hill and Virginia Warren enjoyed a lovely evening at BPW Tamaki Candlelighting ceremony. Thanks to BPW Tamaki for being great hosts.



Lots of members have been getting away from the winter weather we have been experiencing. Next month sees **Shelly Murphy** off to Borneo and **Virginia Warren** heads over to Britain. Safe travels ladies.

Lots of love and thoughts to members and loved ones who haven't been well or dealing with some health challenges at the moment.

If any members are happy to share what they have been up to, please let Toni know by emailing bpwfranklin@gmail.com.



Issues

BPW NZ Taskforce Issues has been extremely busy making submissions on many topics on our behalf. Below is a list of some of the submissions with links to the submission and bills.

Marriage (Court Consent to Marriage of Minors) Amendment Bill
Submissions close 21 July 2017

A strategy to Prevent Suicide in New Zealand
BPW Submission [here](#).

Consumers Right to Know (Country of Origin of Food) Bill
Oral Submission presented 25 May, written submission [here](#).

Family and Whanau Violence Legislation Bill
BPW NZ submission can be read [here](#).

Domestic Violence Victims Protection Bill
BPW NZ Submission [here](#).

Draft Employment (Pay Equity and Equal Pay) Bill
BPW NZ Submission [here](#).

Consumers' Right to Know (Country of Origin of Food) Bill
BPW NZ Submission [here](#).

If anyone would like to assist with submissions please contact vpissues@bpwnz.org.nz or taskforceissues@gmail.com.

Weekend at Whakapapa

12 ladies, a train trip, the Chateau – definitely a recipe for fun!!

Over the weekend of the 14th June a group of club members travelled by train to the Chateau. As we left Pukekohe it was very cold and foggy, by the time we had travelled down through the beautiful Waikato countryside, we were treated to magnificent views of farmland and towns of rural New Zealand.

Travelling on the Northern Explorer was an opportunity to relax, chat and enjoy catching up with and getting to know each other better. The scenery as we travelled south towards the central plateau made for wonderful photos of beech forests, rocky fields of volcanic rock mixed with green pastures and snow-capped mountains. The open air carriage was a great place to view the Raurimu spiral.

Ruapehu was magnificent as we arrived into National park, blue skies and white cloud. Our transit driver suggested after booking into the Chateau we take the opportunity to visit the mountain, however as is well known the mountain weather can change very quickly and although it gave a magnificent view of the plateau, there was little to see on the ski fields. A quick photo to prove we had touched the snow then back down the mountain to enjoy a wine at the Tussock bar and restaurant.

Members took time to relax, walk, explore and enjoy the fresh air before returning to the Chateau for dinner. The 'Ruapehu Room' restaurant offered a wonderful, leisurely, dining experience. Chandeliers and traditional furnishings, together with great company ensured a lovely evening.

As the All Blacks were playing, a couple of loyal fans kept members updated on progress, sneaking a peek in the in-house theatre.

The evening's entertainment, a surprise provided by Liz, a compilation of photos taken over past years set to music.

Wonderful memories of BPW and the events that have shaped our Club, reminding us of the great times we have shared with past and present members and those who we have lost along the way. There was much laughter at some of the fashion, hair-dos and presentations, a fitting way to finish our night. Our thanks to Liz & Roger Hall for the time spent putting together the memories, it was very much appreciated.

After a restful night and leisurely breakfast we headed back to National Park to catch the train home. The travel home again enjoyable and an opportunity for members to dust off their card skills and for some to learn, a game or two of 500 quickly established we have some very talented players.

Thanks to Liz Hall, Janice Gammon, Heather Walden, Marion Hall, Raewyn Fricker, Virginia Warren, Colleen Yorwarth, Lee Walter, Vicky Mee, Shelley Murphy and Gail Littin our Tour Leader for your company, it was a wonderful weekend of friendship and fun.

Andrea Kimber



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TAANZ

Movie Fundraiser Night.

Wednesday 2 August
Hampstead

Staring Diane Keaton, Brendan Gleeson Lesley Manville,
Jason Watkins, James Norton and Phil Davis

An American widow finds unexpected love with a man
living wild on Hampstead Heath when they take on the
developers who want to destroy his home.

Check out the Trailer [here](#).



Photos from Last months meeting...



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