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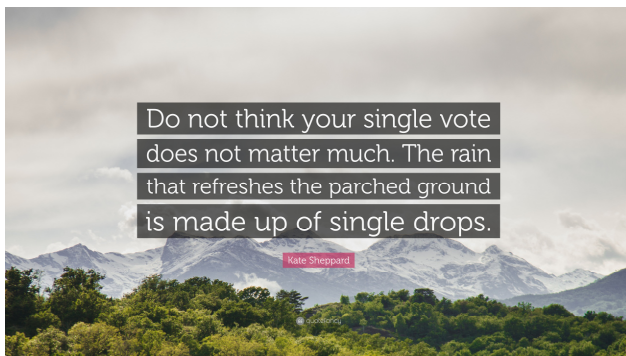
From the President....

We started our holiday down south in similar weather to what you are getting now so my thoughts are with you all and hope you are surviving and keeping dry.

The coverage down south for receiving and sending emails is incredibly slow and unpredictable so haven't been checking as often as I should. Some of the Facebook pictures of Equal Pay issues coming through from BPW NZ and members have been great to read and helps us to spread the word.

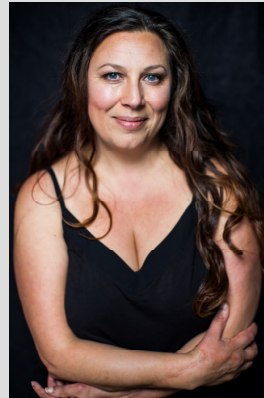
I am at present in Cromwell visiting my brother and will start our journey home on Tuesday arriving late March, so unfortunately will miss this coming dinner meeting. I would like to thank my committee for stepping in while I have been away and look forward to seeing you all in April.

Regards Glenys



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Simmone Butler

I'm a Medicine Woman, Spiritual Counsellor, author, Survivor Spokesperson for the NZ Women's Refuge, and an advocate for ending intimate partner and family violence in our homes and communities. In my twenties a violent abusive relationship culminated in my hands being chopped off with a samurai sword which I survived. They

were successfully replanted in a marathon miracle surgery, and I spent a decade holistically healing them and my body, along with my spirit, mind and soul.

My missions in life are to guide humanity on their quest for spiritual healing, personal empowerment and wholeness, to shine a light on violence against women in our society so we can positively change the sexual, domestic, and family violence culture plaguing the world we live in, and to live up to my divine purpose.

I'm in my forties now, and am well healed. Now I'm sharing my experiences, via my book to show that no matter what happens, there is a way to heal. 'Double-edged Sword' was published in 2016 with Mary Egan Publishing.

With it I want to expose what goes on behind closed doors to those who can't imagine it. I want to help people understand how bad it can get, but also that we can heal from anything, no matter how horrifying, painful or soul destroying.

In 2014 I became a Survivor Spokesperson for The New Zealand Women's Refuge in the hope that sharing my experiences will inspire other survivors and victims to come forward, speak out, and seek help, so they may go on their own journeys of healing and empowerment.

I'm a qualified naturopath and currently undertaking a shamanic apprenticeship at the Medicine Woman For Shamanic Studies which helps me to live a spirit driven life connected to nature.

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 Res
or leave a message
(027) 479 9121 Mobile
(text preferred)

Email: marilynbenett35@gmail.com

Before 8.00pm
on Sunday 19th March

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.**

March Birthdays



Colleen Yorwarth 18th March



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KEYS TO ACHIEVEMENT Bronze Level #3

Achieve Task 3 by writing a profile on yourself for this newsletter and an article on an issue you are passionate about. For your profile, write 150 words on who you are, what you do, what your areas of experience are and community involvement. For the article, what women's issues are you passionate about? Suggestions include:

- Topical issue in your industry
- Review of a women's event or BPW event you have attended
- A book review or newspaper article that is related to a women's issue.

We want your input into this newsletter.

22nd MARCH 2017

Franklin Club

7 East Street, Pukekohe

Mix 'n mingle at 6.30pm, start 7.00pm

COST: \$30.00

HOSTESSES: Annette S & Raewyn F

Hostesses set up room please.

If you are unable to be a hostess it is your responsibility to find a replacement however if you need help finding a replacement a committee member will assist you.

INTRODUCER: Marion Walker

THANKER: Marilyn B

ASSIST. TREASURER: Janice G

To take tablecloths home to launder please.

COLLECT READER: Bree C

MY PATH (5 mins) : Wendy Dunn

Draft Programme 2017

March 22nd: Recovering from Domestic violence—Simone Butler

April 26th: Art From War – Dr Angela Mackie

May 24th: Delegates report back from Conference
Pukekohe Hospital site development

June 28th: *A suitcase of Saris*
(Candlelighting Ceremony)

July 26th: Neelam O'Neill Paralympian shooter
(Mother/Daughter evening)

August 23rd: Candidates Panel (Election Sept 23)

Sept 27th: *Forced Marriages and Child Brides*

Oct 25th: Jen Birch Autism spectrum

Nov 22nd: Stan Gammon



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Members Happenings...

Congratulations to **Fiona Richie** who got married at the weekend. Fiona said "in spite of all the weather worries and changes, it was a very happy day."

Shelly Murphy also has a big month in store with her oldest son getting married on the same day as her and Kevin's 45th Wedding Anniversary (that must be a typo Shelly can't possibly have been married 45 years—only a baby when she married!) We hope all have a wonderful day on



Waiheke Island and that the brides family have a great time visiting NZ.

Condolences to **Tara Mostert** on the passing of her mother in South Africa.

We are pleased to hear **Dianne Glenn** is recovering well after some recent ill health.

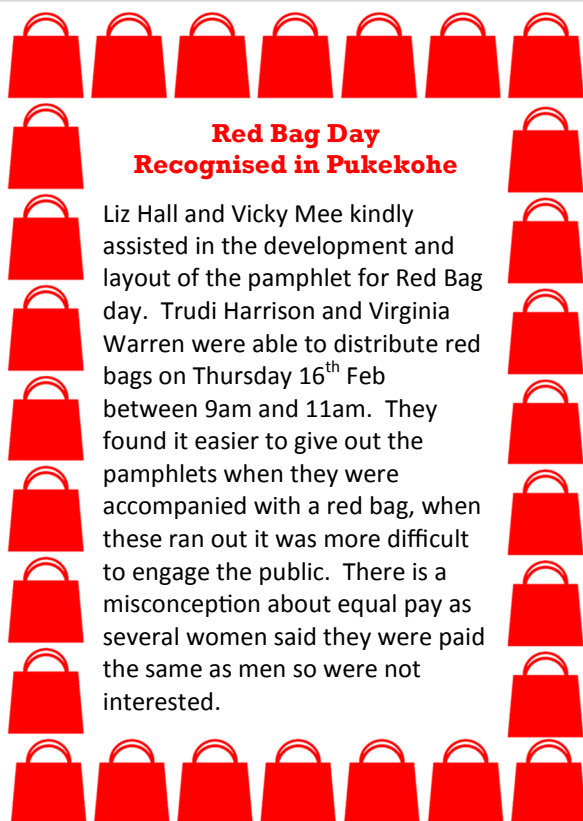
Well done to **Virginia Warren** for participating in the Auckland Round the Bays and raising money for the Blind Foundation. Virginia thanks all the generous people for helping contribute to raising just over \$5,500 for guide dogs.



Vicky Mee has had a busy International Women's Day (8 March) attending many events including speaking on the Radio Live morning program.

Congratulations to Pukekohe Travel (**Eve Murphy** and **Gail Littin**) on their success at the Australasia 16th Annual Cruise Industry Awards. A great photo in Franklin County News. (See page 5)

Raewyn Fricker did well to escape the terrible weather we have had recently when she visited her three gorgeous grandsons in Christchurch.



BPW Hibiscus Coast

BPW Hibiscus Coast regrettably, and sadly, went into recess effective from 31 December.

However, they intend to go out on a high. They are holding their 25th Award Dinner & Presentation, and would like Franklin members to join them for this special

night. An invitation is attached to this newsletter.

Please contact Virginia if you would like to car pool.



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BRAIN FIT FOR LIFE

A further 5 week Brain Fit for Life course is being offered in
Waiuku on 2nd May 10:30am to noon
Pukekohe on 6th June, 6pm to 7:30pm.

If you would like to find out more about it contact Virginia 238 9430 or vwwarren@ps.gen.nz



SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

At the AGM it was voted to raise the subscription by \$5 to \$115, although if you pay on or before the dinner meeting (22nd March) there is a \$5 discount.

The joining fee for new members has also gone up from \$25 to \$30.

take note:

remember

Bring your KTA books to dinner for updating so completed tasks can be signed off by Trudi.

2017 BPW Franklin committee.

(Left to Right)

Standing: Janice Gammon,
 Toni Hill, Trudi Harrison.

Sitting: Virginia Warren, Lee Walter,
 Noelene McGuire, Shelley Murphy.

Absent: Glenys Hayward, Andrea
 Kimber, Annette Senton.



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8TH MARCH 2017 | THEME: #BEBOLDFORCHANGE

"A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water." Eleanor Roosevelt.

International Women's Day

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Pukekohe Travel cruising to success

JOHN BOYNTON

Pukekohe Travel is firmly in cruise control.

The locally owned travel business won the New Zealand Gold Agency award and more manager Gail Little was named New Zealand Cruise Consultant of the Year at the Cruise Lines International Association Australasia 10th Annual Cruise Industry Awards.

This was the first time an agency in New Zealand had won the two awards in the same year.

Owners Jim and Eve Murphy have run the business for 38 years, while Gail has worked there for more than 23 years.

Eve attended the awards ceremony in Sydney earlier this month, which Jim said were the "Oscars" of the cruise line industry.

Gail said she was honoured to have received the consultant of the year award.

"It's great for me but it's also great for the office, because we're a team."

"It's really brilliant and the first time it's ever happened and very good for a town like Pukekohe."

Cruise holidays, Gail said, were popular for family trips, girls' getaways and honeymoon escapes.

"There's everything you could possibly wish for on a cruise ship."

Gail and Eve are certified master cruise consultants, and their experience helped them to give clients the perfect holiday.

"What I like about the travel industry is putting the right product to the right person," Eve said.

However, Gail said there's always room to improve in the industry.

"You've just got to keep researching and keep reading and keep learning."

The business had adapted over the years, especially with the introduction of the internet, Eve said.

"I always say that the internet didn't arrive overnight, and we saw it 12 years ago and how it was starting to affect us."

People still sought the trusty advice of travel agents, Gail said.

"You come to travel agent because they know what they're talking about."

Some common mistakes people made when travelling, Eve said, were valid, surmises not matching travel documents and not having the right visa.

Gail said she always worked hard to make her clients feel special about their holidays.

"It's their dream, so even if it's someone going from Auckland to Sydney, it's still important to them."



Jim and Eve Murphy left, Gail Little and another woman from Pukekohe Travel, JOHN BOYNTON

Red bag day celebrated in Pukekohe

Right: Trudi Harrison and Virginia Warren of BPW Franklin handing out leaflets on Red Bag Day.

February 17 is also known as Equal Pay Day, or Red Bag Day, which marks the period of extra days in the current year that women would need to work to make up the pay gap. The day is recognised in many countries around the world, with the exact day varying depending on the gender pay gap in any particular country.

In Pukekohe, BPW Franklin handed out leaflets and red bags as a means of bringing the pay gap to the attention of the general public.

Pay discrimination has been outlawed in New Zealand since the 1972 Equal Pay Act. However, BPW Franklin stated that 45 years later women

in New Zealand still earn an average 13 percent less than men for every hour worked. Speaking in support of equal pay day, local Franklin resident and National President of BPW NZ, Vicky Mee said that "working for equal pay has been at the core of BPW NZ advocacy since its inception in 1939."

"BPW NZ was at the forefront of working for the Equal Pay Act 1972 and was disappointed that it did not result in the equal pay we hoped for and BPW NZ continued to advocate. Red Bag Day is a day when we can all be mindful of the work needed to achieve our goal of equal pay."



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Tuesday
28 February 2017
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A NOTE FOR ASSISTANT TREASURERS

Please take the table cloths home and launder them., bringing them back the following month. As this is a new initiative, if there are any issues, please see one of the committee so it can be discussed.

BPW Education Bursary Awarded

The winner of the 2017 BPW Franklin Bursary Award of \$3000 was presented at the monthly dinner in February. The winner was Sera Hartley and as she has already started at university her mother Kerri Hartley-Jones graciously accepted it on her behalf. Sera has started a BSC – Majoring in Genetics and Minors in Physiology and Theatre Studies. Sera finished at Pukekohe High School with a very successful last year. Runner-up was Rachel Sullivan and she is continuing her studies to complete a Masters in Clinical Exercise Physiology and received an award of \$750.

Pictured right are: Trudi Harrison, Kerri Hartley-Jones, and Raewyn Fricker at the BPW Bursary awards 2017



NOTES FOR HOSTESSES

- * Please arrive early enough to set up the room for the evening and put on the table cloths.
- * If you are unable to be a hostess it is your responsibility to find a replacement however if you need help with this I am sure a committee member will assist you.
- * Hostess Badges are in the float box and are to be returned to the box at end of evening.
- * Make sure visitors are never left on their own – all members have a responsibility to speak to as many of the visitors and new members as possible at every meeting. Invite them to join you for the meal. It is so easy to feel isolated and excluded from what can appear to be an "in group". Make sure you make all people feel welcome and at ease.
- * Please make sure the Guests sign the Visitor's book.

Dear BPW Franklin Members

I wanted to send you a letter to say thank-you so much for supporting me in my study this year towards my career aspirations and dreams. I was so honoured to receive this award last night, and I will be forever grateful for your generosity. Over the years I have worried that my health and finances might prevent me from reaching my potential, so the gift you have given me really means a lot.

The money you provided will go towards one of my postgraduate papers, and I will think of you often as I progress through the year. The flowers I received bring a smile to my face every time I see them and I am reminded how lucky I am.

I am truly inspired by ladies like you who donate your time towards supporting others, and that you are committed to making a positive difference in the world by advocating and helping to improve the status of women. I hope that I will be able to live by your example and make a difference not only in my professional field, but in the local community in the future.

I really enjoyed meeting some of you last night and sharing a dinner with you. I will look forward to catching up later in the year to let you know how my studies are going.

Thanks again, and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours, sincerely,

Rachel Sullivan