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POVERTY BAY WAIROA FEDERATION OF WOMENS' INSTITUTES INC.

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

Dear Members,

Thank you for your attendance at our 94th A.G.M. For the Party Theme, it was great to see you in your Party hats as we celebrated an early 94th Federation Party.

The Monetary Results from the A.G.M. were as follows;

Float Return, \$200.00

Raffle, \$200.00

Auction \$212.00

Lunch \$ 95.00

BANKED \$707.00

A Crawford \$10.00 Raffle

A Crawford \$10 00 Auction

BANKED \$20.00

A big thank you for the great entries in the Competitions.

When at the A.G.M. we got a ph call from Age Concern Wellington.They are running classroom refresher driving courses for the over 60's.They need names for catering.

WAIROA DATE IS; 2nd April 2025. Please contact Wairoa Age Concern.

GISBORNE DATE IS; 3rd April 2025. Please phone to book your space- Phone No is 027 209 0366. W.I Secretaries will have the Poster and more information.

WELL we had a great and busy February with the Bowls and High Tea. It was a very successful awareness campaign that YES ,Women's Institute is still working well here in Gisborne and Wairoa.It was great to be able to send \$1,000.00 from the BOWLS, to National.

THEN ,what a great HIGH TEA afternoon we had- thanks to our advertising.Then with the Gisborne Herald reporter John Gillies article, we had over 100 at the High Tea with phone calls still coming after 9 p.m. Friday night.We are able to send \$3,000.00 to National.Of this amount \$500.00 came from Members ,with the rest of the money coming from members of the Community.THANKS to our members hard work and donations.

WE have had lovely Thank You letters from guests plus President Jude for the Bowls and High Tea advertising ,also Matai Medical Research.

SHERYL GOMM has called off the 'Coffee and Dessert' night.In its place ,she is taking orders for TRUFFLES at \$6.00 a bag-these will be available ,in time, for Mothers Day. I will take ORDERS and need these by the 1st May 2025. I will then pass the Orders on to Sheryl. The money raised will purchase Match Box Cars and the Connect Game for the Orphanage. Sheryl's grandson is going with her and has bought 98 pairs of Croc shoes ,with money, he has raised. The 3 COURSE DINNER will be held early June.

104 th AGM IN HAMILTON-'Fight for our Future'; 24th to 25th May 2025.

a/ Can we, please, have some idea who is coming to the A.G.M. in Hamilton so that we can work out if we need a van or cars. The A.G.M. is at the venue where we are staying.

b/ The Registration cost is \$160.00.

c/ The Registration Form will be available after we have confirmed the Workshop Tutors.

d/ If you would like to be a Hostess at the A.G.M. -please let the National Office know, we require three more. Hostesses are not required to pay a Registration Fee.

HANDCRAFT SCHEDULE 2026;

Please look at the DRAFT Handcraft Schedule 2026.There are some challenges.If you have any queries,,then please submit them to the national Office by WEDNESDAY 2nd April .HOWEVER ,remember-wait until the Schedule is in its final form {after the A.G.M.} before starting your Entries.

SHADES of RED; Saturday 15th March 2025. 12.00 NOON at Breakers. Names to Trish or Liz.

SADLY Puha member Janet Knox passed away. 3 of us attended her funeral last Saturday.

We welcome Christine Parkin as our Federation Treasurer and thank Patsy Hine for her time as Treasurer.But it is great that Patsy will stay on Federation.

NEXT Federation meeting will be at Liz Clark's home ,10.30 a.m. Friday the 28th March 2025.

Alison and Team W.I.