



NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

VISION: To encourage and inspire women within their communities.

April 2026

THEME: Reconnect and Rediscover

PROJECT: Involvement in your Community

Greetings Members,

We have had a couple of busy months, with you all having your AGM's the Creative Arts Festival and then the Federation AGM. Thank you to those that attended the Federation AGM, the meeting was opened by a local who lives within our Federation boundary's, Dr Diana Fergusson (Doctor of nursing) she gave us a very interesting look into her amazing nursing career, then Diana opened our 94th AGM.

It was so nice to hear everyone singing Comrades and Friends. Thank you for the Roll call contributions to the hearing dogs, if anybody still wants to contribute that may not have been at the meeting they can either get items to a federation member or drop it in at our meeting at Rotary house on Tuesday 21st April and we will then be delivering to Hearing Dogs. We have tried on several occasions to have a speaker from Hearing dogs but they have been unavailable so we will deliver the goodies to them Monetary donations are most welcome also. It was pleasing to see the competitions had a few more entries this year.

It gave us great pleasure to give out all the badges and special congratulations to Tracy Jupp who received her Good Service badge, A very well-deserved badge with all the work Tracy had done as Federation Treasurer and her participation in all things WI during her years as a member.

Also, congratulations to our other members who received recognition and their long service badges. They were

Viv Thorby, from Tikorangi WI and she received her 70-year badge.

Patricia Marx from Lower Mangorei WI she received her 60-year badge.

Helen Hocken from Tarata WI who sadly passed away recently, it was great to see and present her 50-year badge to her daughter Sarah who received it and admitted that she had just turned 50 now she had a badge to say so and she could no longer pretend she was still in her forties, Brian, Helen's husband was also there a very proud time for them both.

Peggy Topping from Durham WI, Peggy received her 40-year badge and was there to receive it. Peggy is now 100-years well done Peggy.

Valma Hirst from Durham WI received her 30-year badge, this was an overwhelming surprise for her.

Barbara Anderson from Lower Mangorei finally received her 20-year badge well done Barbara.

Rolance Mc Donald from Lower Mangorei received a Certificate of Achievement, Rolance is the first to receive our new certificate.

WI's if you have lovely members doing great things for your WI, look at rewarding them with one of these new certificates, we have them at Federation.

Kind Regards and Yours in WI Friendship
Hazel

News from the WI's

Tikorangi WI: Tikorangi WI's own member Tracy Jupp was the guest speaker at their meeting along with her husband Trevor and they spoke on Parkinsons, with all Tracy has endured and Trevor on his and the family dealing with it, their's was a very enlightening story.

New Plymouth Central WI: We now have our meetings at the Toi Foundation but for our March meeting it had been fully booked. So, we had our meeting at Ngamotu Beach, we couldn't have asked for a better evening weather wise. So, the meeting was at 5pm and we had pre-arranged to put in our fish and chip orders to 'The Blow Fish' and right on time our two WI men arrived with our dinner, meeting was finished we then all had our own little parcels of fish and chips. And reminisced on how long it had been since we had our own parcel of fish and chips. It was a nice evening with a 100% turnout. Well done Ladies!!!



We also had a lunch out at the Art café and then went to the club and played Bingo this was most enjoyable, a couple of members received payouts which makes it more exciting.

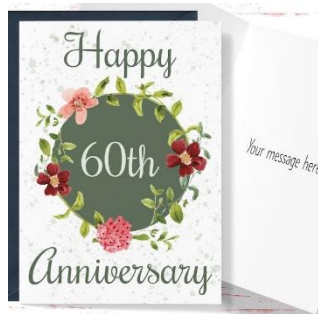
Please send in your report to share with the other WI and email photos and I can put them in also.

60th Creative Arts Festival

Next year will be the diamond anniversary of the Creative Arts festival so any ideas for craft, sewing, knitting, etc can be emailed to me. Dmlithgow7@gmail.com

We will be having the Annual meeting for the Creative Arts Festival on Monday 13th April at 1.00 pm at Rotary House in Inglewood. We need your input for the new schedule so please come along and bring your ideas.

Diane



Results from the 59th Creative Arts Day:

Most Points over all:

	POINTS	PLACING
Durham WI	105	1 st
New Plymouth Central WI	86	2 nd
Lower Mangorei WI	35	3 rd
Tikorangi WI	19	
Tarata WI	2	
Norfolk		

Members Points:

Hazel Dodunski	NPCWI	53	1 st
Valma Hirst	Durham WI	38	2 nd
Christine Fitz Patrick	Durham WI	36	3 rd
Raewyn Lucinsky	Lwr Mang WI	33	
Faye Simons	NPCWI	29	

Arts Festival Trophy: WI with most entries

Durham WI

Hamilton Cup: WI with Highest overall Points

Durham WI

Silver Plate: Member with the highest Points overall

Hazel Dodunski NPCWI

Daisy Gordon Memorial Tray: Best Exhibit in Show

Mirk Smith Durham WI with her crocheted "Toy Paddington Bear"

Mc Ewen Trophy: Best Exhibit on display tables

Janice Butler NPCWI



We had a total of 242 entries: Entries in Craft Show 225 and 17 National Competition Entries.

National competitions have all been sent down to CHCH for judging for the National AGM.

So best of luck to our competitors.

Results of the Federation AGM competitions:

Potato Bowl: 1st WI Programme
Elsie Jones Trophy: 2nd WI Programme
Rolfe Trophy: 1st Annual Report
Faye Knowles Trophy: Most increased Membership
Ashton Trophy: Most points in AGM Competitions

New Plymouth Central WI
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Coming Events

13th April Creative Arts Day AGM at Rotary House Inglewood 1.00pm

21st April Federation Meeting at Rotary House

8th June Mark in your diaries now!!!! At Rotary House, we will have morning tea and a guest speaker Grant Carter from The Taranaki Health Foundation speaking and showing photos of the new Cancer Centre that opened in November, the Mental Health Rehab Unit and the East Wing. Come and listen to an informative morning of what is happening at the hospital and then the three members that are going to the AGM in Christchurch will give you a report on the National AGM.

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