

**SOUTH TARANAKI FEDERATION**

*JUNE NEWSLETTER 2026*  
***VOLUNTEER'S MONTH***

Dear Member's,

Hello everyone, well winter is definitely here, just look at the mountain, it is beautiful with its mantle of snow. Eight Members had a great time at the Conference for Women's Institute in Christchurch, lots of fun and fellowship. There are so many wonderful women in our Institutes, all doing great things and making us all proud to be New Zealand women, the backbone of our Country.

A big thanks to Helen who organised everything for us all and drove us around in the van, showed us the sights on our last day and got us back to the airport just in time.

We certainly did well in the competitions. Many thanks to you who sent your entries and a big thanks also to Lynette who efficiently organises the packing and sending of our entries, she said we would have been one of the larger number of entries at the AGM. We had a lot more to bring home than what we sent, with the Trophies, Certificates and the books. The Federation bought two of the 100 hundred years of 'Women, Home & Country' books. One will circulate amongst the South Taranaki Institutes and the other to go into Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki in Patea. Rose is in charge of the book, so contact her when you would like to see it. Kaponga and Manaia both bought their own copies and Helen Cameron has a copy as well.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Mid Winter Catch Up at the Swiss Club in Kaponga. It was a great day which we all enjoyed with 30 attending. A huge big thanks to Margie Bishop and Lynette Gargan for the awesome food they provided, oh boy, it was nice and there was plenty of it. I presented my report, the main point being that the fees will remain at \$50, but all the affiliation will now go to National. We need to have a collective think of how we are going to find the funds to run our WI's and South Taranaki Federation. We can do this; we are more than capable of finding ways to raise money and we need to think of the neighbouring Institutes who are not so able to fundraise and how we can help them to survive. We are in this together.

Phyllis Malcolm demonstrated how to make an eggshell picture for one of our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday competitions on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September in the Kapuni War Memorial Hall. This is going to be a great day, so please make a note in your diary to ensure you can be there.

We also formally congratulated Helen Cameron on her nomination onto the NZ Federation Executive Committee with a bouquet of flowers created by Diane Campbell. Thank you Diane.

Our thoughts go to anyone who is unwell, or who have lost loved ones. We especially think of those in our community who need our help and friendship, those who need a smile and a touch on their hand to show they are valued and thought of.

Keep warm, have fun and God Bless.

Yours in WI friendship,

Daphne

## **NATIONAL COMPETITION RESULTS:**

The following received top ten placings:

### Robert Young Rosebowl:

Decorated Candle:	Gill Campbell	Maata	5 <sup>th</sup>
Six Individual Gift Tags:	Nicola Ashley	Manaia	4 <sup>th</sup> =

### Robert Young Cup: 6 entries

Kete Basket:	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia	3 <sup>rd</sup>
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### Summer Show Cup: 50 entries

Adult Mandala:	Wynne Bowers-Mason	Maata	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Bridget Dwyer	Carlyle	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Val Kerr	Maata	6 <sup>th</sup> =
	Dorothy Huges	Kaponga	7 <sup>th</sup> =
	Lynette Gargan	Riverlea	9 <sup>th</sup> =

### Edna Way Cup: 18 entries

Painted Rock Paper Weight:	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia	4 <sup>th</sup> =
	Doreen Matthews	Riverlea	5 <sup>th</sup> =

### Rissington CWI Diamond Jubilee Trophy: 77 entries

Single Bloom:	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Robyn Roberts	Mangatoki	7 <sup>th</sup> =
	Lynette Gargan	Riverlea	8 <sup>th</sup> =
	Angela Wright	Maata	9 <sup>th</sup> =

### Woolcraft: 57 entries

Wool Tank Top:	Gill Campbell	Maata	4 <sup>th</sup> =
	Jo Ellis	Kaponga	6 <sup>th</sup> =
	Val Kerr	Maata	8 <sup>th</sup> =
	Rose Cowley	Carlyle	10 <sup>th</sup> =

### Ashford Trophy: 7 entries

One Skein Wool:	Gill Campbell	Maata	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Val Kerr	Maata	4 <sup>th</sup>

### Eva Rennie Trophy:

Best Exhibit:	Gill Campbell	Maata	with her Skein of Wool
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### West Coast Federation Jubilee Trophy:

Federation Scrapbook:	1 <sup>st</sup>	South Taranaki Fed – Jo Ellis - Kaponga
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### Barbara Wood Memorial Trophy:

Federation with Most New Member's:	1st=	South Taranaki & Whangarei
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**SECRETARIES REMINDERS:** Please check your records for any members who may have reached 50yrs of membership.

**TREASURERS REMINDERS: PLEASE NOTE!** Affiliations in 2027 will remain at \$50, but the full amount will go to National. Donations for the Barbara Wood Memorial Fund are due in July and Medical Research is due in August.

**HISTORIAN:** A recent photo of your President is required for the Scrapbook. We haven't received one from all the Institute's, as yet. Paper cuttings of your outings are always wanted too.

**WOOL CONVENOR:** There is a lot of wool with members', we would appreciate if the wool blankets could be finished please as Hapū Wānanga would appreciate them. 😊

**'WOMEN, HOME & COUNTRY':** Rose has our book to share amongst the WI's. Please advise her if you wish to have a read. We do feature a couple of times.

**OUR 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2026 at the Kapuni War Memorial Hall, Kapuni. \$30.00 pp. Doors open at 10.30am and competitions to be staged by 11.00am. We intend to combine our Birthday Celebrations with our Annual Fun & Friendship Day. So along with our Birthday, we will also have the competitions we would normally have at our F&F Day. With a 1936 Theme.

Handcraft: Egg Shell Art – as demonstrated by Phyllis Malcolm at our Mid Winter Catch up. If you weren't there, ask a member who did attend as all 9 Institutes we represented.

Baking: 3 x Square Plain Scones

Floral: Pave Design – see the two examples on last months Newsletter

Kapuni Vase: Single Bloom

Make & Model: A pair of Knitted Adult TV Slippers, own pattern. To be donated to Rest Homes

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50yr, 60yr & 70yr badges will be presented also.

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We will have a Speaker prior to our catered lunch.

**RSVP to Rose, please, by 25<sup>th</sup> August with Names from each Institute.** Thank you.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

No Birthday's until the Federations 90<sup>th</sup> on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**DATES TO DIARY:** 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2026 – Kapuni WMH  
(The original date of the first meeting)

*Quote: "Hope grows even in the coldest season" Dreamtimes.com*

Daphne & Helen

Attachments: Nil

L to R: Shirley Barr, Bernadette Gopperth, Lynette Gargan, Elizabeth Brown, Daphne Sinclair-Holley, Helen Cameron, Bridget Dwyer & Rose Cowley, we did so well.



Our competitions. The Winning ones were on another table.

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