

**<u>2025 Theme:</u>** - 'Softening the Hard Times"; **<u>Project:</u>** - 'Nourish the Nation.'.

Dear Members.

The shortest day is over, so now we will start to enjoy it gradually getting lighter in the mornings.

I had all the family together last weekend out at Castlepoint. Five grandchildren aged 1 to 6 years, makes for a noisy, busy time. Walks and play upon the beach. Seeing seals and crabs in the rock pools. Going up to the lighthouse. Making memories.

# 104th National AGM - 24th - 25th May 2025 - Hamilton:

Congratulations to all the members from the Wairarapa Federation who entered the National Handcraft Competitions. A special congratulations to place getters.

Rissington CWI Diamond Jubilee Trophy – Photograph - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ann Nielsen, Dalefield WI.

West Coast Jubilee Trophy – Scrapbook - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Wairarapa Federation.

Robert Young Rosebowl - Knitted Baby Blanket -3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Isobell Hicks, Dalefield WI.

### **Decade Certificates:**

We will present these at the Mid-Winter Luncheon on 11th July.

We have 3 x 10 years, 1 x 30 years, and 3 x 40 years. Let us know if you have any other members eligible.

#### Federation Mid-Winter Luncheon - Friday 11th July 2025:

Will be held at Club Wairarapa, 20 Essex Street, Masterton at 12.15 p.m. the bar opens at noon and lunch will commence at 1.00 p.m. **NOTE:** the change of time.

**Theme:** "Dress Up for Winter Xmas." **Raffle:** 3 Tickets for \$5.00. 2 Draws.

**Roll Call:** Can every person please bring a Grocery Item to be Donated to the Food Banks.

**The Cost** for the two-course meal, plus tea or coffee is **\$40** per person.

<u>Attendance:</u> numbers and money to Treasurer Gaye by **25**<sup>th</sup> **June**. Payment should be made to your Institute and then only one payment per Institute to be made to Federation. No refunds

#### <u>**Iudging and Competition Staging School - Friday 1st August at 10am**</u>

At Crossways Church Hall. Lansdowne. Start with setting up entries and morning tea, a shared lunch and finish at around 2pm.

Can members RSVP with names, if they are attending by Wednesday 23rd July.

**Includes**: Flowers. Baking. Knitting. Photography.

We have created a Mini Schedule for members attending to bring entries along.

These are to be judged, then we will find out the reasons and the staging.

### **Home Industry Show Clarifications:**

We have had queries about:

Cut Flowers – Where it says 3 different flowers, # 5 & 8 - they are to be in 1 container.

Chocolate Section - all 3 classes must be entered. Chocolate chips in the biscuit **ARE** chocolate chips.

Cushion Cover - whether it should have a cushion in it. The answer is No; it is only the cushion cover.

#### Half-Yearly Gathering - Thursday 16th October:

Hostess Waingawa WI, at Crossways Church Hall. Lansdowne. Roll Call – Wine Tops, and Stamps.

#### **Trophy Criteria:**

After our Executive meeting on Wednesday, we invited Past Presidents Ann, Carol, and Janet, plus longtime Handcraft Officer Janice, along to go through all the Trophies and write up the Criteria for them. We will send out the document to all WIs once completed.

## **Executive Officers Visits:**

We would like to visit each Institute over the next two months. This is just for a catch up, any questions you may have can be answered. Can your Secretary notify our Secretary Rhonda with a date and time to visit.

# **Thought for the Month**



Yours in WI Friendship,

Suzanne Bannister. (Federation President).

# **Dates to Remember:**

Mid-Winter Lunch-RSVP names and payment

Mid-Winter Luncheon

Judging/Competition Staging RSVP names

Judging/Competition Staging

1st August

Home Industries Show

5h September

Half Yearly Gathering -Host Waingawa

16th October