NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

VISION: ***To encourage and inspire women within their communities.***

November 2026

THEME: Reconnect and Rediscover PROJECT: Involvement in your Community

Namaste Members,

I have just spent 3 weeks in India with 17 other women on an amazing holiday. 'Namaste' is the greeting we used so many times a day!!! And no, I won't be going and doing any speaking about my holiday. Must say though the thrill of going to and touching the Taj Mahal and sitting on the same seat as Lady Di, which was a tick off, for the bucket list.

The next event we have coming up is International Day, Japan. The Federation hopes as many as possible will join with us on this day. We will have the hall open at 9.30 for those with display tables to set up and a cup of Tea or coffee will be at 10am. So please support this day it will be one of the last ones we hold this year so it would be nice to see a good turn out!!! More later in Newsletter.



I don't have much to report because of being away. But I will say its warmer in India, in all the time away I never put a jacket on the weather was really nice, hot sometimes when out in it, but nice day and night. Bit of a different story back home.

This week is The Garden Festival I hope you are able to support our local gardeners who put a lot of effort into their gardens especially for the festival. Our WI will be making our yearly pilgrimage in the van and also a car, so I hope the wind drops and the weather is fine!!! For us on Wednesday.

Well lady's I'm all out of chat, jet lag has been a bit of a problem this time so before I fall asleep at the computer I will continue so you get the newsletter before your meetings in November.

Kind Regards and Yours in WI Friendship
Hazel

News from the WI's

Tikorangi WI

An October meeting at Tikorangi Hall saw reports on a few fun outings:

* Tikorangi School Judging of exhibits

* Visit to John Vernon's Naki Flower Farm at Midhurst, carpooling a group of 12. We relished in amongst the beautiful combinations of daffodils, one being a beautiful Bridal Crown flower giving off full scent and being a popular sell for them. Then we moved around some outstanding tulip beauties, and alas, it was our lucky day – we were instructed to pick our choice of any to take home. What a treat!! We were able to discuss the learnings received from John afterwards over lunch at Simply Devine.

* A Dutch Auction was held at our meeting, netting funds, and some exciting parcels to take home.



Durham WI

Valma Hirst hosted the monthly meeting and facilitated the diamond dot art activity that produced very professional looking Christmas tree ornaments.

The flower competitions were very well supported due to a great run of weather resulting in a wonderful array of attractive spring blooms.

Mirk, Claire and Janice had completed the task of sewing colorful new scout scarves ready for next year's Jamboree which will be held at Mystery Creek.

Our November meeting will be a Teddy Bears Picnic. Do come along if you feel like an outing. We'd love to see you.

International Day: Japan, Rotary House Inglewood Monday 23rd November

The hall will open at 9.30 am for you to set up the display tables. Anybody can set up a display table it is not judged display only, if you have memorabilia you would like to share please bring it along and display it. If you have clothing that is Japanese, please feel free to dress up. Tea and Coffee only, will be at 10am. The cost for the day will be $20 this will include lunch and will be Japanese style. We have guest speakers coming a demonstration and those that have display tables you will be able to speak about your treasures on display. As several members have been to Japan in the morning you will be given time to share a memory if you would like**.** The morning will be talking about items on the display tables, and origami folding. Then after lunch around 12.45 we will have our guest speakers. So, please support this day it takes a lot of work to put together so your attendance is important to us. Can you have names and numbers into Federation for catering purposes ASAP. And no later than 18th November also if each WI's members could pay their treasurer and the treasurer make one payment into the Federation account it would be very much appreciated. Many thanks the Federation Team.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **20th October Federation Meeting - Rotary House Inglewood**
- **23rd November International Day – Japan RSVP 18th November**
- **60th Creative Arts Day Friday 26th February 2027**
- **Federation AGM 12th March 2027**

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