

**SOUTH TARANAKI FEDERATION**

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2026**  
**WI AWARENESS MONTH**

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well and not working too hard.

Firstly, I must apologize for my long winded spiel on our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I certainly gave you a blow by blow account of it all. I have been suitably chastened for my verbal diarrhoea and told to keep it short. So, we have our International Day coming up on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. I am really looking forward to this as I think it will be a great day for us all, I do hope you can come along.

We will then be working on the Arts in the Park stall in December to raise funds for us all.

Christmas will hit us and suddenly the year is done.

We have decided to have a fun day at Riverlea in the Autumn and we will have our Sales Table then, it is all a bit busy from now until after the New Year.

Congratulations to those having birthdays and anniversaries or other celebrations, have a great time. I hear Kaponga WI celebrated their 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday, so well done to them.

We also think of those who have had bereavement or ill health, operations or waiting for an operation. It can all be a bit too much at times, but just know we care and are thinking of you. All the best and enjoy the lovely weather we are currently having.

Yours in WI friendship,  
Daphne

**SECRETARIES REMINDERS:** Names & Money to Helen for International Day, before Fri 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**TREASURERS REMINDERS:** We hope your filing to Brenda @ [brendafinance.nec@gmail.com](mailto:brendafinance.nec@gmail.com) has gone / is going well. Money to Helen by 6<sup>th</sup> November for our International Day at Kaponga, please 😊 The cost is \$25.00pp.

**HISTORIAN:** Please keep those photos and articles coming into Bridget. Thank you.

**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. 😊 Please bring them to our International Day in November. Thank you.

**100YRS OF WI YOUTUBE VIDEO:** The link to watch this is: <https://youtu.be/p9irty69pDw>  
Enjoy watching the video in your own home.

**BOWLS CHALLENGE:** Was Cancelled due to only two Teams entering. Thank you Manaia and Riverlea WI's for being available when so many other events clashed with our proposed day. We will hold a Games Day in the Autumn Months instead.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY: JAPAN – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.** Swiss Hall, Kaponga. Doors open at 11.15am and your Card Table is to be set up by 11.45am. Cost of lunch is \$25 per person. Choose 5 of the following 8 choices.

Haiku – Poem  
Souvenir  
Greeting Card  
Japanese Fan made from a Serviette

Ikebana  
Sushi  
Oragami

Colour In Picture (Template was provided last month) Please leave as A4 size on plain white paper. The Black line will be disregarded. NO TRIMMING.

Each of the 5 items will be judged out of a total of 10 points with a max of 10 points for overall effect. If you **do not** have a Card Table please let Rose know. We have spare ones on hand.

Guest Speaker – Kurtis Gilmore – after lunch

Please bring along your sustainability items, knitting, Can Tabs (we have found a new source to give to), bread tags, Grocery Raffle contributions for Arts in the Park and / or non perishable items. Yes, we will have Raffles, 3 tickets are included in your cost for the day. You can purchase more if you wish. 😊 THERE WILL **NOT BE** a SALES TABLE at this event.

**106<sup>th</sup> NZFWI AGM:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2027, at the Cosmopolitan Club, Gisborne. We are taking a van. It is filling fast!! Travel Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and return home on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. Twelve beds have been booked. Last chance to put your name down.

**DATES TO DIARY:** International Day, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, more details next month.  
Arts in the Park – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, King Edward Park, Hawera

**Save a Date:** Founders Day Tue 16<sup>th</sup> February 2027 – venue to be confirmed

**Save a Date:** 91<sup>st</sup> AGM, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2027, Kapuni War Memorial Hall  
106<sup>th</sup> NZFWI AGM – Gisborne – Mon 24<sup>th</sup> & Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May

*Happy Birthday to Rawhitiroa this month*

*Quote: “The Badge is not just a symbol of your organization, but a reminder of duty to serve.” Unknown*

Daphne & Helen

Attachments: Knitted Knockers Pattern – knitted & crochet  
Photo's of our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the following page.

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Three Presidents: Daphne Sinclair-Holley, Sth Tar;  
Suzanne Bannister, National President & Hazel Dodunski Nth Tar ,



NEC, Helen Cameron, Sue Clark, Suzanne Bannister, (National President), Kay Brabender & Lynnette Beirne



Joy Eliason, Kaponga WI being thanked by Jo Ellis for her numerous years of playing the piano for the Federation. Joy has now 'Officially' Retired.



Cutting of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake.  
Suzanne, Phyllis Malcolm (Gold Honours) & Daphne