

North Canterbury Federation of WI Newsletter



THEME: Reconnect & Rediscover
PROJECT: Involvement in Your Community

29th April 2026

Dear Members,

I have attended meetings for all our Institutes in our Federation during the month. I have enjoyed meeting members and putting names to faces. Thank you everyone for the warm welcome I received.

The countdown is on for the National AGM at the end of the month; we have 28 North Canterbury members registered to attend. It should be a great couple of days.

Please keep warm now that the Autumn temperatures are starting to bite at night although we are having some lovely days.

Kind regards in WI Friendship, Raylene Page, President, North Canterbury W.I. Federation

CORRECTION. Burnside Secretary/Treasurer should be Tracy Penney. Email thepenneyfamily@gmail.com. Secretaries can you please update your NC Officers List. Many thanks

41st KAINGA FUN DAY – Monday 4th May at the Sefton Hall starting at 11am. This will be Kainga's 41st year running their annual Fun Day. \$12.00 per person, Raffles \$2.00 each, Lucky Dip \$2.00 each, Housie Cards \$1.00 each. Bring your own Mug and Soup Spoon.

NORTH CANTERBURY FEDERATION BOWLS TOURNAMENT will be at the Sefton Hall, on Saturday 16th May from 9.30am. Soft shoes please, bring your own Lunch. We have 5 teams entered. Can you please let Julie Robinson know ASAP if your Institute wishes to enter a team. \$12.00 per team. Julie's email is jar3294@aol.com

105th NATIONAL AGM 2026. AGM 26-27th May 2026 will be held at The Chateau on the Park, Deans Avenue, Riccarton, Christchurch. Entertainment Tuesday evening, theme "Hollywood Nights", Buffet Dinner on Wednesday night following the meeting. Check in 3pm Monday, check out 11am Thursday for those staying at the Hotel. Cost is \$179.10 per night per room (\$89.55 per person per night share twin).

IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE. "Meet the NEC". A smorgasbord meal has been arranged at the Papanui Club, Sawyers Arms Road, Bishopdale. Date – 24th May 2026, Time – 6.30pm. Cost \$35.00 per person. Places are limited if you would like to attend, please contact Kathryn Hopkinson on 027-335-5771.

North Canterbury will be doing the Raffle on 1 of the days, 20 prizes, 3 per Institute to the value of \$20.00 each is required. Please be aware of the size and weight of the Raffle Prizes as some of these will have to be taken home in suitcases etc.

Each WI is asked to give a \$10.00 donation towards the gifts for the retiring NEC members.
Bank Account details Bank is NBS – Mid Canterbury Federation of Women’s Institute – Conference.
Account number 03-1354-0490224-00

CRAFT DAY Tuesday 21st July cuppa 9.30, start at 10.00am in the Woodend Methodist Church Hall. Cost \$25.00 per person, bring your own Lunch. Crafts are still to be confirmed. Please book and pay by 14th July with Julie Robinson at jar3294@aol.com

HALF YEARLY MEETING/EISTEDDFOD Wednesday 16th September, at Sefton Hall. **Theme** Pink and White.
Roll Call for the Half Yearly Meeting a monetary donation for Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Foundation and White Ribbon Elimination of Violence Against Women.

SCRAPBOOK Please send any photos for the Scrapbook to Val Bennett. Please only send her printed photos and a description of what the photo is all about so she can just put them in the Scrapbook.

SICKNESS OR SYMPATHY. Please let a Federation Member know if you have any members going into Hospital or with Sickness so we can send a Card. Coleen does a fantastic job of sending these cards for Federation, but she needs to know about these at the time. Many thanks.

WINE BOTTLE TOPS, ALUMINIUM TEAR TABS

Tear Tabs and Wine Bottle Tops are being collected and proceeds for these goes to Kidney Kids.

North Canterbury Federation of WI bank account details 02-0800-0140722-00

Dates to remember for this year.

Kainga Fun Day 4th May

NC Federation Bowls Challenge 16th May

National AGM 26th-27th May

Craft Day 21st July.

Half Yearly/Eisteddfod 16th September

Yours In WI friendship

Raylene Page

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