



## NEC NEWSLETTER – December 2024

The National President Jude Vaughan, Vice Presidents Adrienne Allen and Jessie Hopkinson and Executive Officer Colleen Dryden met on 7- 8 December at the national office in Brandon Street

***Please share this important newsletter with all your NZFWI members***

**Theme:**        ***Softening the Hard Times***                      **Project:**        ***Nourish the Nation***

### END OF YEAR FINANCES

The form for the end of year finances will be changed from the one we have been working with these past years. This is due to a requirement from the government to provide more detailed information on our finances. Once we have the new form developed by our accountants, we will offer a short Zoom meeting for treasurers outlining the changes.

In the meantime, we recommend that you prepare your accounts in the usual manner ready to adapt to the new format. The Executive Officer will be available for questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact her if you are unsure of the process. Best to get it correct!

### 104<sup>th</sup> AGM IN HAMILTON– ‘*Fight for our Future*’- 24-25 May 2025

- All members attending will have the right to speak and vote at the AGM due to the change in our Constitution. That is - **all** members attending AGM will be delegates
- Remits and Subjects for Discussion are due to the national office by **Monday 3 February 2025**
- On Sunday afternoon (25 May), there will be several workshops taking place, some of which will be sponsored by the Mealing Estate Trust.
- One of the workshops will be making cot blankets from Peggy Squares. Please bring your completed Peggy Squares which should be 15cm or 6 ins square. 30 squares will be sewn to make the cot blankets - 5 squares across and 6 down. Once completed they will be donated for babies in local women’s prisons in line with our national theme and project.
- If you would like to be a hostess at the AGM – please let the national office know. Hostesses are not required to pay a registration fee

### AVIS RISHWORTH INNOVATION AWARD

This award is for presentation this year. The criteria are:

- Portfolio showing the best social media presence in the years 2023 and 2024
- Entry to show what was done, how you went about it, providing statistics of impact and interaction with followers

The portfolio sent by email is due at the national office by **21 March 2025**

### APPLICATION TO HOST 105<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN 2026

Expressions of interest are called for to host the AGM in 2026. An application form and paper outlining the criteria is on the Members’ page of the website.

### MUSIC OR DRAMA COMPETITION - 2026

Ideas are called for either a music or a drama competition for performance at the 2026 Annual General Meeting. The NEC would like to offer these opportunities to members. However due to low entries in previous years, it is now up to the members to come up with suggestions and to support the competitions. Email any ideas to the national office.

## **GOLD HONOURS NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for a 2025 Gold Honours award are open and due to close on **Monday 3 February**.

## **CHALLENGE TROPHY**

There are 17 teams (including four from the South Island) entered into the Challenge Trophy in Gisborne 9-10 February 2025. A notice will be sent to all early next year requiring the teams to complete information regarding their travel, accommodation and food allergies. The cost of the catering (Sunday–morning tea, lunch, pre-dinner nibbles and dinner and Monday-morning tea and lunch), hall hire and entertainment will be \$50 per person.

## **NATIONAL FUNDRAISING PROJECT- A High Tea**

The NEC are looking to promote this event nationwide. To this end will members please advise where and when your High Tea will be held and a contact name and details. A list with these details will be circulated to all members so others may attend your High Tea if they can. Please let Colleen at the national office know details by **3 February 2025**.

## **INTERNATIONAL MONTH 2025**

Malta has been chosen as our country of learning and study for November 2025.

## **TE PANUI**

Just a reminder to send your contributions to Te Panui through the email [office@wi.org.nz](mailto:office@wi.org.nz) please. The issues in 2025 will be out in March, June, September and December. Thank you to those who are contributing articles and photographs.

## **MEMORABILIA**

The team at Micrographics have completed their photographing of our records and memorabilia so that we now have more in storage. One item that may be of interest to members is, the papier-mâché urn made and painted by Mrs Mealing and gifted to Jerome Spencer House. It was moved to the Willis Street apartment (where it fell over during the Kaikoura earthquake slightly damaging the rim), then to the office in Lower Hutt. It is now in storage and needs a new home.

The NEC are offering this to members. The collection will be the responsibility of the member, but the national office will provide as much assistance as possible.

## **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The national office will be closed from Monday 23 December until opening again on Monday 6 January 2025.

### **Bank account numbers:**

The New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes: 03-0518-0013797-000

Barbara Wood Memorial Trust: 03-0518-0303997-00

Mealing Estate Trust: 03-0510-0876029-00



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