



NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

September 2026

THEME: Reconnect and Rediscover

PROJECT: Involvement in your Community

Greetings Members,

Isn't it lovely to see all the daffodils flowering and some of the blossom trees out in full bloom. At the entrance to Barrett domain there are some lovely bright pink blossom trees flowering and every year there are flocks of Tuis hanging out in their branches.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Lower Mangorei WI (sorry for the Lateness) for the lovely invite to their mid-winter Christmas Luncheon at Tawa Glenn. It was really nice to be there with Helen Cameron, newly elected National executive from South Taranaki, she gave a speech on her path to the National Executive. There was no news of any happenings from the new executive because as soon as she had lunch, she was then off to Wellington to join the new executive to have their first meeting, so thank you Helen Hoskin and your WI for putting on the day and also inviting representatives from other WIs to join your team-it was a lovely Day. Then last month I was invited to Tikorangi's Soup, bun and savoury day that was also very yummy. There were several soups to sample, breads with assortments of flavoured butters and home-made savouries-well done to the Tikorangi Ladies. That hall always brings back happy memories, as this Hall was where I was first elected on to Federation. It was lovely to see the first of the spring flowers in their flower competitions.

It is pleasing to see the number of members and friends coming to the soup Bun and savoury day that Federation is putting on with Grant Carter as the guest speaker, and to be showing the new drone footage of the hospital extensions since he was here last.

September Diane and Doreen have a craft day arranged further down in the newsletter are all your instructions of what you need to bring-after you have enrolled!!!

To all the members who are not well at the moment you have my real sympathy as this flu is mean, so best wishes to a healthy return to normal, to those of you that have had losses our sympathy and commiserations go out to you.

Kind Regards and Yours in WI Friendship

Hazel

*Congratulations
and Happy Birthday
to Durham WI 1942
and New Plymouth
Central WI*

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Dear members

I am looking forward to the craft day on Monday 21st September and wish to advise you that it will be run workshop style during the day. We will be having three time slots during the day so you will all be able to take part. The first workshop starts at 10am, so doors open at 9.45 am for morning tea, Tea and coffee will be provided please bring your own food, lunch and nibbles.

The workshops will be limited to 5 people at each time unless we have more numbers than 15. Your institute must let Hazel know if you are attending. There will be a \$15 charge for all supplies.

Doreen Smith is taking the waterfall card class and will supply a kit. You will need to bring paper scissors and 6mm double sided tape. This will mean that you can spend time completing rather than waiting for supplies.

Diane will be taking the EPP basket which is on the national schedule as well.

You will need to bring your own fabric scissors, 2 fat quarters of cotton material, sewing thread to match, needles, pins etc. I also suggest a notebook and pen for notes. You will need paper scissors to cut out your pattern and wadding.

We are looking at having a table with supplies for members to start the art card for next year's creative arts day as well as the colouring competition, or diamond dots.

Please contact me (Diane) if you need any further information or are interested in assisting with the art card table.

Regards

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Creative Arts Coordinator

News from the WI's

Tarata Women's Institute –Report.

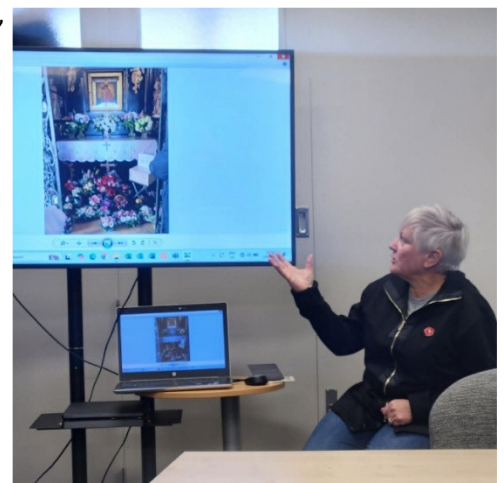
The Tarata Women's Institute has had an interesting and entertaining year so far. Because we are a small group now of seven members after losing three valued members in 2025, RIP Dot, Betty and Helen, we are tending to have our meetings in the Inglewood Library or in our homes. We have used the Tarata Hall only once this year for our Annual Meeting and Potato Judging competition and our Spring Show in September will also be there. Meetings in April, May and August have been held in the Inglewood Library. March and July were held at Gloria Smith's home, and our June meeting was at Margaret Leake's home in Bell Block. We have had lunch after these meetings at Simply Divine in Egmont Village or Oscars Café in Inglewood.

At each meeting we have a Wandering Coin prize, an Auction of items brought by members and the ladies who have a birthday that month receive a floral spray. Our auction and wandering coin proceeds go to the Inglewood District Health Trust.

Our entertainment each month has been quite varied. In April Tracy Jupp came and told us about her journey with Parkinsons disease. In June we played Bingo, for July we had a birthday lunch and mid-winter Christmas at Simply Divine. In August Kaye Corlett gave a very interesting talk about her trip to Gallipoli and the emotions associated with that journey, especially remembering the famous quote given to the ANZAC mothers that their sons lying in foreign soil are now our (Turkey) sons.

As Dot Enright used to say, "We are small in numbers but big in fellowship."

Kaye speaking to us.



Last month we had this lovely, coloured photo of the Norfolk WI lady's but as the article was in the paper cutting and black and white I thought I would put in the coloured one this month.



Durham WI:

This month we enjoyed lunch at the Summerset Cafe followed by a tour of some of the amenities and a villa. We also donated items for the Cancer Society Daffodil Day raffles.

Tikorangi WI: Two visitors joined our 14 members for our mid-winter Soup & Savoury meeting. Our roll call of favourite soup to make, gave many variations – Leek/potato/blue cheese, Bacon hock/vege, Chicken stew broth, Vegetable, Beef bone vegetable,

Vege soup made with all frozen vegetables, Pumpkin, Cup of Soup, Hock with added bag of coleslaw, and a popular soup of today -Spicey Kumara/Peanut

One of our visitors is a prospective new member. Our other was a very welcome Hazel Dodunski, who answered questions from the floor and called for new members on Federation.

Brainstorming for the recent National Survey, was satisfyingly forthcoming from all present and some tips were shared e.g. (1) Use your Gold Card at Spotlight, Mad Butcher, New World- on Tuesdays; (2) When unable to drive, Carpool, Driving Miss Daisy, Uber, Gain a Total Mobility card from GP for taxi and Driving Miss Daisy, ring a friend/family, hire a free scooter from Disability Centre, Young St NP to use on the walkway. On the matter of Question 7, it was asked if we can ask our National Exec if many members find problems getting off lower toilets, especially arthritic people, and if so, could a remit be arranged? Pukekura Park have fairly low toilets.

New Plymouth Central WI: This month we distributed more blankets to a rest home in New Plymouth our latest recipient was the Coronation Lodge Rest Home with twelve blankets going there, they also received some CD card holders for their card games. Others to receive these lovely blankets were Adele Living with twelve and Pregnancy Help with eleven. A huge thankyou to Janice for all her organising with a little help from us others!!! Also, this month we had a guest speaker from Age Concern at our meeting and besides other topics Richard Anderson spoke on Elder Abuse it is very sad as to the abuse that is going on to these vulnerable people. We enjoyed a walk around Puke Ariki Museum and lunch at Arborio Restaurant. And of course we fitted in our craft days as well.



Happy recipients from Coronation Rest home with a couple of the Twelve Blankets and the card disc holders donated to them.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15th September Federation Meeting - Rotary House Inglewood
- SEPTEMBER Sustainability Month
- September 7th A morning with Grant Carter re Base Hospital latest video – Soup, bun and Savouries Lunch \$15.00pp
- 21st September hands-on Craft Day
- November International Day- Japan
- 16th October – applications for good Service and long service badges
- 60th Creative Arts Day Friday 26th February 2027
- Federation AGM 12th March 2027

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