



NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

November 2025

THEME: Softening the Hard Times

PROJECT: Nourish the Nation

Greetings Members,

I know the weather is not pleasant at the moment but my thoughts and I'm sure yours as well go out to our country fellow friends in WI and nationwide that are experiencing shocking weather at the moment. I have spoken to Shona from Romahapa WI today and they now have power after 5 1/2 days and they are some of the lucky ones, others maybe another two or three weeks away, I haven't been able to contact Past National President Avis so I hope they are all ok!!!

Well, we have a pretty full-on month ahead of us both with my WI and the two functions that Federation is putting on for you all, I do hope that you will support us with your attendance. Firstly, with the International Day we are trying something different this year and we are having a lunch out. More later in the newsletter and also the craft day like we held last year with hands on and demonstrations of crafts from both our Creative Arts Day and Nationals AGM competitions. Diane is making up kits for you to purchase, to do at your leisure if you would like to have a go.

Please Secretaries and Treasurer's read and respond to the requests from Federation on time.

It would be really nice to hear from all the WI's as to what you have been doing during the month, so if you haven't responded so far could you send me a brief report on you WI's happenings during the month we are all interested in what is happening in our area!!! A message from the Federation Treasurer can you please make sure the Diaries have been paid for and your WI's donation to the fund to help out with our bowling team is paid please. International Day numbers in by Friday the 7th please. Craft Day we also would like an indication of how many will be coming for setting up and Federation will be catering the morning tea before we start.

I would also like to apologise to Lower Mangorei for not publishing their report for the news from sister WI's last month, I had unbeknown to me received it BUT, for some reason it had gone into my spam!!! I have also had members say that they are not receiving my newsletters if I have your email address then you should be getting them, I send them in Word and PDF, so maybe you need to also check your spam because nothing is bouncing back to me as in wrong email addresses.

Yours in Friendship
Hazel

News from our sister WIs:

Lower Mangorei: We had a social outing at PIHMS, with one of their lunches. This is a training for Hospitality students, and members enjoyed being involved.

The monthly Guest Speakers were from the Deaf Association. Ann was a mother of three, who was born deaf. We learnt of her courage bringing up the children. Tania gave us a lesson on Sign Language, and her work with the Deaf Association. An inspiring afternoon with these two ladies.

Durham WI: In August a soup and rolls lunch with games of cards were played in the hall.

They also lost a very respected member of the WI Mrs Karen Smith who in March had received her Good Service badge at this year's AGM.

Members travelled to Waikato East to visit our ex-member, Christine. We visited Waikite Valley pools and Pataruru with an interesting google map trip. We took part in the Federation games day with an interesting puzzle using the Aspirations!!!

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October meeting, we had a shared lunch at member Jean Dobbs, where we meet with bubbles and a walk around the fairy garden and the 'udder' shed. After lunch we tripped off to 'Slaters Orchids' for a Tour and a look at the nursery. Purchases later and we farewelled our visiting ex-member, Jill.

Durham also announced the passing of long-standing member Mrs Elsie Jones who served 59 years with Durham WI and was also a recipient of her Good Service Badge in 2009.

New Plymouth Central WI: In October we held three craft days in members homes and delivered toys to the Air ambulance at the New Plymouth airport, then it was to "Big Jims for lunch and a shopping spree for some next door at Big Jims Nursery which is looking radiant at the moment with beautiful flowers and gifts. Then we all meet at the Base hospital and delivered 4 large bags of hospital dolls Christmas Angel decorations and card holders for the children to the children's ward these were all gratefully received by long time Hospital Play Specialist Sharon Luque. Who went on to say how the dolls are very helpful they were for the children facing operations. And we still have another bag of toys for the Rescue helicopter to be delivered soon.

We also enjoyed morning tea with the Cancer Society as a thankyou for our help on daffodil Day.

Tikorangi WI: They welcomed Terry Hancock from 'On the house' he is a co-ordinator from the food rescue at supermarkets and cafes around town. They supply meals for over 65's on alternate weeks to the pension, a very enlightening speaker.

They also put out notes advertising WI for "Awareness month."

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND

INTERNATIONAL DAY: 'MALTA' We are having a completely different arrangement this year and we will be having a luncheon at Co n Co Restaurant. You only need to bring yourselves and anybody else you would like to, e.g. friends, caregivers, husbands, drivers lets excel ourselves and make this a great turnout. It starts at 11.15 at 11.30 we will have some information on 'Malta' if you have been there and would like to share your experience with us you will be most welcome. At 12.00 the staff will take your lunch order and after lunch you will be free to go, so I hope you will support us this International Day as we, Federation are trying to make our events so all can be involved.

PLEASE HAVE NUMBERS in by FRIDAY the 7TH OF NOVEMBER.

CRAFT DAY 20TH NOVEMBER: This is a hands-on day, in which a lot of planning has gone into to help you with craft entries for the Creative Arts Day and also National craft competitions.

The day will start at 9.30am with a cup of tea or coffee and a homemade morning tea supplied by Federation.

At 10am we get into our craft demonstrations these can be hands on and there will be kits to purchase so you can watch and then go home and complete your article.

Sashiko requirements

Kit cost - Fabric square, a couple of metres of thread and some patterns with basic instructions - \$6

Diane will do a demonstration of this technique but if members wish to try it out, they will need to bring scissors, sharp needles and a 6-inch embroidery hoop.

Dorset buttons -

cost of the kits will be \$4 including four rings and some copied instructions.

They will need to bring their own embroidery cotton or Perle 5 thread as well as a needle as I do not have enough needles.

Art cards:

People can make these on the day if they wish and will need fancy papers, serviette, lace and ribbons, buttons, sequins, etc. If you wish to choose a paper for the theme birthday celebration everything else can be related to this. A paintbrush for applying PVA glue. Also, there will be background stamps, stencils. 3 D glimmer paste, baby wipes. Also, you can bring pretty napkins, lace scraps, paper scraps buttons and decals if you have them.

Felt Christmas Decorations:

You will need felts for Faye has some if you do not color cottons decorations e.g., Sequins, buttons' lace and other bits and pieces for decorating also you will need shapes Faye has hearts, Christmas tree and circles glue gun and craft glue. If you would like a copy of the Mandella coloring competition printed, please let us know before the day.

If you have any other crafts, you would like help with, bring it along if its in the Creative Arts Day program.

Also please bring your supplies of crafts if you have them for your entries. Any other enquiries contact Diane Lithgow.

The day will cost \$10.00, this includes morning tea, and your lunchtime drinks, please bring your own lunch. There will be a raffle 3tkts for \$5.00 if you are unable to come for whatever reason but would like raffle tkts please contact one of the Federation Executive or you fellow WI members that might be coming. Thank you and please support this day!!!

Dates and Reminders

13th November International Day at Cob n Co. 11.15am start time seated by 11.30 please Numbers in by the 7th of November.

Federation Meeting Tuesday November the 18th at Rotary House Inglewood 9.30 am You are very welcome to come and visit our meeting!!!

Craft Day 20th November at Rotary House Inglewood (our new meeting place) 9.30am start.

**Let's find new ways of supporting all people that need us
And invite people to join us**



Don't forget the
Taranaki Garden Festival
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