

## **SOUTH TARANAKI FEDERATION**

# *MAY NEWSLETTER 2026* **OFF TO THE AGM WE GO!**

Dear Member's,

Hello everyone, what amazing weather we are having at present, beautiful sunny days, no wind, no rain, a little bit crrrip in the evenings, but we no complain.

It is Conference time again, in Christchurch, there are eight of us from South Taranaki attending. We leave on Monday and come back on Thursday, except for Shirley & Helen, as they have other plans. I hope the weather holds till we get back. I am taking warm clothes just in case. We will have fun as well as doing serious stuff. It is farewell to Jude, Adreienne and Jesse, with many thanks for all their work over the last four years. We wish them well. We welcome in our five new Executive, including our very own Helen Cameron and we wish them well for their next four years of the governance for The New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes.

We thank Helen for standing for National. She must be one of the busiest women I know. It is a big task ahead of her and we know she will handle it all diligently and well. We thank her husband, Mike, who quietly supports her in everything she does and keeps the home fires burning for her till/when she gets home.

We have changed our planned venue for our Mid-Winter catch-up on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Tika do not open on a Tuesday. So we are going to the **Kaponga Swiss Club** where we will have soup and buns for lunch with slices and a cup of tea for afters. The cost is \$20.00 p/p and this includes your 'three for \$5' raffle tickets. Helen will give you the time and address within. Phyllis is going to demonstrate how to make a creative picture for our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I am not going to give too much away there.

We have our Federation 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2026. The exact date of our very first meeting in 1936. This will be held in the Kapuni War Memorial Hall, a great venue and it will be a great day, so put this date in your diary.

We congratulate any members who are having birthdays, anniversaries or new additions to your family. We offer our condolences to members who have had a bereavement or ill health. We are thinking of you all. Every person is important in whatever role, or effort they make within Women's Institute and in their Communities, so keep up your excellent work ladies, our Country needs us!

Yours in WI friendship,  
Daphne

**SECRETARIES REMINDERS:** Please RSVP for our Mid Winter Catch-up to Rose by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**TREASURERS REMINDERS:** No requirements this month 😊

**HISTORIAN:** A recent photo of your President is required for the Scrapbook. We haven't received one from all the Institute's, as yet.

**WOOL CONVENOR:** Jo Ellis is looking forward to receiving any knitting and blankets please. If you have finished them, please bring them to our Mid Winter Catch-up on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**MID WINTER CATCH-UP:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Swiss Club, Grace Avenue, Kaponga. We will gather at 11.30am. Daphne will give her Conference Report. We will present any trophies our Members may have won at Conference. Fingers crossed!. We will enjoy soup, bun & a sweet for lunch at a cost of \$20.00pp which includes your 3 Raffle Tickets. After lunch Phyllis will teach us a creative piece of art work using egg shells. Please email Rose with your numbers by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June for catering purposes. Thank you. 😊  
Bring along any finished blankets and other knitting, also, please. Helen will bring wool that she has on hand from Hapū Wānanga. They are needing our finished products, please, ahead of the colder months.

**'WOMEN, HOME & COUNTRY':** The book to be launched at conference. We intend to donate one book to Aotea Utanganui Museum to be placed with our History File. Another book will be available for circulation amongst the WI's. If you want one, let Helen know that you have ordered it through the National Office and Helen will pick it up for you at Conference. Be in quick, there is a limited supply. They are \$50 each.

**OUR 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2026 at the Kapuni War Memorial Hall, Kapuni. Meet at 11am. We intend to combine our Birthday Celebrations with our Annual Fun & Friendship Day. So along with our Birthday, we will also have the competitions we would normally have at our F&F Day. With a 1936 Theme.

Handcraft: Egg Shell Art

Baking: 3 x Square Plain Scones

Floral: Pave Design – see the two examples on the next page

Kapuni Vase: Single Bloom

Make & Model: Still to be confirmed

We will enjoy a catered lunch together. More info in the June Newsletter.

### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

No Birthday's until the Federations 90<sup>th</sup> on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**NAME BADGES:** Helen is placing another order once she has five (5) names. \$15.00 each

**DATES TO DIARY:**

AGM Christchurch May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – We have 8 representatives  
Mid Winter Catch-up Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June , Venue at the Swiss Club  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2026 – Kapuni WMH  
(The original date of the first meeting)

*Quote: “I don’t like to skite about going to expensive places, but I’ve just been to the Petrol Station” !!*

Daphne & Helen

Attachments: Nil



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