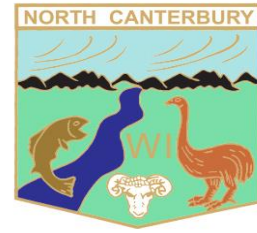


## North Canterbury Federation of WI Newsletter



**THEME:** *Vision for All*

**PROJECT:** *Looking for Opportunity in your Community*

29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Members

A very warm welcome to everyone, especially Redwood and Burnside W.I. members and any new members to North Canterbury W.I.'s. We look forward to seeing you at our Federation activities throughout the year.

Our thoughts are with the people of Loburn who have suffered loss with the recent fires. We are sorry that Loburn W.I. has closed. However, we are pleased to report that most of the members have joined with other W.I.'s.

Yesterday, at our Federation meeting we set out our programme for the year. We trust that you will be able to come along to these events and enjoy the fellowship.

We send our best wishes to the Ohoka W.I. bowls team as they take part in the Bowls Tournament which is to be held at Balclutha next month.

There is still Covid and sickness around so please take good care of yourselves.

Yours in W.I. friendship,  
Ann Jelfs, North Canterbury Federation President.

### **FOUNDER DAY WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY AT VICTORIA PARK RANGIORA. 11AM.**

We will be having a Founders Day celebration at Victoria Park as above. Please bring your lunch, a chair or rug to sit on and your drinks. Mavis Elms from Pegasus/Woodend has organised the time there, it will be very casual.

### **NORTH CANTERBURY FEDERATION AGM, 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

Our AGM will be held at the Woodend Methodist Church Hall on SH1. **All competitions to be tabled by 9.45 am, cuppa at 10 am and meeting starts at 10.30 am. Shared Lunch.**

#### **COMPETITIONS as follows:**

**Handcraft:** - All National Competitions.

**Photography:-** National Competition.

**Floral:-** "Elegance" with 3 Flowers, accessories allowed, 30x30 cm maximum, no height restrictions.

**Flowers:** Small Bloom, Large Bloom, Spike, Cluster/Truss, Flowering Tree/Shrub.

**Baking:-** 3 Chocolate Chippie Biscuits.

We will have a speaker coming from The Canterbury/West Coast Rescue Helicopter Service. We will be giving a donation on the day and so if your WI can make a donation to this, it would be much appreciated.

**Attached are the lists of what Delegates will need to bring to the meeting. Can these be handed to the appropriate people in your WI to be filled out.**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

This is not quite finished yet and will be sent as soon as we have it sorted.

### **NORTH CANTERBURY FED. EXECUTIVE VACANCY.**

**Trish Milne** is stepping down from Federation this year and we need to get another two ladies onto the Executive Committee. Would you please give this some thought and if you feel you would like to come on board, please put your name forward to Federation by our next meeting which is on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you so much ladies.

**NATIONAL TROPHIES - these need to be returned to Wellington. Can you please bring these with you to the AGM if you have any.**

### **LOBURN FIRES**

Recently there was a huge fire at Loburn which destroyed peoples' homes and outbuildings etc. Thankfully there was no loss of life, but very frightening for those involved.

The Waimakariri District Council has opened the Mayoral Relief Fund and if your WI would like to make a donation to this please send it directly to the Council via Internet Banking. **The bank account is 01 0877 0129222 00 with "Loburn Fire" as your reference.**

### **NATIONAL WI AGM MAY 2024**

This will be held in Palmerston North next year. We have 12 ladies going so far and if anyone else wishes to go, please ring Raylene Page, our Federation Treasurer and she will see what she can do for you.

### **INDOOR BOWLS TOURNAMENT 2024**

We have booked the Sefton Hall for the 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please have your team numbers ready for the AGM.

**WINE BOTTLE TOPS, MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

These are still being collected by Federation. If you have a supply you want rid of, please contact anyone on our Executive Committee. **Please make sure the milk bottle tops are cleaned properly before handing them to us.**

**Dates to remember for this year and next.**

**North Canterbury Federation AGM, 6<sup>th</sup> March, Woodend Methodist Church Hall. 10 am.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 WI Indoor Bowls Tournament, Sefton Hall.**

**July 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 Craft Day, Sefton Hall.**

**Eisteddfod 28<sup>th</sup> August, Sefton Hall**

Our next Executive meeting will be at Val Bennetts, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 14 Parkhouse Drive Rangiora.

Yours In WI friendship

Trish Milne

Secretary

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