



NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

NEWSLETTER : MARCH

THEME: *Softening the Hard Times*

PROJECT: *Nourish the Nation*

Hello ladies this is the last email before our AGM. Thankyou to the 18 people who joined me for our founders day on the 21st February.

We started at judy Chapmans home to view her garden. Considering it is only a small section she had alot for us to see. We then went onto the corner where Craig Leathly gave us an insight to his business smokincomrades which is a slow cooked bbq meat business he does alot of catering wedding parties etc. He also gave a tasting which was very tasty. Dave also talked about his brewery which is on the same site we also had a look around the brewery. From there we moved onto Summerset Bell Block where we had lunch and a tour of the wonderful complex. I hope those that attended enjoyed the day.

Our bowls ladies enjoyed there few days in Balclutha and Raewyn has done a report on this further on in this newsletter. Unfortunately Hazel and Leah got covid after hope they are back to good health now.

We need nominations for executive /Federation please think about joining this committee it is not a big task but we need to keep us going. My term is up in March i have enjoyed my time leading you but it has been a bit hectic doing President and Secretary.

The AGM is the next on Federation schedule on the 15th

March don't forget that the National entries are judged on that day. Black and white is our theme for the day, dress up in black and white. The court for the day is to have table cover of black and white but that is not judged. Items for judging are below.

3 YoYos

Women's winter head band

recycled article any medium

Mother's day card

Floral posy bowl in a recycled tin



Creative arts day keep on working on your crafts for this day, the committee is putting final touches to this day to make it a successful day.

Also WI don't forget the table display for this competition.

Ladies still waiting to hear if you are interested in going to Palmerston North for this years AGM.

Please let executive know if you are interested ASAP.

Regards Valma

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES. BOWLS CHALLENGE TROPHY 2024

Leah Shoemark, Hazel Dodunski and Raewyn Lucinsky represented North Taranaki in the annual Indoor Bowls Challenge Tournament held at Balclutha.

On Saturday 10 th February at 6.30 am we left New Plymouth for an eventful flight, being diverted to Nelson, then back to Christchurch and then on to Dunedin, where on arrival Hazel's bag was missing. Two Romahapa WI ladies met us, then we had to wait for a flight from Auckland to arrive with four more ladies, before making the hour-long trip to Balclutha.

We had missed the scheduled trip to the Catlins by then, but Shona and Donna insisted on taking us for a shortened drive. Back at the Motel we were pleased to find Hazel's bag had been located and couriered to our room.

On Sunday after a welcome at the brand-new Community Hub, and an extensive home-made morning tea we got down to bowling.

We had a Draw and a Win, then lunch supplied by Subway, went on and lost the next 2 games, another fantastic Afternoon Tea, then a Loss and a Draw. We were then taken to the Balclutha Club for a lovely Dinner. A very busy day.

On the Monday, the top 4 teams played off for the Trophy and the others played off for 5 th to 14 th . We had a Win a Loss and a Draw. Placed 10 th .

The Winners were 1st ; Mid Otago Purple, 2nd Romahapa Rollers, 3rd South Taranaki Mania, 4th Te Aroha Sparklers. After the presentations we travelled to Lawrence for a rather late lunch. We returned to Balclutha a different route viewing the beautiful rolling countryside.

Before returning home on the Thursday we were guests of Shona for two nights. We had a trip to Gore on the Tuesday to do the banking as there was no bank in Balclutha, and on the Wednesday had an extensive site-seeing trip through the Catlins. Great hospitality from the South Otago Federation and a well run Tournament.



AGM 15th March Theme black/white

Creative arts day 19th April

Put all these dates in your diary now.

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Founders day photos

