

**SOUTH TARANAKI FEDERATION**

*MARCH to MAY NEWSLETTER 2026*  
***NATIONAL AGM IS ALMOST HERE***

Dear Member's,

Hello everyone, it is a bright clear day in Opunake today, I have mowed the lawns, trimmed the edges, weeded the gardens, cleaned the windows and the car today. Now I believe a storm is coming, so the windows will be caked with salt and dust again, the joys of living by the sea.

We had a great day at our South Taranaki Federation Women's Institute Annual General meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March at Kapuni. Thank you to all who were able to attend and our thoughts go to those who could not come due to various reasons. Mayor Mr Phil Nixon opened our A.G.M., he is always a good speaker and very enthusiastic about his role.

Gemma Adams inspired us with her life story of Dyslexia and how she has overcome the multiple challenges it causes for her. She has built an awesome farming tool with her VIZ-link business. She is a very busy lady with family and farming. We wish her well in the future.

We farewelled Bernadette Gopperth as our President of four years, Bernadette has done a wonderful job of leading STFVI with her quiet, gentle manner, she has represented us well, enjoy your retirement Bernadette.

We welcome Rose and Apryl Cowley to Federation and thank Lynette, Helen, Margie, Jo, Phyllis and Bridget for staying on and taking up roles. I know they will work hard and keep STFVI proudly leading the pack for Women's Institute.

I put a call out to all you talented ladies who knit. The Opunake Yarn Bomb Committee need lots of help to knit all sorts of creations to display for the annual Yarn Bomb of Opunake town. Many of you may have seen it during the garden festivals and the Taranaki Art Awards held in Opunake in October/November. We need help to get articles to decorate with. Please contact me, 021 128 1680 or [daphneholley169@gmail.com](mailto:daphneholley169@gmail.com) if you can help. Many thanks.

Happy birthday to anyone who passed this milestone over the last month or so and congratulations for anniversaries, new family members and for surviving the school holidays. Our sympathy goes to anyone who has suffered the loss of loved ones or endures health issues that impact on lives and activities.

Thank you all for being keen Institute ladies, make sure you tell your friends and neighbours about Institute and how much you enjoy it. Encourage them to come along to your meetings and find out about Institute for themselves.

Take care everyone,  
God Bless,  
Daphne

## Congratulations to our AGM Competition Winners

### Robert Young Rosebowl:

Decorated Candle:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gill Campbell	Maata	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicola Ashley	Manaia	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Val Kerr	Maata	

Fabric Wine Bottle Tote Bag: No Entries

Six Individual Gift Tags:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Nicola Ashley	Manaia	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rose Cowley	Carlyle	

### Robert Young Cup:

Kete Basket:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia	(Harvie Tray)
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### Summer Show Cup:

Adult colouring page – Mandala	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rose Cowley	Carlyle	(Harvie Vase)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shirley Craig	Rawhitiroa	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gill Campbell	Maata	

### Silver Tray:

Sasihiko Needle Work:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wynne Bowers-Mason	Maata	(Sugar Bowl)
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### Edna Way Cup:

Painted Rock Paper Weight:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doreen Matthews	Riverlea	

### Rissington CWI Diamond Jubilee Trophy:

Photo – Single Bloom:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia	(Ashburton Cup)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robyn Roberts	Mangatoki	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynette Gargan	Riverlea	

### Woolcraft:

Wool Tank Top:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Val Kerr	Maata	(Hartley Cup)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gill Campbell	Maata	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jo Ellis	Kaponga	

### Ashford Trophy:

One Skein of Hand Spun Wool	1 <sup>st</sup>	Val Kerr	Maata	(Tawhiti Tray)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gill Campbell	Maata	

### Baking:

Three Butterfly Cakes	1 <sup>st</sup>	Janice Mullin	Pihama	(Opaku Vase)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deborah Clough	Maata	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leonie West	Riverlea	

Single Bloom:      1<sup>st</sup>      Joyce Lawrence      Maata      (Kapuni Vase)  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup>      Phyllis Malcolm      Manaia  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup>      Margie Bishop      Riverlea

Floral:      “Celebrating 90yrs of WI to include one WI Souvenir”  
                                  1<sup>st</sup>      Diane Campbell      Pihama      (Doris Hall Vase)  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup>      Lynette Gargan      Riverlea  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup>=      Margie Bishop      Riverlea  
                                  3<sup>rd</sup>=      Bernadette Gopperth Pihama

<u>Best Programme:</u>			<u>Annual Report:</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Te Kiri	(Patea Cup)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Riverlea	(Carey Cup)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Manaia		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maata	(Kaye Cup)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carlyle		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Te Kiri	

Most New Members:  
 1<sup>st</sup>      Pihama      (Jubilee Bell)

Thank you for your support with Raffles and the Sales Table.  
 Funds realised:      Sales Table: \$294.10      Raffles: \$250.00      Grocery Raffle: \$540.00

**SECRETARIES REMINDERS:** If you are new to this role, do familiarize yourself with your duties and make sure all members are aware of Federation Activities.

**TREASURERS REMINDERS:** Please make sure any late Affiliations are passed onto Helen, who is now the Federation Treasurer.

**HISTORIAN:** A recent photo of your President is required for the Scrap Book along with any paper cuttings etc. We have new Historians, the Carlyle ladies, Bridget & Apryl are to be handed everything that is to go into the Scrapbook. If you are in Hawera, you could drop items off to Margie, 5 Rimu St. ANZAC programmes and photos are always welcome.

**WOOL CONVENOR:** Jo Ellis has taken on this role, so please get any completed blankets etc to her please or drop them off to Margie.

**Theme & Project:** Perhaps your Institutes may like to be more involved with your local School or Early Childhood Facilities. We know Involvement in your Community goes without saying, but perhaps there is a Group you could reconnect with. You never know what the outcome could be if you don't ask.

**New Zealand Young Farmers Reunion 2026 – Taranaki:**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 3pm – 11.55pm at the Stratford War Memorial Hall  
 Registrations are \$65 this also include a Reunion of Country Girls Club  
 Contact Joyce Lawrence: ( [niaruo@inspire.net.nz](mailto:niaruo@inspire.net.nz) or 06 764 8770 )

**High Tea Centennial Celebration: Rural Women NZ celebrating 100yrs:**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at Tairoa Lodge, 3 Puawai St, Hawera at 1pm  
RSVP to Joyce Lawrence: [niaruo@inspire.net.nz](mailto:niaruo@inspire.net.nz) or phone 021 117 5165 by 1<sup>st</sup> May.  
Cost \$35.00 to Taranaki Area Rural Women NZ 15-3947-0503800-01 with your Name as Reference.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

Belated March Greetings to Te Kiri & Maata.  
April Greetings to Carlyle & Riverlea

**FEDERATION FOR 2026 – 27:**

President: Daphne Sinclair-Holley Te Kiri                      Secretary: Rose Cowley Carlyle;  
Treasurer / Newsletter Editor: Helen Cameron Riverlea;  
Vice President / Handcraft / Sustainability: Lynette Gargan;  
Vice President / Hostess: Phyllis Malcolm;                      Wool Convenor: Jo Ellis  
Historians: Bridget Dwyer & Apryl Cowley Carlyle;                      Raffles: Margie Bishop Riverlea

**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 in Hawera  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2026 – Kapuni WMH  
(The original date of the first meeting)

*Quote: “Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day”*  
- Dalai Lama

Daphne & Helen

Attachments: Nil

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