



**Newsletter – July 2024**

**2024 Theme “Softening the Hard Times.”**

**Project “Nourish the Nation”**

Dear Members,

We have the Lower Hutt gran-dies visiting at the moment. Particularly pleased to see a ray of sunshine and they finally have the opportunity to spend time outside with Poppa. Three boys shut inside on a wet day??. Lets leave that to your imagination.

**Challenge Trophy :**

Poverty Bay Wairoa Federation will host the 2025 Challenge Trophy in Gisborne.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February .Entries are to be in by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Accommodation is filling fast, if you wish to enter a team please contact the Federation so new accommodation details can be forwarded to you.

**Mid Winter Lunch:**

Friday 26th July. Looking forward to the informal catch up with members.

**Affiliation fee for next year:**

Thanks for the feedback from Institutes re the split of \$15 portion of next year's affiliation fee.

Next year the affiliation fee will be \$50. \$35 to National, with Federation and Institutes receiving \$7.50 each .

**Institute Annual Reports:**

Last call, hopefully those Institutes who wish to compete for this have sent in their reports.

We are currently arranging a judge for this.

**Card Table. H.I.S.:**

It's that time of year again, we require the names of Institutes wishing to take part in this competition. Please let Rhonda know if you wish to enter, by August 18th.

**Half Yearly:**

While we are still gathering information for the preliminary agenda,we wish to give the heads up on the competitions at it.

The craft will be a knitted hedgehog, for donation,[ pattern supplied ] and the baking “hedgehog” biscuits. [recipe supplied.]

These two competitions are combined for the Jessie Hewin Lett tray.

**Wairarapa Building Society- Saving Account :**

Members will be aware the Wairarapa Federation has term deposit with the W.B.S. It has built up over the years as the interest has been compounded. It would be at least 4 years since the Federation has drawn any money from it. It is due for renewal in the next few weeks.

The Federation has decided to split the investment, continue to invest a large portion for the usual yearly term and put the remainder on a short term investment for 90 days .The interest to be paid to Federation directly. The interest to be used to support the Federation and it's members during the year as the levels of fundraising are reducing. e.g the venue for the H.I.S. is costing Federation over \$300 a year, the raffle and entry fee falling short to fund this. It is only natural this cost will increase in future years.

The 90 days period was chosen as we want **your feedback** as to how we utilise this money.

One suggestion is we use part of it to donate an item or two of furniture to the Wellington Free Ambulance facility currently being built in Masterton. It would be suitably inscribed with” donated by the Wairarapa Federation WI.”

Some of it could be used to subsidise an outing or get together for Federation members Lets get our creative

hats on and give Federation ideas on how to utilise this money. While it would be nice, I can't really envisage a trip to the South Sea Islands being on the cards for some of our Federation Committee being an acceptable suggestion.

Do the members want to do another major fundraising effort, next year, similar to the one organised last year for Wander Search, and incorporate some of the funds from the WBS??? Any view as to recipients for the fundraising event?

Federation **need your thoughts** on this matter.

Thanks for the further donations of knitting from Gladstone WI and a member of Mt Bruce WI [now closed.]

4 knee rugs and 3 twiddle muffs have been donated to Kandahar Court .

Last Tuesday the Federation Committee visited the Masterton Maternity Ward to deliver 3 bassinet blankets, 2 matinee jacket, 15 vests, 2 hats, 6 toy octopus and 13 pairs of booties. Ladies you are amazing, **thank you** for your continued support with knitting and sewing for our community. .We were told all the bassinet blankets would have new homes by the end of the week.



*Masterton Maternity Ward*



*Items donated to Kandahar Court.*

### Thoughts for Month:

*“It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”* Mother Teresa

### Dates to Remember:

Movie Group

Mid Winter Lunch -

Half Yearly

6<sup>th</sup> August 2024

26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

11th October 2024

Yours in WI friendship

Janet Morrison

**Wairarapa Federation**

**Never be afraid to  
try something new.  
Remember, amateurs  
built the Ark.  
Professionals built  
the Titanic.**

