North Canterbury Federation of WI Newsletter





THEME: Softening the Hard Times

PROJECT: Nourish the Nation

29th August 2024

Dear Members,

As I sit here this morning, on a very blustery day, I am reflecting on our Half Yearly Meeting and Eisteddfod which was held yesterday. We were privileged to have our NEC member Jessie Hopkinson open our meeting and bring us news of NZFWI happenings. It was disappointing to note that the numbers attending was much lower than usual. On a brighter note the entertainment was brilliant and made for a most enjoyable day. A huge thank you to all who took part in the stage items and the table competitions. Congratulations to all who took part.

There is still a lot of sickness around so take care. With spring approaching may the beauty of the season help raise your spirits.

Take care.

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

EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

Frances Topp Trophy: Baking. Kainga

Anne Webb Trophy: Best Annual Report Sefton Kowai

Nola Johnstone Memorial Trophy: WI with most competition entries Ohoka

Silver Tray: Best performance chosen by Judge Pegasus Woodend

Mrs Farr Trophy: Table items WI Most points over all Pegasus Woodend

Raelene Turner Trophy: Stage Items – WI Most points overall Pegasus Woodend

Omihi Challenge Bowl: WI Most points overall Ohoka Maree McLaughlin Trophy: Winner over 70's Kainga

Lorraine Fleming Trophy: Audience Choice Pegasus Woodend

<u>AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2025</u> as announced at the National AGM, will be \$50.00 for 2025 and will be split NEC (70%) \$35.00, Federation \$5.00 and WI's \$10.00.

MID CANTERBURY FEDERATION have invited us to attend their Half Yearly / Cup Day / Quizco. To be held on Friday 20th September at the Senior Centre, 206 Cameron Street, Ashburton. Cuppa at 10am meeting starts at 10.30am. Cost is \$15.00 per person includes Lunch, Entry and Quizco. Any queries please contact Yvonne Lister, Secretary. Email chips232@xtra.co.nz

<u>FUN DAY</u> Tuesday 15th October to raise funds for NEC. This will be held at the Ohoka Hall, Mill Road, Ohoka from 10am. Can Institutes please supply one \$10 raffle prize each and a mystery wrapped bottle for a bottle auction, many thanks. Lunch \$10.00, Raffle \$2.00, Housie Tickets \$1.00.

2025 NATIONAL PROJECT. "A High Tea with the WI". Sunday 23 February 2025. More information to come.

104th AGM HAMILTON 2025. "Fight for our Future". 24-25 May 2025. Distinction Hotel, 100 Garnett Avenue, Te Rapa, Hamilton. As advised at the Half Yearly Meeting, we have booked 10 beds at the Distinction Hotel, these are \$95.00 per night per person sharing a Superior Twin Room. Breakfast is available \$36.00 per person (cooked buffet breakfast). Institutes and members are responsible for their own travel arrangements. As discussed, your Federation will not be organising travel arrangements, we have booked the accommodation, and we will process the AGM Registrations when due as normal. Please let Federation know if you would like to attend.

KAINGA CLEAN UP WEEK. Monday 23rd September at 9.30am. We will meet at the end of Beach Rd, on the Reserve where the road divides for Pines and Kairaki Beach, there is plenty of room to park your car. There will be info to keep us all safe.

Please wear sturdy shoes, gloves and Hi viz Jacket, some spares available. Bring a bucket or bag for rubbish, a pickup stick can be helpful. Bring your own food or to share over a cup of tea or coffee when we finish usually around 11am-11.30am.

If unable to come for the clean-up come for a cuppa and some WI friendship. Ring Kathryn or text with numbers 027 335 5771 for the paperwork by 13th September.

BRAZILIAN CHEESE BREAD. For those who had the opportunity to sample the lovely Brazilian Cheese Bread that Alessandra de Oliveria (Ohoka WI) made for us at the Half Yearly Meeting. Please find attached with this Newsletter her recipe. Many thanks to Alessandra and her girls for making this for us it was very yummy.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUBS (CEH) The Waimakariri District Council are looking to setup CEH's these are to replace Sector Posts and will work in with the Civil Defence but will be run by the communities they are set up in. Existing CEH's are setup in Cust, Loburn, Pegasus and Silverstream. The 5th Hub at Swannanoa is opening in early September. If you would like to know more about the CEH's or would like someone to speak at your meeting about these please contact Dean Eades, Emergency Management Advisor Waimakariri District Council. Dean.eades@wmk.govt.nz or 027-216-5704.

WINE BOTTLE TOPS, ALUMINIUM TEAR TABS

There have been more changes to the tops being collected. The lad who was collecting them for skateboards is no longer doing that and **so we have stopped collecting all milk bottle tops.** However, the tear tabs are now being collected again and proceeds for the wine tops and tear tabs is going to Kidney Kids.

North Canterbury Federation of WI bank account details 02-0800-0140722-00

Dates to remember for this year.
Clean Up Week 23rd September 9.30am
Fun Day 15th October, Ohoka Hall 10am.
National Project Sunday 23rd February 2025
104th AGM Hamilton 2025 24-25 May

Our next Executive meeting will be at Val Bennett's home, 23rd September, at 10am.

Yours In WI friendship Raylene Page Newsletter Co-ordinator / Phone 027 4346 647