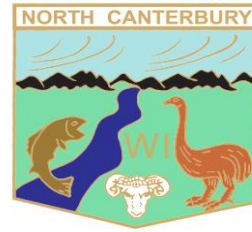


North Canterbury Federation of WI Newsletter



THEME: *Softening the Hard Times*

PROJECT: *Nourish the Nation*

24th September 2025

Dear Members,

Spring is here!! Isn't it lovely to see the flowers and blossoms. It really lifts our spirits.

Coleen, Kathryn and I attended the Mid Canterbury Federation Half Yearly Meeting and Quiz, last Friday in Ladbrooks. We had a lovely day, but our Quiz skills were not too good. We did well in the New Zealand section but spelling and sport let us down.

Lou Anink member of Sefton Kowai WI and a former Federation member died recently. Our condolences to her family and friends.

I hope you are all well and enjoying the sunshine and warmer temperatures.

Yours in W.I. friendship,

Bev Ensor, Vice President North Canterbury Federation of W.I.

105th NATIONAL AGM 2026. AGM 26-27th May 2026 will be held at The Chateau on the Park, Deans Avenue, Riccarton, Christchurch. Entertainment Tuesday evening, theme "Hollywood Nights", Buffet Dinner on Wednesday night following the meeting. Cost \$215 (including Dinner), \$185 (excluding Dinner). Fay Leonard has booked 12 beds at the Chateau on the Park for North Canterbury members, Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th May. Check in 3pm Monday, check out 11am Thursday. Cost is \$179.10 per night per room (\$89.55 per person per night share twin). Please contact Federation to book your bed.

NATIONAL BOWLS CHALLENGE 2026. This will be held in Ashburton on the 15th and 16th February next year. Details available on NZFWI Web Site. Kainga WI are looking for a third person for their Team if you can help please contact Kathryn kathrynhopkinson911@gmail.com or 027-335-5771

NORTH CANTERBURY FEDERATION HALF YEARLY MEETING. This will be held on Wednesday 8th October in the Presbyterian Church St Lukes Hall, 278 Main North Road, Redwood, Christchurch. Cuppa at 10am, meeting starts at 10.30am, Competition entries to be tabled by 9.45am. **Reminder one entry per member per Class.** Parking is available on Daniels Road or surrounding side streets. Roll Call; 2025 Institute Programs for Judging, knitted Blankets, Beanies, Slippers and Scarves for Good Night, Sleep Tight. **Raffles - could each Institute please provide a Raffle prize up to the value of \$20.00.** Shared Lunch. Hostesses for the day will be Redwood WI. Please bring your WI Banner. Please return Half Yearly Trophies by 29th September to a Federation member near you.

GOOD SERVICE BADGE CITATIONS and Long Service Badge requests to be in to Federation by 20th January 2026. Please send to Bev Ensor bevensor@yahoo.co.nz

WOODEND SPRING FLOWER SHOW. Saturday 4th October 1pm - 4pm at Woodend Community Centre booklet and info available on <https://woodendspringflowershow.weebly.com>, you can also download and print the children's colouring competition from that website.

Children's Craft Class on Wednesday 1st October 10-12 to create entries for the Show or to take home, preschool to 13yrs.

Also available Devonshire Cream Teas (\$5.00), stalls of Gardening, Crafts and Baking, Raffles, Daffodil Bulbs for sale and a Blokes Section.

All entries are free Adults \$5.00 for the show, children free.

Information also available <https://www.facebook.com/WoodendSpringFlowerShow>

SCRAPBOOK – Please send any photos for the Scrapbook to Val Bennett. Please only send her printed photos and a description of what the photo is all about so she can just put them in the Scrapbook.

SICKNESS OR SYMPATHY. Please let a Federation Member know if you have any members going into Hospital or with Sickness so we can send a Card. Coleen does a fantastic job of sending these cards for Federation, but she needs to know about these at the time. Many thanks.

SOUVENIRS. Julie now has available small sized Polo Shirts. She will have these available at the Half Yearly Meeting in October.

WINE BOTTLE TOPS, ALUMINIUM TEAR TABS

Tear Tabs and Wine Bottle Tops are being collected and proceeds for these goes to Kidney Kids.

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

Dates to remember for this year.

Woodend Spring Flower Show Saturday 4th October.

Half Yearly Meeting, Wednesday 8th October.

Good Service Badge Citations 20th January 2026

Yours In WI friendship

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