

2024 Theme “Softening the Hard Times.”

Project “Nourish the Nation”

Dear Members,

Just picked my last bunch of daffodils for the year, fortunately I can now look forward to the magnolia's flowering. Two new ones are just about to break out in bloom although the original one planted when we first moved here some 20+ years ago is still to flower. I think we have just about given up on it although it is still growing. One day perhaps it will flower????

Half Yearly

Thank you to Owls of Featherston WI for a successful Half Yearly. The morning tea and lunch were delicious.

The hall looked great and weren't we all lucky to go home with a book mark and a couple of sweet treats.

Whoever made the Anzac biscuits [I'm assuming it was an Anzac biscuit?] needs to take a bow, they were more than delicious. Wasn't it great to see the Owls of Featherston WI logo on the Institute tablecloth?

As requested the Pam Ayres poem re "The Satnav" will be sent out with this newsletter.

Congratulations to Gail Chamberlain [Owls of Featherston] and Sandra Barrat [Holdsworth WI] upon receiving their 20-year membership certificates.

The competitions were well supported and the judges had a hard task awarding the various placings.

Results:

<i>Jessie Hewin Lett:</i>	1 st Gladstone WI 17pts	2 nd Dalefield WI 16 pts	3 rd Tinui WI 15 pts
<i>Knitted hedgehog</i>	1 st Gladstone WI	2 nd Owls of Featherston WI	3 rd Tinui WI
<i>4 Hedgehog biscuits</i>	1 st Tinui WI	2 nd Owls of Featherston WI	3 rd Holdsworth WI
<i>3 Different Flowering Shrubs</i>	1 st Dalefield WI	2 nd Holdsworth WI	3 rd Holdsworth WI
<i>3 Different Flowers</i>	1 st Holdsworth WI	2 nd Dalefield WI	3 rd Dalefield WI

Donations

Wasn't the “prickle” of “hoglets” an amazing sight? One little hoglet let slip there were a further 20 odd members of its family from the Tinui WI. Thanks Carol.

Federation has decided for the template purpose, members could use 3 hours per hedgehog for your donation list. With 53 toy hedgehogs donated that is a lot of knitting and a lot of expected joy on some 53 children's faces. 53 items were dropped off at the Wairarapa Resource Centre, thank you. [53 must be the lucky number.] Also donated 2 toy owls, 1 teddy bear, 3 cardigans, 5 pairs bootees, 7 jerseys, 1 baby singlet, 4 hats and 1 knitted scarf. These will be added to the items already collected and will be donated to Masterton Maternity and Whaiora in the near future.

Hopefully your donation lists have been updated during the year and can be sent to me in December.

Institute's Annual reports.

Congratulations to Gladstone WI for an informative and detailed report. The judge commented it was very difficult separating the reports as all followed the guidelines closely.

1st Gladstone WI 2nd Wainuioru WI 3rd = Holdsworth WI & Tinui WI

Treasurers Workshop:

To date we have had two annual treasurer's workshops to help complete the financial reports for the end of the year. Most treasurers have successfully completed reports last year, and with National hoping the form shouldn't have any changes made for this year, do we need one this year? Please contact federation if you wish for another workshop to be held this year.

Obviously if there is a change in treasurers next year the need for a workshop can be revisited.

Host WI for Half Yearly 2025.

Please don't be shy in putting your Institute forward for this.

Founder's Day Friday 21st February 2025.

We have received the suggestion of a morning tea in Masterton and we have also been invited to join Tararua Federation for a high tea in Dannevirke on that day. What would members prefer? Please let Federation know.

Members' Coffee Morning: Friday 6th December 2024 at Crossways/Lansdowne Church Hall, Totara Street, Masterton. 10 am. All members are invited, one plate of food and one mystery gift per Institute. The Shirley Mortenson Cup will be presented, as well as the Betty Finlayson Trophy -Most Points "Runner Up" for the very first time. There will be a multi draw raffle and Christmas cheer.

Federation AGM 2025.

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date previously advertised for next year's A.G.M. It will now be held on the **Tuesday 18th February 2025.**

Affiliation fees for 2025 The subscription for next year is \$50.00 per annum for full membership of NZFWI. Federation and your Institute receives \$7.50 each from this, with National receiving \$35.00.

As Federation need to send this to National no later than **1st March 2025** we are requesting payment be made to us by the Wairarapa Federation A.G.M. Institutes need to have member numbers at their February meeting. It's a tight time frame so members please help your Institute treasurers by paying your subs early in February.

Challenge Bowls

The Challenge Trophy for indoor bowls will be held in Gisborne on the 9th and 10th of February. Teams wishing to participate must have their entries into **National** by the **1st December 2024.**

Indoor Bowls Tournament – Fun Day

Friday 22nd November 2024. Venue Pahiatua. Just a head ups, more details to follow once received.

Good Service Citation:

It is time to start thinking about a member who has given that extra something to WI. As Federation will make their decision at the January meeting, we need the request forms in before this meeting. Unfortunately we are only allocated the 1 badge each year. I wish we could allocate more. The badge will be presented at the AGM. Also available to acknowledge members contributions, is the Long and Loyal Certificate.

Dates to Remember:

Movie Group:	5 th November 2024
Coffee Morning tea	6 th December 2024
Wairarapa Fed. AGM	18 th February 2025
The 104 th AGM Hamilton-	24-25 May 2025

Yours in WI friendship
Janet Morrison
Wairarapa Federation President.

A prickle of hoglets. »»

Thoughts for the Month:

*Did you hear about the near sighted hedgehog?
He fell in love with a pincushion."*

