





## NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

VISION: *To encourage and inspire women within their communities.*November 2024

THEME: Softening the Hard Times PROJECT: Nourish the Nation

## Greetings Members,

I hope you have been enjoying the nice fine days we have had recently. Now Labour weekend is here that is usually a sign, we can start thinking about planting our summer gardens in the cooler districts. Here is hoping we don't get snow like down south is experiencing at the moment, beautiful but damaging!!! We have a busy few months ahead of us in WI and Christmas is not far away.

How are your crafts for the competitions at The Creative Craft Day going? I have heard some mumblings about the creative bras. It would be great to see a good selection, the voting for these is with coins and all the money raised will go to 'Look Good Feel Good' to help them continue the wonderful work they do. If you have grandchildren neighbours or anybody that might like to create a pair of bras, get them on board as the more, we have the better the display and hopefully the more money we raise for this worthy organisation. I will attach the Creative Arts Day booklet and it also has the National Competitions on it, as members have been asking if they can have another copy as they have misplaced theirs, so I hope that is a good sign that we will have lots of entries.

Before most of your next meetings we will have a Craft Day at The Scout and Guide Hall in Inglewood. A poster is attached and I hope you will take the opportunity to come and support this day. Secretaries if you have could send a rough number in for an idea as to the setting up of the hall would be helpful.

Also coming up is International Day – Mexico theme - more later in the newsletter.

Then we have Founders Day, and this is being held Nationwide on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. We are still in the planning stages and there will be more in next month's newsletter. All the funds from this goes to National to help keep our organisation running.

Also, we have the bowls - this is being played in Gisborne this year and we will be entering a team and also have some supporters going as well.

A reminder that Inglewood is celebrating 150 years and Durham WI have invited us to an afternoon tea on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. All WIs were to get back to Christine Fitz Patrick re this event. I will attach Christines letter in case you have misplaced it, but please get back to her or contact Federation if you need to!!!

The Creative Arts Day is coming up in February if you have a garden and would like to pot up some plants or have an abundance of fruits and would like to cook up some jams or relishes for the competitions and selling, we would be very grateful for them and nearer the time baking would also be amazing. Talking to ladies they say they don't bother anymore as they have no one to eat it - well how about supporting our Bring and Buy stall. Call it therapy, it is so good for you.

So, you can see we do have quite a busy few months ahead of us.

Regards Hazel

**News from Lower Mangorei WI:** First of all, thank you for sharing with us your activities for us all to enjoy. Plunket Coordinator Leah McCurdy spoke on changes over recent years that was interesting for those of us dating back to those committee days on the Plunket Society! Leah was then presented an array of lovely bootees made by members. Last month we had a speaker from Age concern. The speaker was very well received and gave a bright and bubbly presentation. They also have "A Safer Driving Programme", President Helen contacted me with the suggestion that Federation could run it for all the WI's. We will keep this in mind for the new year. Thank you Lwr. Mang. WI

International Day: Mexico Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Tikorangi Hall, opens 9.45am to set up display tables and morning commences 10.30am Please come and join in the festivities of Mexico, a shared lunch - preferably something Mexican. Let your imagination run wild it doesn't have to be hot as in spice. If that is absolutely not your thing bring a dish of your choice to be shared.

The cost is \$10.00 that is for your tea and coffee 3 raffle that a shared lunch, fun and learning about Mexico. Dress is absolutely optional but if you would like to dress up, please do.









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Founders Day High Tea will be at the Inglewood Scout and Guide Hall on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February This is a National fundraiser. We are inviting representitives from all WI's to our Federation meeting on November 19th meeting at 11am after the Federation meeting. Please discuss it at your meeting - we will need all WI's to sell tickets and help with food, but come along so we can talk about it and how you can help.







**Dates to Remember** 

Federation Meeting Novmber 19th November 5<sup>th</sup> Craft Demo Day International Day November 22<sup>nd</sup> February 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>? **Bowls Gisborne** Founders Day High Tea February 23rd Creative Arts day February 28<sup>th</sup>

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