



NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

December 2024

THEME: Softening the Hard Times

PROJECT: Nourish the Nation

Greetings Members,

Gosh the reality is its December, how did it get here so fast? With the days now drawing out and summer is here. We are getting rain but hey don't complain, speaking to a friend in Napier they have it so dry over there at the moment. She said they have water restrictions and its so hot the plants are starting to shrivelle up from lack of water. The schools for the younger ones are now end, some of the older ones are already finished. It's an exciting time for some of the youth, off to camps and experiencing challenging and fun things out of their comfort zone. Celebrating Christmas is now in full swing with the local areas having there Christmas parades, groups, organisations and businesses celebrating the year end with dinners out or BBQs for the staff to say thank-you, and during this time of celebration bear in mind that there are so many people out there not able to celebrate and are going through some very stressful times. So, give them some thought and help if you are able, just a smile is enough to brighten some people's day or even a hello!!! I'm hoping to get this newsletter out tonight but it maybe Tuesday, anyway, tonight is New Plymouths Food bank collection. I wear my Lions hat tonight and go and help collect with my fellow Lions. It is amazing seeing the generosity of people that give even children. More organisations are now giving to food bank and other organisations rather than having a gift exchange, which is what our WI does, and this year so is our Lions Club.

During the month we ran a very enjoyable Craft Day for all the WIs thank-you to the small group that came along it was most enjoyable and a huge thank-you to Doreen and Diane for being the demonstrators. The big question was what is Iris folding? Well Doreen demonstrated it prepared all the kits, and it was really enjoyable, so we are hoping for some great entries for the Creative Arts Day. Which reminds me how is the creative bra making going? Remember the more entries the more money raised for "Look Good Feel Better." Its not a competition its an entry for the public to donate to.

International Day "Mexico" this was a great day out at Tikorangi hall. The 4 Federation Members that weren't in hospital!!! Put a big effort into making this an enjoyable and informative day. And thankyou to the members that came and then helped us at the end-you were all wonderful. We had four display tables with all sorts from Mexico. Members spoke about the different pieces on their tables can you believe it Valma had put a table together for Durham WI and realised she didn't have a cactus so Sidney her husband said that wasn't a problem and went out and made her a wonderful specimen on his 3 D printer, it was perfect just like a real one, "good one Sidney" you clever man!!! We had our organised speakers let us down, but we are resilient. We had lots of facts, and the hall all decorated. There was a pinata that took a pounding from a washing stick baton until it submitted a stash of chocolates. Then it was time for our shared Mexican lunch, wow, great effort ladies, nobody went hungry. We ended with the drawing of the raffles. And as I said above those fabulous ladies all pulled together and helped us clean up the hall. Thank-you one and all.

This is the last newsletter for the year, so thank-you to those that have supported us this year, and I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year until next year, from all the Federation Bye for now.

Regards Hazel

Founders Day High Tea will be at the Inglewood Scout and Guide Hall on Sunday the 23rd of February This is a National fundraiser. More info in the New Year!!!



[This Photo by Helene's Artistry](#)

Reminders: Year ends on the 31st of December so start getting all your reports and finances ready for the year ending Also a summary on the form provided by National on your volunteer hours and contributions and get your AGM reports into Federation ASAP after your AGMs these must be signed, also your 2024 Programmes for judging. Any photos you have please get them to Faye for the Federation scapbook she is in desperate need of many more photos and even a little report that could be included such as an event you held.

Affiliation Fee is \$50.00 for 2025 do consider subsidizing your members. Federation looks forward to seeing you all again next year, over the holiday period look out for potential new members. It is amazing the people that have not heard of WI so please be Ambassadors for this great home-making organisation.



Dates to Remember

Federation Meeting December 17th
Bowls Gisborne February 6th – 14th?
Founders Day High Tea February 23rd
Creative Arts day February 28th
Federation AGM March 14th

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