

SOUTH TARANAKI FEDERATION

JANUARY, 2026 **A NEW YEAR BRINGS FRESH IDEAS**

Dear Member's,
Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas, had time for a rest and time with your families and friends and now you are ready for another year of WI Fun & Friendship and service to your Communities.

Many thanks to all those that supported the Arts in the Park stall in King Edward Park in Hawera in December. A wonderful success and we have been able to fund two Chemo Drip Stands @ \$750.00 each to the new Taranaki Cancer Centre at the Base Hospital in New Plymouth. Pihama WI also funded one Drip Stand for the unit as well. So well done everyone.

Congratulations to Mangatoki & Pihama WI's who entered floats in their town's Christmas Parades. Mangatoki gained 3rd place, so well done. It's certainly always loads of fun. Riverlea WI held a very successful stall at the Riverlea Market Day prior to Christmas. This event is growing year by year.

Now is the time when Institutes are planning their AGM's and looking to fill positions for the coming year, so don't be afraid to 'give it a go'!

Federation are planning the AGM in March, so Nominations are open for President & Committee. Please give this some thought, as there are vacancies. Everyone has something to 'offer' and new people bring new ideas.

I'm looking forward to catching up with you all at Founders Day at Touch Point in Eltham on Wed, 18th February. Olwyn is going to cater us a lovely lunch meal and we will have a guest speaker. Details within the Newsletter.

There's lots of information, so please read and action accordingly.

Take care,
Yours in WI Friendship,
Bernadette

SECRETARIES REMINDERS: Trophies need to be returned to Lynette asap or bring them to Founders Day or drop them off to Margie Bishop at 5 Rimu St, Hawera. Nomination Forms for all positions of either Federation or WI Committees were attached last month.

Immediately after your AGM please forward your Annual Report with your 31/12/25 Financial Statement attached. Also, your List of Officers Form (attached) along with your Program, (if you want it judged) to Helen by **18th February**. Or bring to Founders Day. Helen needs to get the Annual Reports off to be judged. Long & Loyal Certificates are available from Daphne too. They are for those that have given Loyal support, even years after they have received a GSB.

TREASURERS REMINDERS: Hopefully you have all filed your Return through the Link sent to you last month. The 15th Jan was the deadline.

Your Subscriptions are now due. \$50 per Member of which \$42.50 goes to Federation. They are the same as last year. Please have these paid along with the Membership Form to Daphne by the **20th February**, as Daphne has a Deadline too. All New Members need to fill out a Membership Form and please remember to write their name on the New Member side of the Affiliation Form. Please don't write them on Renewed Membership column. Thank you.

HISTORIAN: A photo of your President is required for the Scrap Book along with any photos, Memorial Sheets of passed members and paper cuttings, of what your WI is upto. Please support Jo as she finds it hard going to fill the pages with no info. Do be aware that all WI's can send articles directly to National for inclusion in Te Panui. Email to Colleen at: office@wi.org.nz

An Apology: I missed inserting the results of Fun & Friendship Day at Maata

Cluster:	Kapuni Vase	1 st	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia WI
		2 nd	Janice Hawkes	Rawhitiroa WI
		3 rd	Margie Bishop	Riverlea WI

Posy Bowl: Doris Hall Vase	1 st	Phyllis Malcolm	Manaia WI
	2 nd	Sue Muggeridge	Te Kiri WI
	3 rd	Diane Campbell	Pihama WI

Cooking: Opaku Vase	1 st	Jo Ellis	Kaponga WI
	2 nd	Leonie West	Riverlea WI
	3 rd	Gill Campbell	Maata WI

Make & Model: Beanie – Helen Yardley Trophy	1 st	Deborah Clough	Maata
	2 nd	Jo Ellis	Kaponga
	3 rd	Gill Campbell	Maata

Arts in the Park: Saturday, 6th December. **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.** You absolutely surpassed all expectations. We had a great spot. Our Stall was overflowing with goods to sell. We had enough donations towards the raffle, that we had Five Draws. The Raffle made \$486 and the Sales Table \$764. Your support towards our Federation Project this year has been overwhelming. Combined with your Institute Donations we have funds left over to give more to the Taranaki Cancer Centre and will see what else we can help to purchase for them. Well Done!! ☺

FOUNDERS DAY: Wednesday 18th February, 2026. Touch Point, Eltham. Arrive at 11.30am for Lunch at 12 noon. \$25 per head. Names to Helen by 9th February. Pay on the day. Karen Pratt is our Speaker at 1.00pm. Bring along a friend. NO RAFFLE.

90th AGM of STH TAR FED: - Monday 16th March, 2026. Venue: Kapuni War Memorial Hall
Doors open at 9.15am to stage competitions.

National Competitions – as attached

Baking: 3 Butterfly Cakes

Floral: Celebrating 90yrs of WI to include one WI Souvenir. Other accessories allowed.

Kapuni Vase: Single Bloom

Roll Call: 1) An item of Pet Food for the SPCA

2) **2027 Diary** Order Numbers from each WI please

3) Names of those who have passed away during the year to be read out at the AGM

Morning Tea: 9.45am. Meeting commences at 10.00am sharp.

Guest Speaker: To be confirmed.

Good Service Badge acknowledgements to be presented before our **Shared Lunch**

Bring along your WI Banner too, please.

Kitchen Duties: To be confirmed

Sales Table: To be confirmed

105th AGM – Tue 25th & Wed 26th May, 2026 – We have eight ladies confirmed and will be in communication with them separately from now on.

DATES TO DIARY: Founder's Day - Wed 18th Feb, 2026 – Touch Point, Eltham
90th AGM, 16th March, 2026 at Kapuni Hall. A Celebration
105th NZFWI AGM – Christchurch – Tue 26th & Wed 27th May, 2026

Quote: A sunny smile and thoughts of cheer, that's the way to start the year! ☺

Bernadette & Helen

Attachments: List of Officers Form
Affiliation Membership Form
New Member Form
National Competitions

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