



THEME; SOFTENING THE HARD TIMES.

PROJECT; NOURISH THE NATION.

POVERTY BAY WAIROA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES INC.

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026

Hello Members,

We hope that you all had a great Holiday Break and are looking forward to our 95th Year of celebrating Poverty Bay Wairoa Federation of Women's Institutes Inc.

FOUNDERS DAY; I have booked to visit the Tairawhiti Heritage Centre which is the old Plunket Rooms-, Palmerston Road, for Friday the 20th February 2026 ,for 9.30 a.m.They have seating and will make tea or coffee .We will take something to eat.There are 2 Photographic Exhibitions on the rivers plus a video to see. I have decided to go on Friday as parking is hard, on a Saturday, due to the Farmers Markets.

We will have a lovely shortened A.G.M. to enjoy our National President Jude Vaughan's visit, with a sit-down 2 Course Lunch -so here is the Programme for Friday, 6th March 2026 at the Lodge Rooms, Ormond Rd, Gisborne;

9.30 a.m . Cup of Tea or Coffee.

10 a.m. Meeting starts with Mayor Rehette Stoltz to open.

11.a.m Guest Speaker M.P. Dana Kirkpatrick to speak on life as an M.P.

11.30 a.m. Entertainment.

We are delighted to also have Executive Officer Colleen Dryden as our Special Guest.

MINUTES from 2025 A.G.M. and 2025 FINANCES are included with this Newsletter.These will be sent to Secretaries only.

So PLEASE NOTE these changes. There will be NO AUCTION /// LUNCH WILL BE \$10.00///RAFFLE MULTI-DRAW - 3 FOR \$5.00.

It will be a help if we can have some names , before the A.G.M. Meeting , to help with catering . All are welcome , on the day,as you all know we always have plenty of food.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS; for pre-judging, to Jean Mills,by the 25th February 2026.

COOKING; On the day- 4 pieces of Louise Slice.

FLORAL; A Shoulder Spray of fresh flowers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS; Are due- \$50.00 .You need to have paid your Subscriptions to enter our Competitions.

NOMINATIONS for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee need to be with the SECRETARY by the 25th February 2026. Also W.I. Good Service Nominations to the SECRETARY by the 25th February 2026.

The 2026- 2028 THEME and PROJECT for this upcoming two- year period is Reconnect and Rediscover- Involvement in your Community.

SHADES of RED; Saturday 28th February 2026 at "The Forces" Café.. Names to Liz or Trish.

We will be supporting Children's Day-the Date will be Mid March which is not confirmed yet.

Good luck to our Bowlers- Kaye, Mary and Patsy.We look forward to hearing all about the Competition-say hi to the Teams from me.

TIME to think about A.G.M. Christchurch 2026 -details on Travel and Cost will be at OUR A.G.M.

NEXT FEDERATION MEETING; Due to Founders Day, we will now change our Federation Meeting to Friday the 20th February 2026, AFTER our time at the Tairāwhiti Heritage Centre. This will save our Wairoa members 3 Trips in a row. We will just get a sandwich or roll to take to Liz's home for lunch.

Alison and Team W.I.