



MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

Theme: Reconnect & Rediscover Project: Involvement in your Community

We are now in autumn, and the trees are starting to turn into their lovely autumn colours which we can enjoy before the weather turns cold again in winter.

Those who braved the weather and attended the Founders Day in Anderson Park had morning tea under the shelter before the cyclists from Cycling Without Age came back at 11am when the weather improved to take us for rides around the park. These were enjoyed by all and a lot of fun as well. This group gives a lot of pleasure to many folks who would not otherwise be able to go out into the community, mostly from care homes.

June brought the competitions for us to see before they go down to Ashburton for judging. I would not have liked to be the judge deciding which to send forward to national as we have some very talented ladies in Institute.

We will have another social time together on Thursday April the 30th which will be a Soup and Bun lunch at the Tamatea Community Centre starting at 12pm. Please bring a mug and spoon and a gold coin entry. Federation will provide the buns and Institutes the soup. A time to chat and enjoy lunch together.

Once again Federation will be representing Institute at the Taradale ANZAC service on the 25th of April. We will be laying flowers and would be very pleased if any of the Institute ladies from Taradale or Tamatea would like to join us.

The Mid Year Meeting will be held on the 23rd of July at the Tamatea Community Centre starting at 1-30pm, competitions to be in by 1pm. There will be a speaker from Stroke Aotearoa.

Competitions are as follows:

Charity: Fingerless gloves to be donated to the Homeless

Craft: A Dishcloth Knitted or Crochet in cotton

Floral: Winter Explosion

Cooking: Lemon Drizzle Cake

New Members: Buttonhole

Keep well and don't eat too many easter eggs but enjoy the coming holiday.

Kia Kaha

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