

# North Canterbury Federation of WI Newsletter



**THEME: Reconnect & Rediscover**  
**PROJECT: Involvement in Your Community**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Dear Members,

I would like to say thank you to everyone who offered congratulations with my successful nomination as your North Canterbury Federation President. I would like to thank Ann Jelfs for all her time on North Canterbury Federation as President especially for the extra year she completed for us. Many thanks to Lynn Griffiths for her time as Minute Secretary you will both be missed. Welcome to Julie Wells returning for another term on Federation and to our continuing Committee members Bev Ensor, Coleen Briggs, Julie Robinson and Jossy Brownlie. I look forward to working with you all.

Thank you to the members who attended our successful AGM, everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Next event will be our North Canterbury Federation Bowls Challenge this will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Please come along and support the Teams.

Kind regards in WI Friendship, Raylene Page, President, North Canterbury W.I. Federation

**NEW EMAIL.** Please note Raylene Page has a new email [raylene.page@icloud.com](mailto:raylene.page@icloud.com), don't worry if you are still using the old one I have those ones forwarding to my new email address. Many thanks.

**NORTH CANTERBURY FEDERATION BOWLS TOURNAMENT** will be at the Sefton Hall, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am. Soft shoes please, bring your own Lunch. We have 2 teams from Pegasus Woodend, 1 from Sefton Kowai and 1 from Ohoka. Can you please let Julie Robinson know if your Institute also wishes to enter a team. \$12.00 per team. Julie's email is [jar3294@aol.com](mailto:jar3294@aol.com)

**105<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL AGM 2026.** AGM 26-27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 will be held at The Chateau on the Park, Deans Avenue, Riccarton, Christchurch. Entertainment Tuesday evening, theme "Hollywood Nights", Buffet Dinner on Wednesday night following the meeting. Five beds still available at the Chateau on the Park for North Canterbury members, Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Check in 3pm Monday, check out 11am Thursday. Cost is \$179.10 per night per room (\$89.55 per person per night share twin). Please contact Federation to book your bed.

**In-house Entertainment.** Any Institute wanting to join the In-house Entertainment please put your name down with NEC. Solo, duo, group, troupe, quartet or choir "Hollywood Nights".

**AGM Registration Form,** can these please be returned to Federation President by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, so we can collate and send to National. Payment to the NC Federation Bank Account as at the end of the Newsletter.

**CARPOOL** Lorraine Duncan who lives at Waikuku Beach is travelling daily to the conference, staying for the evening dinner and entertainment and is willing to carpool. If any of you are interested, please contact Lorraine on 027 332 9298.

**41<sup>st</sup> KAINGA FUN DAY** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Sefton Hall starting at 11am. This will be Kainga's 41<sup>st</sup> year running their annual Fun Day. \$12.00 per person, Raffles \$2.00 each, Lucky Dip \$2.00 each, Housie Cards \$1.00 each. Bring your own Mug and Soup Spoon. RSVP by 27<sup>th</sup> March to Kathryn Hopkinson email or text. [Kathrynhopkinson911@gmail.com](mailto:Kathrynhopkinson911@gmail.com) or 027 335 5771

**BOOK A DATE** Craft Day Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and Half Yearly/Eisteddfod Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. More details to come.

**PINK TAXI** We have received an email from Meg Sharma Founder/Director of Pink Taxi, via NEC (copy is attached). Meg tells me that she would be willing to come to talk to Institute members about Pink Taxi. Her contact details are [thepinktaxinz@gmail.com](mailto:thepinktaxinz@gmail.com) and mobile is 021 1642626 please contact her if you would like her to speak at your meeting.

**SCRAPBOOK** Please send any photos for the Scrapbook to Val Bennett. Please only send her printed photos and a description of what the photo is all about so she can just put them in the Scrapbook.

**SICKNESS OR SYMPATHY.** Please let a Federation Member know if you have any members going into Hospital or with Sickness so we can send a Card. Coleen does a fantastic job of sending these cards for Federation, but she needs to know about these at the time. Many thanks.

**WINE BOTTLE TOPS, ALUMINIUM TEAR TABS**

Tear Tabs and Wine Bottle Tops are being collected and proceeds for these goes to Kidney Kids.

**North Canterbury Federation of WI bank account details 02-0800-0140722-00**

**Dates to remember for this year.**

**Kainga Fun Day 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**NC Federation Bowls Challenge 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**National AGM 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Craft Day 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

**Half Yearly/Eisteddfod 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Yours In WI friendship

Raylene Page

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