



NORTH TARANAKI DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

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THEME: Reconnect and Rediscover

PROJECT: Involvement in your Community

Greetings Members,

Well, I started this newsletter the other week with all the bad weather but was so pleased to delete that and say what lovely days we have been having. The weather was great for the Anzac Day commemorations. I along with several others worked as a volunteer for the council at the ANZAC rugby match at the park and it was such a pleasant day. Usually, we are all rugged up its so cold. In case you didn't know The Classic, All Blacks beat the Classic Australian team it was a good game those older players all did well.

Federation has a few events happening during the year starting with a meeting at the club in New Plymouth on Monday May 18th, further information about this meeting will be in the newsletter, the President, Secretary and Treasurers have the information on a separate mail out so they can prepare to bring it up at the next meeting. One thing I forgot to mention was if it's raining you are all undercover when parking in the carpark!!!

Then on the 25th - 29th of May, four of us will be in Christchurch for the National AGM.

June the 8th is a morning tea at Rotary house Inglewood for all members we have a guest speaker coming that is Grant Carter from The Taranaki Health Foundation and he will be speaking on and showing photos of the new Cancer Centre that opened in November, the Mental Health Rehab Unit and the East Wing. We will have morning tea from 9.30am and then Grant will speak from 10am, then those of us that have been to the AGM will give a report on the National AGM. So please support this morning as we keep you up to date with the hospital news and what is happening in WI.

Then October is WI Awareness month and as this is also the year of our 95th Anniversary we are planning on a nice luncheon to celebrate so watch this space.

Also, November is international month and the country of study is Japan. So, our thinking caps are still on for that event!!!

Also, during the year, we are planning another craft day once our Creative Arts Day booklet is out and we have the National competitions out of draft form and in between our convenors globe-trotting. Last year was very much enjoyed by those that attended.

So, all in all an exciting and busy year ahead, if anybody would like to join us on Federation you will be most welcome as we left our options open to co-op members on.

Please keep sending news from your WI's we all like to hear what we are all doing.

Kind Regards and Yours in WI Friendship
Hazel

News from the WI's

Tikorangi WI: Tikorangi WI had the 'Waitara Shack' owner Joan come to talk and bought some of her wares such as buttons, laces and etc.

And one of the members joined Hazel at the 25th Anniversary of Operatunity, it was the first time she had been to the concert and thoroughly enjoyed it the venue was crowded a very impressive sight and a world class show.

New Plymouth Central WI: This month we have had craft days on the Wednesdays and our luncheon out Wednesday we went to the New Plymouth Golf Club for lunch, then we visited the shop in Bell Block that stocks Yarrow's products and cheeses, then it was off to Visit Warwick and Christine, Warwick has a Gecko collection, you have to be an approved person with a special licence. He gave us an interesting insight and some had them walking up their arms.

We also had a BBQ at Mitre 10 to raise funds to support, support groups in our community this was most successful we sold 300 sausages.

Durham WI: 8 members of Durham met for a lunch meeting at a M Smith's home in Inglewood. We then travelled through to the Te Henui Vicarage Pottery in New Plymouth. The weather was wonderful and the gardens around the small stone vicarage were a riot of colour.

Several members of the New Plymouth Pottery group were busy doing all sorts of work in the workshop so after a look around the shop area we invaded their space. We then spent a most interesting hour, with them telling us of their journey into pottery, the methods that they were currently using, how things were made, glazed and fired. The pottery group has a long association with the Vicarage and it is a great space for their work.



Please send in your report to share with the other WI and email photos and I can put them in also.

Invitation to all WI members **PLEASE READ**

On Monday, the 18th of May we have a meeting arranged with Marie Reardon who is the head lady for Volunteering Taranaki. I have spoken over time with her and now is the time to stop procrastinating and get on with doing something positive to move forward. So, our question is what can Volunteering do for us? And is there anything we can do for them!!!

The need as we see it, and in Norfolk WI's case what they experienced in the sudden sad loss of the Secretary / Treasurer. What we are thinking are there people out in the community that could help us male or female? Somebody might enjoy typing but don't want to be tied to an organisation but will type your minutes, or they have come from a job where they enjoy figures and bookwork. Also, there may be other things your WI could need help with maybe carpooling so that members can enjoy an outing but need a bit more assistance than you can physically give etc. So, we would like you to think about this, not saying it will happen overnight but Marie may or may not have some ideas, but if she knows our needs, she has all the contacts far and wide, and one day she may put the right person out there to help you. We would really appreciate your support by attending, but if this is not possible your feedback and ideas.

The meeting is going to be at The New Plymouth Club, on Gill St, now if you come or carpool you can park under the Club in the car park in preference to paying for a parking meter and there is a lift to take you up to the club so all flat ground, we have members that are members of the club to sign you in, no problem. You just register your car like at the Cobb n Co so they know you are at the club. They have a lovely Café up there called "1908" and on a Monday they have a special, Coffee a muffin or a scone for \$7.50. They have Cabinet food and a lunch menu so maybe you could come to the meeting at 10am and stay for lunch!!! The meeting will be approx. 1 hour.

The Federation hope you give this serious thought and will join us Marie is an interesting speaker

Dates to remember

18th May Meeting at The Club in New Plymouth with Marie Reardon - Volunteering Taranaki

19th May Federation Meeting - Rotary House Inglewood - all welcome

25th - 29th May National AGM in Christchurch

8th June Morning Tea Rotary House Inglewood - Guest Speaker Grant Carter - Report National AGM

16th June Federation Meeting - Rotary House Inglewood

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