



Newsletter – July 2026.

2026 Theme: - 'Reconnect & Rediscover'.

Project: - 'Involvement in Your Community'.

Dear Members,

Well, it's definitely winter, with such a variety of weather – rain, hail and snow, flooding and slips. Then the frosts have arrived -4 and icy, but sunny days follow. But the jonquils, azaleas, and magnolias are blooming. Lambs are being born, only another month until Spring is upon us.

More information from 105th AGM of NZFWI, held in Christchurch on 26th & 27th May 2026.

Was the Book launch of the 180 page "*Women, Home & Country*", reflecting on the century long history of New Zealand Federation of Women's Institutes. More than 100 years after WI was formed, there are 1800 individual members across 131 WI groups throughout New Zealand.

The book, edited by Mary Reet, includes detailed archival material, photography and personal reflections to tell the story of the organization, from rural beginnings through to its centenary celebrations. The book is available to purchase at \$50.00

Mid-Winter Luncheon was held on **24th June 2026**, at Carterton Club (RSA). We felt happy with the venue and the menu was great. The staff were friendly and helpful. We had 36 members enjoy the day. The National Competitions were on display.

Patricia Larsen from Dalefield WI was presented with the Novice Cup for 1st Place for her Dorset Buttons. Carol Wingate, Tinui WI, was presented with her certificate for 2nd Place for Ashford Trophy - One Skein Hand Spun Wool.

Dalefield WI were presented with their certificate for 3rd Place for Robert Young Rosebowl – theme 'A Birthday Party.' Congratulations to you all!

Presentation of certificates – Long & Loyal to Judy Heaps, 10 Years to Chris Sterrett and Colleen Larkin, 20 Years to Ann Hendry, 30 Years to Ann Duckett, 40 Years to Suzanne Bannister.

The quizzes again were well received, with many thanks to Sandra Johnston and Gail Miller

There were 87 food items donated for Foodbank, these have been distributed to the Wairarapa Towns of Masterton, Carterton and Featherston.

Remember that August is Medical Research Month: - please send your monetary donations into Wairarapa Federation Bank account by the end of August. This money goes into the Medical Research Account so that every 2 years NZFWI donates \$15,000 to a worthy recipient. This year it went to Ovarian Cancer Research.

Discussion Afternoon – August 19th at 12.30 pm, starting with a Potluck Lunch at Hogg Crescent Bowling Club. Discussion to start at **1 pm**. Please wear **FLAT SHOES**.

Each WI to send 2 members to this afternoon. We hope you have discussed in your meetings - issues, complaints, compliments! bring along your viewpoints, etc.

Have you thought about and discussed ways for Federation and your WIs to raise money to cover costs.

RSVP to Secretary Rhonda by Wednesday 12th August please.

WI Annual Reports – Your 2025 Annual Report is to be sent to Secretary Rhonda by Wednesday **19th August**. Remember to include your Financial Report. They need to be signed and dated.

Home Industry Show – 11th September at Masterton Club.

Remember the doors are open from 9.30am – 10.30am for entries. Don't forget to stage your blooms as per the Judging Day last year. Court Entries to be sent into Secretary Rhonda by **19th August**.

WFWI Half Yearly Gathering – Hostess is Dalefield WI, to be held at the Dalefield Hall.

On Thursday **22nd October**. The Half Yearly will start at 10.00 am with morning tea.

Bring a plate for lunch. Entry to be \$10.00 including raffle and morning tea provided by Dalefield.

Jessie Hewin Lett competition is Baking – Honey Cream Biscuits – Recipe Already Supplied.

Handcraft – Bertie the Knitted Bee – Already Supplied.

Extra Competition is Knitted Izzie doll. Extras welcome to be donated.

Xmas Coffee Morning – Thursday 3rd December at 10 am. Venue to be arranged.

Founders Day 21st February 2027- Ideas are needed to celebrate 106 years of WI.

Send them into Secretary Rhonda by **September 14th**.

WFWI Bank account # **06-0689-0962946-00**

Thought for the Month

The purpose of life
is to live it, to taste
experience to the
utmost, to reach out
eagerly and without
fear for newer and
richer experience.

Do you want more fun? Check www.onlineatlantic.com

Yours in WI Friendship.

Suzanne Bannister.

(WFWI Federation President.)

Dates to Remember

Discussion Afternoon – Hogg Cres

Annual Reports in

HIS Court Entries in

Home Industries Show.

Half-Yearly Gathering -Hostess Dalefield

Xmas Coffee Morning

Founder's Day - TBA

19th August 2026.

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3rd December 2026.

21st February 2027.